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SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

SUNDAY LITURGIES (MASSES)

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. (Livestream)

Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES:

Tuesday: 6:30 P.M.

Wednesday – Friday: 9:30 A.M.

SACRAMENTS

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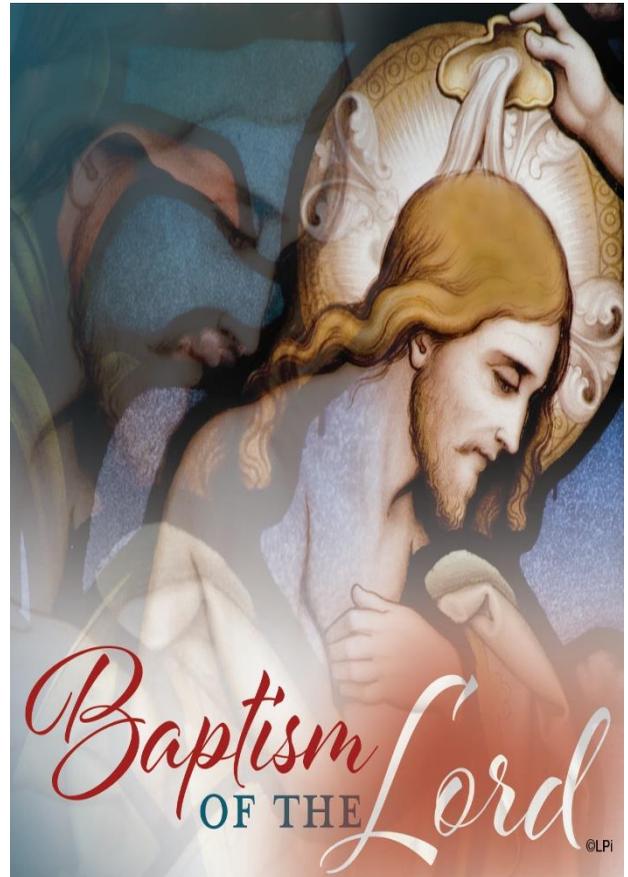
Confessions: * *Saturday: 3:45pm – 4:15pm*

BAPTISM: Contact the parish office. Parents/Godparents are required to attend Baptismal Preparation Workshop. Baptisms held indoors are allowed up to maximum of twenty-five (25) attendees.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements for preparation and celebration should be made at least six months in advance. Weddings held indoors are allowed up to maximum of twenty-five (25) attendees.

ASSISTANCE TO THE SICK AND SHUT-IN: For emergencies, you may contact the parish office.

FUNERAL LITURGY: Please arrange with the pastor prior to arranging with Funeral home.





JANUARY 16, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Focus: Fencing with God

Many scriptural figures try to get God's revelation to work the way they want it to, from Jacob's wrestling with the angel to Mary instructing Jesus at Cana. God wins, but so do we!

FIRST READING – Isaiah 62:1-5

The bridegroom will rejoice over the bride.

Isaiah's post-exilic passage focuses on the healing of Israel's relationship with God, which had been severely damaged by centuries of infidelity, culminating in a period of judgment now coming to an end. This healing will be manifested publicly by the restoration of Jerusalem and the surrounding area. ("Land" signifies the people also.) Just as the destruction of Jerusalem and the exile of the people had been seen by other nations, so shall the restoration, which the nations will behold as it "shines forth like the dawn," like "a burning torch." The land—and Israel—will no longer be known as forsaken or desolate, but as God's delight and God's beloved "spouse."

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

One and the same Spirit allots these gifts to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

In his First Letter to the Corinthians, Paul emphasizes the profit and the dangers of the manifold spiritual gifts that God bestows on the church. The Corinthians apparently were well provided with such gifts, but this abundance had led to pride and division. Here Paul notes that the various gifts all come from the same Spirit, which means that they are inherently unified and unifying. Pride is ruled out by the fact that the ability to prophesy or heal or interpret tongues is an unmerited divine gift, not something one has earned or can claim to "possess." Rather, all are distributed by the Spirit according to the mysterious will of God.

GOSPEL – John 2.1-12

Jesus did the first of his signs in Cana of Galilee.

