

# The Community of **St Ignatius**

Winnipeg, MB

## On-line Parish Bulletin

for 2021-09-05

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)



*"Be Opened"* (Mark 7)

Illumination from Ottheinrich Bible, Bavaria, ca 1430

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### READINGS: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 35: 4-7

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** James 2: 1-5

**Gospel:** Mark 7:31-37

The church is open for public Masses with limited attendance

Wednesday through Sunday at 11am, with an additional Saturday 5pm Mass.

Please email [reserve@stignatius.ca](mailto:reserve@stignatius.ca) to reserve a seat Daily Masses continue to be celebrated and Parishioners' intentions are honoured at each Mass. Masses are live-streamed at 11am daily from St Ignatius at <http://stignatiusmass.from-ca.com> (and remain available on line until the next morning).

The Archbishop has extended **until September 12<sup>th</sup>** the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass in person.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment Wednesday through Saturday.

When private prayer in the church is not available for you, family prayer at home is highly 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 September 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> (will be honoured during live-streamed Masses)

Mon	Sept	6 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	+Lucy Pogu
Tues		7 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	+Roderick Suello
Wed		8 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	+Lucy Pogu
Thu		9 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday: Fr Bart Burke
Fri		3 <sup>rd</sup>	11:00am	Spec Int: Jackie Overton
Sat		10 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	+Frank Vergata

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Although physical attendance limits have been somewhat relaxed for indoor religious services under current Covid-19 restrictions, parishioners still require advance reservations to attend Mass in person, and the Parish policy is that all those attending Mass must wear a mask covering nose and mouth and practise physical distancing.**

Meanwhile, all are requested to join us regularly on line at <https://www.stignatius.ca> .

The church and the office will close **Monday 6 September at Noon** for North American Labour Day.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Nelly Simmonds**, sister of parishioner Maria Kostyk, who passed away last week. Condolences to her family.

**Registration for First Communion, Reconciliation, and Confirmation Sunday School classes began Sunday 1 August.** Forms are available in the Office. **These three classes resume Sunday 12 September.** Parents of children to be registered for all other classes: please watch for further notices.

**Catechism teachers are needed** for St Ignatius Parish Sunday School, September 2021 through May 2022, for Kindergarten and Grades 1, 4, 5 & 6. If interested, please email [office@stignatius.ca](mailto:office@stignatius.ca) , Attention: Lucy Vogrig, Sunday School Principal.

**Parish Security Funding:** Due to some attempted vandalism in the past months, the Parish has had to increase security measures. Mobile patrols have been hired and work is ongoing to upgrade video surveillance in and around the building. Our aim is to raise \$15,000 to offset costs. If you can assist please make your cheque payable to St Ignatius Parish and earmark to "Security."

***Growing in Wisdom: Seeking Deeper Generativity, Wednesday to Saturday, 14 to 18 September 2021*** via Zoom. This is the opening session of a two-year program based on the ecumenical *Forest Dwelling Program* from the Oblate School of Theology in Texas, for those of us who seek the grace to come to terms with our own mortality and face our maturing years with wisdom. Follow-up Tuesday through Saturday sessions are scheduled for 2022 (February 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> and September 27<sup>th</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup>) and for 2023 (February 7<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> and one day in June). Tuition: \$2,400 (minus discounts) phased over two years. For info, contact Program Coordinator Nancy Phillips, 204-470-9437 or [dnphil@mymts.net](mailto:dnphil@mymts.net) ; or go to <http://www.queenshouse.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Growing-in-Wisdom-program-outline-final.pdf>

### Adult Education Centre Events:

for info, contact Fr Con, [fr.mulvihill@stignatius.ca](mailto:fr.mulvihill@stignatius.ca) or the Parish Office (204-474-2351)

- **RCIA starting in mid-October 2021:** Are you or a friend interested in baptism or confirmation in the Catholic Church? St Ignatius Parish will be offering a course in preparation for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) at the Easter Vigil in 2022. Provincial guidelines permitting, participants and their sponsors will meet with a team for weekly formation classes and fellowship.

