

# Saint Vital

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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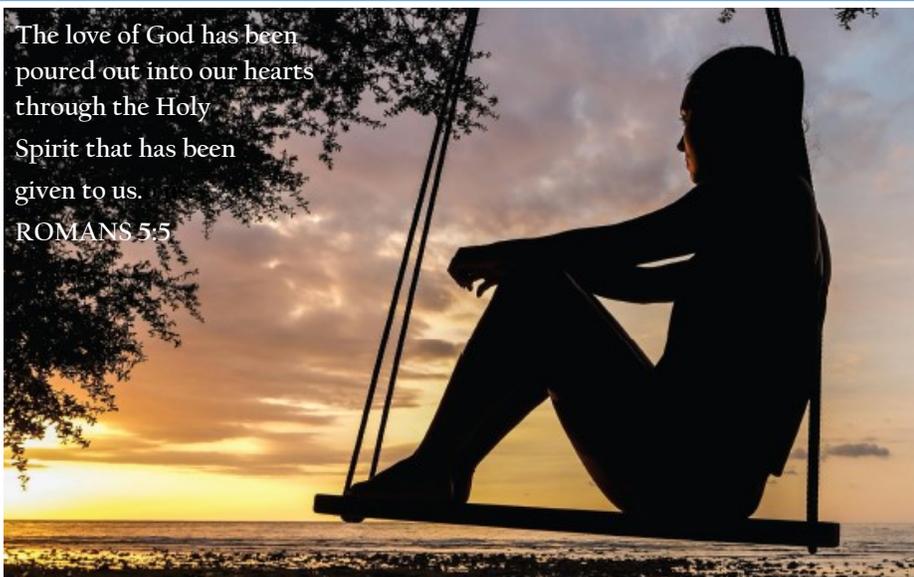
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**LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES: SATURDAY AT 4:00 PM & SUNDAY AT 9:00 AM, 11:30 AM & 8:00 PM**

The love of God has been  
poured out into our hearts  
through the Holy  
Spirit that has been  
given to us.

ROMANS 5:5



March 8  
2026

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

### **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.

#### **PASTOR**

Fr. Wayne Morrissey ext. 270

#### **SACRAMENTAL ASSISTANT**

Fr. Michel Nault

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

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## Are You Listening?

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

**I**f today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” (See Psalm 95.) Our psalm prayer invites us to respond to the Word of God. A positive response should be assumed as ordinary: very few among us would deliberately ignore God’s voice. The challenge is not in responding “yes” to the invitation of the Lord but rather in “hearing” his voice.

There are so many voices that daily compete for attention. We seem to be bombarded every waking moment with some kind of noise that demands attention and action. At one time, Neil Diamond might have been able to celebrate the “Beautiful Noise” of the city, but it is far more difficult for us today. Frankly, the noise around us is deafening, and most people long for true silence, a break in the pattern, a vacation from the frantic anxiety that seems to be present.

A wonderful Lenten practice—indeed, a spiritual practice that goes well beyond Lent—is to freely choose to disconnect from distraction. Resist the temptation to plug in the earbuds. Refrain from the distraction of social media content. Leave your cell phone in the living room, go sit in the backyard, and pay attention to nothing. “Be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:11), the psalmist reminds us. Listen for God’s voice, hear his call, and respond to the invitation. ●



LEARN ABOUT  
THE AUTHORS  
OF OUR PARISH  
COMMUNITY

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH

4PM † Magdalina Jayma  
(Lucy LeDressay)

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH

7PM † Michael Welgan  
(Welgan family)

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH

9AM † Dr. Claude Howard Murphy  
(Roger & Joan Brasseur)

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11TH

10AM Brad Ballantyne & family  
(David Schilling)

11:30AM † Rowena & Fernando Pasadas  
(Mary Roan & Michael McMillan)

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH

10AM Alyssa  
(Mom & Anthony)

8PM Missa Pro Populo

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH

7PM T & A Ross  
(K.E. Suri)

Please join us for the rosary on Wednesday and Thursday morning  
at 9:30am before the daily Mass.

