



# Saint Vital

CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Mission— 1861*  
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**LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES: SATURDAY AT 4:00 PM & SUNDAY AT 9:00 AM, 11:30 AM & 8:00 PM**



When Joseph awoke,  
he did as the angel of the  
Lord had  
commanded  
him and took his wife  
into his home.

**MATTHEW 1:24**

**December 18th**  
**2022**

## 4th Sunday of Advent

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

Please contact Candace at 204-453-0933 ext. 281  
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### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Sundays from 1:00pm—2:00pm OR by appointment

### **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

Please contact our priest at the parish office at least 6 months in  
advance.

### **FUNERALS:**

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## Holy Voices

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**I**nstincts come in various shapes and sizes. They may simply be gut feelings, or dreams that seem to speak more than a nighttime fantasy trip. Sometimes they appear in the form of daydreaming that takes us to another place, or they can be the silent voice of God. Whatever they may be, there are those times when they demand our attention.

In *Saint Joan*, a play by George Bernard Shaw, Joan of Arc has a conversation with Robert about her conviction regarding what God is calling her to do. Joan says to him, “I hear voices. They come from God.” Robert disagrees, “They come from your imagination.” “Of course,” says Joan, “that is how messages of God come to us.”

Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary, placed a heavy credence on his dream, believing that the dream to keep pregnant Mary as his wife was the voice of God, and so Joseph does just that. Much later he again listens

to a dream and takes his young family to the safety of Egypt and then back home to Nazareth. Those nighttime dreams could have easily become daytime nightmares. Yet for Joseph there was something that kept him from simply dismissing them.

Sometimes our inclinations and inner voices may not seem practical, and yet, even as we find ourselves second-guessing them, we think they need to be listened to. When the inclination is one toward goodness, that may very well be the voice of God. ●

### Reflect

*Have you ever followed an inner voice with which others disagreed? What came of it?*

*Is there someone you trust to tell you if your instinct about something is good?*

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

4:00PM † Alberto Alessi  
(Suzanne Gibbons)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

9:00AM † Leo Kason  
(Marcia Tait)

11:30AM † Romal Cairo  
(Josephine & family)

8:00PM Missa Pro Populo

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

NO MASS

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

11:30AM † Cynthia Nazareth  
(Violette da Costa)

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

11:30AM † Fern Marion  
(Marcia Tait)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

11:30AM † Arthur Marion  
(Marcia Tait)

# Dear Padre,

***My children, who go to Catholic school, refer to our Sunday celebration as the “Eucharist.” I grew up calling it the “Mass.” Why the difference?***

*Eucharist* comes from the Greek word *eucharistein*. This word simply means “to give thanks.” In the Eucharist we Catholics celebrate, we give thanks to God for giving us Jesus. We also give thanks to Jesus, who shares his Body and Blood with us. “Eucharist” was used to describe the early Church’s gathering, where the people repeated the stories of the Lord and shared the bread and wine, as the Lord commanded them to do.

The word *mass* comes from the Latin word *missa*, which means “the sending.” This refers to the words of dismissal at the end of Mass. The priest or deacon invites us to “go in peace to love and serve the Lord.” In the Latin Mass, this phrase is “*ite missa est*.” No one quite knows why the Eucharist came to be known as the “missa” or “mass.” Some think it is because of the way monastic prayers were conducted in the early Middle Ages. When the monks gathered for prayers, they often concluded with a short eucharistic celebration. These celebrations sometimes lasted only ten minutes or so, and as they marked the end of the whole set of prayers, they signaled the end of the service. This, it is suggested, is why the Eucharist came to be known as the “dismissal,” or the “Mass.” ●

— **The Redemptorists**  
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## PARISH NEWS

### **\*Follow Up\*** **Knights of Columbus Christmas Button Sale**

Thanks to the generous participation of St. Vital parishioners,  
we sold all the buttons. Thank you! And thank you to the  
Brother Knights that assisted.

From all the members of St. Vital Council of the Knights of  
Columbus to all the parishioners

Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.”

*Stewardship of Treasure* - Financial Gifts to God  
Thank you for your stewardship! December 4th, 2022

Regular Offertory \$ 8469.25

Sharing God's Gifts \$ 380.00

Parish Debt \$ 225.25

Social Justice \$ 117.50

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

Saturday, December 24th 4:00pm, 10:00pm

Sunday, December 25th 9:00am, 11:30am

**Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God  
Mass Schedule**

Saturday, December 31st 4:00pm

Sunday, January 1st 9:00am, 11:30am, 8:00pm

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