

St. John Cantius Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS)

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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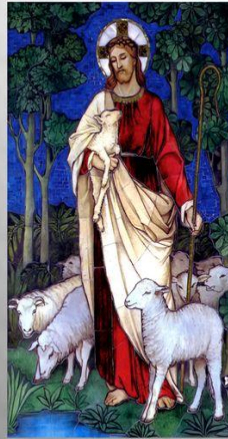
Parish Office Hours

Tuesday – Friday

8:30 am – 12 pm / 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

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Fourth Sunday

of Easter

(Good Shepherd Sunday)

“I came that they may have life,
and have it abundantly.”

John 10:10

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John 10:1-10

So Jesus said again, “Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep.

All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”

MAY 3, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today's Focus: Jesus Christ - Architect

The Scriptures today are filled with architecture/house/building-related images. Like the structures we use or inhabit regularly, we sometimes take for granted the beauty or usefulness of spiritual structures.

FIRST READING: Acts 6.1-7

They chose seven men who were full of the Holy Spirit.

The idyllic community that Acts portrays very quickly encounters a problem. In today's reading, the Hellenist Jewish Christians complain that their widows are not being cared for as well as the Jewish Christian widows. Underlying the problem is the issue of culture and identity. The Jewish Christians were those who first followed Jesus. As Jews living in the Holy Land, they tended to practice Jewish rituals and traditions more strictly. Jews who lived outside of Israel in the so-called "Diaspora" (from the Greek for 'scattering' or "dispersion") spoke Greek and tended to be more sympathetic to the Greco-Roman culture. To respond to the growing needs and cultural diversity among the members, the Twelve proposed that seven men be selected to serve as deacons (from the Greek word for "service"). The deacons are "to wait on tables," meeting the physical needs of the community, while the twelve engage in the ministry of the word.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2. 4-9

You are called to be a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The First Letter of Peter also reflects a community coming to understand its new identity. The author repeatedly uses images and metaphors from scripture in order to strengthen the community's understanding of itself as the new Israel. In today's reading, the believers are living stones, forming a building for the spirit, and making them into a holy priesthood. They are chosen race (Isaiah 43:20-21), a royal priesthood and consecrated nation ((Exodus 19:6), a people claimed by God (Malachi 3:17). The titles once given to Israel are now claimed for Christians, whom God has called from darkness into the marvelous light of the Resurrection.

GOSPEL: John 14.1-12

I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

The Gospel reading comes from the portion of John's Gospel known as the Book of Glory (John 13—20:31), wherein Jesus directs his attention to his coming glorification (passion). In John 14—16, he speaks intimately to his disciples in the form of a farewell address that includes several themes. First, Jesus announces the imminence of his departure (John 13:33; 14:2-3; 16:16). Second, the announcement is met with distress by his disciples (John 14:1, 27; 16:6-7,22). Jesus then recalls what he has said earlier (John 13:33, 14:10; 15:3,20) and promises that the Paraclete will interpret for them what he has

said and done (John 14:26; 16:14-15). Finally, there is a directive to keep God's commandments (John 14:15, 21, 23; 15:10).

REFLECTIONS:

- What sort of places do I find "sacred"? How does architecture, whether sacred or secular, speak to me of God?
 - How do I imagine eternal life?
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ROSARY INTENTIONS FOR APRIL: Peace in the world! No War!

Ministry of Care Connections for Volunteers-When Memory Fades: Conversations that Connect- May 9, 2026

Join the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface in collaboration with the Catholic Health Association of Manitoba for an enriching morning of connection, learning, and shared experience as part of their ongoing formation for Ministry of Care volunteers at **St. Bernadette Parish, 10 am -12 pm**. Whether you are discerning this ministry or already serving, this session offers practical insight and meaningful reflection, inviting you to be renewed in your call to accompany others with compassion and presence, alongside volunteers from across our three dioceses. They will explore compassionate conversation, healthy boundaries, and how to accompany those living with dementia with dignity and care. No prior attendance required. Deadline to register is May 3, 2026. **Email Nadine Fetherston at mfl2@archsaintboniface.ca** for more information.

Upcoming Church Activities:

April 29 – First Communion Rehearsal
May 4th to 8th – PRIESTS' RETREAT
May 2nd – Confirmation Retreat
May 9th – First Communion (Batch 1) 4:30 mass
May 10th – First Communion (Batch 2) 12:30 mass
May 20th – Confirmation Rehearsal
May 23rd – CONFIRMATION 4:30 mass
June 4 – Mass Wedding Rehearsal
June 6 – MASS WEDDING 11:00 AM

Thank you for the generous donation of food and money for our Lenten collection. Most of the food we kept for Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the rest was equally divided between Missionaries of Charity, Hope Centre and Manitoba Harvest. God bless you all.

(Signed) SSVP Volunteers

