



Saint Vital

CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 22nd, 2022

Sixth Sunday
of Easter

Mission in 1861 - Parish in 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

Pastor/Director..... Fr. Mark A. Tarrant
Parochial Vicar..... Fr. Moise Adossou
St. Maurice School PrincipalBryan Doiron
Finance/Office Manager.....Kim McAuley
Religious EducationCandace Anthony
Administrative Assistant Lynne Pelland
Parish & Cemetery Custodian Leo Fernandes
Director of Sacred Music Danielle Savard

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 21st

4:00 p.m. † Gaston Royer
req. Marcia Tait

Sunday, May 22nd

9:00 a.m. **(Live Stream)** † Veronika Tralic
req. parents

11:30 a.m. † Benjamin Edirmanasinghe
req. Marie, Jonathan & Romaine

8:00 p.m. Missa Pro Populo

Tuesday, May 24th

7:00 p.m. † Frank Stroppa
req. Theresa Stroppa

Wednesday, May 25th

11:30 a.m. Int. of Fr. Mark req. a parishioner

Thursday, May 26th

Memorial of St. Philip Neri, Priest

11:30 a.m. † Agnes Doll
req. D. Shillingford

Friday, May 27th

11:30 a.m. † Lidia & Joe Fiorino
req. Gus & Elvira Fiorino

Sunday Adoration & Reconciliation

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

PASTORAL LIFE

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

For more information or to schedule your child's baptism please contact Candace at 204-453-0933 or candace@stvitalparish.ca

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sundays from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. or by appointment. (No confessions after Mass).

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

We must be notified 6 months in advance to allow for marriage preparation. Please contact the parish office.

FUNERALS

It is important when making arrangements for a funeral to be celebrated at St. Vital Parish that one of the priests be contacted prior to meeting with the funeral home.

A Parish to call home! Welcome to St. Vital Parish. We invite you to "Come and See!" You will discover the truth, wonder and mystery of the Catholic Faith. There are many people in our worldwide family, and in our Parish we have an incredible number of people from all over the world. If you are new—WELCOME! If you have been away—WELCOME HOME! For more information please call the parish office.



Our Parish COMMUNITY

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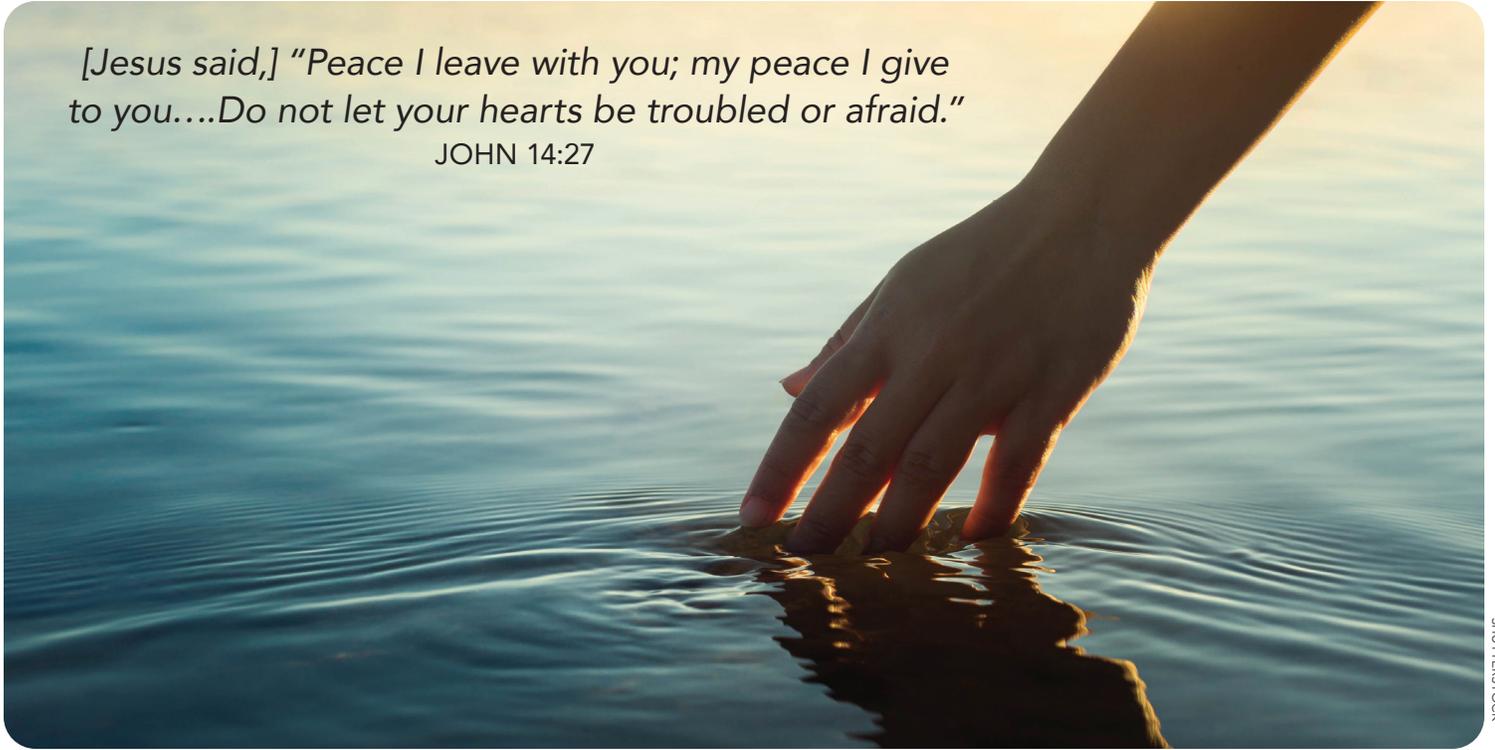
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Rev 21:10-14, 22-23

