

St. John Cantius Church

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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 with the parish office.

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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Prayer for Lent

**Father of my soul,
I know Your love for me is limitless
beyond imagining.**

You care me as a loving parent.

**Through my smallest Lenten
Sacrifices, help me to become
Less selfish and more aware of
Your ways.**

**Fan the flame of my desire
to draw ever closer to You.
Guide me to seek your love.**

AMEN

MARCH 16 , 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Today's Focus: More Than Partly Cloudy

Clouds are frequently present in scripture. A pillar of cloud led the Israelites through the desert, and the Abba of Jesus speaks from a cloud. When our lives seem cloudy, we can trust in God's guidance.

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

The Lord made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

The first reading narrates the second occasion on which God makes promises to Abram. In Genesis 12, God had called Abram to leave his family and his homeland and to travel to a land that God would reveal to him, so as to become both a great nation and a blessing to the world. (Genesis 12:1-3). But the fulfillment of that vision would be long in coming, and Abram is understandably anxious (Genesis 15:2-3). In today's reading, God reiterates those promises: Abram's descendants will be as numerous as the stars (Genesis 15:1-6), and Abram will possess a land of his own (Genesis 15:7-21). In response to the first promise, Abram "put his faith in the Lord, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness" (Genesis 15:6). But to the second, Abram asks for a sign (Genesis 15:8). In response, God takes an oath and seals the covenant (Genesis 15:9-21).

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Christ will transform our humble bodies, conforming them to his glorious body.

In the second reading, Paul uses a familiar rhetorical device of imitation, setting himself up as the model of appropriate Christian behaviour (1 Corinthians 4:16; 10:33; 11:1). While this may sound boastful in a modern context, imitation was considered an effective tool in Greco-Roman education and rhetorical practice. Paul models his life on Christ, so to act as Paul is to "put on Christ" (Galatians 3:27). "Forgetting what lies behind, but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13). The Philippians would do well to follow his example.

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28b-36

While Jesus prayed, the appearance of his face changed.

In the Gospel of Luke, eight days prior to our reading, Peter had acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah of God (Luke 9:20). In response Jesus uttered his first prediction of his passion, death, and resurrection (Luke 9:22), followed by his description of the difficult conditions of discipleship (Luke 9:23-27). Today's Gospel foreshadows what will follow his suffering and gives us a glimpse of the divine realm. The Transfiguration with its heavenly appearances of Elijah and Moses and divine approbation ("This is my chosen Son") serves as confirmation that Jesus' impending suffering and death will end in glory. After the Transfiguration, Jesus will turn his face resolutely toward Jerusalem and begin his journey there.

REFLECTIONS:

- Describe an experience of God, Jesus, or the Spirit that changed your life.
- Name a time when you entered the clouds and fogs of life and found clarity and hope.



CWL Rosary ☪ Intention for the month

Let us ask St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, to heal the sick in our families, friends, parishioners and for the speedy recovery of Pope Francis.

St Joseph Pray for us.



.. CWL GENERAL MEETING ON MARCH 12TH AT 10:00 AM AT CHURCH BOARDROOM.

The CWL will be hosting our annual **Spring Tea and Raffle on May 4th, 2025**. Every weekend, starting on Saturday, **March 8th**, our members will be selling raffle tickets at the Burrows entrance, before and after each mass. **The tickets are \$2.00 each** or a book of **10 tickets for \$20.00**. We ask that you take a book or two to sell to your family and friends. Any profits we obtain will be used to support our church and local charities. We thank you for your continued support to make this event a success.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION LENT 2025

DATE	TIME	PARISH CHURCH
Wed. March 12 th	7:00PM	St. Peter's
Tues, March 25 th	7:00PM	St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Wed. March 26 th	6:30PM	Immaculate Concepcion
Tues. April 1 st	7:00PM	St. Anthony de Padua
Thurs. April 3 rd	7:00PM	St. Nicholas Tavelich
Wed. April 9 th	7:00PM	St. Joseph's
Thurs. April 10 th	6:00PM	Holy Ghost

NEW Study Program on the Nicene Creed

In this Jubilee Year 2025, wherein we mark the 1700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, and as an appropriate project for the seasons of Lent and Easter, the Office of Catechetics and Faith Development of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg invites you to participate in a seven-session Catholic Study Program presented by Bishop Robert Barron. Sessions will be held at two venues in the City of Winnipeg beginning March 12 and March 13, 2025. We are aiming for about 25 participants at each venue. If you are interested, please register ASAP. The requested registration fee has been set at **\$30.00** to help cover the cost of the book *Light from Light* and other resources.

For more details see posters at Burrows and Magnus entrance.

TAX RECEIPTS ARE STILL AT THE ENTRANCE TABLE.

SCHEDULE FOR March 11-16, 2025

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

DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
Mar 11	Tues 6:30 PM	Ferial MASS: +Deceased Winnipeg Clergy
Mar 12	Wed 7:00 PM	Ferial MASS: + Maximina Aguilar
Mar 13	Thurs 9:30 AM	Ferial MASS: +Deceased Gamallo Family
Mar 14	Fri 9:30 PM 7:00 PM	Ferial MASS: +Deceased Sagario Family STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Mar 15	Sat 4:30 PM	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT MASS: 1. +Anita Aguilar Regidor
Mar 16	Sun 10:00 AM 12:30 PM	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT MASS: INTENTIONS OF OUR PARISHIONERS MASS: 1. +Antonio & Elena Pakingan by Ellen Carillo 2. +Antonio Corteza Egonia by Egonia Family 3. Thanksgiving and birthday blessing for Linda Samson by Cymbalisy & Esteban Family

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

Mar 2 \$ 4,341.00

Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)

Mar - donations \$2,534.00

E-Transfers

Jan - donations \$3,295.00

Moneris (*Archdiocese of Winnipeg*) \$150.00

2025 Sharing God's Gifts Appeal

Appeal Target \$30,157.00

Feb-donations 2,170.00

Donation to-date 4,444.00

Total Needed \$ 26,713.00

Insurance 2025

Target \$30,000.00

Feb-donations 3,974.00

Donation to date 4,773.00

Total Needed \$25,227.00

Thank you all, for your continued support and help to our parish. May God reward each and everyone abundantly!

**Cleanse your vessel,
so that you may
receive grace more
abundantly.**

St. Cyril of Jerusalem