

## BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

For the preparation program, phone four months before child's birth



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**10:55am-12 Noon**

Program for 3- & 4- year-olds  
Grades K-8 Program  
for the children of registered parishioners



## CONFIRMATION

For Grades 8-12: Enquire at the Parish Office in September



## YOUTH EVENTS

Lynne, [youth@stignatius.ca](mailto:youth@stignatius.ca)



## CHRISTIAN INITIATION

**OF ADULTS (RCIA):** Enquire at the Adult Education Centre if interested in joining the Catholic Church.



## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrange 12 months in advance.



**SICK CALLS:** Request through the Office. Someone will gladly visit the sick.



## PRAYER, REFLECTION, &

**LEARNING:** in the Chapel, Mon-Thurs 11:30am-4:00pm



## HEALING PRAYER

**MINISTRY:** for prayer, call Valerie, :204-453-9243



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

meet 1<sup>st</sup> Monday each month at 7:30pm

## Readings: 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Gospel
Wisdom 6: 12 - 16	1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18	Matthew 25: 1-13

## On Preparedness: The Parable of the 10 Virgins

The eschatological theme of The Parable of the Ten Virgins in today's Gospel was especially popular in the art of the Middle Ages. It echoes an Old Testament tradition that compares the People of Israel's relation to their God to that of a bride to her bridegroom. "I remember the devotion of your youth, how as a bride you loved me and followed me through the wilderness" (Jeremiah 2: 2), and "Then God will rejoice over you as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride." (Isaiah 62: 5).

The event the virgins are waiting for is the arrival of a bridegroom who will take his bride and her companions to a wedding ceremony. In the days before electricity, lanterns with oil would have been essential for such a procession. We can interpret the coming of the groom in Old Testament terms as Yahweh coming to claim his People, as Jesus' immediate hearers doubtless would have done, – or in Christian terms as the Second Coming of Christ. Either way, the groom's identity is less important than the coming of an eschatological crisis: an inescapable event of judgement and rapture in the last days. As the unwise virgins' attempt to go looking for oil only after the shops were closed was futile, so is the eschatological crisis a sort of absolute deadline for humanity.

That judgement is involved is made clear by the exclusion of the unprepared virgins from the wedding party. "Truly I tell you, I do not know you," says the groom, echoing symmetrically God's dictum to the ruling group within his chosen people who might otherwise have assumed they were right with Him: "Those who deal with the law did not know me." (Jeremiah 2: 8) – perhaps a warning that even those inside the church may not take for granted that salvation is automatic. The wise virgins' inability to help the foolish was not selfish. Spencer Kimball explains: "The kind of oil that is needed to illuminate the way and light up the darkness is not shareable.... How can one share attitudes or chastity? Each must obtain that kind of oil for himself."

All the virgins came with their lanterns hoping to attend the wedding, but only the five who brought oil acted on their hope in time. While both wise and unwise virgins slept – as will all of us – it was the preparations they made before they slept that distinguished the wise from the foolish. The parable makes time the essence. Some have suggested the virgins became drowsy in the first place because the bridegroom was delayed. (The early Church, it will be noted, was very concerned with the fact that the Second Coming was taking much longer than they had originally expected). As the time of judgement is unknown, the parable emphasizes the need to start preparing in the here and now. For Jesus' hearers, the opportunity to prepare came with hearing and acting on the living Word. Traditionally, this parable is placed near the end of the Church year. But each of us faces an individual end time that looms within a very human time-scale.

– Adapted from an exegesis by Dean O. Wenthe & other sources

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### Served by:

**Pastor:** Frank Obrigewitsch, SJ  
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### ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL

Nursery-Grade 8: full curriculum  
in a Catholic environment for  
children of registered parishioners.

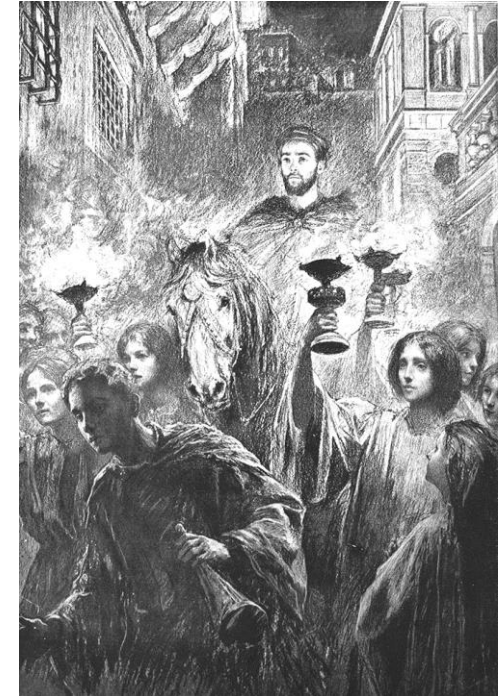
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# The Community of St Ignatius



"At midnight there was a shout, 'Look, here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'" (Matt 25)

Drawing by Eugène Burnand

## 12 November 2017

### 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEKEND MASSES		WEEKDAY MASSES	
<b>Saturday:</b>	5:00pm	<b>Mon:</b>	7:15am (& Communion Service 11am)
<b>Sunday:</b>	8:00am	<b>Tues-Sat:</b>	11:00am
	9:30am	<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION</b>	
	11:00am	Fri Nov 17 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 - 5:00pm Fr Obrigewitsch
(Spanish)	3:40pm	Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:45 - 10:45am Fr Newman
	8:30pm	Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 - 5:00pm Fr Newman
		Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:45 - 10:45am Fr Obrigewitsch

## 12 November 2017 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

**Parish Annual General Meeting (AGM), Thursday 16 November 7:30pm** in the Parish hall. Wine & cheese reception to follow. Everyone is invited.

