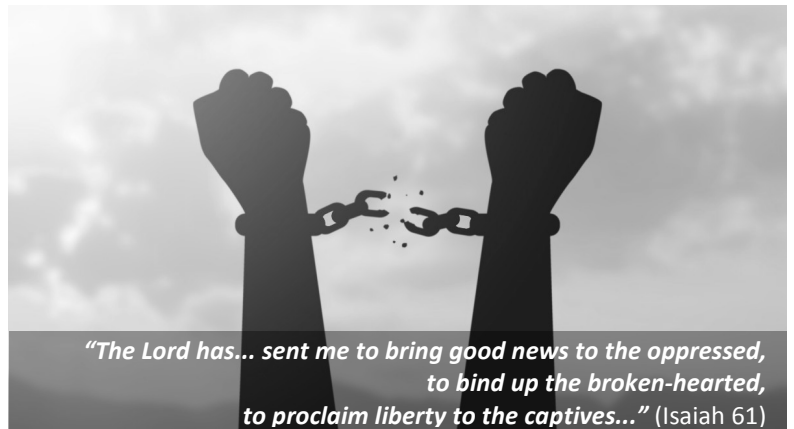


The Community of St Ignatius

On-line Parish bulletin for
2020-12-13

3rd Sunday in Advent (Year B)

Gaudete Sunday and National Day of Prayer
in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples



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PRAYER to our Lady of Guadalupe (12 Dec)

READINGS: 3rd Sunday in Advent (B)

1st Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Public attendance at all Masses is suspended during the Covid-19 Code Red period. Sunday and daily Masses continue to be streamed live from St Ignatius daily at 11am at: <http://stignatiusmass.from-ca.com>

NEW: The Archbishop has extended through **1 March 2021** the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass in person. Private Masses continue to be celebrated daily without a congregation. Parishioners' intentions are honoured at each Mass.

NEW: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment only

- Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday: 10:00-10:40am and 11:45am-12:30pm
- Friday: 10:00-10:40am only

As 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 December 14 th – 19 th (will be honoured during live-streamed Masses)			
Mon	Dec 14 th	11:00am	+Hilda Graham
Tues	15 th	11:00am	+Eva Rennie
Wed	16 th	11:00am	+Frank Notarianni
Thu	17 th	11:00am	Memory of Christine Jack
Fri	18 th	11:00am	+Hilda Graham
Sat	19 th	11:00am	Spec Int : Chantal Bishop

Live-Streamed Christmas Mass Schedule
Christmas Eve 24 December: 5pm & 11pm
Christmas Day, December 25: 11am

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Knights of Columbus Virtual Parish Christmas Dinner and Virtual Gathering,

Sunday 20 December, 5pm. Knights will deliver a hot turkey dinner Covid-safe to your door and host an interactive virtual meeting with your friends with music, etc. Special diets can be accommodated. Donations accepted, no set price. Pre-order by December 15th by contacting John Logan, (koc@stignatius.ca) or 204-284-1483. See further details in the Parish website (www.stignatius.ca).

St Ignatius Knights' PAC Challenge deadline extended to 31 December. The Knights of Columbus challenge all St Ignatius parishioners to sign up for pre-authorized contributions (PACs). The Knights will match, dollar-for-dollar, the first two months of every new PAC and every increase over existing contributions from July 1 through December 31, 2020 up to a total of \$10,000! Now is the time to start or increase your PAC to help the Parish collect an extra benefit! To sign up, email the Parish office (office@stignatius.ca), leave a phone message at 204-474-2351, or visit the Parish website (www.stignatius.ca)

St Ignatius Knights' 2020 On-line Raffle

This replaces our annual Wine Raffle and is the main source of income for our Council's charitable works in the Parish and Community. This year, the Knights will donate up to \$10,000 to the Parish through the Knights PAC Challenge (see above). Please consider buying a ticket; forward this info to all your friends and family, and encourage them to support our Council!

Draw Date: December 13, 2020

Tickets: \$2/ticket; buy singly or in multiples of 5. Click here to purchase:

[St. Ignatius Knights of Columbus Council 5808 2020 Online Raffle](#)

OR order by phone by calling: Malcolm Bird, 204-962-3320.

Prizes:

- 529 & Prairie's Edge Dining Vouchers (\$300.00)
- Peasant Cookery & Alena/Bluestone Dining Vouchers (\$300.00)
- Winnipeg Professional Hockey Jersey & Swag (\$250.00)
- Case of Wine (\$250.00)
- \$200 Cash (\$200.00)

MEDITATION: THE MYSTERY OF ADVENT

Advent asks of us an openness, an attentiveness, to what God is doing in us and in our world. It orders our relationship to God in reverence, humility and gratitude...

