

St. John Cantius Church

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Holy Eucharist

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| 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

pastor@st.johncantius.church

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office@st.johncantius.church

Website: <https://st.johncantius.church>

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday – Friday

8:30 am – 12 pm / 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

E-Transfer Email to:

Stjohncantiuschurchdonation@gmail.com



**The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed Me
To proclaim good news to the
poor; He has sent Me to proclaim
liberty to the captives and
recovery of sight to the blind, to
set at liberty those who are
oppressed, to proclaim the year of
the
Lord's favor.**

LUKE 4:18-19

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Today's Focus: Jesus Christ, Light from Light

This feast of light beckons us to see the glory of God's saving power revealed in Jesus. Like Simeon, we have seen salvation in Christ.

FIRST READING: Malachi 3.1-4

The Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple.

The reading from the prophet Malachi promises the coming of the messenger who will prepare the way for God. The Lord, the messenger of the covenant, will appear suddenly in the temple. Whether the prophet envisioned two beings—a messenger preparing the way of the Lord, the messenger of the covenant—is uncertain. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus quotes this verse from Malachi in reference to John the Baptist (Matthew 11:10), whom he sees as the messenger who has prepared the way. In light of today's Gospel, Malachi's prophecy of the sudden appearance of the Lord in the temple is fulfilled by the presentation of the infant Jesus in the temple.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2.10-11,13b-18 ++

Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect.

The reading from Hebrews picks up the temple imagery. Jesus is the high priest who expiates the sins of his people, not because he was divine but because he was human, sharing "in blood and flesh." How to understand Jesus' nature and his saving act became an important theological concern among the early Christians. Jesus was truly human as evidenced by his suffering and death, living in a state lower than the angels. Yet now he is raised above all creation and crowned with glory and honor. The Letter to the Hebrews (most likely a sermon written down later in letter form) attempts to encourage believers whom the author fears are in danger of apostasy—renouncing their faith.

GOSPEL: Luke 2.22-40

My eyes have seen your salvation.

According to the laws of Leviticus (12:2-8), a woman who bears a son is considered impure for forty days during which time she cannot touch anything sacred or enter the sanctuary. At the end of the period, a lamb is presented to the temple as burnt offering and a pigeon or turtledove for a purification offering. If one could not afford a lamb, then two turtledoves could serve as a substitute. The Gospel reading conflates Mary's purification and Jesus' consecration to the Lord as the firstborn son (Exodus 13:2,12). While fulfilling their religious responsibilities, the family encounters Simeon and Anna, two exemplars of righteousness. Both recognize the extraordinary child. Simeon calls him "a light of revelation to the Gentiles" and Anna speaks about the child to all who are awaiting the redemption of Israel.

REFLECTIONS:

- Do I live my life, like Simeon, in active anticipation of the revelation of God's glory?
 - What hinders me from worshiping God worthily? What worries and anxieties hold me back from giving myself over to God?
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CWL Rosary 🕯️ Intention for the month

Dear Lord Jesus as we enter the journey of New Year, we ask your divine blessing for our Family and our loved ones, through every single day of the New Year. Amen

Knights of Columbus News

In December, the catechism students participated in the Knights of Columbus **"Keep Christ in Christmas Colouring Contest"**. Everyone who participated was a winner. The following students will have their pictures submitted to the Manitoba State competition.



Aleisha Sanchez



Jordan Ibarra



Zoe B

National Visitation of the Relics of St. Jean de Brebeuf & St. Kateri Tekakwitha February 2, 2025

Experience the Sacred Relics Tour! The Martyr's Shrine invites you to venerate the holy relics of the Canadian Martyrs and St. Kateri Tekakwitha during the Relics Tour, an extraordinary opportunity for prayer and reflection. Travelling to parishes across Canada, this tour brings the tangible presence of these saints to communities, inspiring faith and devotion. Please join the community of **St. Ignatius Parish** on **February 2, 2025, at 11:00 am at 255 Stafford Street** in Winnipeg. There will be an opportunity to venerate the relics from **12:00- 2:00 PM**.

SCHEDULE FOR JAN 28 – FEB 2, 2025

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

| DATE | TIME | MASS INTENTIONS |
|---------------|---|---|
| Jan 28 | Tues 6:30 PM | Memorial: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor MASS: +John Lazar by Josefa Swarynski |
| Jan 29 | Wed 9:30 AM | Ferial: Mass: For all sick parishioners |
| Jan 30 | Thurs 9:30 AM | Ferial MASS: +Alet Aguilar by Nene Orbeta & Family |
| Jan 31 | Fri 10:00 AM | Memorial: St. John Bosco, Priest FUNERAL MASS: + ALEJANDRINA ALMERO |
| Feb 1 | Sat 11:00 AM 4:30 PM | Baptism: Liam Maverick Warren THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD MASS: 1. +Deceased members of Gamallo Family 2. Thanksgiving and birthday blessing for Eliza Pulad |
| Feb 2 | Sun 10:00 AM 12:30 PM | THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD MASS: 1. Thanksgiving blessing for Angelita & Cecilia Apaya 2. Thanksgiving blessing by Beda & Chennells Family 3. +Antonio & Elena Pakingan by Ellen Carillo 4. Healing and recovery for Niel Trinidad by Carol Trinidad & family MASS: INTENTIONS FOR ALL PARISHIONERS |

SOLIDARITY FUND

| DONATIONS | 2024 | Jan 2025 | TOTAL |
|----------------------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| SJCC | \$ 3,636.00 | 162.00 | \$ 3,798.00 |
| Archdiocese | \$ 10,571.20 | 2,430.00 | \$ 13,001.20 |
| Total-to-date | \$ 14,207.20 | 2,592.00 | \$ 16,799.20 |

Sunday Collections 2025

Jan 19 \$2,546.00
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**Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)**

Jan - donations \$2,484.00  
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E-Transfers

Dec - donations \$3,445.00
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**Moneris** (Archdiocese of  
Winnipeg) \$150.00  
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Insurance 2025

Target \$30,000.00
Jan-Donations 589.00
Donation to date 589.00
Total Needed \$29,411.00

2025 Sharing God's Gifts Appeal

Appeal Target \$31,157.00
Donation to date 00.00
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If you wish to donate to Sharing God's Gift using Visa/Mastercard please phone

Edie at Archdiocese  
**204-452-227 ext. 234**

May the Lord continue to bless you for your support to help our parish meet our 2025 targets  
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"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."

Proverbs 11:25