



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



Jerusalem, take off
your robe of
mourning and misery;
put on forever the
splendor of glory
from God.

BARUCH 5:1

December 8
2024

2nd 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.

PASTOR

Fr. Wayne Morrissey ext.285

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

4PM † Felipe Gobenciong Jr.
(Gregoria Parado)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

9AM Deceased family members
(Lise Harding)

11:30AM Missa Pro Populo

8PM † Emilia Gosgnach
(Elide Gosgnach & family)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

7PM † Barbara Fisette
(Marcia Tait)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

11:30AM † Lorraine Taraska
(Tim & Valerie Fewen)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

11:30AM † Mike Kolkichka
(K.E. Suri)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

11:30AM † Jean Doiron
(Godwin & Maria Cotter)

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

Coming Home

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Coming home can take place in many varied ways. Sometimes it's at the end of a long day when we come home to where we can be ourselves without any pretensions. Sometimes it's going back to the neighborhood we grew up in, to the old haunts that remind us of the dreams we had and how they now seem tucked in every niche. Sometimes coming home is what happens after many wanderings, after we've sown our oats and harvested little and now have nowhere else to go. That too is a coming home, back to where it all began, back to where we dare to hope that life might begin again.

All of this is how the Hebrew people found themselves coming home to Jerusalem after eighty years of exile, coming back to start anew with the hope that their God would once again be proud of them, back to where they could be as God intended them to be. All of that is what we do when we decide we will try to be the sort of person we'd always hoped to become. It's when we attempt a second effort at making a marriage work, or a job productive, or maybe simply putting the pieces of our lives back in some sort of order. It's all about coming back home to God's dream for us, a kind of second Advent, when God comes into our lives and is born once again. ●

Reflect

Have you wandered too far from the values of your true home? Can you find your way back?

Dear Padre,

If Christmas is on December 25, why is the Immaculate Conception on December 8, rather than sometime in March?

The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception asserts that Mary was free of the stain of original sin from the time she was conceived in her mother's womb. Jesus was also free of the stain of original sin and his conception by Mary is referred to as the Incarnation of Christ. Mary's Immaculate Conception is often confused for Christ's Incarnation.

In the Church's liturgical calendar, Mary's conception is celebrated on December 8; her birthday is celebrated exactly nine months later on September 8. Likewise, Christ's conception is celebrated on March 25 on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord; his birthday is celebrated exactly nine months later on December 25.

Mary's Immaculate Conception was celebrated many centuries before Pope Pius IX defined it as dogma on December 8, 1854: "The doctrine that maintains that the Blessed Virgin Mary in the first instant of her conception, by a unique grace and privilege granted to her by Almighty God, in consideration of the merits of Jesus Christ the Savior of mankind, was preserved free from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore must be firmly and constantly believed by all the faithful" (*Ineffabilis Deus*). In fact, eight years before, in 1846, the bishops of the United States had already adopted the Immaculate Conception as the patronal feast for Catholics in this country.



Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| December 9 <i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Gn 3:9–15, 20 Eph 1:3–6, 11–12 Lk 1:26–38 | December 10 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 40:1–11 Mt 18:12–14 | December 11 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 40:25–31 Mt 11:28–30 | December 12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> Zec 2:14–17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab Lk 1:26–38 or Lk 1:39–47 | December 13 <i>St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</i> Is 48:17–19 Mt 11:16–19 | December 14 <i>St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> Sir 48:1–4, 9–11 Mt 17:9a, 10–13 | December 15 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> Zep 3:14–18a Phil 4:4–7 Lk 3:10–18 |



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

By calling us to conversion, John urges us to go “beyond” where we presently are; to go beyond what our instincts tell us....

Let us ask for the grace to believe that with God things really do change, that he will banish our fears, heal our wounds....

Let us ask for the grace of hope....

HOMILY, ATHENS, DECEMBER 5, 2021

Weekly Stewardship Report

Thank you for your donations! December 1, 2024

| Sunday Collection November 24, 2024 | Budgeted per week | Weekly Collection +/- | Year to Date +/- |
|--|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| \$ 10,563.00 | \$ 7692.30 | \$ 2871.40 | - \$ 427.03 |

| Parish Debt collected—Dec.1 '24 | Budgeted per week | Weekly Collection +/- | Sharing God's Gifts collected—Dec.1'24 | Budgeted per week | Weekly Collection +/- |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---|----------------------|--------------------------|
| \$ 64.20 | \$ 1052.55 | - \$ 988.35 | \$ 940.00 | \$1096.00 | - \$ 156.00 |

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.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Sponsored by St Vital Knights of Columbus



The St Vital Council of the Knights of Columbus are inviting children and teens to submit entries for the **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest**. The aim is to allow young people to engage their creative talents and imaginations while understanding the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas. Deadline for submissions is January 17th, 2025.

For more information please grab an entry form from the gathering space where the bulletins are kept.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE AT ST.VITAL PARISH

Tuesday, December 17th from 6:00pm - 8:00pm.
There will be no Mass celebrated that evening.

If you wish to see the various schedules for the Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, please visit their website at

<https://archwinnipeg.ca/deanery-schedules-for-the-sacrament-of-reconciliation/>

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

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