



# Saint Vital

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*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**

So if you (Philemon) regard me  
as a partner, welcome  
(Onesimus) as you would me.  
- Philemon 1:17



September 4th  
2022

## 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

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

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Sundays from 1:00pm–2:00pm 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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## No Longer a Slave

**P**aul urges Philemon to treat a runaway slave, Onesimus, as a brother in Christ, not a slave.

He didn't ask Philemon to free the man. Nor did he encourage him to work for the eradication of slavery. Why not? The letter doesn't tell us. Yet if we look deeply at this issue, we might discover that Paul was asking for something much more profound than a change in law.

The United States outlawed slavery more than 150 years ago. But that change did nothing to erase the political, economic, and social biases of many citizens. Some people still consider African Americans and other people of color as inferior, untrustworthy and dangerous. Laws cannot change thinking or prejudices.

Had Philemon simply freed Onesimus, would the slave's situation have been improved? In the ancient world, slaves were often branded, thus alerting everyone to their servile position in society. Might this have prevented him from living a full life as a free man? Even if the law had changed, would ancient Rome have provided for former slaves any better than contemporary America has?

Paul pressed Philemon to go deeper into his heart, to change his perception of Onesimus' status in his household. Paul is probably not talking about a blood bond, but the bond that joins Christians to each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. If we really treat each other in this way, discriminatory customs will crumble and there will no longer be any kind of slavery.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- \* *How do you regard people of different races? As sisters and brothers, or as dangerous?*
- \* *How are nonwhites disadvantaged in your community? What might you do about this?*

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

4:00PM † John Francis Barboza  
(Nitus & Sandra Rodrigues)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

9:00AM Thanksgiving  
(Agnel, LaLitha, Joel & Angeline)

11:30AM † Marcel Joaquin  
(Norman & Tricia Barnabe)

8:00PM Missa Pro Populo

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

7:00pm † Cornelio Parado  
(the family)

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

\*\*NO MASS\*\*

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

11:30AM † Ed Murphy  
(Winnie Murphy)

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

11:30AM † Felicidad Parado  
(the family)

# Dear Padre,

**It seems like the Church always asks for money. Why should I donate?**

**T**he Church is a global organization representing institutions with growing needs—parishes, schools, charities, and mission societies, for example. If it seems like they “always ask for money,” it’s because there is a constant need to maintain these services. Indeed, the Vatican donates substantial funds to many charities.

Financial support has always been part of Christian community life. Jesus instructed his apostles to rely on the generosity and hospitality of those to whom they preached (see Luke 10:7). Early Christians gave contributions to the apostles to be distributed among widows and orphans. In fact, the early

Church’s charitable activities were so extensive, it led to the formation of the diaconate, with deacons focusing on charitable work while the apostles preached (see Acts 6:1–6).

Some observe that the Church owns splendid churches and artwork. “Why doesn’t the Church sell these assets to fund their operations?” they ask. Indeed, as worshipers leave inner-city parishes for the suburbs,

dioceses have tried to sell decommissioned churches. They have discovered that few people can or want to buy a church. As for art treasures, they are part of the Church’s patrimony from previous generations that continues to inspire Catholics today and into the future.

Ultimately, we give in charity, recognizing that it’s Christ to whom we give when we give to the needy. Almsgiving is part of Christian life because of what it does for the recipient and for what giving does for the giver (see Acts 20:35).

*Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR*  
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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Charity is not a barren service nor a simple offering to be made in order to ease our conscience. What we must never forget is that charity has its origin and its essence in God himself; charity is God our Father’s embrace of every person, particularly of the least and the suffering.*

ADDRESS TO CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS, MAY 27, 2019

## Calendar

**Monday**  
SEPTEMBER 5  
Weekday  
1 Cor 5:1–8  
Lk 6:6–11

**Tuesday**  
SEPTEMBER 6  
Weekday  
1 Cor 6:1–11  
Lk 6:12–19

**Wednesday**  
SEPTEMBER 7  
Weekday  
1 Cor 7:25–31  
Lk 6:20–26

**Thursday**  
SEPTEMBER 8  
*Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Mi 5:1–4a  
or Rom 8:28–30  
Mt 1:1–16, 18–23  
or 1:18–23

**Friday**  
SEPTEMBER 9  
*St. Peter Claver, Priest*  
1 Cor 9:16–19, 22b–27  
Lk 6:39–42

**Saturday**  
SEPTEMBER 10  
Weekday  
1 Cor 10:14–22  
Lk 6:43–49

**Sunday**  
SEPTEMBER 11  
*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Ex 32:7–11, 13–14  
1 Tm 1:12–17  
Lk 15:1–32  
or 15:1–10

## DAYbreaks

Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections & prayers for Advent and Lent.

Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more at [Liguori.org](http://Liguori.org).

*Stewardship of Treasure* - Financial Gifts to God  
Thank you for your stewardship! August 28th, 2022

Regular Offertory \$ 6698.00

Sharing God's Gifts \$ 192.00

Parish Debt \$ 223.00

Social Justice \$ 195.00

*Faith Formation* UPCOMING DATES

*\*NEW CATHECHISM PROGRAM\**

Information & Registration Day - Sunday September 25th at 10:15am in the church

“Come and see” what our new catechism program is all about. With our experiences through the pandemic we are trying new ways to reach our families where they are in their faith journey. For children in Kindergarten to Grade 8.

- More flexible programming
- Group learning instead of individualized programming
- Incorporating family catechesis
- Sacramental preparation for First Communion (gr. 2 or older) & Confirmation (grade 8 or older)

To register early please use the following google form: <https://forms.gle/QBjymURQG7JUX6Uw6>

*Fort Garry Cemetery* CEMETERY MASS

With Father Mark not having an assistant at this time, we unfortunately will have to cancel our annual cemetery mass this year. Thank you for your understanding.

*Funeral Mass* FOR FR. TERRY McGRATH

Wednesday, September 7th at 10:30am.

To be held at St. Charles Parish in Winnipeg

A parish to call home! If you are new - WELCOME!

If you have been away - WELCOME HOME!



**WALKING  
TOGETHER**  
POPE FRANCIS CANADA  
24 - 29 JULY 2022

**MARCHER  
ENSEMBLE**  
PAPE FRANÇOIS CANADA  
24 - 29 JUILLET 2022