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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

From the Pastor's desk

Thank You & Happy New Year

As we begin a new year I want to thank those who have worked very hard for the glory of God and for the good of our parish. There are so many who work "behind the scenes" and who faithfully do their jobs that I dare not begin mentioning names. I say **thank you** to each of you. Speaking on behalf of the parish and myself, I want to say that you are appreciated and what you do does not go unnoticed. There are many ministries and each one is important in its respective way. God is ultimately the one who rewards. Advent/Christmas are times when many things happen simultaneously and before one realizes it, those two seasons are in the rear view mirror. **Thank you** to everyone who had a part in the preparation and execution of various activities/ministries during those busy liturgical seasons.

The new year of 2025 is important for the entire Church because it is a **jubilee year**. Every twenty-five years we celebrate a jubilee year in the Church which dates back to Old Covenant times in the history of our Jewish brothers & sisters. This coming Sunday, 29 December 2024, which is the Feast of the Holy Family, the Archbishop, clergy and faithful will gather at St. Mary's Cathedral at 2:30 pm; first in the hall for a short ceremony which takes the place of the traditional opening of the Holy Doors and then Mass in the cathedral. There will also be a reception in the hall following Mass. All are invited to attend the opening of the Holy Year.

Our parish of St. Anthony of Padua is privileged to celebrate our centennial during the Jubilee Year. 100 years of presence in West Kildonan and as a part of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg. We will celebrate this milestone in various ways, however the main event will be Mass with the Archbishop and former pastors and others on **Saturday, 14 June 2025**.


Mass will be at 4 pm followed by a gala supper at the Caboto Centre. We are presently selling T-shirts, hoodies and other items with our centennial emblem emblazoned on them. We are also awaiting the return of our bells from the Pennsylvania where they are being "harnessed" or made to fit an electrified mode. We will also be having a family picnic in Kildonan Park. The year 2025 also marks a milestone in ministry for Father Michel Nault and myself. We were ordained thirty years ago. I worked fourteen years prior my studying for the priesthood as a Registered Psychiatric Nurse. That's forty-four years of work, plus the years of study, and yet I am still working. I am eagerly awaiting one of the discerners to take my spot so I can retire! Until then I will continue encouraging and praying for vocations to the priesthood. Please pray with me.

A Happy New Year, Happy Holy Year, Happy Centennial Year to all parishioners of St. Anthony of Padua Parish.

Fr. Dominic

Attention Catechism Classes 7 & 8

Mark your calendars. Dr. Larry Rados will be here to make his annual presentation on chastity on **Tuesday, 28 January 2025**. You and your parents are cordially invited to attend

 Please remember in your prayers, parishioners and friends who are ill: Renate Luebbert, Connie Mikolash, Al Sarna, Susana Montales, Jaques Drapeau, Adam & Dianne Rusak, Elsie & Stan Bialkowski, Katrena Johnson Donahoe.

Parish News

Leisure Club: Come and join us and have some fun Wednesday afternoons at 1pm in the hall ! We play cards, bingo and whist and go on the occasional outing. Membership is \$20 due January, 55+ welcome. See you this Wednesday, January 8th at 12:45 P.M.

CWL: About Integrity A hallmark of the Catholic Women's League is integrity. Members stand together in faithfulness, reliability, honesty and helping others. We are Catholic and Living It! Come stand with us. **Happy New Year everyone! Our first Executive Meeting of the New Year** is on Tuesday January 7, 2025 at 6:30PM on ZOOM. **Our first General Meeting of the New Year** is on Thursday January 16, 2025 at 6:30PM in the parish hall (no mass) **We are accepting memberships old and new for 2025 (our 100th anniversary)** The fee is \$40.00. You can bring your fee to our meetings or use the envelopes and forms that can be found at the back of the church in the gathering space to submit your membership by dropping your membership envelopes in the collection basket at all weekend masses or give it to Pat Hay at the 4PM Mass on Saturday.

Knights of Columbus: HAPPY NEW YEAR ! Thank you to everyone who made Advent and Christmas very special for our Parish Family as we prepare for the 125th Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree, the Centennial Anniversary of The Catholic Women's League of Canada and the Centenary of St. Anthony of Padua Parish. There will be much fun and many ways to get involved in our church over the next few months. **Blessed Epiphany**

Religious Education: Classes will resume on January 7 for Grades 7 and 8 and RCIA Teen.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
 may the *faith* you have given us
 in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
 and the flame of *charity* enkindled
 in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
 reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
 for the coming of your Kingdom.
 May your grace transform us
 into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
 May those seeds transform from within both
 humanity and the whole cosmos
 in the sure expectation
 of a new heaven and a new earth,
 when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
 your glory will shine eternally.
 May the grace of the Jubilee
 reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
 a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
 May that same grace spread
 the joy and peace of our Redeemer
 throughout the earth.
 To you our God, eternally blessed,
 be glory and praise for ever.
 Amen

