



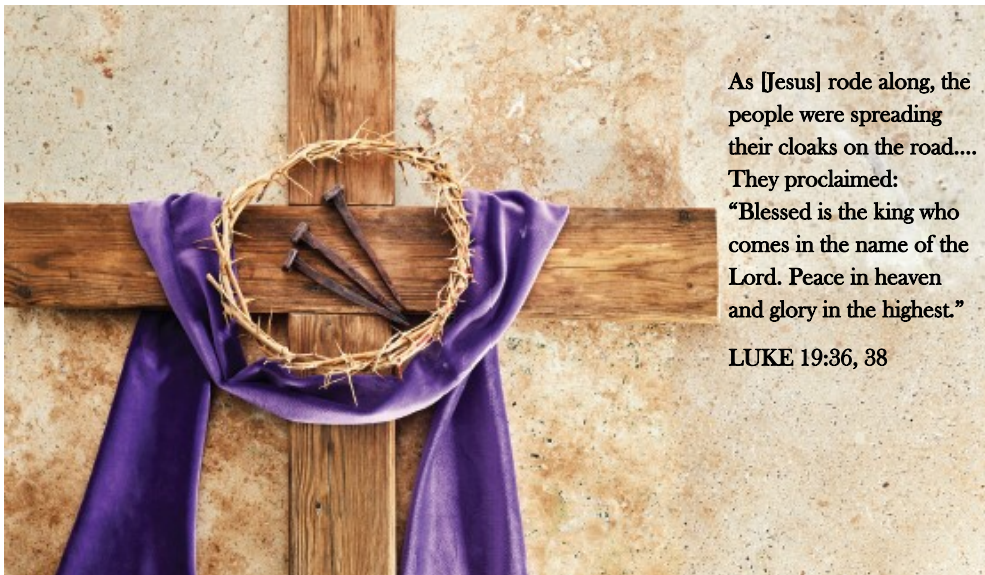
Saint Vital

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



As [Jesus] rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road... They proclaimed: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest."
LUKE 19:36, 38

April 13
2025

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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.

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH

4PM † Ken & Dean Mills
(A. Mills family)

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH

9AM Tiago Booth
(Peter Schilling)

11:30AM † Gerald Cormier
(Doris Cormier)

8PM Missa Pro Populo

TUESDAY, APRIL 15TH

7PM † Matthew Lacko
(Roth family)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16TH

11:30AM † A. Ross & Ritchie family
(K.E. Suri)

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17TH

7PM Intention of Priests

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, APRIL 18TH

11:00AM - with children's liturgy
3:00PM

The Emptying Process

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We like to fill life with good things—good friends, good times, good jobs, good memories. They are all graced moments of life. Life is also marked by an emptying process. Friends move away, good times come to an end, jobs become boring. Saint Teresa of Kolkata (Mother Teresa) once noted how even God can't fill what is already full. The emptying process may very well be the action of God in our lives, emptying us to make room for God's gift of resurrection and life in its fullest.

Holy Week is the story of such a process—one long saga that begins with Palm Sunday as it focuses on how Jesus willingly emptied himself even unto death. The story moves on to Holy Thursday and the gift of the Eucharist to sustain us in the emptying. On to Good Friday, where, once more, a narration in stark liturgical strokes tell of the emptying of Jesus. Finally, the Easter Vigil and the Feast of the Resurrection, the culmination of a journey through death into life. We tell this weeklong story because the story of Jesus is also our story—more of God working in us rather than our own doing. The Jesuit theologian Karl Rahner once noted that one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well. Our willingness to learn that lesson, again and again, is how we begin to share in the resurrection, even as we live our lives today. ●

Reflect

How does my faith help me through times of emptiness?

Dear Padre,

I'm thinking about going to the Easter Vigil, but why does it have to be so long?

When an event seems long, it may have to do with our expectations. If we go to the Easter Vigil and expect it to be like a Sunday Mass, then it will seem long. The typical parish Easter Vigil lasts two to three hours. There are some communities who vigil all night. Why does it have to be so long? Because this is one night of the year when we Catholics tell our whole story.

