



# 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



[Elizabeth said to Mary,] “Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.”

LUKE 1:45

December 22  
2024

## 4th 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

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## Feeling Our Way

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**M**ost of the time we find ourselves backing our way into the will of God, or maybe even feeling our way into it. There are times when the will of God is quite clear: Should I lie or tell the truth? Should I steal or not? Most often, however, the will of God is not so clear. Too often it becomes a question of how to negotiate an aspect of life that's been handed to us, often a reality we cannot escape. It may be an unwanted divorce, or a son or daughter in a questionable relationship, or an illness that dismantles one's life plans. On the one hand, it is not as if God hands out scripts that we are expected to live by. On the other hand, God is part of all that unfolds. Somewhere in the midst of that is the will of God, which is another way of saying somehow you and I need to negotiate what we never chose, but is now served up by life. Or is it served up by God? Or by our own doing? Or all of that? That's what I mean when I say we feel our way into the will of God.

It is what Jesus sorted out in the desert when he was tempted, "I come to do your will, O God." It is Elizabeth's story of an unexpected pregnancy in her old age. It is Mary saying "Yes" to an uncharted path. Living God's will seems mostly to be a sorting process. ●

### Reflect

***Have you responded with a whole-hearted "Yes" to God's will for you?***

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

4PM † Leona Benson  
(Ron Benson)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

9AM † Fern Marion  
(Marcia Tait)

11:30AM † Gerald Cormier  
(Doris Cormier)

8PM Missa Pro Populo

# Dear Padre,

## *Where does the Hail Mary prayer come from?*

The Hail Mary owes its origin to the rosary. The traditional story of the rosary was that Mary herself appeared to St. Dominic in the twelfth century and gave him the rosary with the promise that if he spread devotion to the rosary, his religious order would flourish. In the twelfth century, religious orders recited together the 150 psalms as a way to mark the hours of the day and the days of the week. In order to pray the psalms, though, people had to know how to read. People who didn't know how to read wanted to share in the practice, so the rosary, or praying on beads, began as a parallel prayer practice. It was a way that illiterate people could remember the Lord and his Mother throughout the day.

The first rosaries consisted of a string of 150 beads, and, much as we do now, a person would pass over each bead after saying a prayer, usually the Our Father. Later, people added the Archangel Gabriel's greeting—"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee"—and later still, Elizabeth's prayer we hear in today's Gospel—"Blessed art thou among women." Finally this prayer was added in the sixteenth century: "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death." ●



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### 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

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

On behalf of the Manitoba Legions, the St. Vital Council of the Knights of Columbus express our heartfelt thanks for the parishioners' generosity of \$550.70 with the Poppy distribution. Total funds raised amongst 6 parishes was \$1,919.25; a \$200.00 increase from last year!

## Weekly Stewardship Report

Thank you for your donations! December 15, 2024

Sunday Collection Dec.8 , 2024	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Year to Date +/-
\$ 6935.70	\$ 7692.30	- \$ 756.60	- \$ 1684.23

Parish Debt collected—Dec.15 '24	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Sharing God's Gifts collected—Dec.15'24	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-
\$ 729.20	\$ 1052.55	- \$ 323.35	\$ 1556.00	\$1096.00	\$ 460.00

**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.

## The Jubilee of Pilgrims of Hope

Holy Years are important spiritual events for the whole Church and occur every 25 years. This Jubilee year will officially begin in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg on Sunday, December 29th, 2024, Feast of the Holy Family.

This is the schedule for the opening of the Jubilee at St. Mary's Cathedral:

2:30pm The Faithful gather in the Cathedral Hall

3:00pm A short ceremony takes place in the hall with a reading of the Papal Decree for the Holy Year. The people will then walk from the hall to the Cathedral as a sign of pilgrimage. Mass in honour of the Holy Family follows.

Reception following Mass.

## 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.

Parish Office - Closed Dec.26th to Jan.1st

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