Saint Vital
Catholic Church

September 9th, 2018

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mission in 1861 - Parish in 1914

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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

Beginning 30 minutes before every Mass, weekdays and weekends. (No confessions after Mass).

Ministry Of Presence (The St. Luke Society)

If there are any parishioners who would like to have a visit and/or communion brought to them (at home, in the hospital or in a care home), please email Fr. Mark at fm@stvitalparish.ca or Fr. Colin at fc@stvitalparish.ca or call 204-453-0933. Families and friends of parishioners are welcome to call on their behalf.

Sacrament of Marriage

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, September 10th

No Mass

Readings: 1 Cor 5.1-8 / Lk 6.6-11

Tuesday, September 11th

7:00 P.M.

Readings: 1 Cor 6.1-11 / Lk 6.12-19

Wednesday, September 12th

9:00 A.M. & 9:45 A.M. (Mass at Victoria Hospital)

Readings: 1 Cor 7.1, 17, 25-31++ / Lk 6.20-26

Thursday, September 13th

7:00 P.M.

Readings: 1 Cor 8.1b-7, 11-13 / Lk 6.27-38

Friday, September 14th

10:00 A.M. (Mass at Riverwood Square) &

7:00 P.M.

Readings: Num 21.4-9 or Phil 2.6-11 / Jn 3.13-17

PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, September 11th

- CWL Gathering - 7:30 P.M.
- Knights of Columbus Meeting - 7:30 P.M.

Wednesday, September 12th

- Mass at Victoria Hospital - 9:45 A.M.
- Choir Practice - 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.

Friday, September 14th

- Mass at Riverwood Square - 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, September 15th

- Altar Servers' Workshop - 10:00 A.M.
- Baptism - 11:30 A.M.

Saturday & Sunday, September 15th & 16th

- Catechism Registration & Display after Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 8th - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 P.M. (FC) - † Fidelino Carandang - req. Nora & Apollo Kalaw

Sunday, September 9th - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. (FC) - Missa Pro Populo

11:30 A.M. (FM) - Int. of Msgr. Tom Fryor - req. the Chatto family

1:00 P.M. (FM) - Mass at Cemetery - † Purificacion Velasco - req. Cabug-Ocampo family

8:00 P.M. (FM) - † Robert Chipman (5th Ann of death) - req. family

Monday, September 10th - No Mass

Tuesday, September 11th

7:00 P.M. - † Cornelio Parado - req. the family

Wednesday, September 12th

9:00 A.M. - † Geraldine Marion - req. Marcia Tait

9:45 A.M. (Mass at Victoria Hospital) - Int of Maria Kučarova - req. Ingrid Gocik

Thursday, September 13th - St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

7:00 P.M. - † Jeanne Lecuyer - req. Roland Lavallee

Friday, September 14th - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

10:00 A.M. - Mass at Riverwood Square - † Eloy & Fausta Soriano - req. Fay O'Leary & family

7:00 P.M. - † Rene Lavallee - req. Roland Lavallee

Saturday, September 15th - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 P.M. (FM) - Int. of Gody Gamboa - req. the family

Sunday, September 16th - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. (FM) - Missa Pro Populo

11:30 A.M. (FC) - † Fidelino Carandang - req. Nora & Apollo Kalaw

8:00 P.M. (FC) - Int. of M.D. Bhayana & R. M. Suri - req. K. E. Suri

PARISH NEWS

CEMETERY MASS

This Sunday at 1:00 p.m., weather permitting we will be having our **Annual Cemetery Mass.** After the mass, we will have individual blessing of the graves as is our custom. **Please bring a lawn chair.** Fort Garry R.C. Cemetery address is 826 Crescent Drive, Wpg, MB. If the weather is inclement, the Mass will be held in the church at 1:00 p.m.

Let us pray for the recently deceased
Marguerite Goos and Elaine Summers

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Congratulations to

Duncan Henderson & Sarah Zubrecki

Who were joined in marriage at Saint Vital Parish on Saturday, September 1st, 2018

May you be witnesses to God's presence in your lives by the love you show each other.

