



# Saint Vital

CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Mission- 1861*  
*Parish-1914*

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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



When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] took [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

LUKE 2:22

February 2  
2025

## The Presentation 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.

#### PASTOR

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## Blessings of Many Shapes

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**I**t is always a blessed and holy occasion when parents bring their child to the parish church for baptism. They gather family and friends and proudly present their child to both God and the faith community. Somewhere in the midst of it all, they will wonder who their child will become, what their child's gifts and talents will be, and what hopes and dreams their child will have. Yet like Simeon, who blessed the Holy Family in the Temple, they will also realize that life is not always favorable to us. As Simeon foretold, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many...and you yourself a sword will pierce" (Luke 2:34-35).

Although we recognize that suffering is a part of everyone's life, and we would never wish it upon a child, we might hope that the child does not run from every suffering, for it becomes the path to wisdom and compassion—perhaps the only path. We might also wish on the child a bit of loneliness, for it teaches us to treasure friends. And amid hoping for the blessing of success, losing can also be a gift and a blessing, for it is how we learn to deal with failure and understand the important lesson that we cannot always have our own way. Failure can be the seed of humility. Fortunately, while doing our best as parents, we must allow God to decide how our children will be blessed and what will nurture their growth into the image of Jesus. We simply present them to God from whom they came. ●

### Reflect

**Call to mind someone you love deeply and remind yourself that God loves him or her even more.**

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

4PM † Rogelio Laurel  
(Lucy Ledressay)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

9AM Louis Dias family  
(da Costa family)

11:30AM † Cornelio Parado  
(Gregoria Parado)

8PM Missa Pro Populo

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

7PM † Veronika Tralic & Veronica Hamin  
(Jasna Tralic)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

11:30AM † Phil & Diane Bertrand  
(Lynn Furet Harder)

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH

11:30AM Fr. Vincent OFM CAP  
(Ted V.)

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

11:30AM † Edmund James Hatt  
(Leslie Maxwell-Joseph)

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

# Dear Padre,

*What happened to Candlemas? When I was a child, there was one day when everyone brought candles to church to have them blessed. At the end of Mass, the priest would bless everyone's throats with the candles.*

Candlemas is another name for our celebration of the Presentation of the Lord: the day Mary and Joseph presented their child to God in the Temple at Jerusalem in accordance with the law of Moses (Luke 2:22–38). We remember how the elderly believers Simeon and Anna recognized Jesus as their longed-for Messiah and how, addressing God in a canticle, Simeon proclaimed Christ to be “a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel” (Luke 2:32).

Mass on this day often begins with the blessing and lighting of candles, which the priest and people carry into the church. The name Candlemas springs from this ritual blessing.

The day after the feast of the Presentation is the memorial celebration of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr. According to tradition, St. Blaise was instrumental in healing a person who was choking. The Church remembers this encounter and celebrates the intervention of the Spirit of God through the blessing of throats, using the blessed candles from the feast of the Presentation. It is a wonderful and very practical spiritual practice that is much appreciated and anticipated each year. ●



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

## **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*.



## **DONATION/TAX RECEIPT INFORMATION**

It's that time of year where we are updating all our donation files in order to get ready to print our tax receipts.

If your information has changed please reach out to the parish office to ensure we have the correct information.

If you donate through a visitor's envelope please ensure that your full name and address are on the envelope so we can be sure to credit you come tax time.

## Weekly Stewardship Report

Thank you for your donations! January 26, 2025

Sunday Collection January 26, 2025	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Year to Date +/-
\$ 7432.13	\$ 7307.69	\$ 124.44	\$ 1082.85

Parish Debt collected—Jan.26'25	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Sharing God's Gifts collected—Jan.26'25	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-
\$ 177.75	\$ 1052.55	- \$ 874.80	\$ 186.25	\$1047.81	- \$ 861.56

### Message From - ST VITAL PARISH VOCATIONS MINISTRY

On Feb. 9 we celebrate World Marriage Day, we honor the beauty and commitment of married couples who follow Christ together. Just as the apostles left behind their former lives to follow Jesus, couples are called to embrace their vocation of marriage with faith and trust, journeying together toward holiness. Please join us for a special blessing over married couples which will take place at all masses on the weekend of Feb. 9th.

Saints Joachim and Anne pray for us!

*"" They left everything and followed him "" (Luke 5:11)*



### Helping Hands Philippines 2025 - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus St Vital Council is taking up a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection at every Mass the weekend of February 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to provide care and support in the Philippines. Over the last 12 months, there have been several tropical cyclones, hurricanes and typhoons which have resulted in a humanitarian crisis across the country.

Our council here at St Vital is collecting funds to provide food & clothing to those in need in with the assistance of the local Knights of Columbus Councils in the Philippines.

*Help Rebuild. Restore Hope. Save Lives.*

Donations can also be made via E-Transfer: [council15257@gmail.com](mailto:council15257@gmail.com) Please reference **Philippines 2025**

### Today is Called by Name Sunday!

Help us identify the faithful young men in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg who love Christ and the Church. Archbishop Gagnon is asking all parishioners to submit the names of young men, high school age or older, who possibly called to priesthood. The Archbishop will then send them a letter of encouragement, and the Office of Vocations will offer gentle assistance as they discern their vocation.

Thank you for being the "voice of Christ" and identifying potential candidates!

A parish to call home! If you are new - WELCOME!

If you have been away - WELCOME HOME!