

St. John Cantius Church

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SECOND 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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Luke 9:28b-36

Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah,” but Peter did not know what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “*This is my Son, my Chosen; Listen to him!*”

MARCH 23 , 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Today's Focus: Re-visioning

We all operate from a basic view, or vision, of life. The way we view God, others, and life guides most of our actions. Lent calls us back to a vision of justice, peace, mercy, and joy.

FIRST READING: Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15

Moses, you will tell the children of Israel: I AM has sent me to you.

The call of Moses is narrated in today's first reading. Reading the text closely reveals an interesting and often overlooked aspect. God must be introduced to Moses: "I am the God of your fathers... the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob" (Exodus 3:6). Since Moses had been raised in Pharaoh's household (2:10), we can imagine that his knowledge of Hebraic religious tradition was likely lacking. In fact, he appears to have failed to circumcise his son (4:24-26). Despite his less than scrupulous religious upbringing and his immoral behaviour (killing an Egyptian, 2:11), God commissions Moses to rescue God's people (3:10). And thus begins the prophetic ministry of Moses who armed with God's promises, will lead the people from slavery into "a land flowing with milk and honey" (Exodus 3:8).

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12

Our ancestor's experience in the desert under Moses is recorded to instruct us.

In today's second reading we hear, "Our ancestors were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea" (1 Corinthians 10:1). But Paul interprets the event through a Christological lens. "They drank from a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was the Christ" (1 Corinthians 10:4). Despite the guidance of Moses and the presence of God, not all the Hebrews survived the desert. The privilege of presence does not guarantee that one pleases God; thus, Paul charges the Corinthians not to grumble (another reference to the wandering Hebrews (Exodus 16:)).

GOSPEL: Luke 13.1-9

Unless you turn back to God, you will perish as they did.

The suffering and illness resulting from sin was a common theological understanding in first-century Judaism (John 9:2). The deaths of the Galileans at the hand of Pilate and the accidental deaths of eighteen at Siloam were thought to have resulted not from malicious rulers of faulty construction but from the behaviour of the victims. In today's reading, Jesus uses these examples to remind his disciples of the need to repent. He argues that death awaits all, regardless of guilt. Since the time is short, their repentance needs to be timely. The parable of the fig tree seems to suggest that repentance is welcomed with compassion. Finding no fruit, the owner intended to cut the tree down. Only at the insistence (and compassion) of the gardener did the owner relent. "I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future" (Luke 13:8-9).

REFLECTIONS:

- Describe how you picture God and what difference it makes in your life.
- Describe how you picture human beings. Does it open or close you to God's love? How?



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.



FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY Once again we are collecting food for the less fortunate. Most needed items are canned fruit or vegetables, tuna, baked beans, kraft dinner, peanut butter, pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, soup. If you prefer a money donation, (in the box at the back of the church) it will be spent on perishables.

Thanks. Nancy from St Vincent de Paul

YOUTH CONFERENCE May 10, 2025

Youth Conference open to all youth (grades 6-12) in Manitoba with the support of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg and St. Boniface. This will be on **Saturday, May 10, 2025** from 9:30am to 9:30pm at St. Timothy's Parish 135 John Forsyth Rd. See poster at Burrows and Magnus entrance.

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
Tues. March 25 th	7:00PM	St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Wed. March 26 th	6:30PM	Immaculate Conception
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

TAX RECEIPTS ARE STILL AT THE ENTRANCE TABLE.

SCHEDULE FOR March 18-23, 2025

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

DATE	TIME		MASS INTENTIONS
Mar 18	Tues	6:30 PM	Ferial MASS: Thanksgiving and blessing for Fr. Yoli by Cecilia Farbaniec
Mar 19	Wed	9:30 AM	Solemnity: Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Mary, Principal Patron of Canada, Patron of the Universal Church MASS: +Deceased Dipolog Clergy
Mar 20	Thurs	9:30 AM	Ferial MASS: +Deceased Gamallo Family
Mar 21	Fri	9:30 AM 7:00 PM	Ferial MASS: +Deceased Sagario Family STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Mar 22	Sat	4:30 PM	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MASS: 1. +Manuela Gonzales by Lourdes Gonzales 2. Healing & fast recovery for Yvonne Petrinov by CWL
Mar 23	Sun	10:00 AM 12:30 PM	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MASS: 1. +Antonio & Elena Pakingan by Ellen Carillo 2. +Robert Saley by Emelita Filomeno 3. + Marian, Sofia & Richard Kostycs by Cecilia Farbaniec 4. +Josef Beda 5. +Florencio and Estebana Apaya 6. Thanksgiving birthday blessing for Nancy Lysack by Audrey Ross & family 7. +Michael Mandzik by CWL MASS: INTENTIONS OF OUR PARISHIONERS

SOLIDARITY FUND

DONATIONS	2024	Jan 2025	TOTAL
SJCC	\$ 3,636.00	192.00	\$ 3,828.00
Archdiocese	\$ 10,571.20	2,580.00	\$ 13,151.20
Total-to-date	\$14,207.20	2,772.00	\$ 16,979.20

Sunday Collections 2025

Mar 9 \$4,365.25
Ash Wed 1,650.00

Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)

Mar - donations \$2,584.00

E-Transfers

Feb - donations \$2,270.00

Moneris (*Archdiocese of Winnipeg*) \$150.00

2025 Sharing God's Gifts

Appeal

Appeal Target \$30,157.00
Feb-donations 2,755.00
Donation to-date 5,189.00
Total Needed \$ 24,968.00

Insurance 2025

Target \$30,000.00
Mar-donations 807.00
Donation to date 5,580.00
Total Needed \$24,420.00

Thank you all, for your generosity. Prayerfully consider being a donor to help our parish meet our 2025 target. God rewards the joyful giver!

The power of God is capable of finding hope where hope no longer exists, and a way where the way is impossible.

St. Gregory of Nyssa