

# The Community of St Ignatius

On-line Parish Bulletin for  
2021-01-17

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)



Andrew brings Simon to meet Jesus (John 1)

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Public attendance at all Masses is suspended during the Covid-19 Code Red period. Sunday and daily Masses are live-streamed daily from St Ignatius at 11am (and remain available on line until the next morning) at: <http://stignatiusmass.from-ca.com>.

## READINGS: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** 1 Samuel 3: 3b-10, 19

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Corinthians 6: 13c-15a, 17-20

**Gospel:** John 1: 35-42

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, on Wednesdays, Thursdays, & Saturdays.

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 January 18<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> (will be honoured during live-streamed Masses)

Mon	Jan 18 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	+Deceased members of the Elefante Family
Tues	19 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	+Eliduina Conci
Wed	20 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	+Jeffrey Heintz
Thu	21 <sup>st</sup>	11:00am	+Lorne Torack
Fri	22 <sup>nd</sup>	11:00am	+Stella Torack
Sat	23 <sup>rd</sup>	11:00am	+Mark Bishop

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Elidaina Conci**, mother of John Conci. Condolences to the family.

**An email scam is currently circulating that uses the names of various diocesan priests** to solicit cash or gift cards, purportedly to help patients with serious diseases. These emails are not genuine. If you receive such a message, please immediately delete it and do not respond. If you are ever unsure about the contents of such an e-mail or text message, please contact the Communication Services Office at (204) 452-2227 ext. 225 or [communications@archwinnipeg.ca](mailto:communications@archwinnipeg.ca)

**Parish 2021 Offertory envelopes will be provided only upon request this year.** You can request them by calling the Parish Office, 204-474-2351, or by emailing [office@stignatius.ca](mailto:office@stignatius.ca). The preferred alternative is now PAC; (see “[Switching](#)” below).

## MEDITATION

### WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

The rabbi during the time of Jesus was unlike the rabbi of today, who teaches mainly in synagogues. Back then, he was an itinerant preacher much like the prophets of old. He moves from place to place, teaching about the Scriptures and many important lessons from concrete realities in life. His disciples follow him wherever he goes and they imbibe his philosophy and way of life in the process.

Hence, to ask where a rabbi lives [as the two disciples of John did in today’s Gospel reading] is rather secondary and even immaterial. What really matters is being with him wherever he goes. That is why, instead of answering their question, Jesus replies with an invitation: “Come, and you will see.” It is an invitation, not to a place of abode, but to a relationship, to be part of his life. “So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day.” That one day of experience inspires them so much that it radically transforms them, from being followers to evangelizers. One of them, Andrew, looks for his brother, Simon, and eagerly breaks the good news to him: “We have found the Messiah.”

Every day the Lord invites us: “Come, follow me.” Like the two disciples, many of us would readily follow him. But he would invariably pose the same question: “What are you looking for?” As Aristotle wrote, “Those who wish to succeed must ask the right preliminary questions.” And this is one of the important preliminary questions we need to ask ourselves before seriously deciding to follow Jesus.

People follow Jesus for various reasons, depending on one’s idea about him. As Thomas Merton said, “Our idea of God tells us more about ourselves than about Him.” Many see him as the great Healer; so they follow him in order to be healed of their various ailments. Others acknowledge him as the one who teaches with authority; they follow him because they like to listen to his teachings. Still others admire him as the Miracle Worker and they want to witness his miracles. And some, like the Pharisees, consider him as enemy and threat to their authority and status. So, they follow him to catch him in his speech and have something to accuse him of.

This Sunday, therefore, Jesus asks us: “What you are looking for?” In other words, he wants to know why we are following him. This is a crucial question that has to be answered honestly in order to purify our motivations and intensify our commitment to follow him. Peter accurately responded: “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life.”

excerpted from a homily by Fr. Mike Lagrimas in the [Catholic For Life](#) blog

## FINANCIAL REPORT

**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 \$1,737. 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 December 28<sup>th</sup> to January 10<sup>th</sup>:** To our combined regular Sunday collections you gave \$13,976 in support of our Parish, including school and church expenses. To SGG you gave \$3,340. To the Christmas collection, you gave \$18,402. To Agape and Poor Box you gave \$80. 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><b>ST IGNATIUS PARISH</b>                  255 Stafford Street                  Winnipeg, MB R3M 2X2  <a href="http://www.stignatius.ca">www.stignatius.ca</a></p>
<p><b>Served by:</b>  <b>Pastor:</b> Frank Obrigewitsch, SJ  <b>Assoc Pastor:</b> Con Mulvihill, SJ and John Perry, SJ</p>
<p><b>Office:</b> <b>CLOSED</b> during current emergency  <b>Admin Asst:</b> Indira Rampersad, 204-474-2351  <a href="mailto:office@stignatius.ca">office@stignatius.ca</a></p>
<p><b>Controller:</b> Jan Hasiuk  <a href="mailto:controller@stignatius.ca">controller@stignatius.ca</a></p>
<p><b>ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL</b>  <i>Nursery-Grade 8: full curriculum in a Catholic environment for children of registered parishioners.</i>  <b>Principal:</b> Jeannine Pistawka  <b>Admin Asst:</b> Michele Lampertz                  204-475-1386  <a href="http://www.stignatius.mb.ca">www.stignatius.mb.ca</a></p>
<p><b>Adult Education Centre &amp; Lending Library:</b>                  204-453-9243  <b>Co-ordinator:</b> Fr Con  <a href="mailto:adult.education@stignatius.ca">adult.education@stignatius.ca</a></p>
<p><b>Buildings &amp; Grounds Maintenance Manager:</b>                  Chris Janes,  <a href="mailto:maintenance@stignatius.ca">maintenance@stignatius.ca</a></p>

### SACRAMENTS, FORMATION, & ACTIVITIES

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