***Come and Discover Nathanael Adult Faith Formation Experience starting Fall of 2021.*** For info, go to [www.nathanaelwpg.ca](http://www.nathanaelwpg.ca)

**Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) Haiti Appeal:** to support the people after a magnitude 7.2 earthquake hit Haiti in August. CJI has joined a network of Jesuit international solidarity organizations and mission offices to launch a global fundraising effort to support the response and recovery efforts by these organizations in Haiti. The response will have two phases: emergency relief and recovery. **To donate**, write a cheque to "Canadian Jesuits International" and earmark it for the Haiti Earthquake Appeal or go to: [www.canadianjesuitsinternational.ca/earthquake-in-haiti-news-from-the-jesuit-superior-in-haiti](http://www.canadianjesuitsinternational.ca/earthquake-in-haiti-news-from-the-jesuit-superior-in-haiti)

## REFLECTION

### “Off By Himself, Away From the Crowd”

Today’s first reading from Isaiah and the Gospel from Mark are excellent examples of the effectiveness of God’s word to realize what it announces.

For his part, the prophet served as God’s mouthpiece, encouraging the people to be stronger than their fears because God — who sees all, knows all and cares for all — is coming to save! That promised salvation will be marked by an end of physical debilities so that all may hear, see and understand the salvific gifts of God and break out into joyful, grateful praise.

What Isaiah promised, Mark pronounced as fulfilled in Jesus’ action of healing the deaf one who had a speech impediment. Jesus would also give sight to the blind and cure the lame, all in an effort to illustrate the potency of God’s word and power at work in him, inviting to faith and conversion all those who witnessed his actions....

Because the sacred texts are living words that continue to have meaning for all generations of believers, we can well imagine ourselves in the place of the deaf man (or the blind or the lame or the fettered) being ministered to by Jesus. Jesus is eager to lead us “off by ourselves and away from the crowd,” if only we allow him. There, in quiet intimacy, he invites us to show him our deepest wound, our greatest need, our most shameful sin. When we dare to do so, we are met with no reproach, no condescension, no impatience. On the contrary, we are welcomed with love, tended with prayer and patience and either healed or made stronger for the burden that is ours to bear. As Jesus has thus ministered to us, we are called to do likewise for one another....

The manner in which Jesus ministered to people has set the bar for all who minister in his name. Very much aware of the dignity of others, Jesus treated them as beloved brothers and sisters. He did not judge them by their outward appearances or by the wealth they had managed to amass. In each of the second readings for September, the Letter of James will draw our attention to the church’s preferential option for the poor and keep us ever mindful that good words and good intentions are to be translated into good works. In today’s excerpt from his letter, James urges, “Show no partiality.”... Seeing others as God sees them is one of the great challenges of the faith.

Jesus goes on to say that God saw the poor and chose them to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom. It follows then that the poor, the deaf, the blind and the lame are God’s *royalty*, and that we should see it as our privilege to minister to them. In them, we find God; in them, we tend to the needs of the body of Christ. Were it not for them, we would not be who we are — disciples of Jesus, who takes us off by ourselves and away from the crowd to tend to us, so that we can tend to others.

Celebration 2015 (Excerpted)

## FINANCIAL REPORT

**2020 Sharing God’s Gifts Archdiocesan Collection (SGG):** Our assessment for 2021 is \$58,300, of which we still owe \$44,677. We have restarted our SGG collections 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. Thanks for supporting our Archdiocesan ministries.

**St Ignatius Statement for the period August 9<sup>th</sup> to August 22<sup>nd</sup>:** To our combined regular Sunday collections you gave \$18,070 in support of our Parish, including school and church expenses. To SGG you gave \$1,957. To Security you gave \$3,050. Thank you for your generosity! (NB: For now, tallies are made every two weeks.)

## OUR FACILITIES

<b>ST IGNATIUS PARISH</b> 255 Stafford Street Winnipeg, MB R3M 2X2 <a href="http://www.stignatius.ca">www.stignatius.ca</a>
<b>Served by:</b> <b>Pastor:</b> Frank Obrigewitsch, SJ <b>Assoc Pastor:</b> Con Mulvihill, SJ and John Perry, SJ
<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>
<b>Controller:</b> Jan Hasiuk <a href="mailto:controller@stignatius.ca">controller@stignatius.ca</a>
<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>
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<b>Buildings &amp; Grounds Maintenance Manager:</b> Chris Janes, <a href="mailto:maintenance@stignatius.ca">maintenance@stignatius.ca</a>

## SACRAMENTS, FORMATION, & ACTIVITIES

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