



Saint Vital

CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 1st, 2019

**First Sunday
of Advent**

Mission in 1861 - Parish in 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

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PASTORAL LIFE

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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 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.

Funerals

It is important when making arrangements for a funeral to be celebrated at St. Vital Parish that one of the priests be contacted prior to meeting with the funeral home.

Fort Garry R.C. Cemetery is private property. All burials and interments must be arranged through the parish office.

Monday, December 2nd

NO MASS

Readings: Is 4.2-6 / Mt 8.5-11, 13++

Tuesday, December 3rd

**** NO EVENING MASS ****

Readings: Is 11.1-10 / Lk 10.21-24

Wednesday, December 4th

11:30 A.M.

Readings: Is 25.6-10a / Mt 15.29-37

Thursday, December 5th

9:00 A.M. - Mass with Gr. 3 & 4 classes

7:00 P.M.

Readings: Is 26.1-6 / Mt 7.21, 24-27

Friday, December 6th

7:00 P.M.

Readings: Is 29.17-24 / Mt 9.27-31

PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, December 3rd

- Knights of Columbus meeting - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 4th

- Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m.
- Women's Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.
- Young Adult Bible Study - 7:30 - 9:15 p.m.

Thursday, December 5th

- RCIA - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 6th

- Adoration 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 8th

- Catechism - 10:15 a.m.
- Children's Choir practice - 12:30 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 30th First Sunday of Advent

4:00 P.M. - † Art Kimery - req. Betty & family

Sunday, December 1st First Sunday of Advent

9:00 A.M. - † Joseph Grant - req. Yolande Grant

11:30 A.M. - Int. of Mercedes Calixterio - req. Sally Bartolome

8:00 P.M. - Missa Pro Populo

Monday, December 2nd - No Mass

Tuesday, December 3rd

**** NO EVENING MASS ****

Wednesday, December 4th

11:30 A.M. - † Mimi Espino & Emily Espino - req. Chatto family

Thursday, December 5th

9:00 A.M. - **Mass with Gr. 3 & 4 classes** - † Myrtle Josephine Barber
- req. Marcia Tait

7:00 P.M. - † Manuel Marques Rodrigues - req. Aida & Family

Friday, December 6th First Friday

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. - **Adoration**

7:00 P.M. - Special Intentions - req. da Costa family

Saturday, December 7th Second Sunday of Advent

4:00 P.M. - † J & L Boulanger - req. Mills family

Sunday, December 8th Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 A.M. - † Jeanne Marion - req. Fern Marion

11:30 A.M. - † Barbara Fiset - req. Marcia Tait

8:00 P.M. - Missa Pro Populo



PARISH NEWS

We joyfully welcomed into the family of God



Zoe Grace Kelsch & Dante Thompson

who were baptized on Sunday,
November 24th, 2019

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are." - 1 John 3:1-

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS! Thank you to all who have volunteered to help us with Christmas hamper responsibilities. We now have all the help needed.

Do you know a parishioner or parish family who are in need of a Christmas hamper? Please contact the parish office.

Thank you for helping brighten the Christmas season for those less fortunate.

Let Us Pray For Health & Healing

Marisa Bucciarelli, Romulo & Leah Magsino, Brenda T., Angelito & Arman Salazar, Agustina Salta, Agripino Foronda, Andrew Dias, Olive & Gerald Shachtay, Deb M., KM, Nicole Savard, Marcel Belanger, Fran MacCoy, Katelyn Scammel, Comfort Mekwunye, Dariusz Thiral, Margaret Veitch, Simone Hébert, Marilyn Crakewich, Rosela Francisco, Beverly Deleew, Grayson Sacco, Helen Gullivan, Marielle Trudel, Sr. Marie Senecal CSC, Sr. Gabrielle Cloutier SG, Yves Raymond, Mary Menescardi, Crystal Smyth, John McCarron, Katalin Koso, Flaviana Reyes, Gerry Regimbal, Colin M., Evangeline Paulin, Giuseppi DeRose, Fr. Moise, Pierre Beaudry Sr., Henry Cyr, Joan Regnter & Shirley Guerette.

"The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up." James 5:15

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

Stewardship of Treasure Financial Gifts to God

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



November 23rd & 24th, 2019

Regular Offertory	\$ 8,227.54	Sharing God's Gifts	\$ 146.25
Parish Debt	\$ 563.75	Social Justice	\$ 126.25
Children's Treasure Box	\$15.60	Second Collection	\$ 1,284.25



St. Maurice School News

This coming Thursday is a very special day for the grade 4 students – they will each be presented with their very own bible. The bible ceremony will take place in the church following Mass with the grade 3 & 4 classes. Grade-level retreats will be held for the grade 10s, 11s & 12s in December, and planning is well underway. Did you know that the school publishes a monthly newsletter? If you are interested in having a look at it, please visit <https://www.stmaurice.mb.ca/> and click on the link called *Monthly Newsletter*.

