



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



"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

MATTHEW 3:2

3rd 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

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.

January 25
2026

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Judged or Invited?

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 3:2) is the message preached by Jesus after the arrest of John the Baptist. It is important to place this message in context. Jesus is not repeating the preaching of the Baptist. His message is unique and compelling.

Look closely at what Jesus is saying. Do not automatically fill in the blanks with the memories of every sermon you have heard. Try to hear Jesus’ words again, for the first time. Is the emphasis on “repent,” or is the emphasis on the announcement, “The kingdom of heaven is at hand”? Does it make any difference?

Repeat these words and change the emphasis each time. Play with the words. Let the words play with you. Notice how you respond. Notice what makes a difference. Notice how you react, and, most of all, notice whether you feel invited or you feel judged.

The Baptist made no bones about it. You are being judged: “Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees” (Matthew 3:10). Jesus, on the other hand, seems not to judge but to invite: “for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 4:17).

In the invitation, we are challenged to see in a different way. Use different skills. Refrain from automatic judgments. Seek to understand but, most of all, to accept and to love. ●



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THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Reflect

**What does “repent” mean to me?
A threat or an invitation?**

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH

4PM Thanksgiving
(Lucy LeDressay)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH

9AM † Jeff McAuley
(Nora & Apollo Kalaw)

11:30AM Sharon Nugent
(K & D Schilling)

8PM Missa Pro Populo

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27TH

7PM † Stephie Wasney
(Henry & Josie Bohncke)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28TH

No Mass

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29TH

9AM † Deceased family members
(D. Shillingford)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30TH

No Mass

Please join us for the Rosary starting at 8:30am
on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays before the daily Mass.

Dear Padre,

Why can't a Protestant receive the Eucharist at a Catholic Mass?

United by baptism, fellow Christians are our brothers and sisters in the Lord. As such, they are always welcome at Catholic Mass, but they do not ordinarily participate in holy Communion. "Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to holy Communion" (Code of Canon Law, 844 §4).

When Catholics receive Holy Communion, they firmly believe the bread and wine are transformed into the Real Presence of Christ. In the Eucharist, we become part of the body of Christ and share in holiness and unity with one another. Our "Amen" to "The Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ" means, "Truly, so be it!" It indicates that we affirm our belief in this mystery, which is fundamental to our Catholic identity. If non-Catholics receive the Eucharist but do not embrace this identity and same belief, it may disrespect Catholics who do, as well as disrespect their own identity in the denomination to which they belong.

However, at Mass, fellow Christians can join their prayers with Catholics in praising God. Together, we also pray that the divisions which separate us will finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). ●



CARLOS DANIEL / CATHOPIC

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Next Week is Called by Name Sunday!

Help us identify the faithful young men in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg who love Christ and the Church. Archbishop Murray Chatlain is asking all parishioners to submit the names of young men, high school age or older, who might be called to priesthood or religious life. The Archbishop will then send them a letter of encouragement, and the Office of Vocations will offer gentle assistance as they discern their vocation.

Thank you for being the voice of Christ and identifying potential candidates!

A Heartfelt Thank You!

With profound gratitude and joy, we thank you for your generous donations to this year's Sharing God's Gifts Appeal. For the very first time in our parish history, we have met our target! Your selfless giving has made this historic milestone possible, reflecting the true spirit of Christian charity and communion within our community.

Because of you, lives will be touched,
faith will be nurtured, and God's work will flourish.

Weekly Stewardship Report

Thank you for your donations - January 18, 2026

Sunday Collection January 18, 2026	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Year to Date +/-
\$ 7105.00	\$ 7636.00	- \$ 531.00	- \$ 531.00

Parish Debt collected—Jan.18 '26	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Sharing God's Gifts collected—Jan.18'26	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-
\$ 303.00	\$ 1053.00	- \$ 750.00	\$ 92.00	\$1106.67	- \$ 1014.67

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

Catholic Women's League
General Meeting

The next general meeting for
the CWL will be on
Monday, January 26th at
7:00pm in the Vianney Room.

TRIVIA NIGHT RAFFLE - FEB.28'26

DONATIONS NEEDED

- INDIVIDUALS
- LOCAL BUSINESSES
- NO DONATION TOO SMALL

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