



Saint Vital

CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 23rd, 2017
Second Sunday
of Easter

Mission in 1861 – Parish in 1914

Saint Vital Parish is a welcoming, culturally diverse parish in which compassion and respect for all is experienced. As fellow disciples we share our faith in word and deed. We are a multi-generational community in which youth and families play a vital role.

- PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, April 25th

9:30 A.M. - Parent & Tot Group Session

7:30 P.M. - Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 26th

9:30 A.M. - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Thursday, April 27th

5:30 P.M. - Confirmation Prep

6:00 P.M. - First Communion Rehearsal & Banner Making

6:30 P.M. - Adult Choir Practice

7:40 P.M. - RCIA

Friday, April 28th

9:00 A.M. - Mass at Rotary Villa

Sunday, April 30th

10:00 A.M. - Coffee Sunday hosted by St. Maurice Daycare

10:15 A.M. - Catechism

11:30 A.M. - Children's Liturgy of the Word



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PASTORAL LIFE

Sacrament of Baptism

For more information or to schedule your child's baptism please contact Candace at candace@stvitalparish.ca or 204-453-0933.

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 contact Nicole at nicole@stvitalparish.ca or (204) 803-6556. 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 classes. Please contact the parish office.

Let Us Pray For Those Who Are Sick

Jeanne Leckie, Walter Legge, Larry Crowder, Laura Buccini, George & Barb Andrushuk, Andrew Dias, Michael Madden, Aidan Andrew-Hodgert, Gerald Chateau, AnnaLiza Saballa (Lisa), Claudia Sagriotis, Josef Schilling, Loretta Reichardt, Edwin Bermio, Suzanne Moulaison, Marisa Bucciarelli, Lilia Sarmiento, Jen Castro, Winnie Navarro, Anthony Puvirajah, Eddie Ocampo, Olive Shachtay, Gerald Shachtay, and Judith Maguet

May they be comforted and given hope!

Please contact Nicole at (204) 803-6556 or nicole@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 generosity!

April 15th & 16th, 2017

Regular Offertory	\$13,156.50	Parish Debt	\$761.20
Bequest	\$800.00	Sharing God's Gifts	\$467.75
Holy Thursday	\$1,360.90	Social Justice	\$211.50
Good Friday	\$3,401.75	Children's Treasure Box	\$162.90

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 22nd

Second Sunday of Easter

4:00 P.M. † William Durant
- req. the family

Sunday, April 23rd

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

9:00 A.M. - Int. of family of Shelley Baron
- req. Pauline Dowhanik
11:30 A.M. - Intention of parishioners
8:00 P.M. † Herminio, Luz & Eduardo Vicente
- req. Lea Dabalos & family

Monday, April 24th

No Mass

Tuesday, April 25th

St. Mark, Evangelist

7:00 P.M. † Alice & Hipolito da Costa
- req. Angelo da Costa family

Wednesday, April 26th

7:00 P.M. † Deceased relatives
- req. Habon & Halaman families

Thursday, April 27th

9:00 A.M. - Special Intentions
- req. Mrs. M. Goos
7:00 P.M. † Gordon MacPherson
- req. Roth Family

Friday, April 28th

9:00 A.M. **Mass at Rotary Villa** - † Charles Streff
- req. Gerald & Jeannine Chateau & family
7:00 P.M. † Ernesto Ramos
- req. Norberto Quino

Saturday, April 29th

Third Sunday of Easter

4:00 P.M. - Int. of Krista Thevenot
- req. Lorne & Polly Bossuyt

Sunday, April 30th

Third Sunday of Easter

9:00 A.M. † Mimi Olave
- req. Olave family
11:30 A.M. - Intention of parishioners
8:00 P.M. † Cresencio & Pascuala Dabalos
- req. Alfredo Dabalos & family

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Eucharistic Apostles of the Divine Mercy will be leading a service this Sunday, April 23rd (2nd Sunday of Easter) beginning with the Rosary @ 1:30 p.m. and followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. All are welcome. Refreshments will follow.



Parent & Tot Group

Come share in some fun, faith & fellowship with other parents and their children. Grandparents welcome too!

For: Parents & Children ages 0-5.

Next Gathering: Tuesday, April 25th at 9:30am

Where: St. Vital Parish lower level hall.

****bring your own snack For more information please see Faith Formation Bulletin Board.**



Easter Vigil, April 15th, 2017

We joyfully welcomed into the family of God **Brenden Carter Espenell & Jordyn Taylor Espenell** who were baptized, Confirmed and received their First Eucharist

and **Rylen Hunter Espenell** who was Baptized.