PARISH NEWS

Sunday Missals - Sunday Missals are still available at all entrances to the church. The Missals cost \$5.00 each. **(Payment may be placed in the brown payment box at the back of the church).**

Readers: You may pick up your copy (labelled with your name) in the vestry.



Attention Parishioners - This weekend, in the narthex/gathering space, you will find a box of offertory envelopes assigned to you for the new year. As we did in previous years, the boxes are in numerical order. Please refer to the parish member list available at the tables to locate your name and envelope number for 2020. To all members who have a box or contribute by pre-authorized method, we thank you for your continued support. It is through your generosity that this parish and school continue to serve our members.

IMPORTANT: Please do not use previous year's envelopes.

Pre-Authorized Contributors - In the narthex/gathering space this weekend, you will find special fund envelopes and contributor cards for 2020 which are available to anyone who is a registered member.

IMPORTANT: Please write your name on the special fund envelopes as they are not numbered.

New Parishioners - Needing envelopes

This weekend, new parishioners, or anyone who wishes to use envelopes may pick up a box of offertory envelopes in the narthex/gathering space. ***Please fill out the registration form provided in the box and place it in your first offertory envelope. In order that the parish list be properly updated, we ask all envelope users to PRINT their full name and address on the first three envelopes used for the year.*** It would be wise for all who regularly put loose money in the collection plate to have a record of contributions for income tax purposes. **Important:** Please do not use the new envelopes until January 1, 2020.

Attention Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist! The sign up sheets for Christmas and New Year's liturgies are available in the Vestry. ***Please Note: We are still in need of many Eucharist Ministers at most of the Masses, please sign up as soon as possible.***

The new **schedules will include the months of January and February**, if you are not available during this scheduling, please notify the parish office.

Attention All Altar Servers:

Please sign-up to serve at one of our Christmas Masses. Sign-up sheets are located on the closet doors where you find the altar server robes. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Little Blue Reflection Books - The Little Blue Advent and Christmas reflection Books are FREE! They are still available at all the entrances to the church! First come first served.



CWL Corner 2019-2020 Theme:

"Care for Our Common Home"

Our Lady of Good Counsel, bless and guide us. Amen.

Memory Angels Sale: After each Mass \$5 each.



Bake Sale: After the 9:00am Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

1st Friday of the month, December 6 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Sign up sheet on table in front of the conference room in the Narthex. Come and spend some quiet time with Our Lord.



CWL December meeting – 7:30 pm Tuesday, December 10. Women of the parish, 16 years & older welcome to observe. *Come and see.*

Thank you for supporting our CWL.

PARISH NEWS

Christmas Cakes for Sale!

Gourmet fruitcakes made by Pastry-world in Yorkton Sask will be sold after the 4PM, 9AM & 11:30AM Masses next weekend, December 7th & 8th. Makes an excellent Christmas gift for family, employees and friends. The cakes come in 2 sizes. The cost is \$15.00 for the small 1 lb round cake, and \$25.00 for the 2.5 lb round cake. Sale is in support of Campaign Life Coalition MB. ***Cakes may be ordered directly through Campaign Life by calling 204-452-2459 for more details.***



Sing Choir of Angels!

Anyone who has already signed up for the Children's Christmas Choir for our Christmas Eve 4pm Mass. **Practices begin Sunday, December 1st from 12:30-1:30pm and run until December 22nd.**



Music Ministry is Looking for New Members

St. Vital Parish Music Ministry is a very active ministry dedicated to inspiring the hearts of our parish community through sung worship. If you are 16 years of age and older, have a passion for music and singing, and a longing to share your time and talents with our parish community, we would love to have you join us! Our rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings. Please contact Jerome at jerome.javier@ymail.com or phone 204-899-5298 for more information.



Knights of Columbus News

Next Knight's of Columbus meeting is scheduled for Tuesday Dec 3, 2019. The Knight's will lead the rosary at 7:00 p.m. just prior to the meeting. The rosary dedication will be for the migrants and refugees who are forced to flee homes due to war and other difficult circumstances.

The Knights extend a sincere thank you for the generous donations at the Pancake breakfast held in early November as well as for the successful Grey Cup Ticket campaign which ended with a Blue Bombers victory. The winners will be contacted in the near future. The net profits for these events will go to support the Catholic Missions of Canada.

