

St. John Cantius Church

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FOURTH 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 15:1-3;11-32

“But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to be merry.

APRIL 6, 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Today's Focus: Prisoners of Our Future

In today's Gospel scene of forgiveness, Jesus shows us that God will not be held captive by the past, but rather turns us, in hope, toward the future.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43.16-21

I am about to do a new thing: I will give drink to my chosen people.

In the reading from Isaiah the prophet refers to God's original act of salvation, when the waters of the Red Sea parted to allow the Israelites to pass safely but not their Egyptian pursuers. This defining moment became the foundation of Israel's faith. However, despite this introduction, God commands, "Remember not the events of the past" (Isaiah 43:18). Written while in exile, the prophet announces that a new act of God will overshadow even their memory of the Exodus. As proof, already springs gush forth in the desert and rivers in the wasteland. Though the wild beasts' honor God for watering the desert, these miraculous gifts are "for my chosen people" (Isaiah 43:20)

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:8-14

I have suffered the loss of all things, in order that I may gain Christ.

Paul mentions two aspects of his personal life throughout his letters. The first is that he is no stranger to suffering (2 Corinthians 4:8-12), 11:16-29; Galatians 5:11; Philippians 1:7). The second is that he possesses an impeccable Jewish resume (1 Corinthians 9:20; Galatians 1:13-14; Philippians 3:4-5). In today's reading from Philippians, Paul renounces his "gains," considering everything as loss (Philippians 3:7). The Greek word *zémia* can have a financial connotation. Whatever value he has accrued in his life is now rubbish. The Greek word for rubbish, *skubalon*, is more graphic and can also be translated as dung. The imagery is striking. In light of the knowledge of Christ, Paul sees earthly wealth, fame, and accomplishments as nothing but useless waste.

GOSPEL: John 8.1-11

Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Many scholars question the authenticity of today's Gospel reading. Like John 21, this story may have been added after the Gospel of John had been completed, since it is missing from all the early Greek manuscripts. In its current placement, the story of the woman caught in adultery is part of a section (1 John 5-10) in which Jesus participates in a series of Jewish festivals. Having just celebrated the feast of Tabernacles, which included a ritual of lights, Jesus will announce after his encounter with the woman that he is the light of the world (John 8:12). The ancient editor may have recognized that Jesus' actions and speech toward the woman shed light on how the Law should be interpreted and compassionate justice meted out.

REFLECTIONS:

- What helps you to trust in God's mercy and abandon sinful memories?
- When have you tried to focus on another's wrongdoing to avoid looking at your own?



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



Chrism Mass, April 15, 2025

This year will be the first Chrism Mass by our new Archbishop. It will be celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral on **April 15th at 10:30 AM**. A luncheon reception will follow at the Delta Marriott. All are welcome to the celebration.

36th Annual Public Way of the Cross

SAVE THE DATE! The 36th Annual Public Way of the Cross will be held on Good Friday, **April 18, 2025**, at Notre Dame Parish in Selkirk, MB.

Turn Debt into Hope: Sign the Petition!

In this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis calls on us to participate in the global **Turn Debt into Hope** campaign to "forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them." Knowing that 3.3 billion people live in countries that spend more on foreign debt repayment than on health or education, we must act! Sign the global petition calling for:

1. Cancelling unjust and unsustainable debts
2. Reforming the global financial system to prioritize people and the planet
3. Establishing a binding and comprehensive debt framework within the United Nations

Please sign the petition in church or online at devp.org/debt.

TAX RECEIPTS ARE STILL AT THE ENTRANCE TABLE.

SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 1-6, 2025

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

DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
Apr 1	Tues 6:30 PM	Ferial: MASS: + Deceased Relatives and Friends
Apr 2	Wed 9:30 AM	Ferial MASS: + Lobchuk Anna by Barbara Lobchuk and granddaughter Elizabeth
Apr 3	Thurs 9:30 AM	Ferial MASS: +Hermilina Cañete by Cañete Family
Apr 4	Fri 9:30 AM 7:00 PM	Ferial MASS: + All souls in purgatory STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Apr 5	Sat 4:30 PM	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT and SOLIDARITY SUNDAY MASS: 1. Thanksgiving and birthday blessing for Teodora Urbino by dela Cruz Family 2. Healing and fast recovery for Annabelle T. Vu by Jun Capistrano and family 3. Thanksgiving for Camille Orbeta
Apr 6	Sun 10:00 AM 12:30 PM	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT and SOLIDARITY SUNDAY MASS: INTENTIONS OF OUR PARISHIONERS MASS:1. +Antonio & Elena Pakingan by Ellen Carillo 2. +Antonio Corteza Egonia by Egonia Family

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 23 \$ 3,912.00

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 cross of Christ is the true ground and chief cause of Christian hope.

St. Leo the Great