


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

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Parish Office Hours:
 Wednesday & Thursday:
 9:30 am – 12:30 pm & 1 pm – 3:00 pm
 Closed Monday, Tuesday & Friday

Mass Times:
Daily: 9 am unless otherwise noted
Weekend:
 Saturday: 5 pm Sunday: 10:30 am
Mass at District Care Centre Thursdays: 10:00 am

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

MONTHLY MEETINGS
 K of C & CWL
 1st Tuesday 2nd Thursday
 Mass @ 6:30 pm Followed by meeting

December 3, 2023: 1st Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Date:	Time:	Intention for:	Requested by:
Mon. Dec 4	9:00 am	Int of Bob & Dorothy Caldwell	Karen Caldwell
Tue. Dec 5	9:00 am	+William Hartman	Joan Basler, Ralph & Shirley Schommer
Wed. Dec 6	9:00 am	+Joel Revet	The Mercer Family
Thur. Dec 7	9:00 am	+Crystal (Dyck) Reiter	
Fri. Dec 8	9:00 am 10:00 am	+Katherine Materi Battlefords District Care Center	Ivy Currie
Sat. Dec 9	5:00 pm	+Ron Studney	Deen & family
Sun. Dec 10	10:30 am	Parishes of St. Vital	St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle
Sun. Dec 10 <u>Delmas</u>	9:00 am	+Jerry Iverson	Bernard & Louise Prince

Knights of Columbus meeting
 Dec 5 - 7:00 pm

Knights of Columbus brunch Sunday Dec 3.
 Everyone is welcome!

Weekend Collection:
 Nov 25th & Nov 26th: \$

 Auto Deposits for November: \$

Advent Confession
 St. Vital Church - December 8 - 7:00 pm
 Notre Dame Church - December 13 - 7:00 pm
 St. Joseph Church - December 14 - 7:00 pm

St. Vital CWL.
 To all new and returning members:
 Pay your 2024 membership fee of \$35.00 by
 December 31 and your name will be entered into a
 draw to have your membership paid!
 (refunded to you)

Mass Ministries

	Saturday Dec 2	Sunday Dec 3	Saturday Dec 9	Sunday Dec 10	Saturday Dec 16	Sunday Dec 17
Greeters		Youth Mass		Schwark		Schwark
Lectors	G. Crespo	Youth Mass	B. A Smart	Family	J. Gentes	Family
Ushers	R. Smart R. Falcon	X	R. Smart R. Falcon	X	R. Smart R. Falcon	X
Eucharist		R. Poulin		C. Scherman		D. Mercer

Advent Retreat

Location: Notre Dame Church North Battleford

Saturday December 9, 2023

Time: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Adoration

CWL Fundraising for lunch

Free will donation

Child care to be provided.

Please call **Notre Dame Parish office** to register.

The retreat is free, but there will be a collection for lunch. We will have to know numbers to order enough food.

First Sunday of Advent - B

A Vocation View: It's Advent; almost Christmas! A Season of dreams come true. Be on guard. The Lord may call you to follow Him.

Prayer: That the hearts and minds of those called to serve the Lord as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life will not be lacking in any spiritual gift, but will continue to be enriched in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

Action: DID YOU KNOW...we all have a "vocation"? The way we live our life is our vocation; Marriage, Priesthood, Religious life or the Single life! It is how YOU are meant to live and contribute to the Body of Christ! The important thing is to pray for discernment.

Thank you to Joan Harrison and choir for providing music for Don Vetter's funeral.

Bishops Annual Appeal:

"Believe Love Share...In Jesus"

October 15, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Our Parish Goal is \$20,634

Pledges as of Nov 27 - \$13,975

Every gift is greatly appreciated!

If you have already sent in your pledge for the Bishop's Annual Appeal, thank you for your generosity. If you haven't done so yet and are planning to, the Appeal Office would like to receive all pledges on or before December 31, 2023. If you have lost or misplaced your Appeal information, additional pledge cards are available from your Parish Office.

Please continue to pray for the success of the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal.

Advent Family Tree

In the foyer of the church there will be a Christmas tree. To decorate the tree, parishioners are encouraged to hang "family" photos. These photos could be of individuals, couples or entire families. Please add the name (s) on the ornament. Let's make this tree a symbol of our parish family. It is hoped that when you check out the tree you might learn a few new names!

Advent talk with Bernie Maddaford - Wednesday
December 6 - 6:30 pm in the K/C room.
Everyone welcome!

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." Michah 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.