

St. John Cantius Church

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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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Tuesday – Friday

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APRIL 5, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Today's Focus: God's Love Is More Powerful Than Our SIN

If we take the time to look, we can see signs of God's life and love all around. The life of Jesus Christ was filled with these signs; the supreme one in his resurrection,

FIRST READING: Acts 10.3a

We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

In the first reading, Peter is in Caesarea Maritima, a Greco-Roman city on the coast of Israel. He had been summoned to the house of the Gentile centurion Cornelius, whom we are told was a God-fearer, one who worshipped with the Jews but was not Jewish. Peter begins his speech by recounting the story of Jesus' public life and assures Cornelius' household that Peter and the apostles are witnesses of all that Jesus said and did, and that they have been commissioned by Jesus to preach to the people. Peter's speech serves to validate the ministerial work of the apostles, confirming that they have received "power when the Holy Spirit [came] upon them" (Acts 1:8). The proclamation of the Gospel to a Gentile and his family in this Greco-Roman city fulfills the prophecy of Simeon that Jesus would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Luke 2:32), and opens the way of the gospel for all Gentiles.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3.1- 4

Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

1 Corinthians 5.6b-8

Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch.

Though there are two choices for second reading, both Colossians 3:1-4 and 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 speak of the same theme: the newness that comes with being part of the body of Christ. In Colossians, we are reminded that our focus should be on the things of heaven, since our life is now in Christ and Christ is seated at God's right hand. In First Corinthians, we are to be fresh dough without old yeast. Christ is the Passover who was sacrificed and we are to respond with the bread of sincerity and truth.

GOSPEL: John 20. 1-18

According to the Scripture: Jesus must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of John recounts the discovery of the empty tomb by Mary Magdalene. All four of our Gospels attributed this discovery to Mary, but Paul will announce that Cephas or Peter was the first one to whom Jesus appeared (1 Corinthians 15:5). Later texts by Gnostic writers (a heresy that only a few with secret knowledge would be saved) pit Peter against Mary Magdalene, as they vied with each other for Jesus' affection and authority in the post-Resurrection community. Today's Gospel highlights the important roles of both parties. Mary visits the tomb of Jesus, but we are not told why. In the synoptic Gospels, Mary and the other women come to anoint Jesus, but in John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed before his burial (John 19:40). Likely, Mary comes to mourn (1 John 20:11). When she discovers the empty tomb, she runs to Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. The men hasten to the tomb and verify what Mary has told them. In the Greco-Roman context, the

testimony of a woman did not hold up in court. Rather, two male witnesses were needed to corroborate a fact. In our Gospel, the community—represented by Mary and Simon and the beloved disciple—is brought together in their grief and confusion. Very shortly, this same community will come to “understand the Scripture that [Jesus] had to rise from the dead” (John 20:9).

REFLECTIONS:

- What signs do I see in the world and in my life that Jesus has triumphed over death?
 - In what ways could I serve as a sign to others that God is love?
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THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, April 2nd

Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper – 7:00PM

- Washing of the Feet
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (after mass) ends at 10:00PM

Good Friday, April 3rd

Celebration of the Lord’s Passion – 3:00PM

- Liturgy of the Word
- Veneration of the Cross
- Collection for the Holy Land
- Holy Communion

Holy Saturday, April 4th

Blessing of festive food – 4:00PM

Easter Vigil (Mass) -7:00PM

- Blessing of new fire & Paschal candle
- Liturgy of the Word
- Renewal of Baptismal Promises
- Liturgy of the Eucharist

Easter Sunday, April 5th

Mass – 10:00 AM

Mass – 12:30 PM

The Archdiocese of Winnipeg 37th Annual Public Way of the Cross

Good Friday, April 3, 2026 at 9:00 AM

St. Edward the Confessor Parish

836 Arlington Street, Winnipeg, MB

