



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



The peace of God that
surpasses all
understanding will
guard your hearts and
minds in Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4:7

December 15
2024

3rd Sunday of Advent

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 our priest at the parish office at least 6 months in
advance.

FUNERALS:

Please contact our priest at the parish office prior to making
arrangements with the funeral home.

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The Light Side of the Dark

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There's something to be said for kindness. Often when we say to ourselves that something is an act of godliness, it's when someone is kind, especially when it seems to come out of the blue. It's what John the Baptist seemed to be thinking when he said we would be baptized with the Holy Spirit and with the sort of passionate fire that warms and gives off light. Henry James, the British novelist, once said that three things were important in life—the first, be kind; the second, be kind; the third, be kind. Long before Henry James said it, St. Paul wrote to the Christian community in Philippi: “Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near” (Philippians 4:5). God's presence seems to be nearer when someone is kind.

It is curious how in the darkest moments of life, the light of kindness shines more brightly. Natural calamities seem to bring out kindness toward those who suffer. So too, at times of personal tragedies or disasters, when others are grieving the death of someone they love, as well as countless other times when people find themselves lost in the dark. Little wonder then how during this time of year when the days are shortest, and the nighttime dark is longest, that the days of Advent and Christmas seem to be laced with kindness for one another. Then the veil that hides God from our eyes grows thinner, and we catch glimpses of “God with us.” ●

Reflect

***Have you made kindness
a regular practice?***

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

4PM Father Jhoben
(Leslie Maxwell Joseph)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

9AM Missa Pro Populo

11:30AM † Caridad & Mauricio Habon
(Habon family)

8PM † Florival Sousa
(a friend)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH *note change of time

11:30AM † Richard Tremblay
(the family)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

11:30AM † Janine Benson
(Ron Benson)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

11:30AM † Leo Kason
(Marcia Tait)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20TH *note change of time

9AM † Don Marion
(Bev Marion)

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

Note: there will be no rosary on Fri.Dec.20
due to earlier Mass time

Dear Padre,

My family, friends, and coworkers seem to be uncomfortable when I tell them that I've been praying for them. Should I just keep it to myself?

There is nothing fundamentally wrong with telling people you have been praying for them. Most people are probably grateful for such care and support. But it can be a little tricky. If the person believes the praying is actually a judgment and not a blessing, it may provoke a less-than-grateful response. This is where honest discernment on your part is invited. Are you coming across as prayerfully concerned, or is there some criticism or judgment in what seems to be an innocent blessing? People are able to perceive the difference.

Another consideration—and this is not at all unusual as a response in the culture of today—is that some people are very defensive about any religious expressions and do not react favorably. Think, for example, about the different reactions to “Merry Christmas” or “Happy Holidays,” which can often provoke the familiar idiom “them’s fightin’ words.” My best advice is to keep praying for everyone, as no one truly understands or fully appreciates the power of prayer. That being said, temper your announcement when you suspect it will not be well received. This demonstrates a grateful and blessed heart, which is what you intend and hope for, after all. ●

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



MARY LONG / SHUTTERSTOCK

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](https://dearpadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

**Tuesday, December 17th
6:00pm - 8:00pm**

**There will be no Mass celebrated
that evening.**

Daily Mass will be celebrated at 11:30am

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

**We are now taking information
on families in need of a hamper
at Christmas time. If you or
someone you know is in need
please call the parish office for
more information.**

2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

**Will be available for pick-up the
weekend of Dec. 14th & 15th**

Weekly Stewardship Report

Thank you for your donations! December 8, 2024

Sunday Collection Dec.8 , 2024	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Year to Date +/-
\$ 7191.70	\$ 7692.30	- \$ 500.60	- \$ 927.63

Parish Debt collected—Dec.8 '24	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Sharing God's Gifts collected—Dec.8'24	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-
\$ 339.20	\$ 1052.55	- \$ 713.35	\$ 481.00	\$1096.00	- \$ 615.00

Note: Sharing God's Gifts weekly numbers above do not reflect Archdiocesan envelopes filled out during the SGG Appeal. They reflect contributions made through your parish SGG offertory envelopes.

Message from Father Wayne—Sharing God's Gifts Appeal

Thanks to your generosity, our parish has raised \$38,979 so far this year towards our goal of \$57,574 for the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. Let's go over the top! Money raised above and beyond our parish target will be returned to us and used to pay down our parish debt and to support our parish foodbank initiative called 'Loves and Fishes'. Through our support of the Annual Appeal, we add our own gifts and blessings to the many good works undertaken by the Archdiocese of Winnipeg. There is still time this year to make a difference so please think of the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal as you make your Christmas gift to charitable causes. Use the envelopes provided or make your gift through the Archdiocese of Winnipeg website. Either way we bypass the inconvenience of the postal strike. God bless you and have a wonderful Christmas as we all celebrate family, community, and faith.



Father Wayne Morrissey

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Dec. 24th (Christmas Eve)
4pm, 8pm & Midnight

Wednesday, Dec. 25th (Christmas Day)
9am & 11:30am

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Dec. 31st - 4pm

Wednesday, Jan. 1st - 9am & 11:30am

Social Justice Fund - UPDATE

Starting in 2025, we will no longer have a restricted fund called the "Social Justice Fund". It has been determined by our Parish Finance Council that the scope of this fund is too broad to effectively meet specific objectives of our parish.

Instead we have created a new fund called "Loaves and Fishes", where all donations to this fund will go towards filling the pantry, and supporting this ministry's outreach in feeding the hungry in our community.

All reserved funds still in the "Social Justice Fund" will be allocated to other funds to help us better serve our parish community's needs.

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