There are four parts of the Vigil. Part One is the *Lucernarium* (Light) when we gather around the paschal fire from which the paschal candle is lit. Then follows the passing of the light to members of the congregation, who are holding candles. By candlelight, we hear the Exsultet—the Easter Proclamation, sung only on this night. Part Two is the Liturgy of the Word, when we take our time listening to readings, singing psalms, and reflecting on salvation history. Part Three is the Sacraments of Initiation, when new members are welcomed into the Church, baptized, and confirmed, and all renew their baptismal promises. And Part Four is the Liturgy of the Eucharist, when new members receive holy Communion for the first time. The Easter Vigil is rich with meaning, solemn as well as joyful, and to fully experience it, we must take our time. ●



The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

A colorful poster for Faith Formation. At the top, it says "FAITH FORMATION" in large blue letters. Below that, it lists several events for April 2025: "APR 13-20 HOLY WEEK JOIN US FOR THE HOLY MASSES", "APR 6 & 27 SESSIONS 8 & 9 CONFIRMATION SESSIONS", "APR 27 LESSON #9 REGULAR FAITH FORMATION", and "APR 27 GROUP GATHERING FIRST COMMUNION SESSION". The bottom of the poster says "APRIL 2025". The background is light blue with floral patterns.

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APRIL 2025

A poster for the Holy Week Schedule. It features a large wooden cross in the center. To the right of the cross, the dates and events for Holy Week are listed: "April 12 / 13 Palm Sunday Regular Mass Schedule Formal Procession at 9am Mass", "April 17 Holy Thursday 7:00 pm Mass", "April 18 Good Friday 11:00 am Mass - Children's Liturgy 3:00 pm Mass", "April 19 Easter Vigil 8:45 pm Mass After Sundown", and "April 20 Easter Sunday 9:00 am Mass 11:30 am Mass 8:00 pm Mass". The background is purple with green palm fronds. At the bottom, it says "St. Vital Catholic Church".

Holy Week Schedule

April 12 / 13 Palm Sunday
Regular Mass Schedule
Formal Procession at 9am Mass

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7:00 pm Mass

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3:00 pm Mass

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8:45 pm Mass
After Sundown

April 20 Easter Sunday
9:00 am Mass
11:30 am Mass
8:00 pm Mass

St. Vital Catholic Church

A poster for Adoration for vocations. It features a white cloud shape in the center with the text "Adoration for vocations April 22 6:00pm to 6:45pm". Below the cloud, it says "join us at St. Vital Parish for a special hour of adoration to pray for the Lord to multiply and provide for all vocations!". At the bottom, there is an illustration of an altar with candles and a cross. To the right of the altar, there is a circular badge that says "Prayer resources available for all ages!". The background is light pink.

ST. VITAL PARISH
VOCATIONS
MINISTRY

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April 22
6:00pm to 6:45pm

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Weekly Stewardship Report

Thank you for your donations! April 6, 2025

Sunday Collection April 6'25 2025	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Year to Date +/-
\$ 7535.38	\$ 7307.69	\$ 227.69	- \$ 1790.95

Parish Debt collected—Apr.6'25	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Sharing God's Gifts collected—Apr.6'25	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-
\$ 702.75	\$ 1052.55	- \$ 349.80	\$ 543.75	\$ 1106.67	- \$ 562.92

A Message from Fr. Wayne

A big THANKYOU to the Catholic Women's League and Knights of Columbus of our parish for hosting the St. Patrick's Day Trivia Night last month. It was a great success. As well as being an evening of fun and entertainment, the event raised \$3,500 to help pay down our parish debt. The blessings of community-building supported by the efforts of many individuals, too numerous to mention, make St. Vital Parish as strong and vibrant as we know it to be.

Security Note

Church security is more of a concern these days than it was in the past. The possibility of petty crime (and some not so petty) calls all of us to greater vigilance than we might think is necessary. There are a few basic things we should all do, like keeping an eye on coats and purses. Some churches have seen them targeted by individuals from outside who have no business being in them. Generally, be aware of unknown people doing unusual things. Don't hesitate to challenge people who seem to be doing things they shouldn't do, or going places they shouldn't go. We pray it doesn't happen here but we have seen bad things happen very quickly in other places. Careful vigilance is the best policy.



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