St. Vital Roman Catholic Church

11-18th Street East (Box 58), Battleford, Sk. SOM 0E0 & St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle, Delmas

Parish Office Info:

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Parish Staff:

Parish Priest: Fr. Manh Nguyen
In case of EMERGENCY call (306) 980-0196
Parish Secretary: Connie Sapriken



CONFESSIONS:

30 minutes before Saturday or Weekday Mass or call Fr. Manh to make an appointment

Parish Office Hours:

Wednesday & Thursday:

9:30 am – 12:30 pm & 1 pm – 3:00 pm Closed Monday, Tuesday & Friday

Mass Times:

Tuesday-Friday: 9 am unless otherwise noted

Weekend:

Saturday: 5 pm Sunday: 10:30 am

MONTHLY MEETINGS

K of C & CWL

1st Tuesday 2nd Thursday

Mass @ 6:30 pm Followed by meeting

December 8th, 2024: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions Date: Time: Intention for: Requested by: Intentions of Children & grand children Dec 10 9:00 am Tue. Joan Basler Wed. Dec 11 9:00 am +Marcel Lavertu **Chris Odishaw** Thurs Dec 12 9:00 am **Intentions of Hal Robinson & family** Eugene & Annette Lepitzki Fri. Dec 13 9:00 am +Patty Etcheverry **Ben & Darcy Elias** 7:00 pm **Advent Penitential Service** Sat . Dec 14 **Intentions of Albert Lacoursiere** Raymond & Rozalie Lacoursiere 5:00 pm Sun. Dec 15 St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle Parishes of St. Vital & 10:30 am Sun. Dec 15 +Charlotte Lancaster Betty Prince, Corinne, Michelle & 9:00 am **Delmas**

New 2025 Sunday Collection Envelopes are ready for pickup in the church entrance. 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 Collections envelopes for Auto Deposit users are available there as well.

Weekend Collection:
Nov 30th & Dec 1st: \$

Auto Deposits for November: \$

SACRAMENTS: Baptism: To register for baptism classes, call Fr. Manh 306-980-0196, Anointing of the Sick: If you know someone who cannot get out and be anointed, contact Fr. Manh and he will go to their home and anoint them. Marriage: Requires a 6 month notice. Those who wish to prepare for an upcoming wedding, are encouraged to talk to Fr. Manh as soon as possible. Confessions: 30 minutes before the week-day Mass or call Fr. Manh.

St. Vital Ministries for Holy Mass Saturday and Sunday Dec 7 & Dec 8, 2024

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DATE	Sacristans	Hospitality	Readers/	Collection/	Holy	Music
			Commentator	Procession of	Communion &	
				Gifts	Cup	
Saturday	H. Scott	R. Smart	J. Gentes	R. Smart	R. Poulin	Team 1
,			L. Sather	D. Hilsendager	D. Studney	
Sunday	H. Scott	Schwark	Schwark	Schwark	R. Poulin	Team 6
,		family	family	family	W. Bidyk	Fransoo
				·	L.Etcheverry	Family

Bishop's Annual Appeal:

"Bring Your Gifts to the Altar"

October 27, 2024 - December 31, 2024

Our Parish Goal is - \$19,737.00

As of Nov 25 we have 21 pledges.

\$10,187.00

St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle, Delmas

As of Nov 25 we have 5 pledges

\$4,250.00

Every gift is greatly appreciated!

If you have already sent in your pledge, thank you for your generosity. All pledges should be sent in by December 31, 2024.

Knights of Columbus have freshly made sausage for sale after Mass or from the parish office. \$10.00 / pack

<u>Christmas / New Years Mass Schedule</u> <u>Tuesday December 24th</u>

Delmas - 5:00 pm

St. Vital Parish - 7:30 pm

Wednesday December 25th

St. Vital Parish - 10:30 am

No Mass - December 26th & December 27th

Wednesday January 1st

Holy Day of Obligation Delmas - 9:00 am

St. Vital Parish - 10:30 am

The Battlefords Marriage Prep Team is very pleased to offer a Marriage Prep Week-end happening on April 4th & 5th at St. Vital Church, Battleford. If you would like a full itinerary, have any questions or would like to register, please email Fr. Greq @ gregelder@padiocese.ca.

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.

Advent Reconciliation 2024

<u>Sch</u>ools

December 10, 2024, Tuesday, John Paul II - 10:30 am - Fr. Tai and Fr. Greg

December 11, 2024, Wednesday, St. Mary Community School - 9:30 am - All priests

Notre Dame de Lourdes - 10:30 am - All priests

December 12, 2024, Thursday, Holy Family – 10:00 am – All priests EMBM – 1:00 pm All priests

<u>Parishes</u>

December 11, 2024, Wednesday, Notre Dame - 7:00 pm - Fr. Tai, Fr. Manh and Fr. Millan

December 12, 2024, Thursday, St. Joseph - 7:00 pm - Fr. Fai, Fr. Millan, and Fr. Manh

December 13, 2024, Friday, St. Vital - 7:00 pm - Fr. Millan, Fr. Manh, and Fr. Tai

Bishop Emeritus Sylvain Lavoie will be having an Advent retreat in Meota at Our Lady of Fatima church -December 15th, 16th & 17th at 2:00 pm each day. A silver collection is available. He will also have some of his books for sale.

Upcoming Events

December 6 - First Friday Adoration 9:00 am December 10 - Sacramental Prep meeting 6:30 pm

December 13 - Reconciliation 7:00 pm

December 15 - Parish Potluck after Mass

December 19 - Mass at BDCC 10:00 am

December 19 - St. Vital School Mass - 1:00 pm

December 24 - Mass at BDCC 10:00 am

St. Joseph CWL Christmas Tea

St. Joseph Calasanctius Parish Hall Tuesday, December 10th, 2024 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Door Prizes.

All proceeds will go to the local food bank.

Advent Project for collection of grocery items for the soup kitchen located at the Living Faith Church in North Battleford. The soup kitchen serves approximately 75-100 people 3 times a week. We have 3 people from our parish that volunteer weekly. They are in need of grocery items. Flour, salt, baking powder, chicken/beef broth, tang, iced tea, crackers. Frozen bags of individual peas, corn, green beans. Frozen hamburger meat, hams or stew meat for homemade soup. Pasta and rice are provided by the Food Bank. Dates for parish collection are weekend Masses on December 14th & 15th and 21st & 22nd.

Please contact Roxanne Stynsky 306-481-5501 or Kelly Poulsen 306-481-6002 for more information. Thank you for your generosity.