BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

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



SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:55am-12 Noon

Program for 3- & 4- yearolds; Grades K-8 Program for the children of registered parishioners



CONFIRMATION

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



YOUTH EVENTS

Lynne, 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.



HEALING PRAYER

MINISTRY: call Office, 204-474-2351



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sat

meet 1st Monday each month at 7:30pm

Readings: 3rd Sunday of Lent (A)

1st **Reading:** 1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5: 8-14

Gospel: John 9: 1-41

IF JESUS WERE BLIND

Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." (John 9)

On his face there were only closed lids and not even the sun could penetrate his corneas with blood red light but on his fingers he had eyes one on each tip he could see and feel the world the wind and you

With ten oculi he could peer into the eleventh dimension see beyond dodecahedrons and hypercubes and superstrings look into a world our stereoscopic minds cannot envision he saw the glory beneath the light and within and beyond it

He only saw ultraviolet and infrared, the hidden beauty of things what hummingbirds see as they hover and zoom and spy firebush and honeysuckle, sage and yellow trumpet bush discovering the nectar guides and their honeyed revelations

beyond faces and minds and egos manifested when he touched you and grasped you inside and out he saw the you lit up beneath the shadow you, he saw the gash in your wounded soul, the sweetness dripping from your floral heart

Rev Michael Coffey (Evangelical Lutheran Pastor),
 Mystery without Rhyme or Reason:
 Poetic Reflections on the Revised Common Lectionary

Mass Intentions for the Week of March 23rd – 28th (will be honoured during private Masses only) Mon Mar 23rd 7:15am +Gladys Abesamis Tues 24th 11:00am +Sonia Hakim Wed 25th 11:00am +Maria Nito Carandang Thu 26th 11:00am +Jim McGinn Fri 27th 11:00am +Gerda Tarpey

11:00am +Pietro Trentin & Family

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Served by:

Pastor: Frank Obrigewitsch, SJ **Assoc Pastor:** Joe Newman, SJ and Winnipeg's Jesuit Community

Office:

Monday-Friday 9am-4pm Admin Asst: Indira Rampersad 204-474-2351

Controller: Jan Hasiuk controller@stignatius.ca

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ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL

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

Principal: Jeannine Pistawka **Admin Asst:** Michele Lampertz

204-475-1386

www.stignatius.mb.ca

Adult Education Centre & Lending Library: 204-453-9243 **Co-ordinator:** Valerie Forrest

adult.education@stignatius.ca

Buildings & Grounds Maintenance Manager:

Chris Janes maintenance@stignatius.ca

The Community of **St Ignatius**



Jesus Heals the Man Blind from Birth (John 9)

22 March 2020

4th Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday

WEEKEND MASSES: CANCELLED

Private prayer in the church from Noon to 2pm daily (Monday through Sunday). (Please see details inside bulletin).

WEEKDAY MASSES : CANCELLED

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The usual Friday/Saturday schedule is cancelled. Confessions will now be heard from Noon to 2pm daily (Monday through-Sunday)in the Chapel.

22 March 2020 - 4th Sunday of Lent - Laetare (A)

There is a biweekly collection for Sharing God's Gifts next week.

2019 Income Tax Receipts have been mailed out. Please look for yours in the mail.

2020 Sunday Collection and PAC Envelopes are available for pick-up in the Office.

CANCELLATIONS at ST IGNATIUS

By order of the Archbishop, to avoid community transmission of the Corona Virus, all public Masses and Parish activities are cancelled until at least 27 April.

The Archbishop has issued a temporary dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass. Replacement dates will be announced by event organizers when conditions improve. For info about outside activities, contact the organizations or visit their websites.

The following specific cancellations are for greater certainty.

