


St. Vital Roman Catholic Church
 11-18th Street East (Box 58), Battleford, Sk. S0M 0E0
 & St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle, Delmas

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Parish Staff:
 Parish Priest: Fr. Manh Nguyen
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 Parish Secretary: Connie Sapriken

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

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

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

December 15th, 2024: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Date:	Time:	Intention for:	Requested by:
Tue. Dec 17	9:00 am	+Ron Zimmer	Fay Keller
Wed. Dec 18	9:00 am	Intentions of Helen Lacoursiere	Raymond & Rozalie Lacoursiere
Thurs Dec 19	9:00 am 10:00 am	+Wilbert Basler Battlefords District Care	Joan Basler & family
Fri. Dec 20	9:00 am	+Lloyd Beckman	Vic & Roxanne Stynsky
Sat. Dec 21	5:00 pm	+Armand Lacoursiere	Raymond & Rozalie Lacoursiere
Sun. Dec 22	10:30 am	Intentions of the Bidyk Family	Knights of Columbus
Sun. Dec 22 <u>Delmas</u>	9:00 am	Parishes of St. Vital &	St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle

It's Fr. Manh's birthday on Sunday December 22. We wish you God's abundant blessings, peace, love, joy and good health. Everyone is welcome to stay after Mass on Sunday December 22 for birthday cake and coffee.

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.

Weekend Collection:
 Dec 6th & Dec 7th: \$

 Auto Deposits for November: \$

St. Vital Ministries for Holy Mass Saturday and Sunday Dec 14 & Dec 15, 2024

DATE	Sacristans	Hospitality	Readers/ Commentator	Collection/ Proc of Gifts	Holy Comm & Cup	Music
Saturday	H. Scott	R. Smart	M.Kozlowski J. Kozlowski	A. Scott D. Hilsendager	R. Poulin	Team 1
Sunday	H. Scott	K of C	K of C	K of C	K of C	Team 5 A. Francois
	Dec 21	& Dec 22				
Saturday	H. Scott	R. Smart	Volunteer	P. Reiter J. Baslor R. Smart	Volunteer	Team 1
Sunday	H. Scott	CWL	CWL	CWL	CWL	Team 2

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 Dec 3 we have 33 pledges.

\$13,207.00

St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle, Delmas

As of Dec 3

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.

Christmas / New Years Mass Schedule

Tuesday December 24th

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

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

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. Greg @ 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.

Upcoming Events

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

NO MASS DEC 26th & DEC 27th

January 1 -Mass in Delmas 9:00 am

Mass at St. Vital 10:30 am

January 12th - Knights of Columbus Brunch

10:00 am - Noon.

January 14th - Sacramental Prep 6:30 pm - 7:30

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 homeless people from the Battlefords.**

We have 4 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.

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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS DRAW compliments of St. Vital CWL. Everyone of all ages are invited by the CWL to enter their name and phone number for a free chance to be gifted with one of two beautiful Christmas items. These items are displayed in the church entrance! The draw will be made December 24th.