**The office will be closed at Noon Monday 13 November.**

**Commemoration of the faithful departed:** Throughout November, we pray for departed souls. On sheets you'll find in the pews, write the name(s) of those you want remembered; names will be placed in the urn and prayed for.

**The Livelihoods of Tea Garden Workers in Darjeeling, this Sunday 12 November** at 12:15pm in the Education Centre. Presenter: **Fr Lalit Tirkey, sj**, Director of Human Life Development and Research Centre (HLDRC), Darjeeling, India. Immediately before his talk, he will be here with us to celebrate 11am Mass. Please give him a warm welcome.

**Nothing Without Sound: Jesuits, Indigenous Languages, and New Dialogues, Thursday 16 November**, 9am to 5pm, Hanley Hall, St Paul's College – a symposium to celebrate arrival of *Writing the Word, Cultivating the Text: a Jesuit Legacy of Indigenous Language Tools*, an exhibition from Jesuit Archives. For info, call 204-474-9165, or see poster on bulletin board.

**Report on Bill 34 & Thanks from Archbishop Gagnon:** over 10,000 letters were received by the Manitoba Provincial Government from the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, other dioceses, other faith-based organizations, and the public. We pray for a good outcome from this letter-writing campaign for the protection of conscience rights for our doctors, nurses and health care workers.

### Knights of Columbus News



**St Ignatius Council Wine Raffle runs until 4 December.** Please consider purchasing tickets for \$2 each from any Knight or from the Church office. You could win four pro hockey tickets to Winnipeg vs St Louis on 17 December; three clutches of fine wine; and cash. Proceeds support the Church, the school, and worthy charitable causes.

**Grocery Gift Cards, which can be used at Co-op, Sobey's, Safeway, and IGA** (\$25, \$50, & \$100 denominations) are on sale by our Knights each week after all masses in the vestibule at the back of the church and in the hall. Cash or debit card only, please.

**Pancake Breakfasts are planned for the following future Sundays: 19 November, 10 December, 7 January, 11 February, and 18 March.**

**You can give a \$5 Tim Horton's card**, as an alternative to cash, to the homeless and to those in need. Cards can be purchased from one of the Knights.

### Financial Report

**Sharing God's Gifts:** Brochures at the back of the church illustrate what wonderful acts of mercy and works of love our contributions assist our Archdiocese to accomplish. Our assessment for 2017 is \$59,000 of which we still owe \$8,962. To help us meet the target by the end of the year, we will continue taking a second collection on alternate Sundays. Please make cheques payable to the Parish, earmarked to "Sharing God's Gifts" – and print your name and envelope number *clearly* on the Sharing God's Gifts envelope.

**St Ignatius Statement for this week:** To our regular Sunday collection you gave in support of our parish, school, and church: \$12,874. To Sharing God's Gifts you gave \$3,912. To the Poor Box & Agape you gave \$364. Thank you for your generosity.

**Please consider using Pre-Authorized Payments (PAC)** for your contributions to the church: an easy way to donate. **To start a new PAC or increase an existing one, please fill out a form available from the Office.**

**St Mary's Cathedral Choir School Class: Navigating Reading Music (in our hymn books), Saturday 18 November**, 1-4pm, St Mary's Cathedral, 353 St Mary Ave. Class will cover: meter & rhythm, note reading, solfege, intervals, scale, keys, and chromatics. Presenter: Ian Campbell. Cost: \$30. For info go to [www.bit.ly/smchoirschool](http://www.bit.ly/smchoirschool)

**Heretical Harmonies: Musical Ritual as a Defining Feature of an Emerging Orthodoxy in the Early Church, Wednesday 29 November**, 12:10 to 12:40pm, at St Paul's College. Free and open to the public. Bring your lunch, refreshments provided. Presenter: Dr Jade Weimer. Part of Jesuit Centre Lunch-Hour Lecture Series.

**Women at the Heart of Peace: Development & Peace (D&P) Caritas Canada education campaign:** The vital role women play in conflict-prevention and peace-building in communities around the world. More information about the campaign and how to be a part of it, will be in the mini-magazine/action sheet in your bulletin next week, or go to [devp.org/campaign](http://devp.org/campaign)



The 10 virgins fall asleep, by Eugène Burnand

### Mass Intentions for Week of Nov 13 – 18<sup>th</sup>

Mon	Nov 13 <sup>th</sup>	7:15am + Antonio & Angelina Marino
Tues	14 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am + Esme & Leo Doherty
Wed	15 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am +P.J. Tarpey
Thu	16 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am +Angelo Degrazia
Fri	17 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am +Joanne Singbeil
Sat	18 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am +Manuel Furtado