- ALL MEETINGS & GROUP EVENTS AT THE ED CENTRE, Monday 23 March until at least 27 April
 including Adoration, RCIA, ILV, Spiritual Directors' meeting, Mothers' Prayer Group, Monday
 Morning Prayer Group, Bat Kol, CLC, Quilting, CCRS, and Healing Ministry.
- All Youth events, including Spring Break Camp and Flashlight Tag evening.
- Environment Committee meeting previously scheduled for Wednesday 25 March.
- K of C Fish Fry & El Sitio Fundraiser previously scheduled for Friday 3 April.
- D&P-sponsored Stations of the Cross: previously scheduled for Friday 3 April.

Private masses will continue to be said daily without lay people assisting.

For now, the church will be open for private prayer from Noon until 2pm daily. Entrance only through the Admin door. Some pews will be blocked off for cleaning, and you are asked to spread out to preserve social distance in the remaining pews. If numbers exceed current regulations, a roster will be developed which will require that you register in advance for a time slot.

People deemed at risk, those who have recently travelled, or anyone with even mild symptoms of illness are asked to please pray at home and follow Masses on line.

Confessions will be heard only from Noon until 2pm daily in the chapel.

Community Health & Wellbeing Program is looking for a volunteer from St Ignatius Parish to participate on its Planning Committee after activities restart. Time commitment: 3-4 hours per month. This monthly program, sponsored jointly by area congregations, has served older adults for the last 23 years. Info: Debbie, 204-489-3477 or wolfson@mymys.net

Postponed Honouring the Mystery: a Workshop for caregivers, Thursday 11 June, (previously scheduled for 24 March) at St Boniface Cathedral lower level. Palliative, hospice, bereavement healthcare professionals. Register for morning, afternoon or both. Info: go to www.cham.mb.ca

Financial Report

2020 *Sharing God's Gifts* **Archdiocesan Collection (SGG):** Our assessment for 2020 is \$64,220, of which we still owe \$49,903. Collections are every second week. Please make cheques payable to the Parish, earmarked "Sharing God's Gifts" – and print your name and envelope number clearly on the Sharing God's Gifts envelope. Thank you for your generosity towards the various Archdiocesan ministries!

St Ignatius Statement for this week: To our combined regular Sunday collections you gave \$8,897 in support of our Parish, including school and church expenses. To SGG you gave \$2,485. You gave \$56 for Agape and the Poor Box. 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.

Postponed Join the Journey – Body, Mind & Spirit: A Spiritual Care Formation Series, 8 Wednesday evenings starting 15 April running through 3 June, (previously scheduled to start 18 March) at 6:00 - 8:30pm, Precious Blood Hall, 200 Kenny Street. A new program by the Catholic Health Association of Manitoba to help caregivers, spiritual care workers, and employees working in long-term care facilities to offer quality spiritual care through a holistic understanding of ageing and of spirituality in an elder's life. Many of these teachings are also applicable to people of all ages. Info: visit www.cham.mb.ca and click on Formation.

D&P ShareLent: Development & Peace / Caritas Canada asks us to stand in solidarity with people in the Amazon and the Global South who are defending Creation.

- Learn: On forest reserves created by the Brazilian state, the seringueiros tap rubber trees and gather nuts and fruits for subsistence. They face persecution from powerful loggers, hunters, ranchers, farmers, etc, who covet their land. A D&P partner, the Pastoral Land Commission (CPT), supports the seringueiros, documenting violations of their rights and helping them legally contest the seizure of their lands. Watch the seringueiros' testimony at devp.org/campaign/seringueiros/
- **Donate:** on Solidarity Sunday next week, 29 March (5th Sunday of Lent), please donate online at *devp.org/give* Your generosity supports over 149 projects in 36 countries, and is more necessary than ever as the pandemic puts a strain on social services and legal activities around the globe.
- Provide long-term support to D&P by joining our monthly donor program. For info, go to *devp.org/shareyearround* or pick up a brochure from the display at the back of the church.



Pharisees: "Surely we are not blind... are we?" (John 9)
Painting by James Tissot