

St. John Cantius Church

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Holy Eucharist

Tuesday	6:30 pm
Wednesday-Friday	9:30 am
Saturday (Vigil)	4:30 pm
Sunday	10:00 am 12:30 pm

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:45 – 4:15 pm
or by appointment (contact parish office)

Baptism

Parents/Godparents are required to attend the Baptismal Preparation Workshop.

Matrimony

Arrangements for preparation and celebration should be made at least six months in advance.

Anointing of the sick & Shut-in visits

For emergencies, you may contact the parish office.

Christian Funeral

Contact the parish office before finalizing arrangements with funeral directors.

Rev. Fr. Yolando Gamallo, Pastor

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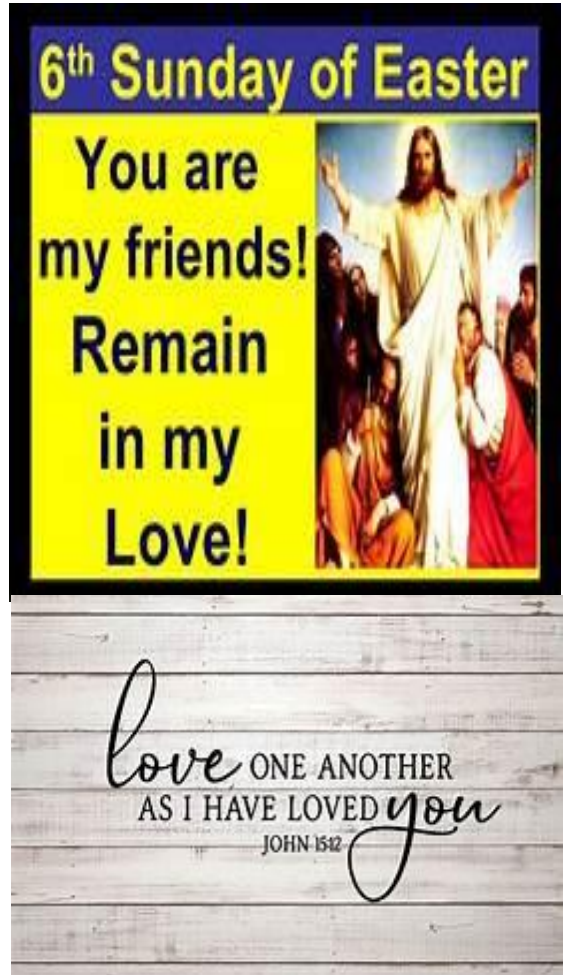
Parish Office Hours

Tuesday – Friday

8:30 am – 12 pm / 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

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May 12, 2024

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Today's Focus: Get to Work!

There are plenty of things in this life that can occupy our time without really accomplishing anything, whether alone or with others. Eventually, however, the time comes to get to work!

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

How ought we live in light of Jesus' apparent absence? This is no hypothetical but a question that perplexed the early church and that the Acts account of the Ascension attempts to answer. Addressed to Theophilus, literally friend or beloved of God, it concludes with the apostles gawking at Jesus' absence. The two men's response recalls the advice Jesus gives earlier, namely, to wait. This is no inert waiting. Though the apostle knows neither the times nor the seasons, "through the Holy Spirit" they will be agents of Jesus' work "to the ends of the earth." We might hear this text as addressed to us, who as God's friends can trust divine plans even though mysterious. Our Spirit-empowered waiting can entail active witnessing with our own lives and words to the Good News.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-13 [4:1-7,11-13]

Our second reading briefly references Jesus' ascension and connects it to his descent, that is, to his life on earth. The purpose of Jesus' spatial presence on earth and then through and "far above all the heavens" is cosmic, "that he might fill all things." Our reading opens with Paul identifying himself as incarcerated, as bound by chains. He urges his audience to a life informed by virtue and bound together with others in peace. Ephesians imagines a diversity of gifts but all in the service of unity. The life of faith should not atomize us but should draw us together into community with all people, and as Ephesians' cosmic vision seems to suggest, with all creation because God is "over all and through all and in all."