Franciscus

Archdiocese News

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025 - Ecumenical Choir Opportunity An ecumenical choir is being formed to lead music at the forthcoming celebration on January 19th during the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. No audition is required. Anyone who can carry a tune and wishes to sing in the choir is welcome! Rehearsals will be held at Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church, 1001 Grant Avenue, Winnipeg, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm on Sunday, January 5, 2025, and Sunday, January 12, 2025. A short final rehearsal will be held immediately before the Ecumenical Worship Service on Sunday, January 19, 2025. For further information, you may call or text Michele Barr at 204-297-9212 or contact her via email: mbarr41@shaw.ca.

SATURDAY, January 18 Day 1 "The fatherhood and care of God who rules the universe" Pray at home today Isaiah 63:15-17; Psalm 139; 1 Corinthians 8:5-6

SUNDAY, January 19 7:30 pm Day 2 "Creation as God's work" CITY-WIDE ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE (with Church Leaders) Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church 1001 Grant Avenue, Winnipeg, 204-453-4653, www.holyfamilyparishmb.ca

MONDAY, January 20 7:30pm Day 3 "The Incarnation of the Son" Kildonan Community Church (Presbyterian) 2373 Main Street, Winnipeg, 204-339-3502, www.kildonancommunitychurch.com

TUESDAY, January 21 7:30pm Day 4 "The Paschal Mystery: The Incarnation, Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus" St. John's Cathedral (Anglican) 135 Anderson Avenue, Winnipeg, 204-586-8385, www.stjohnscathedral.ca

WEDNESDAY, January 22 7:30pm Day 5 "The Holy Spirit, the giver of life and joy" Charleswood United Church 4820 Roblin Boulevard, Winnipeg, 204-832-3667, www.charleswoodunited.org

THURSDAY, January 23 7:30pm Day 6 "The Church: community of believers" Cathédrale de Saint-Boniface Service in French 180 ave de la Cathédrale, Saint-Boniface, 204-233-7304, www.cathedralestboniface.ca

FRIDAY, January 24 7:30 pm Day 7 "Baptism into the Death and Resurrection of the Lord" Saint John XXIII Roman Catholic Church 3390 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, 204-832-7175, www.johnxxiii.ca

SATURDAY, January 25 Day 8 "Waiting for the Kingdom and the life to come" Pray at home today Revelation 21:1-4; Psalm 85; Luke 12:35-40

Traveling Vocation Chalice

The Serra Club of Winnipeg's Traveling Vocations Chalice program encourages families and parishioners to pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious and married life. The chalice travels from family to family on a weekly basis. Should you wish to have the Traveling Vocation Chalice for your Parish Vocation Ministry, please contact the Serra Club of Winnipeg at 204-227-4090.

Mass Schedule

Mon Jan 6: Ferial
9:00am Pastors Intentions

Tue Jan 7: Memorial: St. Andre Bessette
4:00pm Health & Birthday Blessings for Stefan Hawrylak by The Family

Wed Jan 8: Memorial: St. Raymond of Penyafort
11:00am Deceased members of the LaFreniere Family

Thur Jan 9: Ferial
9:00am Thanksgiving by Dinah
R.I.P. Enrica & Virgilio Masamayor by Alma
Deceased members of the LaFreniere Family

Fri Jan 10: Ferial
9:00am R.I.P. Maria Hawrylak by Daughter
Deceased members of the LaFreniere Family
All Souls in Purgatory by Alfredo & Myrna Bello

Sat Jan 11: Baptism of the Lord
R.I.P. Raul Gementiza by The Taylo Family
Deceased members of the LaFreniere Family

Sun Jan 12: Baptism of the Lord
9:00am Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Rizza Alarde
Martinex by Ronald & Lynna Alcartado & Family
R.I.P. Raul Gementiza by The Gementiza Family
Deceased members of the LaFreniere Family
Health of the LaFreniere Family
11:00am Parishioners

Readings for the week:

Mon Jan 6 – 1 John 3:22-4:6, Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
Tue Jan 7 – 1 John 4:7-10, Mark 6:34-44
Wed Jan 8 – 1 John 4:11-18, Mark 6:45-52
Thur Jan 9 – 1 John 4:19-5:4, Luke 4:14-22a
Fri Jan 10 – 1 John 5:5-13, Luke 5:12-16
Sat Jan 10 – 1 John 5:14-21, John 3:22-30





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