Let Us Pray For Health & Healing

Marisa Bucciarelli, Romulio & Leah Magsino, B.T., Angelito & Arman Salazar, Agustina Salta, Agripino Foronda, Andrew Dias, Olive Shachtay, Gerald Shachtay, Deb M., KM, Nicole Savard, Joseph Grant, Marcel Belanger, Fran MacCoy, Leticia Roman, Jeannette Goodridge, Katelyn Scammel, Comfort Mekwunye & Mary Evans.

May they be comforted and given hope!

Please contact the parish office at (204) 453-0933 or office@stvitalparish.ca to add a name to our list.

Stewardship of Treasure
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(Includes Visitor envelopes and pre-authorized contributions)
Thank you for your stewardship!

September 1st & 2nd, 2018

Regular Offertory	$ 8,066.71	Sharing God's Gifts	$ 707.00
Parish Debt	$ 916.20	Social Justice	$ 593.25
Children's Treasure Box	$ 19.00		

PARISH NEWS

Catechism Registration & Display Weekend

September 15th & 16th

Please stop by our display after all Masses where some of our catechists will be on hand to show you our catechism program, answer any questions you may have and take your registrations.

Classes Offered:

Sunday classes for Pre-K to Grade 7- begin at 10:15am

Sunday classes for First Communion Preparation (grade 2) - begin at 10:15am

Sunday Confirmation Preparation for Teens (grade 8 or older) - begin at 10:15am

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for 3-5 year olds – Thursday evenings at 6:00pm **begins October 18th**

Early bird registration ends September 16th, so be sure to register early.

Coffee Sunday!

Join us this Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Everyone is welcome!

Altar Servers Workshop

There will be a workshop for all children and teens in grade 3+ who have received their First Holy Eucharist, who would like to become an altar server on Saturday, September 15th at 10:00 a.m. To register for this workshop please email: StVministries@stvitalparish.ca or call 204-453-0933.

Fall/Harvest Display for the Church

We are in need of garden vegetable items such as **Pumpkins, Zucchini, Corn & Squash** for this year's Fall Harvest display in the church. If anyone has a plentiful garden and is willing to donate any of these items, please contact Candace at 204-453-0933 or Candace@stvitalparish.ca

COMMUNITY NEWS

Life's Vision's Annual Life Hike

Saturday, September 22, 2018 at St. Timothy's Parish (South St. Vital), 135 John Forsyth Rd. Join us in the walk to support LIFE.

Registration is at 9:00 am and walk begins at 10:00 am. Leaving and returning to the church. Fun for the whole family. A barbecue lunch will follow the walk. There will be a bake sale and raffle/auction.

Donations of baked goods for the sale would be gratefully accepted and can be brought to St. Timothy's on the day of the hike between 8:30 & 9:30 am. If you are able to donate any items appropriate for the raffle/auction, please call **Life's Vision at 204 233-8047** by September 19th.

Pledge forms are available by calling the office or online at lifesvision.ca

"Celebrating One Church:

Two Rites Together."

A commemorative historical event celebrating the Archdiocese of St. Boniface, the Redemptorist Fathers of the Yorkton Province, and the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg,

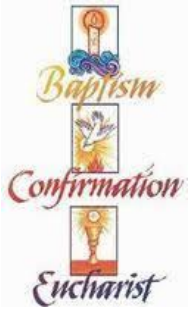
Join Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak, Archbishop Albert LeGatt and Archbishop Richard Gagnon at a special trilingual Divine Liturgy giving thanks for the milestones our Catholic Church has reached. 'Read More' for details.

When: Saturday September 15 2018

Where: St. Boniface Cathedral (180 Ave de la Cathedrale)

What: Divine Liturgy 5:00pm, followed by a Ticketed Reception 6:30pm $30

Tickets available at the Archeparchy Chancery Office (233 Scotia St. 204-338-7801), the Archdiocese of St. Boniface Diocesan Centre or St. Joseph Ukrainian Catholic Church Office (250 Jefferson Ave. (204)339-4512)



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME CATHOLIC OR RECEIVE A SACRAMENT THAT YOU DID NOT WHEN YOU WERE YOUNGER?

*For Adults…..*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The RCIA is a journey of sharing, prayer, study, discussion and celebration for:
• Unbaptized adults who wish to learn about the faith and possibility of becoming a Catholic;
• Baptized Christians from other faiths who want to learn more about the Catholic religion and possibly becoming a Catholic;
• Baptized Catholics who have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation and who desire to enter fully into the community of the Catholic Church.