Jn 14:23-29

[Jesus said,] "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you....Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

JOHN 14:27



SHUTTERSTOCK

Times Are a-Changin’

Today’s Gospel expands a theme mentioned on the fourth Sunday of Easter, namely, change in religious practice. Many good people find some Second Vatican Council changes difficult to accept. For example, they may not like the new Mass form or leniency in Church discipline. They prefer Latin chants and the organ rather than folk music with guitars. This dissatisfaction is not necessarily because they are stubborn or unbending. It could be they were taught that the truth of the Church is eternal and unchanging, and want to see that reflected in the liturgy.

Actually, such understanding of the unchanging Church is only partially correct. The fundamentals of our faith as expressed in the Creed have not changed. It is the ways we understand or practice our faith that have gradually developed. For instance, the Mass is still the Mass, with three essential parts. Yet, the wording of some prayers have changed, and at Mass we stand more and kneel less. Most are cultural changes, but

there are some changes in theological understandings too. We now recognize the religious value of other faith traditions; interfaith marriage is allowed with special permission; and we understand the teachings of the Bible in new ways.

Today’s reading from Acts shows that, from its beginning, the Church changed. Paul and Barnabas did not require Gentile believers to conform to circumcision—a Jewish practice, not Christian. Dissention arose. But the Holy Spirit helped the leaders in Jerusalem move beyond long-standing past practices and into a new way of being faithful. We believe the Holy Spirit continues to work through believers to ensure that the gospel is always faithful, yet newly meaningful.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *In what ways have changes made your faith more meaningful to you?*
- ★ *As we move toward Pentecost, pray to be open to the working of the Spirit in your parish.*

Dear Padre,

God gave humanity the skills for a child to be born to those suffering from infertility. So why does the Church oppose *in vitro* fertilization (IVF) after a couple has exhausted other options to conceive?

While the Church views having, raising, and educating children as a primary purpose of marriage, it also teaches that the means to achieve that goal must be morally appropriate. The Church considers *in vitro* fertilization (Latin for fertilization “in glass” or a laboratory) to be a morally inappropriate means for attaining that goal for two main reasons:

First, in practice, the IVF process almost always results in the destruction of living human embryos that do not get implanted in the woman, which the Church considers morally equivalent to abortion. Second, just as the Church teaches contraception is wrong because it entails the willful separation of the natural ends of the marital act, it also teaches that IVF is wrong because it replaces the dignity of the marital act with a technical procedure. In other words, IVF supersedes the act God willed to be the genesis of new life.

In addition, IVF demeans the dignity of the spouses and their parental role (and the dignity of a third-party sperm or egg donor, if one is involved).

