



# 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

[Jesus] remained in the desert  
for forty days, tempted by  
Satan.  
MARK 1:13



February 18  
2024

## 1st SUNDAY OF LENT

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please contact Candace at 204-453-0933 ext. 281  
or candace@stvitalparish.ca for more information.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-6:45pm OR by appointment

### 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.

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

4PM † Therese Mary Shepherd  
(Tim & Louise Scatliff)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

9AM Father Mark  
(Apollo & Nora)

11:30AM Missa Pro Populo

8PM † Trevor Harder  
(Mom & Dad)

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

7PM † Gerald Cormier  
(family)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

11:30AM † Chris & Connie Sequeira

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

11:30AM † Gilbert Dias  
(da Costa family)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

11:30AM † Roman Roth  
(family)

Please join us for Stations of the Cross Tuesday evenings during Lent at 6:15pm and the Rosary starting at 11:00am on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays before the daily Mass.

## A Trek in the Desert

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**D**eserts come in all shapes and sizes. For Noah, it turned out to be a desert of water, an endless, dreary expanse. For Jesus, it was also without end, one of rocks and sand; it was a harsh existence. In our lives, deserts might be a debilitating illness, a dried-up marriage, grief over lost love, a job that seems to tax our sanity, or a childhood scarred by abuse. Not long ago, the world found itself in a pandemic desert. For many, it was one of cabin fever that isolated us from family and friends. Deserts are not alluring places. They are places from which we tend to run.

Some people deal with the inevitable deserts of life by becoming angry; others grow bitter and turn inward; others blame God and walk away from faith. Yet deserts can also be the very forces that reshape lives. With nothing else to distract us, in the desert we come face to face with ourselves, with who we really are and whose voice it is that we follow. There we take a stand on life, as Jesus did. It was the Spirit that drove Jesus into the desert, and it was there that he realized the future to which he was being called. So also with us. Deserts become places where we discover what God is asking of us and where we need to go, all discoveries that may otherwise never have occurred. In some strange and curious way, then, deserts may be blessings in our lives. ●

### Reflect

***Have you had a desert experience? How did it reshape your life?***

# Dear Padre,

*We're in the middle of home renovations, and the season of Lent is beginning. Everything is in total disarray. Any ideas to help me "keep my religion" at this time?*

"There is...a time to tear down, and a time to build" (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 3). During the season of Lent—a word meaning "spring"—we are called to put away the "dead" deeds of winter. It's a time of spiritual "spring cleaning" for the individual and for the faith community. As nature renews herself every spring, so do we. The change of season may even prompt a renovation project—the kind you are now undertaking. The structural changes to a home afford many spiritual parallels—the redoing of your physical home can be a challenge to realign your spiritual home during Lent.

In the Genesis story, God is pleased with the handiwork of his creation. Likewise, our stamina, perseverance, and patience to see a work through to its completion are cause for great satisfaction and celebration. This would remind us that we are made in the same image of God, who took delight in his own work. Lent also can become a time of delighting in ourselves as God's special and ongoing creation.

When your home improvement project is completed, arrange for a blessing of your home. Enthroned a special cross or icon to venerate, light a devotional candle, and use holy water in the area of the home that was improved. At that time, remind yourself again that you and your home belong to the Lord—renewed during the spring cleaning of Lent! ●



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**Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org**

## HYMN SING

DANIELLE SAVARD  
WARMLY INVITES YOU  
TO COME JOIN OUR  
MUSIC MINISTRY TEAM  
FOR AN OPEN  
REHEARSAL

FEB 25/24  
10-11AM  
CHURCH  
SANCTUARY



Join us for a Lenten In-House Retreat  
featuring Danielle Savard's upcoming album  
MARCH 15TH, 7PM, ST. VITAL PARISH

\*Please register - call 204-453-0933 or email  
office@stvitalparish.ca

\*Free-will Offering taken at event

Stewardship of Treasure - Financial Gifts to God  
Thank you for your stewardship! February 11, 2024

Regular Offertory \$ 7596.00	Sharing God's Gifts \$ 302.00
Parish Debt \$ 240.25	Social Justice \$ 302.50

*We welcome* - Archbishop Richard Gagnon

Archbishop Richard Gagnon will be celebrating Mass here at St. Vital on Saturday, February 24th at 4:00pm. He is here on special invitation from Development and Peace as we will also be having over 80 students attending the Mass as a fitting ending to their 25 hour Thinkfast that they are participating in. Please welcome all to our parish.



The Catholic Women's League  
and Knights of Columbus  
present


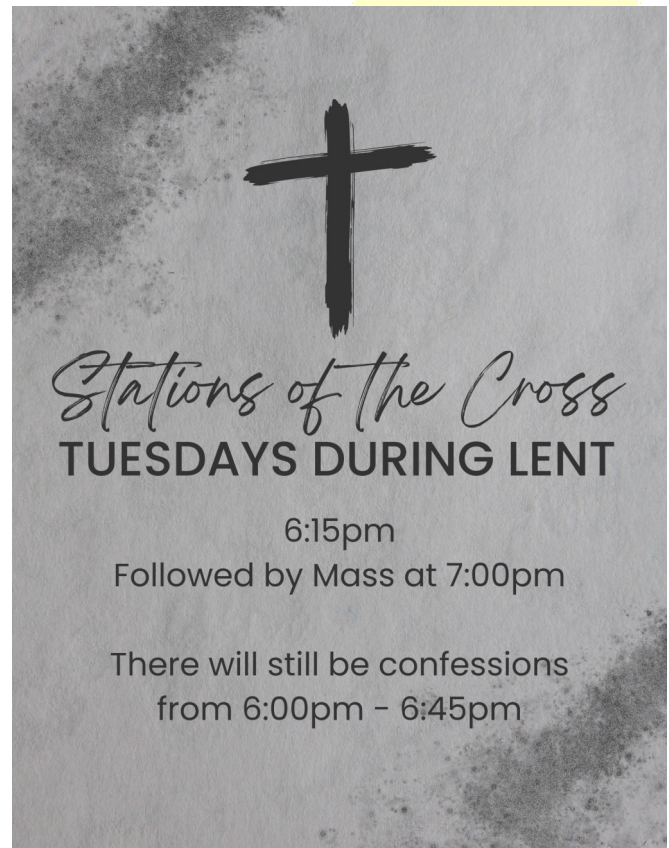


*St. Vital Parish*  
**TRIVIA  
NIGHT**

\$25 PP  
ENTER ON YOUR OWN OR  
AS A TEAM OF UP TO 8  
TICKETS GO ON SALE JANUARY 27TH

February 23 | 6 PM Doors Open  
7 PM Games Begin  
St. Maurice School Cafeteria

**Pizza Included & Cash Bar  
Raffle Prizes**



*Stations of the Cross*  
**TUESDAYS DURING LENT**

6:15pm  
Followed by Mass at 7:00pm

There will still be confessions  
from 6:00pm - 6:45pm

*Catholic Women's League (CWL) – Meeting*

Please join us on Wednesday, February 28th at 7:00pm in the Vianney room.

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