Advent Calendars - There are advent calendars available for children and teens on the faith formation bulletin board. Please help yourself!



Young Adult Ministry Christmas Initiative -

St Vital Parish Young Adult Group will be collecting items for donations to the Children's Hospital. Please pick any items from the Children's wish list this year:

Infants: Baby links, Rattles and teething rings, Board books, Baby activity gym, **Sleepers:** ages 3m to 18m, Receiving blankets

Preschoolers: Anything Disney brand, Fisher price "Little people" figures and sets (small), musical toys, Play doh and accessories, Infantino bright starts, action figures, princess toys, Paw Patrol, Thomas the Tank trains/accessories

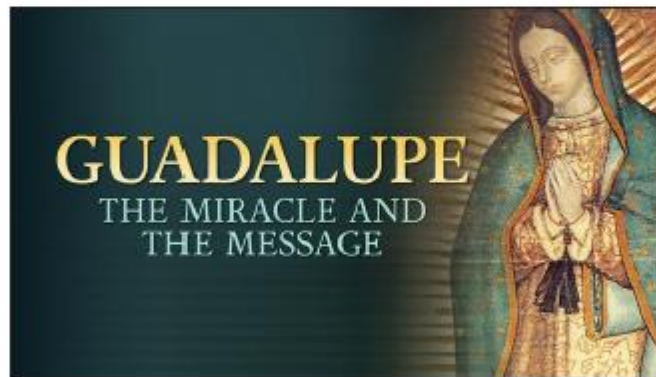
School age: Craft kits, sketch books, Klutz books, LEGO for boys and girls (medium size), remote control toys (small/medium), Transformers or Action Heroes, pop up toys, specialty toys from discovery toys, Card games - UNO, crazy eights, Spot It

Teens: Nail/gel polish, manicure sets, fleece blankets, comfy cozy socks, art supplies (pencil crayons, sketch pads, adult colouring books, fine markers, water colour painting supplies), body wash sets and soaps (youth) - Axe, Bath & Body Works, the Body Shop, metal water bottles, puzzles and teen games, **Sports teams clothing:** Winnipeg Jets, Blue Bombers, Goldeyes team Canada

Please note the following disclaimers : The Children's hospital accepts brand new toys only (due to infection control), no aggressive toys (toy guns/swords), no large toys or large toy containers

Thank you so much for your generosity. Merry Christmas in advance and Happy holidays!

- St Vital Parish Young Adult Group



Guadalupe

The Miracle and the Message

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The Heart of the Evangelization of the Americas

The most important event in the evangelization of the New World occurred in December of 1531. Over the course of four days, the Virgin Mary, as Our Lady of Guadalupe, appeared to an indigenous convert named Juan Diego. As a result of this encounter, the image miraculously imprinted on Juan Diego's tilma (cloak). This gripping film explores both the inexplicable mysteries behind the image and the continued relevance of this Marian apparition to the modern world.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Path of Light

Lord of our eternal day,
you alone brighten our world.
Sometimes we lose our way in the darkness,
and sometimes we make the world a
darker place.
Alert us to the ways we drift into shadow.
Illuminate our hearts
and send forth your instruction,

that we may follow your path of light
and ascend your holy mountain.
When darkness surrounds us, keep us
radiant with hope,
so that all will see and know that you are
in our midst,
you who alone are God.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, December 1, 2019
The Day Is Coming



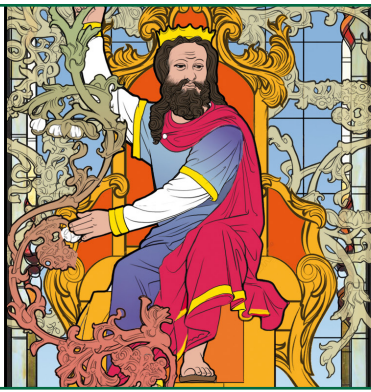
Today's Readings: Isaiah 2:1–5; Psalm 122:1–2, 3–4, 4–5, 6–7, 8–9; Romans 13:11–14; Matthew 24:37–44. Our liturgical year both concludes and begins with readings on the end-times. As we enter the season of Advent, we are reminded that we are not only preparing to celebrate Christ's birth, we are also preparing for his return. The First Reading fills us with hope for the Second Coming, for on that day everyone in the world will turn to God and there will be an end to conflicts and war.

Until Christ comes again, we must “walk in the light” and turn away from dark, destructive thoughts and deeds. When we live as holy, kind, and loving people, we show that we are ready for God's kingdom, even though we continue doing everyday things such as working, eating, and sleeping.

