


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 10, 2023: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Date:	Time:	Intention for:	Requested by:
Mon. Dec 11	<u>*6:30 pm*</u>	+Anne Paradis	Margaret Kite
Tue. Dec 12	9:00 am	+William Hartman	Marie Perlinger
Wed. Dec 13	9:00 am	+Rita Parker	Bernard & Louise Prince
Thur. Dec 14	9:00 am	Intentions of Albert Lacoursiere	Raymond & Rozalie Lacoursiere
Fri. Dec 15	9:00 am	Int of children & grand children	Joan Basler
Sat. Dec 16	5:00 pm	In Thanksgiving	Alex & Helen Scott
Sun. Dec 17	10:30 am	Parishes of St. Vital	St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle
Sun. Dec 17 <u>Delmas</u>	9:00 am	+Bill Cockburn	Karen Blais & family

Roof Repair Update
 The roof repair cost is \$168,464.70
 Donations to date: \$37,839.48
 Although the project is complete please remember it
 is never too late to donate!
 Tax receipts will be issued for your donations!
 Every gift is appreciated!

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)

Weekend Collection:
 Dec 2nd & Dec 3rd: \$

 Auto Deposits for November: \$

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

Mass Ministries

	Saturday Dec 9	Sunday Dec 10	Saturday Dec 16	Sunday Dec 17	Saturday Dec 23	Sunday Dec 24
Greeters		Schwark		K of C		CWL
Lectors	B.A Smart	Family	J. Gentes	K of C	D. Studney	CWL
Ushers	R. Smart	X	R. Smart	X	R. Smart	X
Eucharist		C. Scherman		D. Mercer		A. Lepitzki

**Christmas / New Years Mass Schedule for
St. Vital Parish**

Sat Dec 23 - 5:00 pm **4th Sunday of Advent**

Sun Dec 24 - 10:30 am **4th Sunday of Advent**

Sun Dec 24 - **Christmas Eve:**

Joy to the World Singing: 6:30 pm ..

Mass: 7:00 pm

Mon Dec 25th - Christmas Day Mass **10:30 am**

New Years Day:

Monday, January 1...Mass 10:30 am

Holy Day of Obligation

Christmas Celebration Mass at BDCC
Friday December 22 - 10:00 am

MERRY CHRISTMAS BASKET DRAW

Enter your name and phone number for this free draw. The lucky winner will be announced after Mass Christmas Eve.

YOUTH ACTIVITY...Dec 17 right after Mass for youth grade 7 and older will be meeting to paint Nativity Scenes. No painting experience needed.

Lunch will be provided. Please register with Bernie Maddaford or parish office if you plan to attend so we have enough supplies.

See you then.

CHRISTMAS EVE MUSIC

You are invited to be part of the Music Ministry on Christmas Eve. If you are interested, or have any questions, please email Jean: m.j.koz@sasktel.net. Let's celebrate the birth of Christ in joyous song!

Practices: Thursday, December 14 @ 7:00 pm

Thursday, December 21 @ 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve December 24: 6:00 pm,

Prelude Music 6:30 pm, Mass at 7:00 pm

Bishops Annual Appeal:

"Believe Love Share...In Jesus"

October 15, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Our Parish Goal is \$20,634

Pledges as of Dec 4 - \$15,460

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!

New **2024** Sunday Collection Envelopes are ready for pickup in the church entrance. We have reduced the number of envelopes ordered again this year due to lack of use.

Anyone who had an envelope number above **100** last year has been assigned a new number which corresponds to your name. If you prefer to use Auto-Deposit in place of envelopes, the required forms are on the table. Just fill one in & return to the office.

Diocesan Special Collection envelopes for Auto Deposit users are available there as well.

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.