

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN
 For the preparation
 program, phone four
 months before child’s birth
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SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:55am-12 Noon
 Program for 3- & 4- year-
 olds; Grades K-8 Program
for the children of registered
parishioners
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CONFIRMATION
 For Grades 8-12: Enquire at
 Parish Office in September
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YOUTH EVENTS
 Lynne, youth@stignatius.ca
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**CHRISTIAN INITIATION
 OF ADULTS (RCIA):** Enquire
 at the Adult Education
 Centre if interested in
 joining the Catholic Church.
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SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
 Arrange 12 months in
 advance.
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SICK CALLS: Request
 through the Office.
 Someone will gladly visit the
 sick.
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**HEALING PRAYER
 MINISTRY:** call Office,
 204-474-2351
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 meet 1st Monday each
 month at 7:30pm

Readings: Ascension Sunday (A)
1 st Reading: Acts 1: 1-11
2 nd Reading: Ephesians 1: 17-23
Gospel: Matt 28: 16-20

“Make Disciples of All Nations”

This phrase in today’s Gospel spells out the scope of the disciple-making mission. It’s a vast expansion of Jesus’ earlier commission to go “to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” (Matt.10:6). For some Jews of Jesus’ day, it was difficult to accept; they saw themselves as God’s chosen people and looked down on non-Jews. Jesus confronted this religious and ethnic pride and gave advance hints of the commission to *all* ethnic groups by making the Good Samaritan a hero in His teaching about loving one’s neighbour (Luke 10) and by engaging a Samaritan woman in conversation at the well that led her to faith in Him. These people, despised of the Jews, became the first fruits of the “*other sheep that are not of this fold ... so there will be one flock, one shepherd.*” (John 10)

Then we see Paul preaching the gospel to people of all ethnicities throughout the Roman world. Once this was gradually accepted, it became a key breakthrough in church history, without which the Christian church may not have survived. Writing to the Gentile church in Ephesus, Paul said, “[*Jesus*] ... *has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ... that he might create in himself one new [person]. ... He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.*” (Eph. 2)

Christ’s dismantling of the separation between Jews and Gentiles was revolutionary; put into practice, it would abolish the divisions that fracture and fragment human relationships and communities. Paul stressed this everywhere he ministered: “*As many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus*” (Gal. 3). All of these markers of identity in the natural world are superseded by our new identity in Christ and the kingdom of God, where we are bound together in a new humanity.

The outworking of the Great Commission was an important factor in the fast and strong growth of the early Christian movement. These were unprecedented communities that transcended barriers of ethnicity, social class, economic status, and literacy that normally divide people. In today’s world of division and strife, this commission to make disciples of people from all ethnic groups is more important than ever. The world will take notice of communities of Christians living as the new humanity, loving one another across the usual barriers. Opportunities to explain the reason for that love will open up, and the message of Christ’s redeeming love can be shared, as well as the destiny of all who trust and follow Christ.

-- blog by Thomas A. Tarrants, III, D.Min,
 C.S. Lewis Institute (excerpted/paraphrased)

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Pastor: Frank Obrigewitsch, SJ
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 during current emergency
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 204-474-2351
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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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SUNDAY MASSES: LIVE-STREAMED at 11am (Please see details inside bulletin).	WEEKDAY MASSES :LIVE-STREAMED at 11am daily
	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: <i>By appointment.</i>
<i>The usual Friday/Saturday schedule is cancelled.</i>	

The Community of
St Ignatius

*“And remember, I am with you always,
 to the end of the age.” (Matt 28)*

24 May 2020
Ascension Sunday

24 May 2020 – Ascension Sunday – (A)

Update on Fr Joseph Newman’s departure: due to travel restrictions, his last Mass with us will be on **Sunday 31 May**. He will be dearly missed at St Ignatius. We wish him Godspeed and great success in his new post. We plan to have him return in the Fall for a proper celebration and send-off. Please see Father Newman’s letter on line, appended to the 26 April bulletin.

Please see financial report box at right for information on how to donate while Sunday Masses are cancelled.

The physical Office is now closed for the remainder of the pandemic emergency, but the Church is still here to serve you. Someone is in the office from 10 to 10:30am, and then from noon to 2pm to answer phone calls. From 10am to 2pm, staff will access emails and urgent voice-mails.

CANCELLATIONS at ST IGNATIUS

The Archbishop has extended **until at least 31 May the cancellation of all public Masses and Parish activities** to avoid community transmission of the Corona Virus. He has also 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.

- NEW!** **All Group Sacrament Events Postponed:** First Communion, First Reconciliation, and Confirmation ceremonies that were scheduled for May have been postponed to a later date. You will be advised of replacement dates.
- ALL MEETINGS & GROUP EVENTS AT THE ED CENTRE** until at least **31 May** including Adoration, RCIA, ILV, Spiritual Directors’ meeting, Mothers’ Prayer Group, Monday Morning Prayer Group, Bat Kol, CLC, Quilting, CCRS, and Healing Ministry.

Private masses continue to be said daily without a congregation.

Sunday and daily Masses are streamed live from St Ignatius every day at 11am at:

- <http://stignatiusmass.from-ca.com>

Other daily or/and Sunday Masses can be viewed live at:

- <http://dailytvmass.com/> OR
- <http://catholic.tv/org/masses/catholic-mass/sunday-mass>

City of Winnipeg Construction May 2020 to October 2020: Corydon Ave – Thurso to Stafford Street. On-street parking will be prohibited, and traffic will be restricted to one lane in each direction. The work will be completed in multiple stages. Closures of side streets and approaches will be required at different times. Questions? contact Derek.Wiebe@Stantec.com or 204-292-6415.

Financial Report

2020 Sharing God’s Gifts Archdiocesan Collection (SGG): Our assessment for 2020 is \$64,220, of which we still owe \$47,388. 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 the period May 11 through May 18: To our combined regular Sunday collections you gave \$16,996 in support of our Parish, including school and church expenses. To SGG you gave \$1,915. To Agape you gave \$60. Thank you for your generosity. (NB: For now, tallies are not made weekly, but are updated as needed).

During the pandemic, collections at Masses are not possible. The Parish still provides the Sacraments and other urgent services for those in need. At the same time, we recognize that some parishioners will be in financial difficulty because of the crisis.

If you are able, please continue to donate by:

- dropping off your envelope into the new mailbox outside the Admin Office door.
- mailing in your weekly donation**, including your SGG contribution, to 255 Stafford Street, Winnipeg, MB R3M 2X2;
- donating to us through PayPal** at <https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr...>
- switch to 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 or on line.

While the physical church building is temporarily closed to the public by order of the Archbishop, in line with provincial government health restrictions, private prayer in the church is no longer possible. Family prayer at home is recommended. The following websites, among many others, have prayer suggestions you may find helpful:

- <https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/prayers-for-healing>
- <https://www.catholic.org/prayers/>
- <https://mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/a-prayer-for-healing-and-hope/>



Mass Intentions for the Week of May 25th – 30th (will be honoured during private Masses only)

Mon	May25 th	11:00am	+Aladar Hollosy
Tues	26 th	11:00am	+Mariana Orantes
Wed	27 th	11:00am	+Serapion Arquillano
Thu	28 th	11:00am	+Garton Snitowski
Fri	29 th	11:00am	+Barbara Bozyk
Sat	30 th	11:00am	+Pina Newman