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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



Now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found." LUKE 15:32

March 30
2025

4th 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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God of Justice, God of Mercy

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Life is not fair. Even though we know this, we expect God to be fair, which may be what irks so many about the Parable of the Lost Son. There is a part of our skewed human nature that agrees with the older son in the story. It certainly seems that the younger son was able to have his cake and eat it too, while the older son could only sit by and watch, missing out on the devil-may-care part of life. It didn't seem fair, and the older son said so.

The point of the story does seem to be that God is both just and merciful, but if ever one of those virtues seems to give way to the other, then, from God's perspective, divine mercy always trumps worldly justice. We,

however, think that's not fair. We grow suspect of deathbed conversions, worried that the person is trying to have life both ways. But do we give thought to the suffering such a life without God might entail? The humiliation and near starvation of the younger son as he lived his self-indulgent life?

We think we want God to be fair, but do we really?

In C.S. Lewis' novel, *Till We Have Faces*, one character asks another if the gods are just, to which is replied, "Oh, child, pray that they are not!" Do we really want to be treated with justice, getting exactly what we deserve and no more?

Or do we want to let God be God and be treated with mercy? ●

Reflect

Does my life seem unfair? More fair or less fair compared with others?

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MARCH 29TH

4PM † Tony Vega
(Lucy LeDressay)

SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH

9AM † Ruby Maxwell
(Leslie Maxwell-Joseph)

11:30AM Missa Pro Populo

8PM Ivan Stuka
(Peter Schilling)

TUESDAY, APRIL 1ST

7PM † Veronika Hamin
(Jasna T.)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2ND

11:30AM † Felipe Gobenciong Jr.
(Gregoria Parado)

THURSDAY, APRIL 3RD

Funeral for Shirley Morneau
10:00am

FRIDAY, APRIL 4TH

11:30AM † Wilfred & Humilta Stewart
(Carol Stewart)

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

Dear Padre,

***Is it OK if I receive holy Communion more than once a day?
Part of my routine is to go to early morning Mass in my parish,
even on days I know I'm going to another Mass, like a wedding
or funeral, or sometimes another Mass for that day.***

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that by the very nature of what the Eucharist intends and celebrates, those who participate in the great mystery of our faith should “receive the Lord’s Body” (1388). In other words, reception of holy Communion is strongly recommended and is understood as the ordinary practice for all who participate in the Mass. Proper preparation and disposition are presumed as both necessary and important.

In response to a specific “dubium” or question about this practice and expectation, in 1984 the Pontifical Commission on the Code of Canon Law issued an authentic interpretation of the Church’s understanding of this practice. It mandated that “the faithful may receive the Holy Eucharist only a second time on the same day” (CCC, 1388, footnote 222). This directive is intended to establish the general norm and practice for the reception of holy Communion. Your practice, as a result of this norm, is directly representative of the understanding of the Church. ●

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



Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



ST. VITAL PARISH
LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE
Tuesday, April 8th at 6:00pm
We will have priests on hand to hear confessions.
No daily Mass that day.
To view other penitential service times in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg please visit their website

A BIG THANK-YOU!

The CWL and Knights of Columbus of St. Vital Parish would like to express their gratitude to all parishioners for their donations, enthusiasm and support of the recently held Trivia Night. Congratulations to all who came away with a prize. The funds raised, approx. \$3,500, at this event will go towards our parish debt. Your donations allowed us to prepare 30 baskets and 4 Grand Prizes. We could not raffle off all the baskets in one night, so we will be having another event in a couple of months to raffle off the remaining baskets. You will be notified of this upcoming event in the near future.

Once again, a huge thank you to everyone (attendees, volunteers, businesses, parishioners and their families) for helping us make this Trivia Night a success. We could not have done it without YOU!"

Weekly Stewardship Report

Thank you for your donations! March 23, 2025

Sunday Collection March 23, 2025	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Year to Date +/-
\$ 6779.31	\$ 7307.69	- \$ 528.38	- \$ 2018.64

Parish Debt collected—Mar 23'25	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Sharing God's Gifts collected—Mar 23'25	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-
\$ 244.20	\$ 1052.55	- \$ 808.35	\$ 166.00	\$ 1106.67	- \$ 940.67

Palm Sunday & Triduum Schedule 2025

Palm Sunday (April 12th & 13th) - regular weekend Mass Schedule with formal procession at the Sunday 9am Mass

Holy Thursday (April 17th) 7:00pm

Good Friday (April 18th) 11:00am (will include Children's Liturgy of the Word)
3:00pm

Easter Vigil (April 19th) 8:45pm

Easter Sunday (April 20th) 9:00am
11:30am
8:00pm

Message from our Loaves & Fishes Ministry



Our Loaves & Fishes Ministry has been doing some amazing work over these last few months to help feed those less fortunate in our community. They wish to thank all our parishioners for their generosity towards the food pantry.

At this time our pantry shelves are almost empty. Please visit the parish website for a full list of items needed. Your help is once again greatly appreciated.

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