Our lives may not seem radically different from the lives of others, but God can tell the difference.

Jesus warns us of the danger of not getting ready. Disaster struck those who did not prepare for the flood. Disaster struck the master of the house who slept through the swift and sudden arrival—and departure—of the thief. Disaster struck those who were left behind; they were excluded from God's kingdom.

Today we light the first candle of our Advent wreaths. Before you do, sit in darkness. Name whatever evils confront you as you prepare for Christ's return. Then light the candle, and pray for God to expel darkness from you and our world. Rejoice that Christ has already come to lead you into the light of his eternal day.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, December 2 Far and Wide

The soldier is certain that Jesus can heal his servant, even from a distance. He sees that Jesus is the presence of God, sheltering and protecting people. In Jesus, God's holy presence spreads out beyond Jerusalem to wherever Jesus goes, to whoever asks for his help. Use a map to find places in the world that are the farthest from you and pray for the people there. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 4:2–6; Psalm 122:1–2, 3–4b, 4cd–5, 6–7, 8–9; Matthew 8:5–11.*

Tuesday, December 3 St. Francis Xavier

Jesus is the one on whom the Spirit rests, bringing the peace for which people yearn. St. Francis Xavier, recognizing that he was blessed to know the one filled with this Spirit, devoted his life to sharing the Gospel. Although thousands of people came to know God through the revelation of his Son, not everyone welcomed this missionary. But he persisted. Persevere in the Spirit of peace today by letting go of a mean or angry thought. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 11:1–10; Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 12–13, 17; Luke 10:21–24.*

Wednesday, December 4 Food for Life

Every day in our world some people have more than they can eat while others go hungry. God promises a world in which everyone has enough to eat and there are no more tears of hunger, no more pleas for help. By healing and feeding all who come to him desperate for physical and spiritual aid, Jesus fulfills God's promise. This ministry did not end with Jesus. It continues with the next generation of followers: us. Volunteer for a meal program that helps the local poor to share the good news that God is fulfilling his promises. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 25:6–10a; Psalm 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6; Matthew 15:29–37.*

Thursday, December 5 Built to Last

Sometimes we think we're doing what our Lord wants, when we're doing what we want. By becoming human, God surprised everyone and revealed how much about the divine we have to learn. We must listen closely to the words of God's Son and not imagine that we know best. Only when we truly know what our Lord is calling us to do will we be like "a strong city" and a house built on rock. Read chapters 5 through 7 of Matthew's account of the Gospel and reflect on the passage that most surprises and challenges you. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 26:1–6; Psalm 118:1 and 8–9, 19–21, 25–27a; Matthew 7:21, 24–27.*

Friday, December 6 Gifts

God's name is revered by all who long for justice and who turn to him for instruction. Jesus heals the two blind men because they "see" that he leads people to such reverence for God. They're so happy to be healed that they refuse to keep the healing a secret. St. Nicholas, who is honored today, brought joy to people by secretly leaving gifts. Surprise someone with an anonymous gift. In this way, you will revere God, the source of all gifts. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 29:17–24; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13–14; Matthew 9:27–31.*

Saturday, December 7 St. Ambrose

During St. Ambrose's lifetime, many people denied that Jesus was fully divine. Yet if Jesus did not fully share in the divinity of his Father, then God hadn't become truly present to us at the Incarnation. St. Ambrose knew that the Jesus who came to "bind up the wounds of his people" perfectly and completely revealed the love of God. Share God's love today by visiting someone who might feel forgotten or alone. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 30:19–21, 23–26; Psalm 147:1–2, 3–4, 5–6; Matthew 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6–8.*





Born on the wings of the 2002 World Youth Day in Canada, Salt + Light is a unique instrument of the New Evangelization. It is dedicated to being – and helping others become – the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Our mission is to proclaim Jesus Christ and the joy of the Gospel to the world by telling stories of hope that bring people closer to Christ and the Catholic faith. We share the joys and hopes of the Gospel through television, radio, print, and online media. Our work unites people together through prayer, celebration, reflection, education, authentic dialogue and enquiry, thought-provoking reporting and stories of faith and action. We also challenge believers to grow in the knowledge of the faith and the Catholic tradition in its many expressions. We strive to offer an invitation to all peoples, especially those on the peripheries of faith and the Church, to draw closer to the Lord and experience the community of the Church. **Available on BellMTS and Shaw Cable...**



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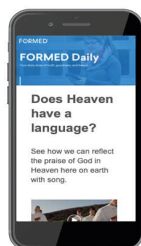
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