



# Saint Vital

CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Mission- 1861*  
*Parish-1914*

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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**



I will put my spirit in you that you may come to life, and I will settle you in your land," [says the Lord God].

EZEKIEL 37:14

March 22  
2026

## 5th SUNDAY OF LENT

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

Please contact Candace at 204-453-0933 ext. 281 or [candace@stvitalparish.ca](mailto:candace@stvitalparish.ca) for more information.

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-6:45pm

### **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

Please contact one of our priests at the parish office at least 6 months in advance.

### **FUNERALS:**

Please contact one of our priests at the parish office prior to making arrangements with the funeral home.

#### **PASTOR**

Fr. Wayne Morrissey ext. 270

#### **SACRAMENTAL ASSISTANT**

Fr. Michel Nault

#### **PASTORAL ASSISTANT/ PARISH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR**

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# I Am the Resurrection

ANN M. GARRIDO

The prophets before Jesus had long spoken of God's dreams for our world. In seasons of darkness and despair, they would offer snapshots of hope for what it would be like in the "kingdom of God." Those who were blind would see. Those unable to walk would dance. Those imprisoned would be free. And those who had died would be raised to life again.

In today's gospel, we hear that Martha shared in the prophets' hope. When Jesus tells her that her brother Lazarus will rise, she replies, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." In other words, Martha believes in the coming "kingdom of God." But then, Jesus stuns her with his response: "I am the resurrection and the life." That is, "I am the kingdom of God."

Origen of Alexandria—a third-century theologian—spoke of Jesus as the *autobasileia*. The term comes from two Greek words: *auto*, meaning "self," and *basileia*, meaning "kingdom." It was his way of expressing that Jesus was the fulfillment of all that the prophets had preached. He was all of God's dreams for us manifest, not as had been anticipated in a future time, but in a living person.

We still wait for God's dreams to be realized on a global scale, but, like Martha, we have seen what that realization will look like already in our experience of Jesus. With Martha, we can confess that he is "the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." ●

## Reflect

**Where do I see signs or snapshots of the kingdom of God?**

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST

4PM † Rowena & Fernando Posadas  
(Mary & Michael)

### SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND

9AM Baby Isabella  
(Roger & Joan Brasseur)

11:30AM † Marcel Joaquin  
(Joaquin family)

8PM Missa Pro Populo

### TUESDAY, MARCH 24TH

No Mass - Penitential Service

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25TH

10AM † Veronika Tralic  
(parents)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH

10AM † Gilbert Dias  
(da Costa family)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH

7PM † Rowena & Fernando  
(Mary & Michael)

Please join us for the rosary on Wednesday and Thursday morning at 9:30am before the daily Mass.



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AUTHORS OF  
OUR PARISH  
COMMUNITY

# Dear Padre,

*I've offered many Masses for wife and family, thinking if perhaps they are in Purgatory, it would help shorten their time. How can we tell if our prayers and Masses are beneficial? How do we know?*

It has been a long- and well-established expression of Catholic faith and practice to pray for the departed. Our prayers help us as we grieve and mourn the passing of the people we love. Our prayers help us keep their passing in perspective—not as the end of something, but rather as the beginning of new life in Christ. This is beneficial and needs no further evidence to illustrate the value of the practice.

Your question, on the other hand, goes beyond what the tradition emphasizes. It seems like you are seeking some sort of guarantee or warranty, which you assume will be reassuring. Unfortunately, there is no guarantee or warranty either promised or implied in this spiritual practice. In death, indeed in the whole of Christian life, we bump up against mystery, not certitude. We are invited to enter into the mystery. To grow in the mystery. To be graced by the mystery. Nothing more is possible. We hope because we believe. We believe because we practice what we hope for. ●



RENVATA SEMAKOVA / SHUTTERSTOCK

*Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org*

*We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You, because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world*

## HOLY WEEK

MASS SCHEDULE - ST. VITAL PARISH

**Palm Sunday - March 28 & 29:**  
Sat. 4 PM ; Sun. 9 AM • 11:30 AM • 8 PM

**Holy Thursday - April 2:**  
7 PM (Adoration until 10 PM)

**Good Friday - April 3:**  
11 AM • 3 PM

**Easter Vigil - April 4:**  
7 PM

**Easter Sunday - April 5:**  
9 AM • 11:30 AM • 8 PM

## FAITH FORMATION

**APR 1-5** HOLY WEEK  
JOIN US FOR THE HOLY MASSES

**APR 12** FAMILY SESSION #7  
CELEBRATE EASTER WITH US!

**APR 19 & 26** LESSON #13 & 14  
REGULAR FAITH FORMATION

**APR 26** FIRST COMMUNION  
PARENTS SESSION #3

**APRIL 2026**

# Weekly Stewardship Report

## Thank you for your donations! March 15, 2026

Sunday Collection	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Year to Date +/-
\$ 8670.35	\$ 7636.00	\$ 1034.35	\$ 289.81

Parish Debt collected—Mar.15 '26	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Sharing God's Gifts collected—Mar.15'26	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-
\$ 319.20	\$ 1053.00	- \$ 733.80	\$ 376	\$1106.67	- \$ 730.67



### Pontifical Collection for the Church in the Holy Land on Good Friday, April 3, 2026

The Good Friday Collection is taken at the request of the Holy See.

It is for the support of the many social, educational, and parish projects of the Church throughout the Holy Land, as well as the upkeep of the Holy Sites. It helps to ensure the presence of the Church and peace in this land.

*We invite you to give generously.*



### ST. VITAL PARISH LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

We will have priests on hand to hear confessions.

No daily Mass that day.

To view other penitential service times in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg please visit their website

### CWL General Meeting

The next general meeting of the  
Catholic Women's League will be  
Monday, March 23rd at 7:00pm  
Vianney Room



*Stations of the Cross*

PLEASE JOIN US  
FRIDAYS DURING LENT  
6:30pm

Mass to follow at  
7:00pm

A parish to call home! If you are new - WELCOME!  
If you have been away - WELCOME HOME!