



# 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**



January 4  
2025

## The Epiphany of the Lord

### **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:**

Tuesdays from 6:00pm—6:45pm 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.

#### **PASTOR**

Fr. Wayne Morrissey ext.270

#### **SACRAMENTAL ASSISTANT**

Fr. Michel Nault

#### **PASTORAL ASSISTANT/ PARISH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR**

Candace Anthony ext.281

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Lynne Pelland ext.284

#### **FAITH FORMATION**

Cindy Cordeiro ext.287





## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 3RD

4PM All members of Maxwell & Hatt families  
(Leslie Maxwell-Joseph)

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 4TH

9AM † Gilbert & Julieta Dias  
(da Costa family)

11:30AM Memory Angel Tree Mass  
(CWL)

8PM Missa Pro Populo

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 6TH

7PM † Jackson Fernandez  
(Jacklin Jackson)

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7TH

*No Mass*

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 8TH

9AM † Nestor G. Castro Gutierrez  
(Marietta Godoy)

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 9TH

9AM † Bill Maksymchuk  
(K.E. Suri)

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

## Following Jesus Without a Star to Guide Us

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

**“We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage”** (Matthew 2:2) describes the spark that sent the Magi on their journey. Something unusual in the sky, interpreted as a sign of something wonderful—in response, they changed direction in their lives and devoted themselves to a completely different path. As wonderful as it might well be, a special star in the heavens is not the ordinary experience of how we learn to follow the Lord or discern his will. If only there could be a sign in God’s universe for each of us, beckoning us forward, clarifying what we need to do, setting down the path that needs to be followed. Perhaps life would be much simpler. Or perhaps not?

Would it truly be less complicated if everything were made clear and certain? Is the manifestation of God’s grace and blessings confined to the straight and narrow, or can we also experience God in the chaos—“in the weeds,” so to speak. Human experience seems to suggest that life is more “gray” than “black and white.” There is real grace in the journey, in making mistakes, even in choosing something that is incomplete. Thankfully, God’s grace does not need perfection to be powerful. We can know and follow God’s will for us in the ordinary moments of day-to-day living. We do not need the extraordinary or the dramatic. ●



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THE AUTHORS  
OF OUR PARISH  
COMMUNITY

### Reflect

***How can I resolve to look for God in the unplanned, the unexpected, the interruptions?***



# Dear Padre,

*I recently lost my husband of sixty years. I prayed for him through his four-year illness. Since he has died, I cannot pray. Any advice for me?*

My heartfelt condolences on your profound loss. When someone we love dies, a part of us dies too. Sometimes, the trauma is so severe that it can even affect our relationship with God.

Psychiatrist Elisabeth Kübler-Ross identified five stages of grief. In the denial stage, some people can't accept the reality of the death. It becomes too much to handle. In the anger stage, some may question their belief in God—especially if their prayer requests (such as, “Please God, if you heal my loved one, I will...” ) weren't successful in the bargaining stage. People in the depression stage feel overwhelmed by the reality of the loss and may not always feel like connecting with others—even with God in prayer. However, in the acceptance stage, emotions stabilize, and a person comes to terms with their new reality. Nothing makes up for the absence of a loved one, but people manage to cope and live on.

It's because you loved so deeply that the loss feels so deep. God accepts you completely; God understands how you feel. He wants you to be at peace and live life fully. Our compassionate God yearns to help console you and offer assistance in your healing process until you can embrace him again in prayer. ●

**Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org)**



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## **A NEW WAY TO GIVE!**

Check out the display board in the front lobby of the church (Pembina doors)

You can now donate with the tap of your card.  
Tax receipts can be issued by scanning the QR code with your phone and registering your card.



Weekly Stewardship Report

Thank you for your donations! December 25th & 28th

Sunday Collection Dec.25th & 28th 2024	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Year to Date +/-
\$ 17, 642.28	\$ 7307.69	\$ 10, 334.79	\$ 22267.90

Parish Debt collected—Dec.25 & 28	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Sharing God’s Gifts collected—Dec.25 & 28	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-
\$ 2690.00	\$ 1052.55	\$ 1637.45	\$ 7235.00	\$1106.67	\$ 6128.33

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

A parish to call home! If you are new - WELCOME!

If you have been away - WELCOME HOME!