

# St. John Cantius Church

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**December 22, 2024**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

## Holy Eucharist

Tuesday	6:30 pm
Wednesday-Friday	9:30 am
Saturday (Vigil)	4:30pm
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

## E-Transfer Email to:

**[Stjohncantiuschurchdonation@gmail.com](mailto:Stjohncantiuschurchdonation@gmail.com)**



**DECEMBER 29, 2024**

**HOLY FAMILY**

***Today's Focus: The School of Faith***

*We think of church, or perhaps religious education classes, or a parish school as the places we learn about faith. But none of these is more central to learning to live our faith than the household and family.*

FIRST READING: 1Samuel 1.20-22, 24-28

*For as long as he lives, Samuel is given to the Lord.*

Earlier in First Samuel, Hannah had prayed fervently at the altar at Shilo (this story predates the Jerusalem temple). Though beloved by her husband, she had no children. She makes a vow that if God blesses her with a son, she will dedicate him to God, and adds, "No razor shall ever touch his head" (1Samuel1:11). The second promise indicates a Nazarite vow (Numbers 6:4-5), which designated a person as holy to the Lord. In today's reading, Hannah fulfills her vow, bringing the young Samuel to serve the priest Eli. Though strange to our ears, the story demonstrates the faithfulness of both Hannah and God, both of whom fulfilled their commitments.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3.1-2,21-24

*We are called children of God; and that is what we are.*

The second reading introduces us to the perspective not of the mother, as in the first reading, but of the children. Continuing the theology of the Gospel of John, the elder who authored First John views the community as children of God (see John 1:12). This creates a liminal space in which the world does not "know" or recognize them (1 John 3:1). In fact, the community itself doesn't know what is yet in store for them as children of God. The elder advises them to keep the commandments of Jesus: believe in his name, and love one another. Thus, whatever is to happen, they will be assured of "remaining" in Jesus, the Johannine term for being disciples.

GOSPEL: Luke 2.41-52

*His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers.*

In the Gospel reading, Luke concludes his Infancy Narrative with an anecdote that foreshadows the life of the adult Jesus. Luke has portrayed Mary and Joseph as a righteous couple who follow the dictates of the law (Luke 1:21-24). As the story opens, they are on pilgrimage to Jerusalem for Passover when their child goes missing. The reference to finding Jesus after "three days" clearly points to his burial, and his sitting in the midst of the teachers may point to his resurrection. "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" strengthens the resurrection imagery. Surrounding the allusion to his death and resurrection is Luke's depiction of the anxiety of his family ((2:45, 48). The story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus stands as a bookend to this passage; both frame the life and death of Jesus within the human experience of his family and disciples.

## REFLECTIONS:

- Name what your family taught you about faith, love, and life, for good or ill.
  - How do you teach others to love and recognize the dignity of all?
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CWL Rosary 🕯 Intention for the month

Dear God thank you for bringing us to the last month of the Year. Keep our families and loved ones safe and healthy. Comfort anyone who is struggling and suffering, make them well again, we ask this in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen.

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## ECUMENICAL CHOIR FOR CITY-WIDE CELEBRATION

An ecumenical choir is being formed to lead music at the forthcoming celebration on January 19th during the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. No audition is required. Anyone who can carry a tune and wishes to sing in the choir is welcome! **Rehearsals will be held at Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church, 1001 Grant Avenue, Winnipeg, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm on Sunday, January 5, 2025, and Sunday, January 12, 2025.** A short final rehearsal will be held immediately before the Ecumenical Worship Service on Sunday, January 19, 2025. For further information, you may call or text Michele Barr at **204-297-9212** or contact her via email: [mbarr41@shaw.ca](mailto:mbarr41@shaw.ca).

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - January 18-25, 2025

From January 18 – 25, 2025, many Christians worldwide will celebrate the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme is **“Do you believe this?”** (John 11:26). 2025 marks the 1,700th anniversary of the first Christian Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea, near Constantinople in 325 AD. This commemoration provides a unique opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the common faith of Christians, a faith that remains alive and fruitful in our time. **Here in Winnipeg, a City-wide Ecumenical Worship Celebration will be held at 7:30 pm on Sunday, January 19, 2025 at Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church, 1001 Grant Avenue, Winnipeg.**

All are cordially invited to this celebration and to participate in the other various gatherings that will be held in Winnipeg throughout the Week of Prayer. For further information, please see the Week of Prayer poster in our Burrows and Magnus entrance.

## SCHEDULE FOR DEC 24 – 29, 2024

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

DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
Dec 24	Tues 7:30 PM	Ferial: <b>MASS: The Nativity of our Lord</b>
Dec 25	Wed 10:00 AM  12:30 PM	Solemnity: <b>MASS: The Nativity of our Lord</b>  <b>MASS: The Nativity of our Lord</b>
Dec 26	Thurs 9:30 AM	Feast: St. Stephen, the first martyr Octave of the Nativity <b>MASS: +Cora Cervantes</b>
Dec 27	Fri 9:30 AM	Feast: St. John, Apostle, Evangelist Octave of the Nativity <b>MASS: +Leila Hanson</b>
Dec 28	Sat 4:30 PM	Feast: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs Octave of the Nativity <b>MASS: 1. Thanksgiving blessing 25<sup>th</sup> wedding Anniversary of Danilo &amp; Leah Alday 2. Thanksgiving wedding anniversary of Zekiel &amp; Kim Dypiango</b>
Dec 29	Sun 10:00 AM  12:30 PM	<b>MASS: INTENTIONS OF OUR PARISHIONERS</b>  <b>MASS: 1. +Antonio &amp; Elena Pakingan by Ellen Carillo 2. + Peter Knoedler by Diane Knoedler 3. + George Grabowski by Family 4. + Sy Tian Du by Delvina Tabing 5. + Angeles Gonzales by Carillo Family 6. Thanksgiving birthday blessing for Felia Fontanos by Florencia Fontanos</b>

### SOLIDARITY FUND

DONATIONS	2023	Dec 2024	TOTAL
<b>SJCC</b>	\$ 2,136.00	1,500.00	\$ 3,636.00
<b>Archdiocese</b>	\$ 8,141.20	2,430.00	\$ 10,571.20
<b>Total-to-date</b>	\$10,277.20	3,930.00	\$ 14,207.20

### Sunday Collections 2024

Dec 15                   \$ 3,505.00

### Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)

Dec - donations   \$2,454.00

### E-Transfers

Nov - donations   \$3,575.00

**Moneris** (*Archdiocese of  
Winnipeg*)                   \$150.00

### 2024 Sharing God's Gifts

#### Appeal

Appeal Target       \$31,157.00

Nov-donations       2,445.00

Donation to-date   35,952.00

Surplus               \$ 4,795.00

#### Insurance 2024

Target               \$30,000.00

Dec-donations       692.00

Donation to date   16,052.00

Total Needed       \$13,948.00

***Thank you and May the  
Lord Bless you,  
abundantly for your  
Generosity. Will you  
prayerfully consider  
making a SGG donation  
for 2024 if you have not  
done so. God is  
generous and loves a  
joyful giver. God bless  
you all!***