

St. John Cantius Church

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January 5, 2025

Epiphany of the Lord

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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An Epiphany Prayer

Lord Jesus, may your light shine our way,
as once it guided the steps of the magi:
that we too may be led into your presence
and worship you, the Child of Mary,
the Word of the Father, the King of nations,
the Saviour of mankind;
to whom be glory for ever.



January 12, 2025

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today's Focus: Clothed of the Lord

The baptismal garment is an outward symbol of the brightness and glory of Christ, in which we are wrapped—even swaddles—on our baptismal day and every day of discipleship.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40.1-5,9-11

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.

In today's reading, God instructs the anonymous prophet known as Second Isaiah to offer comfort to the exiles of Babylon. This "proclamation of salvation" begins with God's instruction. Preparation is to be made for this glorious event. The reading concludes with further instructions for the prophet, who is to "cry out... Here is your God!" Since the vision presented was not historically realized by the returning exiles, they came to understand that the glorious restoration was yet to be fulfilled in some distant future.

SECOND READING: Titus 2.11-14; 3.4-7

God saved us through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

The Letter to Titus extols the gift of God in Jesus, who, "not because of the righteous deeds we had done," both saves us and invited us to be "heirs in hope of eternal life" (Titus 3:7). The author appears to be citing an early Christian hymn or creedal statement (Titus 3:4-7), which may have been used during baptisms. The appropriate response for God's grace is temperate living so that one is prepared for "appearance ... of our great God and saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13). The vocabulary and concerns of Titus suggest that like First and Second Timothy, this letter results from a Pauline school writing in the late first or early second century.

GOSPEL: Luke 3.15-15,21-22

When Jesus had been baptized and was praying, the heavens was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him.

Seldom do all four Gospels include the same story with very similar wording. However, the acknowledgement of John that "one mightier than I is coming" is echoed from Mark 1:7 (the source for Luke and Matthew) to John (1:26-27). Even the late-first century Jewish historian Josephus knows of John the Baptist (Antiquities 18.5.2). In today's reading, Luke does not narrate Jesus' actual baptism, but we do glimpse the heavenly affirmation: "You are my beloved Son with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22). Luke may have wanted to avoid the awkward theological problem: If John proclaimed a "baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 3:3), why would Jesus need such a baptism? Similarly, the evangelist John does not narrate the actual baptism.

REFLECTIONS:

- What difference does putting on Christ in Baptism really make in your life?
- How do you live temperately, justly, and devoutly in practical ways?



CWL Rosary  Intention for the month

Dear Lord Jesus as we entering to the journey of New Year, we ask for your divine blessing for our Family and our loved ones, through every single day of the New Year. 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 Jan 7 - 12, 2025

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

DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
Jan 7	Tues 7:30 PM	NO MASS
Jan 8	Wed 9:30 AM	NO MASS
Jan 9	Thurs 9:30 AM	NO MASS
Jan 10	Fri 9:30 AM	NO MASS
Jan 11	Sat 11:00 AM 4:30 PM	<p>BAPTISM: Antonia Zarlene Agustin Dorothia Sevrin Agustin & Florencia Ysmin Agustin</p> <p>FEAST OF BAPTISM OF THE LORD MASS: Thanksgiving for 30th wedding anniversary of Jun & Carmen Capistrano</p>
Jan 12	Sun 10:00 AM 12:30 PM	<p>FEAST OF BAPTISM OF THE LORD MASS: INTENTIONS OF OUR PARISHIONERS</p> <p>MASS: 1. +Antonio & Elena Pakingan by Ellen Carillo 2. + Angelo Cortez by Carillo Family 3. + Wladyslaw, Kamila, Apolinary, Irena & Stanislaw Swarzynski by Swarzynski Family Thanksgiving for Beda & Chennells Family</p>

Sunday Collections 2024

Dec 29 \$4,543.89

Dec 25 \$7,591.00

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**Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)**

Dec - donations   \$2,454.00

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E-Transfers

Nov - donations \$3,575.00

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

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**2024 Sharing God's Gifts
Appeal**

Appeal Target \$31,157.00

Dec-donations 2,085.00

Donation to-date 38,037.00

Surplus \$ 6,880.00

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. God is
generous and loves a
joyful giver. God bless
you all!***

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

