



Saint Vital

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mission- 1861
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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



A shoot shall sprout
from the stump of Jesse,
and from his roots a
bud shall blossom.

ISAIAH 11:1

December 7
2025

2nd 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.

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Will You Notice the Shoot?

ANN M. GARRIDO

Today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah

offers a familiar Advent image: the shoot sprouting from the stump of Jesse. The verses immediately preceding speak of God walking through the forest with an ax: "The tall of stature shall be felled, and the lofty ones shall be brought low" (Isaiah 10:33). But now, amidst all the destruction, a tiny sign of new life emerges, and the Spirit of God descends upon it, bearing many gifts—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, awe, delight.

So often, when we scroll through the news, our attention is captured by violence and war and the "mighty" who make great noise when they fall. "Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees," echoes John the Baptist in today's gospel. If we are looking

for where God's Spirit can be found, however, Isaiah reminds us we will need to look elsewhere. We will need to attend to the quiet, fragile resurrections taking place below the surface when it appears as if all has been lost. If we seek wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, awe, and delight, we will need to look where the little ones of the earth are found. We must have our eyes open for the shoots.

The gospels emphasize that Jesus was one such little one. Although the glory days of his people seemed to have come to a crashing close, they have not. In him, we glimpse the truth that life is stronger than death. We see that the future has not been erased, no matter how terrible the past. In him, we find our hope. ●



SCAN TO
LEARN ABOUT
AUTHOR ANN
M. GARRIDO

Reflect

**Are my eyes open to the small signs of God's work
in the world, or am I too distracted to notice?**

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

4PM Thanksgiving
(Lucy Ledressay)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

9AM † Romulo F. Magsino
(Magsino family)

11:30AM † Lucille & Raymonde
(Doris Cormier)

8PM † Helene Nault
(Fr. Michel)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

7PM † John Varghese
(Selin Thomson)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

9AM † Armand & Marie Trudel
(Doris Cormier)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

9AM † Marek Ring
(Monika Ring)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

9AM † Robin Reyes
(Marietta Godoy)

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

Dear Padre,

Do non-Catholics go to heaven?

Yes, they do, because of the grace of God at work in his people. To suggest otherwise would seem to imply that Catholics somehow have a “golden ticket,” or some kind of right that simply does not exist.

The Incarnation of Jesus healed the division between heaven and earth, a division established by the “sin of Adam” and confirmed by our own lives of sin. Through his passion, death, and resurrection, all has been restored to the manner that the Father first envisioned through his Creation. The division was between humanity and divinity, not between religious practices and divinity. Catholics believe and celebrate that God accepts all people of a good heart and a good spirit. God is not blinded by the labels that sometimes blind his people to the bigger reality.

When Catholics, or people of any religion, proclaim exclusivity and specialness, particularly when it concerns eternal life, all people should be very cautious about what they assume. To assume a certain type of arrogance—to yourself and to your belief and life of faith—that excludes others or separates another as “not one of us” simply has no place in the kingdom of God. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, 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! November 30, 2025

Sunday Collection November 30, 2025	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Year to Date +/-
\$ 8548.00	\$ 7307.69	\$ 1240.31	\$ 6833.73

Parish Debt collected—Nov.30 '25	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Sharing God's Gifts collected—Nov.30'25	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-
\$ 700.00	\$ 1052.55	- \$ 352.55	\$ 756.00	\$ 1106.67	- \$ 350.67

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