



Saint Vital

CATHOLIC CHURCH

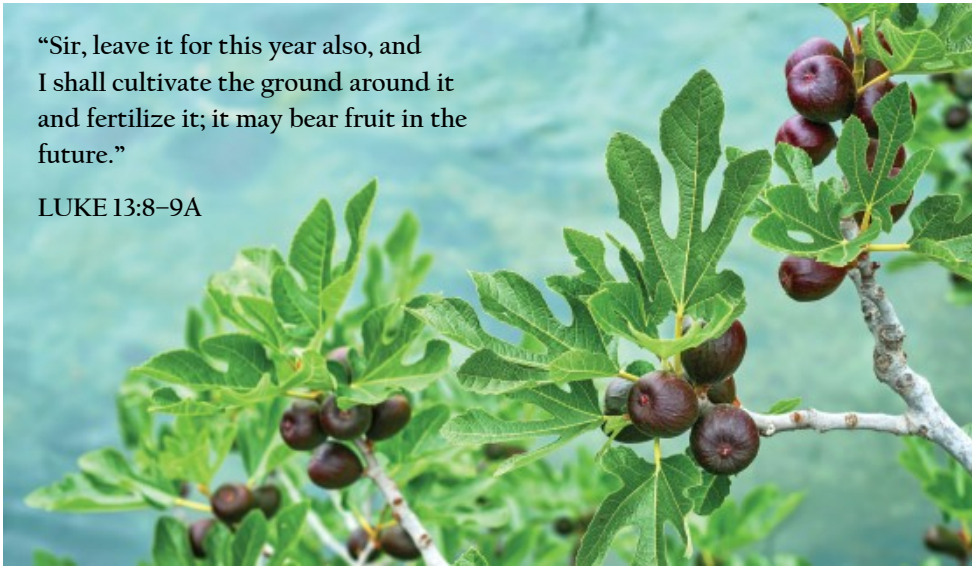
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LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES: SATURDAY AT 4:00 PM & SUNDAY AT 9:00 AM, 11:30 AM & 8:00 PM

"Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future."

LUKE 13:8-9A



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 OR by appointment

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.

March 23
2025

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Fr. Wayne Morrissey ext.285

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MARCH 22ND

4PM † Dr. Gus Lodewyks
(R & J Brasseur)

SUNDAY, MARCH 23RD

9AM Missa Pro Populo

11:30AM † Marcel Joaquin
(Joaquin family)

8PM † Humilta Stewart
(Carol Stewart)

TUESDAY, MARCH 25TH

7PM † Veronika Tralic
(parents)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26TH

11:30AM † Frank & Anna Stuka
(Peter Schilling)

THURSDAY, MARCH 27TH

11:15AM *Funeral for Mr. Gary Back*

FRIDAY, MARCH 28TH

11:30AM † Ramon Roberto Godoy
(Marietta Godoy)

Please join us for the Rosary starting at 11:00am
on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays before the daily Mass

A Gardener God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Charles Baudelaire was a French poet and essayist in the mid-1800s. He once observed that life is like a hospital in which each patient is possessed by the desire to change beds. In other words, he thought everyone seemed to think life would be so much better if only they had a different set of circumstances, a different job, a different marriage, a different place in life. Like trees, however, not everyone grows and matures at the same pace. There are forty-year-olds who still act and think like teenagers, and there are ten-year-olds who have an attitude toward life like that of an elder. Over time, we all grow into the lives we're given.

In this week's Parable of the Barren Fig Tree, some think God is like the owner who planted the tree, as

if God is impatient with us to begin bearing fruit and quick to uproot us if we fail. A case could be made, however, for God to be the gardener who patiently fertilizes and nurtures. In the beginning, it was God who had a garden called Eden, filled with all kinds of trees and plants among which God walked with Adam and Eve in the cool of the evening. After the resurrection, it was Mary Magdalene who went looking for the body of Jesus and mistook him for the gardener. It is God who hovers over us, watering and nudging and nurturing, waiting until in God's good time, we begin to bear fruit. ●

Reflect

***What needs nurturing in my life,
and what needs weeding out?***

Dear Padre,

May I receive Communion if I'm divorced and haven't gotten an annulment?

Yes, you may. Divorce, in itself, is not an impediment to the reception of Communion. Divorce, although regrettable because of the many ramifications that may be part of the experience, is not in itself a sin. There are situations when divorce may be the most loving choice and make it possible for all parties involved to live the lives God is calling them to live.

Remarriage, when a person is not free to marry because of the presence of a previous bond, is an impediment to the reception of holy Communion. Although this situation is more and more common, it does not mean that the law of the Church, representative of the teaching of Jesus, can be set aside. As part of the process of healing from your divorce and moving on with your life, you may want to seek an annulment, particularly if you think you might want to marry again. The annulment process can often be healing and a source of great blessing. It also provides a rare opportunity to reflect on what was lost as a result of the original divorce and what can be learned as a way of moving forward and building a second marriage that is strong and life-giving. ●

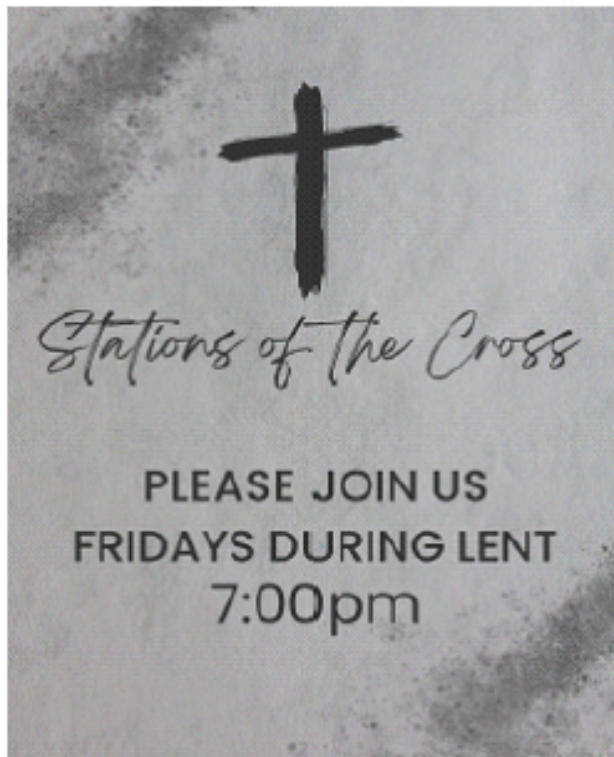


STEVE LOVEGROVE / SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



Weekly Stewardship Report

Thank you for your donations! March 16, 2025

Sunday Collection March 16, 2025	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Year to Date +/-
\$ 6564.10	\$ 7307.69	- \$ 743.59	- \$ 1490.26

Parish Debt collected—Mar 16'25	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Sharing God's Gifts collected—Mar 16'25	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-
\$ 708.20	\$ 1052.55	- \$ 344.35	\$ 705.00	\$1106.67	- \$ 401.67

Chrism Mass - April 15th, 2025

This year the Chrism Mass will be on Tuesday, April 15th at 10:30am at St. Mary's Cathedral. Here we celebrate who we are as a local church, the Chrism is consecrated, and the Oil of the Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick are blessed. All are welcome to the celebration.

Catholic Women's League - General Meeting

The next general meeting of the CWL will be on Wednesday, March 26th
at 7:00pm in the Vianney Room.

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