



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



Then from the cloud came
a voice that said, "This is my
chosen Son; listen to him."

LUKE 9:35

March 16
2025

2nd 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.

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Embrace the Darkness

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The darkness can be unsettling. As a child, my nightly bedtime ritual included checking beneath my bed as well as in the dark hall closet. One could never know what denizens of harm might be lurking there, hidden in the shadows. As adults, the darkness we fear is no longer what lies hidden about our home. Rather, the darkness we attempt to escape is the unknown forces that have the power to overturn our lives. It is the death of someone we love that plunges us into fear and loss, forcing us to somehow make our way, alone and unsure. It is the frightening medical diagnosis that has the ability to dismantle our planned future. It is the financial security that dissolves before our very eyes. In such darkness, we grope blindly to find our way.

The Book of Genesis notes that a trance came upon Abram, a terrifying darkness that enveloped him. The gospel relays how Peter, James, and John became frightened atop Mt. Tabor when they found themselves in a cloud that obscured their sight. Yet, the darkness became for each of them a place in which they came to know their God in a totally new way; it set them on a new path of faith. It is then that we, too, are forced to surrender trust in our own wisdom.

Unable to see clearly what is in store for us, we can only rely on a new path, trusting that we will be accompanied by our God. ●

Reflect

When has life's darkness brought me to a new and deeper faith in God?

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MARCH 15TH

4PM † Mary Menescardi
(Norma Padilla)

SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH

9AM Francis Schilling
(Peter Schilling)

11:30AM † Raida Varona
(Gregoria Parado)

8PM Missa Pro Populo

TUESDAY, MARCH 18TH

7PM † Humilta Stewart
(Carol Stewart)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19TH

No Daily Mass

THURSDAY, MARCH 20TH

11:30AM † Vladimir Hamin
(Jasna T.)

FRIDAY, MARCH 21ST

11:30AM Members of Bayana family
(K.E. Suri)

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

Dear Padre,

***Does the Church teach how we should dress to go to Mass?
Maybe I'm just old-fashioned, but the way some people dress
seems very disrespectful.***

Church teaching, dogmas, doctrines, and creedal formulations are not the specific resources to consult in order to answer this question. It is properly a matter of discipline and practice, although the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* does direct that “bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey respect” (1387). There are many commentaries on what exactly “respect” might mean.

It would be very difficult to establish a universal dress code. The many different cultures, climates, and particular circumstances of a specific Catholic community make a dress code unmanageable. It seems that you judge the local practice not up to your standards. Your judgment may be correct, or you may have unreasonable expectations. There was a time when “Sunday best” was the established norm. In other communities, the expectation would be “business casual” as a bare minimum. Now, it seems standards and practices are very fluid and flexible. All of this being said, it is ultimately a pastoral concern, not doctrinal or dogmatic. Try not to allow how other people dress distract you from your purpose at Mass. While they may not look like you imagine they should, their prayer might be genuine and heartfelt. ●



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



Weekly Stewardship Report

Thank you for your donations! March 9, 2025

Sunday Collection March 9, 2025	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Year to Date +/-
\$ 6463.10	\$ 7307.69	- \$ 844.59	- \$ 746.67

Parish Debt collected—Mar 9'25	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Sharing God's Gifts collected—Mar 9'25	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-
\$ 174.20	\$ 1052.55	- \$ 878.35	\$ 236.00	\$1106.67	- \$ 870.67

Installation of Archbishop Murray Chatlain - April 4th, 2025

Due to the limited seating in the Cathedral, passes are required to attend the installation. Parishes will be issued passes for the event and representatives will be chosen. Please continue to keep Archbishop Chatlain in your prayers as he takes on his new role with the Archdiocese of Winnipeg.



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