



Saint Vital

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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



December 25th
2022

The Nativity of the Lord



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:

Please contact our priest at the parish office prior to making arrangements with the funeral home.

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The Jesus Stories of Christmastime

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Every year, pundits lament the glitter of our commercialized Christmases. Beneath all such trappings, however, our cultural Christmases are really disguised and unrecognized celebrations of God-made-flesh.

“Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse” is really the story of a Santa-type God who slips into our lives with great generosity, though we seldom notice as we go through life half asleep. “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer” is about a misfit reindeer with a “wrong-colored” nose who is rejected by the other reindeer and not welcomed into their games. But then he becomes the means of saving a foggy Christmas Eve with his shining light of a nose. Rudolph is like the stone rejected by the builders that becomes the cornerstone—Jesus, who saves us not only at Christmas but all year long. Frosty the Snowman brings happiness to boys and girls for a time, but then he begins to melt, only to promise he’ll come again another day—all a hint of the hope offered by Jesus, who continues to come in resurrection and life. And Ebenezer Scrooge, whose withered and crusty spirit is transformed into generosity and love in *A Christmas Carol*, all without his ever realizing what is taking place until, of course, it happens. Then he proclaims he will honor Christmas in his heart the whole year long—a transformation that God brings about in each of us.

Christmas celebrates God-made-flesh in Jesus, something that took place then and echoes now for all of time and in all of life. ●

Reflect

***How do you experience God-made-flesh
during these Christmas days?***

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
4PM & 10PM Missa Pro Populo

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH
9AM & 11:30AM Missa Pro Populo

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27TH
7PM † Marie-Ange Lavallee
(Roland Lavallee)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28TH
11:30AM † Kathleen White
(Shaun & Marina McCaffrey)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29TH
NO MASS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30TH
11:30AM † Kathleen Mynes
(Irene O'Rourke & family)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
4PM † Brenda Tarrant
(a parishioner)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST
9AM † Vladimir & Veronika Hamin
(family)
11:30AM Marek Ring
(Monika Ring)
8PM Missa Pro Populo

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3RD
7PM † Victor Godbout
(Marcia Tait)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4TH
11:30AM † Gilbert & Julieta Dias
(da Costa family)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5TH
11:30AM † Aminta Lopez
(Marietta Godoy)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6TH
11:30AM † Brenda Tarrant
(Nora & Apollo)

Dear Padre,

I haven't been to Mass in a long time, but lately I feel drawn to come again. Can you help me better understand the Mass?

Welcome home! To learn more about the Mass, you might consider participating in your parish's program for those who are thinking about joining the Catholic Church. Meanwhile, we can offer five principles that form the foundation for what happens at Mass.

Participation rather than passive attendance: Mass is a time of prayerful activity—listening intently, praying fervently, reflecting quietly, singing and worshipping joyfully.

Gratitude for God's mercy as we acknowledge our sinfulness: There are several occasions during Mass when we are called to acknowledge that we sin, but also that mercy and forgiveness are offered freely to all who acknowledge their imperfections and sinful behavior.

Word and sacrament: The liturgy comprises the Liturgy of the Word (penitential act, Scripture readings, homily, and prayers of the faithful) and the Liturgy of the Eucharist (presentation of gifts, eucharistic prayer, and Communion rite). Both are important.

Christ's Real Presence: Under the forms of bread and wine (the Eucharist), the Real Presence of Christ retains a prominent place in the Mass. Christ is also present—in different ways—in the words of Scripture, in the presence of the priest, and in the assembly gathered in his name.

A celebration of family and community: Jesus fostered a sense of family among his disciples. Parish liturgies should be a time when young and old, rich and poor, families and single people join together to experience unity in Christ Jesus. ●

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SHUTTERSTOCK

Stewardship of Treasure - Financial Gifts to God
Thank you for your stewardship! Dec. 18th, 2022

Regular Offertory	\$12,042.69
Sharing God's Gifts	\$555.00
Parish Debt	\$662.25
Social Justice	\$198.50

St. Vital Parish Sharing God's Gifts 2022 Update as of Dec. 20, 2022

Goal for the Year	\$53,705.00
To date we have collected	\$32,907.80
Amount still to be collected	\$20,797.20

PARISH NEWS

Family Fellowship Afternoon

Please join us in February for some fun and games with the families of our parish. More information to come in the following few weeks.

**Keep watch for more
Faith & Fellowship activities in
the coming year!**

Message From Father Mark - December 2022

My dear friends, it is amazing how quickly this year has fallen through the sand in our hands. At the beginning of 2021 we knew that things had changed, I think. Covid was still here, but things were moving forward. There were times in which we just needed to put our heads in our hands. There were times when we may have been selfish or expected the world to bow to us. Through it all there have been amazing people who cross our path and show us the great things that God will lead us to.

I was watching one of the rehearsals of the parish school Christmas pageant the other day in the Church. There was a bright light and shadow play where we could see the Baby, Mary and Joseph, and I may have seen a sheep! I was in awe of these shadow sheep, and Mary and Joseph, and one of the characters that added another shadow. It is at this time of the year we anticipate the Season of Christmas. The season that reminds us how we are to be part of the crèche with Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus.

The season of Christmas reminds us of goodness, • friendliness • generosity • good will • grace • honesty • integrity • kindness ... goodness that is to be both kind and strong, tender and tough. Showing kindness and goodness, by helping and encouraging others. As we look up in the sky and squint one eye we will see the greatest gift we have ever seen. HE will know who we are, and we will come to realize that we don't need to squint, but need a kneeler.

Peace!

Father Mark Tarrant
Pastor



The Parish Office staff would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Please note that the parish office will be closed Monday, December 26th — Monday, January 2nd



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