

St. John Cantius Church

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THIRD 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 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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Luke 13:1-9

Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.

Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem?” I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

MARCH 30, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Today's Focus: Reaching Out

In Jesus, we have an excellent model of someone who constantly reached out to those who disagreed with him, were different from him, who had religious practices that were not his. Let us do the same!

FIRST READING: Joshua 5.9a, 10-12

Having entered the promised land, the people of God celebrated the Passover.

As God had separated the waters of the Red Sea, so God causes the Jordan River to dry up so that the Israelites may cross over (Joshua 4:18). Joshua and the Israelites had only just crossed into the very eastern edge of the Promised Land when the Lord God commands Joshua to circumcise the men who had been born on the forty-year journey through the wilderness. Then the Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you." In today's reading, Passover is celebrated for the first time in the Promised Land. On the day after Passover, the Israelites eat of the produce of the land of Canaan, symbolizing the fulfillment of God's promises (Deuteronomy 32:13)

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5.17-21

Through Christ, God was reconciling us to himself.

In today's second reading Paul exhorts the Corinthians that "whoever is in Christ is a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17). Likely Paul knows this from his own experience of God's mercy (2 Corinthians 4:1). In an attempt to articulate the complex relationship of baptism, forgiveness, and new creation, Paul employs a political metaphor, that of reconciliation. In the Greco-Roman context, the one who offended or broke the relationship had the responsibility for initiating its restoration and ending the enmity. Paul radically upsets the paradigm, changing the direction of reconciliation. God, as the offended party, initiates the reconciliation, "not counting their trespasses against them" (2 Corinthians 5:19), even though humanity continued in sin (Romans 5:8) and remained hostile to God (Romans 5:10). The death of Christ is a reparation within the standard paradigm, but it is God who makes the reparation here (Romans 5:10; 2 Corinthians 5:18-19).

GOSPEL: Luke 15.1-3;11-32

This brother of yours was dead, and has come to life.

In today's Gospel, Jesus also demonstrates an inversion of the expected. Jesus recounts a parable in response to the complaint of the Pharisees and scribes that he welcomed tax collectors and sinners. In the parable, the request of the younger son to his "share" is tantamount to saying to his father, "I wish you were dead," since one's inheritance was only distributed upon death. But later in the story, it is the son whom the father thought to be dead: "This son of mine was dead, and has come to life again" (Luke 15:24). Like the reading from Second Corinthians, the parable witnesses to the hope of reconciliation—the lost found, and the dead brought back to life.

REFLECTIONS:

- How can you hear today's readings as being addressed directly to you?
- When has entering someone else's experience helped you to grow in compassion?



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 25-30, 2025

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

DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
Mar 25	Tues 6:30 PM	Solemnity: The Annunciation of the Lord MASS: + Deceased Winnipeg Clergy
Mar 26	Wed 9:30 AM	Ferial MASS: +Rogelio & Carmelita de Guzman by Pearly de Guzman
Mar 27	Thurs 9:30 AM	Ferial MASS: + Lanie Duran
Mar 28	Fri 9:30 AM 7:00 PM	Ferial MASS: + All souls in purgatory STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Mar 29	Sat 4:30 PM	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MASS: INTENTIONS OF OUR PARISHIONERS
Mar 30	Sun 10:00 AM 12:30 PM	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MASS: 1. Thanksgiving and birthday blessing for Nancy Lysack by Cecilia Farbaniec 2. Thanksgiving for Aries and Lita Borgonia 3. Edward, Grenda, Louis & Nellie by Julie Rink and family MASS:1. +Antonio & Elena Pakingan by Ellen Carillo 2. Noel, Cristine & Phillip Napier-Ford by Maribel Villanueva

SOLIDARITY FUND

DONATIONS	2024	Jan 2025	TOTAL
SJCC	\$ 3,636.00	522.00	\$ 4,158.00
Archdiocese	\$ 10,571.20	2,580.00	\$ 13,151.20
Total-to-date	\$14,207.20	3,102.00	\$ 17,309.20

Sunday Collections 2025

Mar 16 \$ 3,610.50

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 2,857.00

Donation to date 7,830.00

Total Needed \$ 22,170.00

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

God will always be attentive and provide us with whatever necessary. When all shall fail us, then God will take care of us, and then all will not fail us since we shall have God, who must be our all.
St. Francis de Sales