

St. John Cantius Church

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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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.

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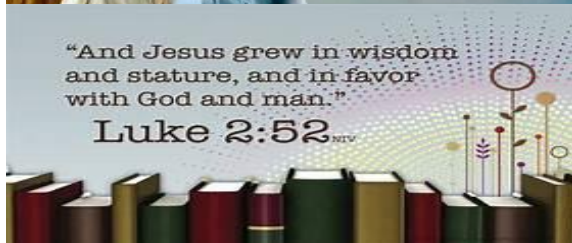
Parish Office Hours

Tuesday – Friday

8:30 am – 12 pm / 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

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January 5, 2025

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Today's Focus: A Renewed Epiphany

We are tempted to think of Epiphany as a single day for celebrating the arrival of the magi. Yet every day, in our own lives, we are offered the opportunity to behold and reveal the God-appearing that is Epiphany.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60.1-6

The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

The historical reality facing the returning exiles left many as despondent as they had been in captivity. The city walls were destroyed (Isaiah 60:10), the wicked still flourished, and justice and honesty remained distant (Isaiah 59:11). Yet within the grim reality, the prophet known as Third Isaiah foresees a new heaven and a new earth (Isaiah 65:17-25). As we hear in today's reading, Jerusalem is to rise up for her light has come. Jerusalem shall be a beacon for the nations, even those as far as Midian in the northwest Arabian Peninsula. Bringing royal gifts of gold and frankincense, these nations will praise the Lord.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6

Now the mystery has been revealed: now the Gentiles have become fellow heirs of the promise.

Ephesians was likely written as a circular letter to the Christian communities of southwestern Asia Minor (modern Turkey). Dated to the last first century, Ephesians demonstrates that the inclusion of the Gentiles remained a matter of debate. Writing under the authority of Paul, the author reminds the community that the "Gentiles are coheirs... and copartners in the promise" (Ephesians 3:6). Nearly two decades previously, Paul himself had made this clear (Galatians 3:28).

GOSPEL: Matthew 2.1-12

We have come from the East to pay homage to the king.

The Infancy Narrative in Matthew roots Jesus firmly within the story and heritage of Israel (Matthew 1:1-7), establishing him as the "Son of David" (Matthew 1:1) and the fulfillment of scripture (Matthew 1:22-23). The Matthean Jesus will be portrayed as the new Moses who comes not to abolish but to fulfill the law (Matthew 5:17). And yet Matthew hints that Jesus' birth is also good news for the Gentiles. The presence of "foreign" women in the genealogy suggests that even Israel's history includes Gentiles. In Today's reading, the story of the magi introduces pious Gentiles who recognize Jesus as "king of the Jews," even despite his humble birth (Matthew 1:9). With their gifts of gold and frankincense, they become the fulfillment of Isaiah's vision (Isaiah 60:6)

REFLECTIONS:

- In what places do darkness, fear, or our world's division seem overwhelming to me?
 - How do I find the hope that the Epiphany invites us to have?
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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.

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.

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 31- Jan 5, 2025

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

DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
Dec 31	Tues 7:30 PM	Solemnity: MASS: Mary, mother of God
Jan 1	Wed 12:30 PM	Solemnity MASS: Mary, mother of God
Jan 2	Thurs 9:30 AM	Memorial: St. Basil the great and St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors MASS: + Alfredo Saria by Saria Family
Jan 3	Fri 7:00 PM	HOLY MASS with HEALING and CHARISMATIC EXPRESSIONS
Jan 4	Sat 4:30 PM	Solemnity: The Epiphany of the Lord MASS: 1. Thanksgiving blessing for Lydia Ominga and Family
Jan 5	Sun 10:00 AM 12:30 PM	Solemnity: The Epiphany of the Lord MASS: INTENTIONS OF OUR PARISHIONERS MASS: 1. +Antonio & Elena Pakingan by Ellen Carillo 2. +Gina Prado by Lydia Ominga 3. + Angeles Gonzales by Carillo Family 4. Thanksgiving birthday blessing for Esterlita Trinidad by Carmen Capistrano

SOLIDARITY FUND

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

Sunday Collections 2024

Dec 22 \$ 3,957.00
Dec 25 7,496.00

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 742.00
Donation to date 16,102.00
Total Needed \$13,898.00

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!