We glimpse something of a God who is not afraid to make himself one of us that he might gather our weakness into Himself. Most people are conscious of a deep mystery in life. Advent helps us to attend to this mystery at the heart of our lives and our faith...

Advent points us to a different way of thinking. The humility of God in the Incarnation does not demean us but graces us. God gently exposes our weakness: he slips into our world almost unseen: he clothes our weakness with his own...

Advent is the time between His first coming, his every coming, His coming at the end of time. Advent is a time to leave behind all that weighs us down, holding us back from giving ourselves to God. It is our time to begin again, a season in which our own freedom is renewed. It is a time to put right whatever has gone wrong, to begin a new future guided by the light of Christ rather than our passing moods...

Excerpted from a meditation by Peter Knott, sj

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2020 Sharing God's Gifts Archdiocesan Collection (SGG): Our assessment for 2020 has been reduced from \$64,220 to \$48,152, of which we still owe \$12,102. 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 to our Archdiocese.

St Ignatius Statement for the period November 23rd to December 7th: To our combined regular Sunday collections you gave \$33,764 in support of our Parish, including school and church expenses. (This includes some late PayPal account updates from as far back as May). To SGG you gave \$3,999. To the Christmas collection, you gave \$305, and to D&P you gave \$250. Thank you for your generosity! (NB: For now, tallies are made every two weeks.)

During the pandemic, despite reduced office hours and restricted Mass attendance, the Parish still provides the Sacraments and other urgent services for those in need. While we recognize that some parishioners will be in financial difficulty because of the crisis, we ask you, **if you are able, to please continue donating** by:

- **dropping off your envelope in 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...>; or
- **switching 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.

OUR FACILITIES

<p>ST IGNATIUS PARISH 255 Stafford Street Winnipeg, MB R3M 2X2 www.stignatius.ca</p>
<p>Served by: Pastor: Frank Obrigewitsch, SJ Assoc Pastor: Con Mulvihill, SJ and John Perry, SJ</p>
<p>Office: CLOSED during current emergency Admin Asst: Indira Rampersad, 204-474-2351 office@stignatius.ca</p>
<p>Controller: Jan Hasiuk controller@stignatius.ca</p>
<p>ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL <i>Nursery-Grade 8: full curriculum in a Catholic environment for children of registered parishioners.</i> Principal: Jeannine Pistawka Admin Asst: Michele Lampertz 204-475-1386 www.stignatius.mb.ca</p>
<p>Adult Education Centre & Lending Library: 204-453-9243 Co-ordinator: Fr Con adult.education@stignatius.ca</p>
<p>Buildings & Grounds Maintenance Manager: Chris Janes, maintenance@stignatius.ca</p>

SACRAMENTS, FORMATION, & ACTIVITIES

<p>BAPTISM OF CHILDREN For the preparation program, phone four months before child's birth</p>
<p>SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:55am-12 Noon This year: First Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation only</p>
<p>CONFIRMATION For Grades 8-12: Enquire at Parish Office in September</p>
<p>CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): Enquire at the Adult Education Centre if interested in joining the Catholic Church.</p>
<p>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Arrange 12 months in advance.</p>
<p>SICK CALLS: Request through the Office. Someone will gladly visit the sick.</p>
<p>HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY: call Office, 204-474-2351</p>
<p>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS normally meet 1st Monday each month at 7:30pm – meetings temporarily suspended.</p>

***On the Feast Days of St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin (9 December) and of
Our Lady of Guadalupe: (12 December)***

**Prayer for the Implementation of the United Nations Declaration
on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**

Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to St Juan Diego on December 9, 1531 and told him that she was the Mother of the True God, Deus and Teotl, Jesus, in his Indigenous language.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, you appeared as a *mestizo* woman, and called him *my most abandoned son, dignified Juan*.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, you told him that you heard the cries and lament of his People and would help them with your compassion, love and protection.

Intercede for us, Our Lady of Guadalupe, to have the dignities, cultures, lands, languages, spiritualities and ways of life of Indigenous Peoples, all gifts from the True God, your Son, Jesus, restored to them.

Intercede for us, Our Lady of Guadalupe, to have the rights enshrined in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples enacted by Parliament for the Indigenous Peoples of Canada who long for justice and peace.

Intercede for us, O Blessed Mother, as we pray to you, to soften the hearts and minds of the Members of Parliament and the Senate so that they truly listen to those who seek true justice and fairness for all Indigenous Peoples in Canada. Amen.

-- from <https://jesuits.ca/>

