



# 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



September 11th  
2022

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## 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**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:**

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.

## Filled with Compassion

**T**oo many people think of God only as one who is offended when we make a mistake and who is ready to exact punishment for that offense. The three stories in today's Gospel passage tell a different story. They tell how, when we make a mistake, God runs after us to bring us back. The description "filled with compassion" (Luke 15:20), which describes the sentiments of the Samaritan, is really a description of God.

In Hebrew, compassion or mercy comes from the word for "womb," and it describes the intimate bond between a woman and the life in her womb. Though the Greek word in the New Testament is not related to womb, it does mean deep inner sentiment. The word conveys the deep sentiment the Samaritan felt for a perfect stranger, the deep sentiment of the distraught father with his prodigal son, the deep sentiment of God for every one of us.

These three Gospel stories highlight another important point: The compassion was not a response to repentance. The lost sheep, the negligent woman, and the wayward son were all somehow responsible for their predicaments, but nothing was held against them. Nor did they have to correct their error before the situation was corrected. None of this mattered. This was Jesus' way of saying that God's compassion is there even before we ask for it, because compassion or mercy is not simply an act; it is the intimate and lasting love that God has for us.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *Reflect on this passage from Isaiah 49:15:*  
"Can a mother forget...the child of her womb?"
- ★ *Where might you show compassion to others?*

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

4:00pm † Geraldine Marion  
(Marcia Tait)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

9:00AM † Rene Lavallee & Jeanne Lecuyer  
(Roland Lavallee)  
11:30AM † Mary, Joseph & Violet  
(Evangeline)  
8:00PM Missa Pro Populo

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

7:00PM CWL members

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

11:30AM † Angelo da Costa  
(da Costa family)

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

11:30AM † Nilda & Antonio  
(Anni Braga)

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

11:30AM † Jamal Sarsam  
(Lina Sabbagh)

# Dear Padre,

**My child's godparents make no attempt to build a special relationship with her. I've talked to them about it, but it didn't help. Can I replace them?**

**W**hen my niece, Hayley, was five, she asked me to be her "step-godfather" because she didn't know who her godfather was. The family friend my sister invited to be Haley's godfather has moved out of state and seems to have forgotten that Haley is his godchild.

Godparents have responsibilities beyond baptism day. The Code of Canon Law says a godparent also "helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it" (872). A godparent should be present for the child's first Communion and encourage the child to live a Christian life as he or she grows older.

While neglectful godparents may not be replaced, parents are not limited to asking only two godparents to help their child grow in the faith.

"The whole ecclesial community bears some responsibility for the development and safeguarding of the grace given at baptism" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1255). Parents can and should ask others to help support their child's

faith development as he or she grows up: a teacher, a grandparent, or a friend in the town where your child has gone away to college. After all, children are baptized into a community of believers, and we all have the responsibility to help children—and one another—lead Christian lives.



WITAYA RATANASIRIKULCHAI / SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR  
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**Do you have a question for the Padre?**

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Your children will receive their Christian identity today. And you, parents and godparents, must safeguard this identity. This is your task throughout your lifetime: to protect the Christian identity of your children. It is a daily commitment: to make them grow with the light they will receive today.*

ADMINISTRATION OF BAPTISM, JANUARY 9, 2022

## Calendar

### Monday

SEPTEMBER 12

Weekday

1 Cor 11:17–26, 33

Lk 7:1–10

### Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 13

St. John Chrysostom,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church

1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a

Lk 7:11–17

### Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 14

Exaltation of the  
Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b–9

Phil 2:6–11

Jn 3:13–17

### Thursday

SEPTEMBER 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Cor 15:1–11

Jn 19:25–27 or

Lk 2:33–35

### Friday

SEPTEMBER 16

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and  
Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Cor 15:12–20

Lk 8:1–3

### Saturday

SEPTEMBER 17

Weekday

1 Cor 15:35–37, 42–49

Lk 8:4–15

### Sunday

SEPTEMBER 18

Twenty-fifth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4–7

1 Tm 2:1–8

Lk 16:1–13 or 16:10–13

*Stewardship of Treasure* - Financial Gifts to God  
Thank you for your stewardship! Sept. 4th, 2022

Regular Offertory \$ 6717.00

Sharing God's Gifts \$ 192.00

Parish Debt \$ 207.00

Social Justice \$ 395.00

*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.

*Pancake Breakfast* HOSTED BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pancake breakfast in the School Cafeteria on Sunday, September 25th immediately after the 9am Mass. Admission is Free, however, we will be accepting donations at the door. Seating will continue until 11:30am. We look forward to serving you!

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