



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

Say to the fearful of heart:
Be strong, do not fear! Here
is your God,
he comes with vindication;
With divine recompense he
comes to save you.

ISAIAH 35:4



December 14
2025

3rd Sunday of Advent

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 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

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

4PM † Merilou Pullen
(Marina & Shaun McCaffrey)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

9AM Phoebe & Fabian Gbem
(Anastasia Gbem)

11:30AM Misso Pro Populo

8PM † Emmanuel Bacani
(family)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

No Mass - Advent Reconciliation service

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

9AM † Cecile Lepage
(Doris Cormier)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

9AM † Janine Benson
(Ron Benson)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

9AM † deceased family members
(Lise Harding)

Please join us Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays for the rosary
starting at 11:00am before the daily Mass.

The Gift of Questions

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

We sometimes imagine that a sign of a strong faith is firm conviction and freedom from doubt. However, despite our imaginings, the authentic experiences of saints and ordinary people alike seem to point in another direction. The question of John the Baptist today—"Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" (Matthew 11:3)—suggests that John is filled with questions, and these are important questions because they are asked from the depths of King Herod's prison, which is not exactly the place of idle musings or concerns.

If John, who is a great saint and a man who encountered Jesus and witnessed the powerful manifestation of the Holy Spirit at his baptism, can have a question, doesn't it suggest that questions are acceptable—perhaps even needed? Perhaps questioning is an indication of faithfulness, not a lack of faith. Questions do not suggest that something is missing; rather, they confirm that something is growing and developing. The Baptist could just have easily said, "Jesus, you are doing and saying more than I ever imagined possible. Please help me to understand," or, to quote an unnamed saint, "I do believe, help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24).

God will not shatter, and faith will not collapse, because you have questions or doubts.

Experience suggests that questions and doubts strengthen our belief and our commitment to a life of faith. ●



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Reflect

Do I welcome questions, mine and others, as a way to grow in faith?

Dear Padre,

Does the Bible say that Mary was in her sixth month of pregnancy at the Annunciation?

The announcement of Jesus' birth in Luke begins, "In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph...and the virgin's name was Mary" (Luke 1:26–27). This Scripture passage taken out of context could possibly give the impression that "in the sixth month" refers to Mary. However, it refers to Mary's cousin Elizabeth, who was in the sixth month of her pregnancy with John the Baptist. The proper context is a few verses before this one that reads, "Elizabeth conceived, and she went into seclusion for five months" (Luke 1:24).

Regarding Mary's pregnancy, at the Annunciation, the angel Gabriel tells her, "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.... The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God" (Luke 1:31, 35). Gabriel also informs Mary, "And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren" (Luke 1:36).

In general, women already in their sixth month of pregnancy would likely be aware of their condition, and it would not be easy to conceal from others. ●



Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

We are now taking information on families in need of a hamper at Christmas time. If you or someone you know is in need please call the parish office for more information.



Weekly Stewardship Report

Thank you for your donations! December 7, 2025

Sunday Collection December 7, 2025	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Year to Date +/-
\$ 8937.13	\$ 7307.69	\$ 1629.44	\$ 8463.17

Parish Debt collected—Dec.7 '25	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Sharing God's Gifts collected—Dec.7'25	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-
\$ 197.75	\$ 1052.55	- \$ 854.80	\$ 1028.75	\$1106.67	- \$ 77.92

Note: Sharing God's Gifts weekly numbers above do not reflect Archdiocesan envelopes filled out during the SGG Appeal. They reflect contributions made through your parish SGG offertory envelopes.

2026 Offertory Envelopes

The 2026 offertory envelopes will be available for pick-up starting December 13th & 14th. Please note that if you have a change of address, or email, please reach out to the parish office to make the change.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE AT ST.VITAL PARISH

Tuesday, December 16th from 6:00pm - 8:00pm.
There will be no Mass celebrated that evening.

If you wish to see the various schedules for the Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, please visit their website at
<https://archwinnipeg.ca/deanery-schedules-for-the-sacrament-of-reconciliation/>

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 24th - 4:00pm, 8:00pm
Thursday, December 25th - 9:00am, 11:30am

MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 31st - 4:00pm
Thursday, January 1st - 9:00am, 11:30am



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Kinder Jan. 14 6:30PM
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If you have been away - WELCOME HOME!