"Think of the love that God has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's own children; and that is what we are."

– 1 John 3:1 –

Serving Our Lord & Our Parish

Thank you so much to all who helped make our Holy Week celebrations so special and beautiful! To all involved in the liturgical ministries, the people who separated the palms, prepared the special unleavened bread for Holy Thursday, participated in the washing of the feet, served as ushers and greeters and provided/served the reception after the Easter Vigil. What a wonderful community we have here at St. Vital!

Lost Item: A blue soft cover Indigo journal with dates noted July 2016 to November 2016 has been found. If you think this journal belongs to you, please call the parish office.

We Are Hosting A Huge Yard Sale!

Saturday, May 6th 8AM–1PM

Over 25 tables of treasures, baking, frozen foods and more! Coffee & donuts will be sold in the morning — BBQ hotdogs and cold drinks will be sold at lunchtime. We will be set up in front of the church, facing Pembina Hwy. There will be lots of parking available in our parking lot.

SEE YOU THERE!

Scholarship Opportunity

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Award will be awarded to one St. Maurice graduate and one St. Vital Parish parishioner graduating from high school who has demonstrated a commitment to social justice. The St. Vital Parish Social Justice Committee is dedicated to helping those less fortunate.



Worthy applicants will demonstrate that they have contributed to the community through volunteerism to help those in need. The winner of the award will receive \$1000 intended to go towards post-secondary education. Application forms are now available at the bulletin board near the parking lot entrance.

Completed applications may be submitted to Nicole Savard (office door includes a mail slot and is located near parking lot doors.) by 4:00 PM on May 31st, 2017 in an envelope marked "Attention: Nicole Savard - Social Justice Committee, Award Application".

ST. MAURICE SCHOOL NEWS

On Thursday we gathered for our school Masses. We have a growing music ministry for both age groups (K–6 and gr 7–12), which includes students and staff singing in the choir, cantoring and playing instruments!

This weekend, students who are active in the grades 3–6 chess club, as well as some of the grades 7 & 8 students are participating in an in-house chess tournament. Check mate!

This coming week, students in grades 7 & 8 who are part of the badminton teams will be competing in tournaments, both at SMS and at other Christian schools. Good luck!



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April 2, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I write to you today to launch a new approach to our Annual Appeal, *Sharing God's Gifts*. Our Appeal has been functioning for eighteen years in the Archdiocese and much good fruit has come through the generosity of the people of God! When I arrived in the Archdiocese more than three years ago, I quickly became aware of the need to revisit the operation of the Appeal; this was due to a number of concerns that were being expressed by clergy and laity alike. In response to these concerns, we engaged The Reid Group, a consulting firm, who have had extensive experience with dioceses in Canada and in the United States regarding diocesan appeals, pastoral planning and diocesan restructuring. With their help we were able to embark upon a thorough study of the needs of the Archdiocese relative to our Annual Appeal. We consulted widely within the Archdiocese and we researched other dioceses in Canada and in the United States. The following points are taken from the final report - among the concerns that people expressed were:

- a) To clarify and provide transparency as to where the funds raised in the Appeal are actually being applied;
- b) To clarify the difference between the Appeal and the Parish Assessment;
- c) To determine a more equitable way to set parish goals;
- d) To encourage greater participation in the Appeal;
- e) To ensure that the theology of stewardship was the underpinning principle of our Appeal.

Responding to these concerns, we have changed our Archdiocesan Appeal into a new format which is quite different from what had existed in the past. Our first step was to establish an Appeal Steering Committee and then to consult with the priests of the Archdiocese. In March of 2016, I met with the priests of the Archdiocese in order to discuss our new approach. We had unanimous agreement that a new approach was required in order to move forward. Two specific points were agreed to:

- 1) The appeal calculation goal for every parish should be set based on Sunday Offertory Collections;
- 2) The appeal goal for each parish should be greatly reduced so as to reflect the actual pastoral nature of what the Appeal actually funds. Parish assessments should be increased so as to more accurately reflect what an assessment is designed to cover, namely the actual delivery of Archdiocesan services.

Second, I have written a letter to all Pastors, Parish Trustees and Finance Council members to respond to certain questions about our new approach to the Appeal. I would ask Pastors to make the information contained in this letter available to all parishioners. Third, we engaged Mr. John Nicholson as Coordinator for our Annual Appeal. Since *Sharing God's Gifts* is an Annual Appeal to raise the necessary financial resources for our Archdiocesan outreach ministries, a brochure will be made

available to parishioners in the near future, explaining what our Appeal goals are and how much money will be applied to each. Pastoral ministry including Youth, Social Justice, Aboriginal Ministry, Catechetics, small community support and Vocations will be included in Sharing God's Gifts. A major change to this year's Appeal is that the Appeal will be conducted over a six week period starting on April 30th – in other words it is an Appeal Campaign which all parishes will participate in together! Parishioners will be invited to make a pledge or a gift to our Appeal during this six week period.

