

The Community of St Ignatius

Winnipeg, MB

On-line Parish Bulletin for 2022-03-27

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4th Sunday in Lent (Laetare, Year C)

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Sunday morning Mass Times now in effect: 9:30 and 11:30am

St Ignatius is open for public Masses

✚ Wednesday through Friday: 11am*

✚ Saturday 11am* and 5pm

✚ Sunday 9:30am and 11:30am*

* livestreamed

You are still required to wear a mask covering nose and mouth. If you have been exposed to Covid19 or are sick, you should refrain from attending in person.

- Masses are still live-streamed at 11am daily from St Ignatius at <http://stignatiusmass.from-ca.com> (and remain available on line until the next morning). All who cannot attend are invited to join us on line.
- When private prayer in the church is not available for you, family prayer at home is highly recommended. See the following websites for prayer suggestions:
 - <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/>
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Friday 4:15pm to 5pm, Saturday 10:00am to 10:45am or by appointment Wednesday through Friday. Please send request by email to reserve@stignatius.ca
- **Additional Lenten Reconciliation opportunity: Monday 4 April, 7-9pm.**



The Return of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15)
Iconic painting by Rembrandt, 1669

READINGS: 4th Sunday in Lent (C)

1st Reading: Joshua 5: 9a, 10-12

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

Gospel: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Mass Intentions for the Week of Mar 28th - April 2nd (will be honoured during live-streamed Masses)

Mon	Mar 28 th	11:00am	+Filemon B. Aguilon
Tues	29 th	11:00am	+Reg Gallop
Wed	30 th	11:00am	Spec Int: Kyle Overton
Thu	31 st	11:00am	+Luigi Magnifico
Fri	Apr 1 st	11:00am	Spec Int: Pasqua Marinelli
Sat	2 nd	11:00am	Spec Int: Mary Jane Abejero

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Needed: Volunteer Ushers and Live-stream Technicians for Saturday 5pm and Sunday 9:30am Masses.

Needed: Sunday School Teachers for 2022-23, for all grade levels. If interested, email office@stignatius.ca

D&P-hosted Stations of the Cross, Friday 8 April, 5pm, followed by the K of C Fish Fry.

Knights of Columbus Initiatives

- **Next Rosary Prayer, Sunday 27 March immediately after 11:30am Mass.** Bring your rosary.
- **Lenten Fish Fry, Friday 8 April, 6pm**, immediately after the D&P-hosted 5pm Stations of the Cross. Tickets on sale by Knights after Saturday 5pm and Sunday morning Masses: Adults \$10, children free.
- **Sobeys and Co-op Grocery Card Sales** after Saturday 5pm and Sunday morning Masses. Pay by cash or debit to earn these stores' donations to our Parish.

Share Lent Collection, Solidarity Sunday 3 April, in support of the work of Development & Peace (D&P). Please make cheques payable to St Ignatius Parish, earmarked "Development & Peace." Your income tax receipt from St Ignatius for the 2022 tax year will include this contribution. Use the blue envelopes marked D&P available in the church – or use your own envelope – clearly marked on the front with your name & address and "D&P Share Lent." Place your donation (cash or cheque) in the D&P boxes at the entrance to the church or in the collection box by the administration centre doors. You can also donate on line at devp.org

Virtual Conference on Ignatian Spirituality, Saturday & Sunday 2 & 3 April. Eight sessions on such topics as decision-making; hearing God's voice; the link between faith and justice. Hosted by the Jesuits of Canada, as part of the Ignatian Year. Presenters include: James Martin, SJ; Laurence Loubières, XMCJ; and Greg Kennedy, SJ. No charge to register at <https://crc-canada.org/en/activite/ignatian-spirituality-conference/> (registration button at bottom)

Hey Church, Deal Me In, a 6-day virtual retreat Monday through Saturday 4 – 9 April led by Fr Robert Foliot, SJ. Reflection and prayer on your relationship with the Church. Registration by donation at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/70341> or by calling 705-526-3788 X 250. You will receive a URL link.

St Ignatius Refugee Cttee needs help for refugee families settling in Winnipeg. Ukrainian family: the size of family we can sponsor depends on the funds we raise. **Afghan family:** We also still need more funding for the family in peril for working with the Jesuits. **Send cheques payable to St Ignatius Parish** earmarked for "Ukrainian Refugee Fund" or/and "Afghan Refugee Fund." For info, contact Saratha, 204-885-0551.

