

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 17, 2023: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Date:	Time:	Intention for:	Requested by:
Mon. Dec 18	9:00 am	+ Cathy Nesselbeck	Jim & Betty Ann Smart
Tue. Dec 19	9:00 am	+Brian Wappel	Nancy & family
Wed. Dec 20	*9:30 am*	+Lloyd Beckman (school Mass)	Vic & Roxanne Stynsky
Thur. Dec 21	9:00 am	+Armand Lacoursiere	Raymond & Rozalie Lacoursiere
Fri. Dec 22	9:00 am 10:00 am	+Wilbert Basler Battlefords District Care Center	Joan & family Christmas Mass
Sat. Dec 23	5:00 pm	+Marilyn O'Driscoll	Margaret Kite
Sun. Dec 24	10:30 am	Parishes of St. Vital	St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle
Sun. Dec 24 <u>Delmas</u>	9:00 am	+Leonard Blais	Karen Blais

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 9th & Dec 10th: \$

Auto Deposits for November: \$

Parish Family Potluck Dinner

Immediately after 10:30 am Mass on **January 14, 2024.**
Bring your favorite dish to share and socialize with parish
family and friends. See you there!

Mass Ministries

	Saturday Dec 16	Sunday Dec 17	Saturday Dec 23	Sunday Dec 24	Saturday Dec 30	Sunday Dec 31
Greeters		K of C		CWL		C. Sapriken
Lectors	C. Thompson	K of C	D. Studney	CWL	J. Gentes	S. Bailey
Ushers	R. Smart	X	R. Smart	X	R. Smart	X
Eucharist		D. Mercer		A. Lepitzki		R. Poulin

**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

We celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent,
Gaudete Sunday. "Gaudete" is a Latin word,
meaning "rejoice."

The Christian steward should be characterized by a
spirit of rejoicing.

Third Sunday of Advent - B

A Vocation View: There was a man ____ sent by
God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light,
so that through this person all people might believe.
Is your name in the Gospel today?

Prayer: That men and women called by the Lord to
be messengers of His Word as priests, deacons and
in the consecrated life will zealously proclaim the
good news of salvation, we pray to the Lord.

Action: DID YOU KNOW..."Brothers" live in
Religious Communities. They take vows and promise
to use their talents to serve God wherever the
Community decides they are needed. Brothers are
not ordained.

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 11 - \$17,045

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.*