

Parishes of  
St. Viator, Dauphin  
Corpus Christi, Winnipegosis

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Tuesday-Thursday 8:30am-Noon, 1:00-4:30pm  
However, Christine is working from home again, so calls will be forwarded to her at home, and she will be in the office on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

**Mass Schedule:** \*Christmas Eve Vigil Mass will be live streamed on YouTube at 8:00pm. Anticipated Mass for the Holy Family will be at 5:00pm on Saturday the 27th. Mass will then be available to view on St. Viator's YouTube or Facebook sites, and through a link on our website.

**Bulletin Submissions:** Submit church related announcements to the office by Wednesday morning to be in that week's bulletin.

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**Baptisms:** Baptism Preparation Classes: By appointment.

Please call parish office to register.

Corpus Christi Parish contact Jo Bunka for Baptism Preparation.

Baptisms will be held by scheduled appointments.

**Marriage:** Minimum **Six months** noticed required. Couples must be practising members of our Parish. Call the Parish Office to arrange a meeting with the priest.

**Ministry of Presence** (The St. Luke Society) If you or someone you know is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office.

**Prayer for Priests and Priestly Vocations**

Heavenly Father, please grant to Your faithful servants, the grace and strength to carry out Your mission for the church each day. Keep our priests close to You and continue to inspire them to serve others in Your Holy Name. Please help to inspire men who are called to a priestly vocation to answer Your call and participate in the fullness that You have planned for them. Amen.

4th Sunday of Advent  
December 20, 2020



**\*Note there are no public Masses until further notice**

**Mon, Dec 21: Office Closed**

(Zephaniah 3.14-18a) Gospel: Luke 1.39-45

**Tues, Dec 22: (1 Samuel 1.24-28) Gospel: Luke 1.46-56**

**Wed, Dec 23: Private Mass Intention: Birthdays of Jesusa Balin & friends, req the Sarcia family (Malachi 3.1-4; 4.5-6) Gospel: Luke 1.57-66**

**Thur, Dec 24: 8:00pm The Nativity of the Lord, Live stream on Youtube: For all parishioners and youth of both parishes, and for the whole world (Isaiah 62.1-5, Acts 13.16-17, 22-25) Gospel: Matthew 1.1-25**

**Fri, Dec 25: Merry Christmas! (Isaiah 62.11-12, Titus 3.4-7) Gospel: Luke 2.15-20**

**Sat, Dec 26: 5:00pm: Anticipated Live stream of the Mass: For all parishioners and youth of both parishes (Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14, Colossians 3.12-21) Gospel: Luke 2.22-40**

**Sun, Dec 27: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

## 4th Sunday of Advent - With Hearts Prepared

Praying, Talking and Living God's Word during Advent



Love

### Love

As the day of Christ's birth nears, we are reminded that we celebrate God entering our human condition. The Gospel reading during Christmas Day comes from St. John (John 1:1-14). It speaks of how God came among us. Let us now read this text: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

To help us enter fully into the Christmas season, we will reflect on this text. When we read this Gospel, we hear a lot about the "Word." Who is this "Word?" From this text we hear that John the Baptist testifies to him and that the "Word" came into our human condition.

What St. John is speaking about in this text is how Jesus entered our human condition. There is a lot of information that we are given in this text. It is an important teaching. St. John is trying to communicate to us that Jesus is God. SAY WHAT?

If we are to look more carefully at the text, we hear "the Word was with God and the Word was God ... and the Word became flesh and lived among us." (John 1:1;14) Jesus is God who came into our human condition to unite us together. This is the great gift of Christmas that God gave us. God came to live among us and bring us salvation through the "Word" which is Jesus. During the Advent Season, we hear the word "Emmanuel" being used. "Emmanuel" means "God is with us."

Are you still scratching your head wondering how Jesus is God (divine) and human? You are not the only ones to struggle with this concept. In the 4th century, the Church struggled to understand the humanity and divinity of Jesus. How can one individual be both human and divine?

Well, this is where faith calls us to re-examine the words of St. John and hear what the Church teaches us. The word the Church uses to describe how Jesus assumed human form but remained divine is Incarnation. To better remember this word, Jesus "became truly man while remaining truly God" (CCC # 464). This is what St. John was saying when stated that "the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." The "Word" is God and God entered our human condition in Jesus who assumed human form. To help in your understanding of Jesus as the Incarnation, listen to the words of St. Athanasius: "God assumed human form, so that we might become like God." St. Athanasius is saying that God wants to be a part of our lives, so that we can be with him. Without Jesus coming to the earth, our hope of salvation would not exist. It is out of great love that God came down to earth and this is the true gift of Christmas.

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## LIVING GOD'S WORD

For this week's act of service, there are three options available:

1. As a family, go to a local food bank and volunteer an hour or two by helping them put together food packages for families in need.
2. As a family, prepare a care package for a family in your community that requires a little extra help at this time.
3. As a family, invite another family in the community to come over for a meal and learn something new about them.



### An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.

Please remember the Church financially. We still need your donations as our bills don't stop for COVID-19. A highly recommended option is to sign up for Pre Authorized Chequing. We thank you for your donations and for thinking of your parish during this time.

#### **Financial Corner:**

St. Viator's Parish # of envelopes = 15  
Sunday, Dec 13 Collection = \$1355  
Non envelope holder = \$1000  
Sharing God's gifts = \$505  
Geothermal = \$1570  
Pre-Authorized payments = \$982.50/week  
Total amount to date for Geo-Thermal Project = \$124,307.28  
Corpus Christi # of envelopes =  
Sunday, Dec 13 Collection = \$  
Sharing God's Gifts = \$

### **\*\*2021 Envelopes are Ready for Pickup!\*\***

Envelopes are now on tables in the foyer of the church.

The church is open between 8:30am and Noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Please pick up at your earliest convenience and also pick up your friends or neighbors and place in their mailbox for them!

### **Will you help us Pray?**

The St. Viator's Catholic Women's League has organized a Prayer Network. Anyone who has a prayer request, for example, for health, successful surgery, or any need, can call Donna Spack at 204-638-9889. She then calls 2



volunteers, who each call 2 volunteers and so on. This results in many extra people praying for you or your loved ones. Names do not have to be given, and information is completely confidential. The more people we have on our prayer fan, the more people we have praying for each other's needs, so please consider the vocation of praying for others.

The Prayer Network, through prayer, will place your prayer request in the hands of the Lord.

# This Week on Formed:



## Advent

This Advent prepare your heart through this exploration of the mystery of the Incarnation, the Virgin Birth, and the events surrounding the arrival of Jesus Christ.



## Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession

This past Sunday, John the Baptist urged us to repent! This episode of Forgiven provides insights into all the details of Confession as we heed this call for repentance!

## A Visit from an Angel

But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. Luke 1:30-31  
Based on Luke 1:26-38 (NIV)



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## Also on Formed:



She's wondering if life has a purpose

We'll help you light her path. The Search is a new video-based program that removes barriers to the Gospel by engaging life's big questions. Our Church and its people are facing a time of trial. The Search will help encourage and inspire you