Universal Synod announced by Pope Francis: St Ignatius Parish Pastoral Council invites you to participate in either or both of two ways:

- **Complete the Archdiocese of Winnipeg's on-line survey before May 1st** by going to <https://www.archwinnipeg.ca/main.php?p=168> There find full info and click on "Participate in the Synod."
- **Attend an in-person Parish listening session, Sunday 10 April, 1:30pm** in our Parish Hall; to sign up, email Fr Con Mulvihill at fr.mulvihill@stignatius.ca

Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) and the Jesuits of Canada stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine. Jesuits and lay partners in Ukraine and nearby countries are accompanying forcibly displaced people. To donate, please send a cheque to CJI, 70 St Mary Street, Toronto, ON M5S 1J3, visit <https://www.canadianjesuitsinternational.ca/statement-of-solidarity-with-the-people-of-ukraine> , email cji@jesuits.ca , or contact CJI at 416-465-1824. Thank you.

REFLECTION

The traditions of Laetare Sunday... by any other name

Today's Gospel story of the return of the prodigal son gives us images of penitence (on the part of the son) and of divine mercy (on the part of the father). It is also presented as an occasion of joy, as the father tells the obedient elder son, "we had to celebrate and rejoice..." [emphasis added].

Throughout the Western Catholic Church (and among many Lutherans and Anglicans), the Fourth Sunday in Lent, at the mid-point of the penitential season – exactly 21 days before Easter – is called **Laetare Sunday**, (*mi-carême* in French). It is intended to relax briefly the austerity of Lent and encourage the faithful to persevere in their sacrifices, fasting, alms-giving, and good works. This Sunday gets its name from the first few words of the traditional Latin entrance antiphon for the Mass of the day from Isaiah 66: 10: "*Laetare Jerusalem...*". The words are: "Rejoice, O Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast."

To express the joy of this occasion, the Pope used to carry a rose at Mass, and sometimes send golden roses to Catholic rulers and various distant churches and dioceses. This Sunday and the mid-point of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) are the only two in the liturgical year when the priest has the option of wearing a rose-coloured chasuble. For these reasons, it is also sometimes called **Rose Sunday**.

A few more subtle liturgical options are available to convey our joy that Easter is just around the corner. Despite the Ordo's general ban on flowers at the altar throughout Lent, an exception is made today. Similarly, this is also the only day during Lent when use of the organ is approved at Mass and for Vespers. While marriages traditionally were not celebrated during the penitential season (a restriction more recently narrowed to Good Friday and Holy Saturday), they have always been allowed on this day.

Laetare Sunday is also known in some parts, especially in Britain and Ireland, as **Mothering Sunday**. People used to return with gifts on this day to the church where they were baptized. St Ignatius Parish cordially welcomes anyone who returns here to us to carry out this pious custom, in the hope that your visit will bring you lasting blessings. Long before commercial Mothers' Day was invented, this day was also taken as an occasion to visit and especially celebrate our mothers.

Information gathered from www.newadvent.org/cathen/08737c.htm, www.catholicculture.org/commentary/laetare-jerusalem-rejoice, and other sources

"Repentance is not just a listing of our sins, but rather a matter of redirection, of putting God first and everything else second – it is this redirection of our desires, our hopes, our dreams, and our entire lives that results in flourishing and transformation."

– 'Rebecca,' from the blog: "Out Upon the Waters: Stories and resources for stepping out in faith," March 26, 2019 at <https://outuponthewaters.com/what-the-parable-of-the-barren-fig-tree-tells-us-about-transformation/>

LENTEN FAST & ABSTINENCE, ALMSGIVING, and PENANCE

- **ABSTINENCE:** Catholics aged 14+ are expected to abstain from meat **on all Fridays of Lent**¹ (and on Ash Wednesday). Eggs, fish, and plant-based substitutes don't count as meat.
- **FASTING:** Catholics aged 18-59 are expected to fast (taking at most one full meal and two small "snacks" that don't add up to a full meal) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday – and where possible, on Holy Saturday. Drinks such as water or juice don't count as food, but liquids used as food – e.g., soups or smoothies – do count.
- When you have a medical condition or are pregnant, travelling, or under unusual stress, these requirements may be relaxed.

In addition to fasting and abstinence, giving alms or doing charitable work is expected.

¹ Fridays are days of abstinence all year round, not just during Lent. *Outside* of Lent, however, special acts of charity or piety may be substituted for abstinence on these days.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sharing God's Gifts Archdiocesan Collection (SGG): Our assessment for 2021 is \$52,515, of which we still owe \$12,145. 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 February 21st to March 6th: To our combined regular Sunday collections in support of our Parish, including school and church expenses you gave \$19,087. To SGG you gave \$950. For the Refugee Fund you gave \$945. You gave \$60 to D&P. Thank you for your generosity! (NB: For now, tallies are made every two weeks.)

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: office@stignatius.ca , 204-474-2351 Walk-in hours limited. Admin Asst: Indira Rampersad,</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</p>