What kind of commitment is involved?

We ask that you be honestly committed to deepening your own faith life. As a participant in the RCIA process, the time commitment involves weekly sessions that are a combination of learning, prayer, and community. As you enter the deeper stages of the process, participation in Sunday liturgies is also expected. If you decide to discontinue the process at any time, we will respect your decision. Attending Sunday Mass is also part of the commitment. **Begins in October.**

For children and teens… Rite of Christian Initiation of Children or Teens (RCIC/RCIT)

The RCIC/RCIT is a weekly faith-formation, sacramental preparation journey of sharing, prayer, hands-on activities and celebration for:
• Unbaptized children aged 6+ whose parent (s) would like them to become Catholic; they would be fully initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil in 2018 through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist (1st Communion)
• Baptized Christians from other faiths who are in grade 6+ and whose parent (s) would like them to celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.
*Note: at least one parent must be Catholic or could also be preparing to become Catholic

What kind of commitment is involved?
Classes will be held weekly on Sunday mornings from early October - end of April. A parent or godparent/sponsor may be asked to attend each session as well. Attending Sunday Mass is also part of the commitment. **Begins in October.**

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more - **without any pressure or obligation to commit** - please contact Candace at 204-453-0933 or candace@stvitalparish.ca

September 9, 2018
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
By Tom Turner

When you get to a point in life where you depend upon the kindness of strangers for your next meal, you are a short step away from depending upon the kindness of God.

My younger sister tells this story about going to Sunday Mass. It happened years ago while she was living in a Minneapolis suburb. As she walked toward the front door of the church, she spotted a shabbily dressed man asking people for money as they entered church. She wasn't sure what to do if he approached her, so she decided to avoid eye contact and walked quickly into church.

Right before Mass began, she turned around, looked back and saw that the panhandler had now come inside the church and was looking for a place to sit. Like a passenger on a plane with an empty seat next to her, she was hoping he wouldn't take a seat by her. To her relief, the man sat somewhere else. She noticed others looking at him with leery eyes.

During the singing of the "Alleluia" before the Gospel, she noticed the panhandler walking down the main aisle toward the altar. When the singing stopped, the shabbily dressed man walked up to the pulpit and read the Gospel. He then returned to his pew and sat down.

As she and the rest of the congregation soon learned: They had been set up. The shabbily dressed man was in cahoots with the pastor. He was a plant. The pastor came to the pulpit and said, "The message of today's readings is, 'It is the poor who announce the good news.'"

In the second reading, St. James writes about how we treat well-dressed people with deference and people who are in "shabby clothes" with condescension. James then says, "Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith?"

For the past 25 years, I have worked at a social service agency and found this insight by James to be accurate. I am frequently impressed by the faith of those who are poor.

How then do we become "rich in faith?" I think the poor can show us the way. When you get to a point in life where you depend upon the kindness of strangers for your next meal, you are a short step away from depending upon the kindness of God.

When one depends on the kindness of God just to make it through the day, that person is "rich in faith." It explains why the most common answer I hear when asking a poor person, "How are you?" is "Blessed." In the Gospels, Jesus says both the "poor" and the "poor in spirit" (Mathew 5:3) are blessed. So, if we are not materially poor, we still have a shot at being blessed if we are poor in spirit.

What does "poor in spirit" look like? Imagine the guy that James describes: "a poor person in shabby clothes." It's pretty easy to do because most of us see this person every day on a street corner, holding a cardboard sign that says, "Anything helps." This is the person that James holds up as the role model of being "rich in faith." I don't think James means that we are all to become materially poor. Rather he means that our souls should look like that person. On our inside, we should all be holding signs pointed at God that say, "Anything helps."

There have probably been stressful times in your life when you metaphorically held that sign up to God. During that time, you and the panhandler on the street corner had much in common. That desperate surrender to God is what poverty of spirit feels like. The good news, Isaiah says, is that when we reach that point, "with divine recompense God comes to save you."

And that is why having a shabbily dressed person read the Gospel at a Sunday Mass makes all the sense in the world.

St. Maurice School News

The busy-ness of the new school year has already begun! Aside from exciting classroom studies and renewed community building, we are going to see the first team practices for cross-country running and volleyball next week, and the Meet the Teacher event for parents on Thursday after school.

Have a great week Everyone!

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