In the Gospels, and especially in John, the "wondrous deeds" of Jesus are "signs" of underlying realities. At the wedding at Cana, when Jesus changes water into wine, it is true that he exhibits charity by "saving the day." More importantly, his action is also a revelation of God's abundant generosity and the fulfillment of God's promises to provide for the people. Water is necessary for life, but wine represents the gifts of God that go beyond necessity. Jesus himself is the perfect and complete manifestation of God's abundant and joyful gifts to all who accept them. He is the "wine" that God provides for people to give them "abundant life" (John 10:10).

Reflections:

- ❖ Today's reading from John runs on many levels, from the miracle story on the surface, to allusions to the generosity of God at baptism, to the overflowing richness of the heavenly banquet. On how many levels is God being revealed in our world right now? Are we seeing it? If we want the world to change, what's our responsibility in helping that to happen?
- ❖ Is it okay to have a fencing match with God? Do you do that sometimes, too? Mary trusted that Jesus would respond. And he did, generously. What has been your experience? Har arguing with God changed something? If you don't spar with God, what keeps you from getting into the fray?

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**CWL ROSARY INTENTION for the month of JANUARY 2022:** *During the New Year, pray for all nations, peace, understanding & good health.*

The CWL thanks everyone who bought tickets for Advent Silent Auction (total was \$510.00) and everyone who donated to Bakeless Bake Sale (total was \$740.00). May you all be blessed for your generosity and help The CWL continue our mission. Happy New Year and God Bless All.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### The Baptism of Our Lord

*“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’ (LUKE 3:16)*

The Catholic Catechism states that *“Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.”* In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

### Baptism of the Lord

## Why do we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord?

This day commemorates the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by St. John the Baptist. On this occasion, Jesus entered His ministry and acquired His first disciples, St. John proclaimed Christ the Lamb of God, whose way he had prepared, and the Triune nature of the Godhead was manifested. The Church generally celebrates the Baptism of the Lord on the Sunday after January 6th. Thus, in 2022 it is Sunday, January 9.

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With all the strength of my soul I urge you to approach the Communion table as often as you can. Feed on this bread of angels whence you will draw all the energy you need to fight inner battles. Because true happiness, dear friends, does not consist in the pleasures of the world or in earthly things, but in peace of conscience, which we have only if we are pure in heart and mind.

– Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati

REMINDER: SECOND COLLECTION – SOLIDARITY FUND this weekend

SCHEDULE FOR JAN 11-16, 2022

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

Date	Mass Intentions
Tuesday, Jan 11 6:30PM	NO MASS
Wednesday, Jan 12 9:30 AM	St. Marguerite Bourgeoys MASS: For all the sick
Thursday, Jan 13 9:30 AM	Ferial MASS: For all souls in Purgatory
Friday, Jan 14 9:30 AM	Ferial MASS: For the safety of our children
Saturday, Jan 15 11:00 AM 4:30 PM	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time BAPTISM OF JAN LIQUIGAN MASS: For Our Parishioners
Sunday, Jan 16 10:00 AM 12:30 PM	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time MASS: 1) +Zofia & Marian Kostycz, requested by Cecilia Farbaniec <i>2) Birthday blessings for Nellie Libatique, requested by children & grandchildren</i> MASS: For conversion towards vaccination

Regular Sunday donations:

Dec 25, 2021 (additional Christmas donations): \$150.00
 Dec 31, 2021, donations \$1,170.00
 Jan 2, 2022, donations 1,165.00

E- Transfers:

Dec donations 3,930.00
 Number of donors (20)
 Moneris (Archdiocese App) 275.00

Sharing God's Gifts

2021 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal
 Parish Assessment – \$37,130.00
 Appeal Target – \$26,444.00
 Total - \$63,574.00

DEC, 2021 Donations: \$2,300.00
 Donations to date – \$28,744.00
 Owing to the Archdiocese - \$35,775.00

PARISH OFFERINGS: You may place your offering envelopes in the OFFERING BOX which is located in the middle isle every Mass you attend to. Or bring your envelopes to the parish office.

PAD (Pre-Authorized Debit) Option: Sunday monetary contribution automatically withdrawn from your bank account.

E-TRANSFERS: to make donations to our church by using the following email address:
stjohncantiuschurchdonation@gmail.com

ONLINE OPTION: You may donate to St. John Cantius Church via the Archdiocese of Winnipeg Mobile APP on your mobile device. Go to the Apple APP Store or Google Play Store to download the Archdiocese of Winnipeg Mobile APP.