# Dear Padre,

*When I was young, my parish covered all the statues during part of Lent. What did it mean exactly? Do any churches still do this?*

In 2001, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops approved the practice of veiling statues and crosses during the last two weeks of the season of Lent, beginning on the fifth Sunday of Lent. This practice is optional, at the discretion of the local pastor. According to the Roman Missal, “Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.”

Covering crosses and statues in violet cloth in the final weeks of Lent indicates a shift in the Church’s focus from Jesus in the desert (gospel for the first Sunday of Lent) to Christ during his Passion. Similar to other Lenten disciplines of penance and fasting that align us in solidarity with Christ, the veiling custom is meant to deepen our appreciation for Christ’s ultimate sacrifice. It represents our “fasting” from sacred depictions of the cross on which hung our salvation and from images of the saints, who glorify Christ and in whom he is glorified. This concealment creates an absence to make our hearts grow fonder for the Lord, who “bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed” (1 Peter 2:24). ●



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*Fr. Byron J. Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15 '26**  
10AM - 11:00AM  
SCHOOL CAFETERIA

DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR

**SHROUD OF TURIN**

You are invited to join us for a 90 minute presentation on the incredible Shroud of Turin

March 13<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm  
St. Vital Parish

Presentation by  
Chantal and Patrick Fredette

*Who is the man on the shroud?  
At the crossroads of faith and science.*

# Weekly Stewardship Report

## Thank you for your donations! March 1, 2026

Sunday Collection Mar.1, 2026	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Year to Date +/-
\$ 6766.63	\$ 7636.00	- \$ 869.37	- \$ 260.64

Parish Debt collected—Mar.1 '26	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Sharing God's Gifts collected—Mar.1'26	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-
\$ 1309.20	\$ 1053.00	\$ 256.20	\$ 466.00	\$1106.67	- \$ 640.67



## Thank You Trivia Night Supporters!

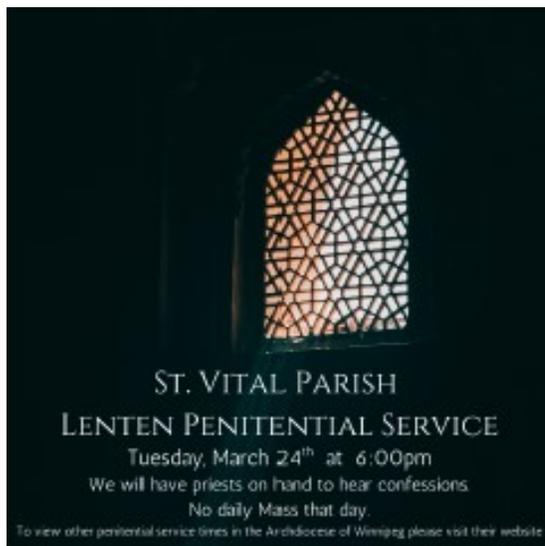


Through the joint efforts of the Catholic Women's League (CWL) and the Knights of Columbus of St. Vital Parish, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our parishioners, participants, and donors who contributed to the success of our **2026 Snow Much Fun Trivia Night**. The event was sold out with over 220 attendees and 27 teams! Your enthusiasm, positive feedback, and joyful spirit made the evening truly memorable. The evening was truly **Snow Much Fun!**

Special thanks to Bobby Silman – Remax Performance, EJ Coutu Funeral Home, Red Swan Pizza (Pembina Hwy), Almond Nail Bar (Meadowood), and Cropo Funeral Chapel for their major donations. We encourage our community to support them and the following additional business donors: Assiniboine Credit Union (ACU), Calabria Market, Murray Chevrolet, Murray Hyundai, Nicolino's, Pilipino Express, Red River Co-op (St. Norbert), Ron V Building Products, Shoppers Drug Mart, and Vector Construction.

There are still three unclaimed Silent Auction prizes (blue sheet tickets: #063494, #063433, #063482) If you hold any of these winning numbers, please contact the parish office and bring your ticket stub for validation. Prizes must be claimed by Friday, March 13.

Proceeds from the evening will go toward reducing our parish debt. A report will be shared soon. Thank you, and God bless.



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