All of this deprives the resulting child of a true filial relationship with his or her parents, turning the child into a technological commodity rather than a gift from God.

Couples must be careful not to become so obsessed with pregnancy that they lose perspective and fail to see other expressions of marital generativity, such as adoption, that expand marriage and provide a home to children who wouldn't otherwise have one.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We are living in a time of experimentation with life. But it is harmful experimentation. Making children, rather than accepting them as a gift, as I said. Playing with life. Be careful, because this is a sin against the Creator: against God the Creator, who created things this way.

ADDRESS TO ITALIAN CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS, NOVEMBER 15, 2014

Calendar

Monday

MAY 23

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:11–15

Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday

MAY 24

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22–34

Jn 16:5–11

Wednesday

MAY 25

Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1

Jn 16:12–15

Thursday

MAY 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest

Acts 18:1–8

Jn 16:16–20

Friday

MAY 27

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:9–18

Jn 16:20–23

Saturday

MAY 28

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:23–28

Jn 16:23b–28

Sunday

MAY 29

The Ascension

of the Lord

Acts 1:1–11

Eph 1:17–23 or

Heb 9:24–28;

10:19–23

Lk 24:46–53

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a question for
the Padre?**

Go to DearPadre.org
to send your question
and learn more about
Dear Padre.

PARISH NEWS

Stewardship of Treasure - Financial Gifts to God

(Includes Visitor envelopes and pre-authorized contributions)

Thank you for your stewardship!

May 15th, 2022

Regular Offertory \$ 5,611.60 Sharing God's Gifts \$ 158.00 Parish Debt \$ 313.20 Social Justice \$ 37.90

Knights of Columbus News

Our parish council of the Knights of Columbus has officially changed its name to Saint Vital Council to greater align and associate with our parish.

Saint Vital was wealthy citizen of Milan who, along with his entire family, converted to Christianity in the 2nd century. He spent his time and his money providing aid, along with personal and spiritual assistance to Christians who were in hiding, in jail and being tortured, and killed for their faith. When the Roman Consul found out what he was doing, he had St Vital tortured and killed. The Saint's wife and two children were also famous saints in their own rights.

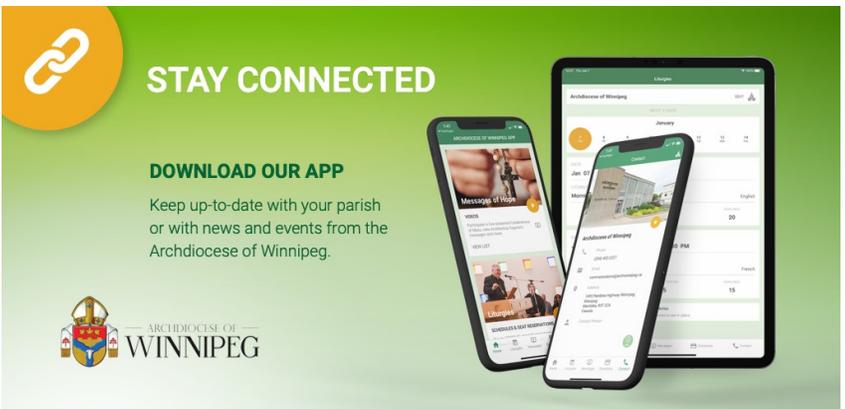
Saint Vital is an inspiration of divine love and sacrifice during a time of persecution and social pressure against our faith. Saint Vital pray for us in these challenging times and help us to live our faith.

Attention Readers and Eucharistic Ministers!

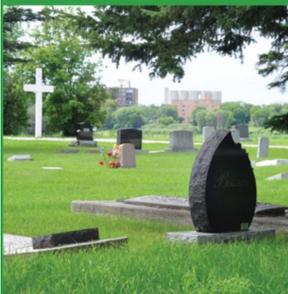
The sign-up sheets for the months of July & August (including September long weekend) are now available in the Vestry. We ask all Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist to sign up according to their availability. Once everyone has signed up, schedules for July until September long weekend will be posted on the website and sent by email.

Parish Website: www.stvitalparish.ca

Our website is a reliable resource that we invite parishioners to use on a regular basis as we update several times per week. You'll find information including the current weekly Mass schedule and bulletin, upcoming events, pictures and more.



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