

St. Vital Roman Catholic Church
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& St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle, Delmas

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Parish Office Hours:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:
9:30 am – 12:30 pm & 1 pm – 3:30 pm
Closed Monday & Friday

Mass Times:
Daily: 9 am unless otherwise noted
Weekend:
Saturday: 5 pm Sunday: 10:30 am



CONFESSIONS: 30 minutes before Saturday or Weekday Mass
or call Fr. Sebastian to make an appointment

December 12, 2021: 3rd Sunday of Advent

In *Luke's Gospel*, John the Baptist is the focus of the expectation in the people who come to him asking what to do. He exhorts them to integrity and charity and announces the one who is to come:

“He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

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| Mass Intentions | | | |
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| Date: | Time: | Requested for: | Requested by: |
| Mon. Dec 13 | 9:00 am | +George Kratchmer & +Agatha Guth | Theresa Eppich |
| Tue. Dec 14 | 9:00 am | Intentions of Albert Lacoursiere | Ray & Rozalie Lacoursiere |
| Wed. Dec 15 | <u>*9:30 am</u> | + Paul Gregoire | Ron & Marie Gregoire |
| Thur. Dec 16 | 9:00 am | Family Intentions | Joan Basler |
| Fri. Dec 17 | 9:00 am | + Jeremy & + Stacey Gregoire | Parents: Bernard & Lucielle |
| Sat. Dec 18 | 5:00 pm | For CWL Members living & deceased | St. Vital CWL |
| Sun. Dec 19 | 10:30 am | Parishes of St. Vital & | St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle |
| Sun. Dec 19 Delmas: | 9:00 am | + Marie Chasse | Bernard & Louise Prince |

Bishop's Annual Appeal
THEME: “To Serve and Give His Life”
OUR PARISH GOAL: \$22,551.00
Pledges as of December 6, 2021: \$10,710.00
Every contribution counts!
We can do this if, after thoughtful consideration and prayer, every one gives according to our ability.
Please continue to pray for the success of the Bishop's Annual Appeal

ADORATION & RECONCILIATION: ST. VITAL
Fridays: December 10 & December 17
6 pm – 7 pm
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RECONCILIATION: ST. JOSEPH CALASANCTIUS
Thursday: December 17: 6 pm – 7:30 pm

Weekend Collection:
December 4th & 5th: \$
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Auto Deposits for November: \$

Our Prayers and God's Healing Hand to all who are ill at home, in hospital, to those taking treatments & those recovering from surgery:
Floyd Andersen, Ron Studney

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE
ST. VITAL
Christmas Eve - Friday, Dec. 24: 7 pm
Christmas Day - Saturday, Dec. 25: 10:30 am
*** No 5pm Mass this day ***
Boxing Day – Sunday, Dec. 26
10:30 am & 5 pm
New Year's Day - Saturday, Jan. 1: 10:30 am
Holy Day of Obligation
Jan. 1 Mass @ 5 pm is the Sunday Mass for Jan. 2
Sunday: Jan. 2: 10:30 am

DELMAS
Christmas Eve - Friday, Dec. 24: 5 pm
Boxing Day – Sunday, Dec. 26: 9 am
New Year's Eve – Friday, Dec. 31: 5 pm
Sunday: Jan. 2: 9 am

ADVENT SEASON

The Advent Wreath is very symbolic.

The evergreens used for the wreath itself are a reminder of **continuous life**.

The shaping of them into a circle reinforces that meaning. The circle is also a sign of everlasting life as well as the eternity of God.

The four candles used: three purple and one pink, mark the Sundays of Advent before Christmas.

Advent Candles & Their Meaning

Advent candles are a part of Christian traditions that serve as a reminder that Jesus came as Light into our dark world.

Each one represents something different:

Candle of Hope (Prophet Candle/ God's People Candle)...purple

The first candle symbolizes hope and is called the "Prophet's Candle." The prophets of the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, waited in hope for the Messiah's arrival.

Candle of Faith (Bethlehem Candle)...purple

The second candle represents faith and is called "Bethlehem's Candle." Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David. This candle reminds of the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem.

Candle of Joy (Shepherd's Candle)...pink

The third candle symbolizes joy and is called the "Shepherd's Candle." The angels announced to the shepherds in the field, "good news of great joy to all people." This candle is pink because, in Christian history, the color rose signifies joy.

Candle of Peace (Angel's Candle)...purple

The fourth candle represents peace and is called the "Angel's Candle." The angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace—He came to bring people peace with God and with each other again.

Light & Purity (Christ Candle) may be used

The fifth candle is white and it represents light and purity and is called "Christ's candle" as it represents Christ coming into the world. It is placed in the middle as a reminder of the preeminent place of Christ.

Upcoming Special Marian Feasts

Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrated on December 12, also known as the Virgin of Guadalupe, is a Catholic title of Mary, mother of Jesus, associated with a series of five Marian apparitions in December 1531, and a venerated image on a cloak enshrined within the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. The basilica is the most-visited Catholic shrine in the world, and the world's third most-visited sacred site. Pope Leo XIII granted the image a decree of a canonical coronation on February 8, 1887, and was Pontifically crowned on October 12, 1895.

CHRISTMAS BASKET RAFFLE

1st Prize: Basket

donated by Judy Lavoie

2nd Prize: donated by CWL

3rd Prize: donated by CWL

Tickets: in church entrance

\$2 eachor 3 for \$5

Draw date:

Sunday, December 19, 2021

Proceeds to Roof Repair Fund

Only 1 week left to get your tickets

Donations of Poinsettias
to decorate our Christmas altar
would be greatly appreciated!
Please drop off at the office by
December 22. Thanks....

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Effective December 7, 2021

Dave McQuaid - Chairperson

Sonja Pellerin - Vice-Chairperson

Ron Sack - Treasurer

Jennifer Picard

Curtis Simon

Garrett Francais

Chris Bajak

NEW 2022
Sunday Collection Envelopes
are ready for pick-up
in the church entrance!
Please stop by the table.....

St. Vital Catholic Parish is seeking a skilled, ethical, confident individual to provide comprehensive clerical and pastoral care duties in our Parish Office, on a part-time basis (12 hours per week, 2 – 6 hour days).

For further information on responsibilities and how to apply, please contact Fr. Sebastian at the Parish Office.

Applications close January 17, 2022.