



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

"Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil." MATTHEW 4:1



February 22
2026

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

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.

PASTOR

Fr. Wayne Morrissey ext. 270

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

4PM Alexandre Chartier
(Simone LeGal)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

9AM † Dr. Gus Lodewyks
(Roger & Joan Brasseur)

11:30AM † Marie Joy Bayani
(Desiree Nounis)

8PM Missa Pro Populo

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

7PM † Margaret Buchko
(Anne Kamau)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

10AM † Janine Benson
(Ron Benson)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

10AM Mark Hurd
(K & D Schilling)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

7PM † R.K. Suri & Madhuri families
(K.E. Suri)

Please join us on Wednesday and Thursday for the rosary
starting at 9:30am before the daily Mass.

Jesus for the Win

MIGUEL DULICK

The account of the temptations could be presented as a comical play. Pope Francis insisted, “Don’t talk to the devil!” Indeed, Jesus does not engage in dialogue with Satan, much less any negotiation or any business. Stones become bread? Jesus may have fasted for forty days, but he’s had plenty to eat—“every word that comes forth from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4). Nor will Jesus “test” his Father by jumping off the “parapet of the temple” (like the bell tower of a gothic church). (See Matthew 5–7.) You don’t play God, and you don’t play *with* God. Satan really beclowns himself with the last temptation—promising the whole world if Jesus would just take a knee? No one would fall for that, would they?

Except—most of us. We’d do the bread; we’d do the jump; we’d definitely do the world! Look at the first reading, from Genesis. Adam and Eve give up paradise for a piece of fruit! It’s a sad story because Eve does chat with the serpent, answering questions, allowing for a different point of view. But, as they say on Facebook, Satan “destroys” her! And Adam, too. If they didn’t sew fig leaves for each other, the whole story would be unbearable. Even as they realize their sin, there is a little tenderness.

Saint Paul explains it clearly. Sin entered the world, but with Jesus Christ, there is an “overflow” of grace for the many. (See Romans 5:15.) And that’s what Lent is about—a flood of grace. ●



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Reflect

What grace do I pray for this Lent—for myself and for someone who is struggling?

Dear Padre,

I was taught that it is a requirement to fast at least one hour before receiving Communion. However, I've seen donuts out before Mass begins and hear candy wrappers being crumpled around me. This seems disrespectful to me.

It is important to use the correct words when describing a particular action. In this case, “requirement” does not really capture the full meaning and understanding of what the Church teaches. A better understanding is that it is a discipline and a practice of the Church to ordinarily observe the eucharistic fast for one hour before receiving holy Communion. If you are of a certain age, you may remember that there have been changes regarding the eucharistic fast. A “requirement” might suggest that the fast is integral to the sacrament itself. It is not.

The second part of your question seems to be a matter of perception. Based on your perception, you judge something to be not quite right. But, consider that there are many reasons why hospitality may be set up before Mass. The crumpling of wrappers could be something other than what you identify. Regardless, you are not required to assume the burden of policing what is taking place at Mass. It is much better to participate, celebrate, and be grateful for the sacrament that we gather to experience as a community of faith. ●



GREGORY SHEMITZ

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



ST. VITAL PARISH
LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE
Tuesday, March 24th at 6:00pm
We will have priests on hand to hear confessions.
No daily Mass that day.
To view other penitential service times in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg please visit their website

CHANGE IN DAILY MASS TIME

Starting February 25th our daily morning Mass time will be changing to 10:00am.

Please keep an eye on the bulletin and webpage for updates.



Stations of the Cross
PLEASE JOIN US
FRIDAYS DURING LENT
6:30pm
Mass to follow at
7:00pm

Weekly Stewardship Report

Thank you for your donations! February 15, 2026

Sunday Collection Feb..15, 2026	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Year to Date +/-
\$ 7761.75	\$ 7636.00	\$ 125.75	- \$ 1115.20

Parish Debt collected—Feb.15 '26	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Sharing God's Gifts collected—Feb.15'26	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-
\$ 312.75	\$ 1053.00	- \$ 740.25	\$ 202.50	\$1106.67	- \$ 904.17

Catholic Women's League and
Knights of Columbus
present

SNOW MUCH FUN!



TRIVIA NIGHT AT ST. VITAL PARISH

\$25 PP - 16+ yrs

**Enter on your own or
as a team of up to 8**

Feb. 28'26 | 6 PM Doors Open

7 PM Games Begin

St. Maurice School Gym

1639 Pembina Hwy

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

CONTACT VIOLETTE - 204-296-3163

OR cwlstvital@outlook.com

Pizza Included, Cash Bar & Raffle Prizes

Come Dressed in Winter Theme Attire!

- prizes for best theme attire, team name, and winning team

2025 Tax Receipts

Tax receipts for the 2025 year have now been emailed. If we do not have your email address on file, your tax receipt is ready for pick-up in the lobby. Please call the parish office if you need assistance.

Catholic Women's League General Meeting

Monday, February 23rd at 7:00pm in
the Vianney Room



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