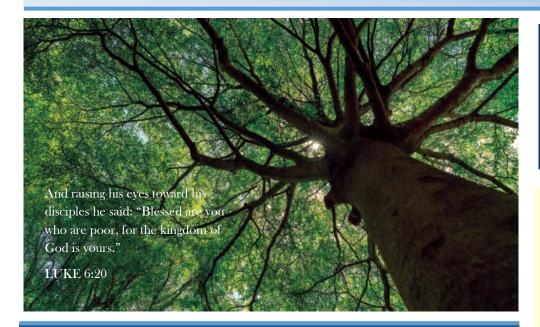


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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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.

February 16 **2025**

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February 16, 2025
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Jeremiah 17:5-8 / 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 / Luke 6:17, 20-26



MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

4PM Reinhard & Katarina Schilling

(Peter Schilling)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

9AM † Tomas Cuyos

(Sheila & Ella Cuyos)

11:30AM Special Intention

(Monika Ring)

8PM Missa Pro Populo

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

7PM † Izabella Schilling

(Peter Schilling)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

11:30AM † Alvaro Collaco

(da Costa family)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

11:30AM † Gilbert Dias

(da Costa family)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

11:30AM † Natalie Marie Byrne

(Victor Libitka)

Please join us for the rosary on Wednesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays starting at 11:00am before the daily Mass

It's All about the Roots

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

here we put down our spiritual roots matters. For some, the old adage "Bloom where you are planted" may offer wisdom; however, the prophet Jeremiah reminds us that if we find ourselves planted in a lava bed or a salty and empty land, we won't do much blooming. We'll be no more than a shriveled, barren bush. So, where we plant our inner spiritual lives makes a difference.

This week's gospel may seem to sap all the joy out of life. Woe if you have money to spend, a banquet to feast on, fun and laughter to dress up your days. Woe to you, it seems to caution, because when you die, the opposite will be your lot. What's so wrong, we wonder, with having cash in our pockets, food on our tables, and a good time once in a while? Life can be downright dreary otherwise.

The answer, of course, is that there is nothing wrong with any of that—unless that's where we put down our roots. In other words, if that's what life is all about, sooner or later, we are likely to discover we have become a barren bush standing in lava waste. Jesus didn't come to suck the joy out of life but to give us a heads up on how to live a life that is full. He hoped we might avoid the lure that can become a wasteland. He hoped we might become "like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream" (Jeremiah 17:8).

Reflect

Where are your roots? Are you growing and thriving?

Dear Padre,

I have always been an "every Sunday" Catholic. My problem is that holy Communion doesn't feel that special. I believe that it's the Body and Blood of Christ, but receiving feels "routine." Sometimes I'm even distracted while receiving. Help?

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Do you remember the story of the transfiguration of Jesus? (See Luke

9:28–36.) Jesus took his three special disciples, Peter, James, and John, up on the mountain, and while Jesus was praying, what did they do? They fell asleep! In the very presence of Jesus, their Lord and Master.

Human beings cannot maintain feelings of awe and ecstasy for long periods of time. We would be exhausted. Feelings don't always reflect the specialness of the moment. That is why good habits are so important. Feelings may elude us, but we can fall back on the habit of Sunday Mass. Just as two contented, long-married people don't feel like they did on their honeymoon, they still quietly enjoy the habit of each other's company.

Lent is coming soon. You might consider shaking up your routine a little. Attend one weekday Mass. Prepare for Sunday Mass by reading the Scriptures for that Sunday and praying the entrance antiphon or the psalm. If you don't already, consider volunteering as a choir member, lector, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion. Meanwhile, continue to receive holy Communion, giving thanks that it is readily available, and perhaps offer a prayer for communities where Communion every Sunday is not possible. •

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Weekly Stewardship Report

Thank you for your donations! February 9, 2025

Sunday Collection	Budgeted per	Weekly Collection	Year to Date
February 9, 2025	week	+/-	+/-
\$ 6149.63	\$ 7307.69	- \$ 1158.06	

Parish Debt collected—Feb.9'25	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Sharing God's Gifts collected—Feb.9'25	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	
\$ 347.75	\$ 1052.55	- \$ 704.80	\$ 283.75	\$1 <mark>106.67</mark>	- \$ 822. 92	

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