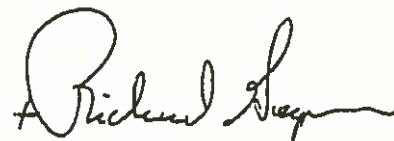
In addition to raising funds for Archdiocesan pastoral ministries, the Appeal has a parish component. With the Appeal goals lowered, parishes will have more opportunities to raise funds above their Appeal goal which will be refunded to the parishes for their own needs. This is an important feature whereby necessary funds for the parish can be raised. This too is a form of stewardship!

I am encouraging parishioners to be willing and able to assist their pastors when called upon to show leadership in our newly established Appeal. Mr. John Nicholson is prepared to assist parishes in organising the six weeks of the Appeal.

I certainly realize that change is not always easy and there can be fears and concerns when we move away from established practices. But change is also a good thing and presents new opportunities. At the Archdiocesan level, we have had to deal with the loss of our first Appeal Coordinator and our newly hired Chief Financial Officer; this has caused a slight delay in our planning. However, I am grateful for the services of Mr. Allan Beaudry who returned from retirement to act as our Chief Financial Officer and for the services of Mr. John Nicholson for assuming the position as Coordinator of the Appeal.

As we will soon begin our Archdiocesan Appeal campaign, I ask for your support and involvement. When rightly motivated we can, with the Lord's help, achieve much good fruit in our Archdiocese and parishes. Let us ask for the prayers of St. Joseph and Our Lady under her Most Holy Name, to help us move forward with our new Appeal Campaign.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Gagnon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

✚Richard Gagnon
Archbishop of Winnipeg



Bringing Home the Word

Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday | April 23, 2017

The Way

By Mary Katharine Deeley

Exaltation, sincerity of heart, indescribable and glorious joy—these are the words that describe the gathering of believers who formed the early Church after Pentecost. Filled with the Spirit, they committed themselves to “The Way” by caring for one another, following the teaching of the apostles, and breaking bread in their homes. Imagine going to Mass every week and being greeted as an old friend or a new one, not worrying whether someone was genuine, and feeling that something

miraculous and new was in the world. Why isn’t it this way in every church? In an age that demands proof, I wonder whether we’ve grown suspicious of faith. In a culture that thinks most people have an angle, I wonder whether we have a hard time believing that someone could love us so much that he would die for us.

Maybe we’ve all become a little more like Thomas in his doubt rather than in his belief. I keep returning to Peter’s words: “Although you have not seen him you love him.”

It takes a remarkable faith to love someone you haven’t seen. But parents do it for their unborn children. We love those who have been taken from us in death. If we can love these, however imperfectly, surely we can love Christ, who died that we might live. Surely we can strive to love all people, known and unknown, because they are God’s children.

In the stories of the early Church, we see the evidence of love—joy and compassion for all. What if every church could do this today? †

It takes a remarkable faith to love someone you have not seen.

A Word From Pope Francis

We are called to abandon the behavior of sin and fix our gaze on what is essential. “A man is more precious for what he is than for what he has” (*Gaudium et spes*, 35). This is the difference between life deformed by sin and life illumined by grace....This love conquers sin and gives the strength to rise and begin again, for through forgiveness the heart is renewed and rejuvenated.

Homily,
Celebration of
Penance,
Vatican Basilica,
March 28, 2014



Sunday Readings

Acts 2:42–47

“All who believed were together and had all things in common.”

1 Peter 1:3–9

“Although you have not seen him you love him.”

John 20:19–31

“These [signs] are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God.”

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

ONE QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

- How do you share the joy and compassion of Christ every day?
- Is there anything about the faith you are reluctant to believe without proof?



Daily Resurrections

By Ron Rolheiser, OMI

What the resurrection of Jesus promises is that things can always

be new again. It's never too late to start over. Nothing is irrevocable. No betrayal is final. No sin is unforgivable. Every form of death can be overcome. There isn't any loss that can't be redeemed. Every day is virgin.

The resurrection assures us that God never gives up on us, even if we give up on ourselves, that we can regain lost

innocence and move beyond bitterness. In a scheme of things where Jesus breathes out forgiveness on those who betray him and God raises bodies from the dead, we can begin to believe that in the end all will be well, including our own lives.