GOSPEL: Mark 16:15-20

As we recall from our Easter Sunday reflections, most scholars believe that Mark originally ended at 16:8, perhaps as a way of maintaining focus on the suffering that the life of faith surely entails without passing too quickly to the joy of resurrection. It is likely that editors, perhaps drawing from other Gospels, added the concluding verses to make Mark more palatable. Strikingly, Jesus' commission is to announce the good news "to every creature" and not just to "all nations" as in Matthew and Luke. The verses about snakes and deadly drinks are odd. Surely Jesus is not urging us to test God by seeking out snakes and poison, but to trust God in the face of potentially lethal adversity. Our reading concludes with ebullience (lively & enthusiastic). As Jesus ascends, the disciples disperse to preach "everywhere," accompanied by God, who can be trusted.

REFLECTIONS:

- ❖ What gifts do you have to proclaim the gospel in concrete ways?
- ❖ How will you use one of those gifts to be a living gospel today or this week?



CWL Rosary ☩ Intention for the month

Month of May is dedicated to the Holy Mother. Pray the rosary for Peace in the World, especially this day when there is so much war and violence going on, causing pain and suffering to people all over the world.

Amen

Congratulations to our First Communicants 2023-2024

Theia Angeles
Riley Arroyos
Luke Ayroso
Reyhan Batac
Finn Batoon
Jaded Borja
Denver Buno
Anica Cuevas
Madison Dolor
Nathan Dominguez
Danicah Dungo
Austin Duque

Celestine Gardiola
Alexa Gementiza
Alexis Isidro
Jace Jimenez
Nylah Lendor
Jasmine Lobchuk
Kaydence Magpantay
Isabella Parto
Gabriel Pesigan
Jaden Quinto
Alexa Rapisura
Cataleya Rapisura

Aleisha Vianney Sanchez
Leighyanna Santiago
Rhyana Santiago
Monique Santos
Nicaella Santos
Raynier Santos
Nicholo Sena
Antoine Tined
Antrey Tined
Alaine Torres
Nathan Yamson

Thanks to our Catechists

Catechism Coordinator: Dianne Aquino

Level 1: Elmyra Robillon

Level 2: Desiree De Leon, Jolisa Pura, Charisse Pura & Marie Pellerin

Level 3: Laraine Piscasio

Level 4: Anna Cruz

Level 5: Michele Majul-Ibarra

Level 6: Marivic Ebalde

Level 7: Hazel Bagalay

Level 8: Nueva Mabilen

Confirmation Preps Course: Angela Kaufmann

Special Thanks: Cathy Escoto, Twinky Lluisma & Mon Camus

SCHEDULE FOR May 7-12, 2024

As circumstances suggest, the schedule published here may be subject to change.

DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
May 6-10		PRIEST'S RETREAT NO MASS
May 11	Sat	11:00 AM Baptism 4:30 PM MASS: FIRST COMMUNION 1. + Adriano & Paula Sulit
May 12	Sun	10:00 AM MASS: FOR ALL MOTHERS' 1.+ Adriano & Paula Sulit 12:30 PM MASS: FOR ALL MOTHERS' 1. + Antonio & Elena Pakingan by Ellen Carillo

SOLIDARITY FUND

DONATIONS	2023	Apr 2024	TOTAL
SJCC	\$ 2,136.00	370.00	\$ 2,506.00
Archdiocese	\$ 8,141.20	425.00	\$ 8,566.20
Total-to- date	\$10,277.20	795.00	\$ 11,072.20



Sol Dian Sanchez
May 11, 2024

Sunday Collections 2024
Apr 28 \$ 4,617.00

Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)
May - donations \$2,264.00

E-Transfers
Apr - donations \$3,320.00

Moneris (Archdiocese of Winnipeg) \$120.00

2024 Sharing God's Gifts Appeal

Appeal Target \$31,157.00
April 1,938.00
Donation to-date 6,098.00
Total \$25,059.00

Insurance 2024

Target \$30,000.00
Mar-donations 310.00
Apr.-donations 633.00
Total \$29,057.00

Thank you to all the families who are helping our parish meet our 2024 target. May God reward you generously!