However, the challenge of living this out is not just that of believing that Jesus rose physically from the grave, but also, and perhaps even more importantly, to believe that no matter our age, mistakes, betrayals, wounds, and deaths, we can

begin each day afresh. No matter what we've done, our future is forever pregnant with wonderful new possibilities. Resurrection is not just a question of one day, after death, rising from the dead, but it is also about daily rising from the many minigraves within which we so often find ourselves.

We are human and we cannot avoid falling—into depression, bitterness, sin, betrayal, cynicism, and the tiredness that comes with age. Like Jesus, we, too, will have our crucifixions. More than one grave awaits us. Yet our faith in the resurrection invites us precisely to live beyond these. †

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Salvation Is in the Key of Mercy

By James F. Keenan, SJ

Could mercy be the trademark for Catholicism? After all, we share much of our faith with other Christians and with Jews and Muslims. We even share many things that make up our faith with all people of goodwill everywhere. But the works of mercy—those really are uniquely Catholic.

If we look closely at the Good Samaritan parable (Luke 10:25–37), we see that the story of our salvation is completely in the key of mercy. Jesus tells this parable because he has just given the love commandment, and this parable is the answer to the question, “Who is my neighbor?”

Are we not thinking the answer to the question will be the man lying wounded along the road? But it is not. The answer is the Samaritan. The *neighbor* is the one who shows mercy.

In the first thousand years of the Church, the parable was primarily preached on two levels: first, what Christ accomplishes for us; then, what we ought to do for others. For instance, Venerable Bede wrote that the injured man who lies outside the gates is Adam, wounded by sin, lying in exile outside the gates of Eden. The priest and the Levite, representing the tradition and the law, are unable to help him. Then along comes Christ, who tends to Adam's wounds, takes him to the inn (Church), gives payment (his life) for Adam's healing, and promises to return (our salvation) and take him to where he dwells (the kingdom of God).

By this understanding, the parable is less a story about how we should treat others than it is the story of what Christ has done for us. We are called to follow the actions of the Good Samaritan because it is a retelling of the entire gospel. In a sense, this parable serves as the foundational explanation of Jesus' commandment to love. †

Source: *Catholic Update*,
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Risen Lord, you share with me
God's gifts of peace and
forgiveness. Open my heart
to share your peace and
forgiveness with all people.

*Hopeful Meditations for Every Day
in Ordinary Time*, Rev. Warren J. Savage
and Mary Ann McSweeney


WEEKDAY READINGS

April 24–29

Monday Easter Weekday:
Acts 4:23–31 / Jn 3:1–8
Tuesday St. Mark:
1 Pt 5:5b–14 / Mk 16:15–20
Wednesday Easter Weekday:
Acts 5:17–26 / Jn 3:16–21

Thursday Easter Weekday:
Acts 5:27–33 / Jn 3:31–36
Friday Easter Weekday:
Acts 5:34–42 / Jn 6:1–15
Saturday St. Catherine of Siena:
Acts 6:1–7 / Jn 6:16–21

Sunday Acts 2:14, 22b–28 / 1 Peter 1:17–21 / Luke 24:13–35

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ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Theology On Tap

Spring Series: All young adults (18+) are invited to the spring series of Theology On Tap. Join us for a time of fun, food, fellowship and faith! **Date:** May 9. **Venue:** Johnny G's, 177 McDermot, street parking/parkade across from the restaurant. **Time:** food and fellowship at 7:30 PM, talk at 8:00 PM. Questions? Contact the OYYAM at (204) 452 - 2227 ext. 228 or youth@archwinnipeg.ca. **May topic:** Theology of the Body

Emerge Concert

We cordially invite you to the EMERGE concert, jointly hosted by the Archdiocese of Winnipeg and Archdiocese of St. Boniface. With the grace of God, Emerge participants will be inspired and empowered to share their faith and God's good news of love especially in these trying times. **The event will be held at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 836 Arlington Street, on April 26th 2017 at 7:15 PM. This is a free event; a silver collection will be taken to help cover costs.** Hear and see Chris Bray perform and give a reflection on the theme: "Defenders of the Faith." Chris is a full time travelling worship leader and speaker who has received multiple Gospel Music Association Covenant awards and numerous top 10 and #1 hit songs on Christian radio in Canada.

COMMUNITY NEWS

March for Life

On Thursday, May 11th, 10:30 am, you are invited to attend Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, or a service for the Unborn in the Buntain Chapel at Calvary Temple. The March for Life gathering will begin at the Legislative Building at 11:30 a.m. The walk will begin at noon and will be followed by speakers and closing remarks. Take a Stand! Be a Voice! (We encourage homemade signs that are focused on the value of life without any graphics or negative content.)

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