

# The Community of **St Ignatius**

Winnipeg, MB

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## On-line Parish Bulletin for 2022-09-18

25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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*The Dishonest Manager* (Luke 16) by Marinus van Reymer (1542)

**Sunday morning Mass Times  
now in effect: 9:30 and 11:00am**

### READINGS: 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

**1st Reading:** Amos 8: 4-7

**2nd Reading:** 1 Timothy 2: 1-7

**Gospel:** Luke 16: 1-13

### Mass Intentions for the Week of Sept 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> (will be honoured during live-streamed Masses)

Mon	Sept 19 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	+Brian Chestnut
Tues	20 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	+Marguerite Van Wallegem
Wed	21 <sup>st</sup>	11:00am	+Eugenio & +Angela Marino
Thu	22 <sup>nd</sup>	11:00am	+Janina Multan
Fri	23 <sup>rd</sup>	11:00am	+Max Buchner
Sat	24 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	+Clive Shields

St Ignatius is open for *public* Masses

✚ **NEW:** Monday through Friday: 11am\*

✚ Saturday: 11am\* and 5pm

✚ **NEW:** Sunday: 9:30am and 11:00am\*

\* livestreamed

**You are still required to wear a mask covering  
nose and mouth. If you are sick, you should  
refrain from attending in person.**

Masses are normally 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.

**NEW:** Sacrament of Reconciliation is available Fridays at 4pm, and Saturdays at 10am, starting 9 September.  
Reconciliation also continues to be available by appointment Wednesday through Friday before or after Mass;  
please send appointment requests to [reserve@stignatius.ca](mailto:reserve@stignatius.ca)

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/>

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFICE NEWS:

- Please note the change in Sunday Mass times to 9:30 and **11:00am** is now in effect.
- Masses are now open for public attendance daily (masks required).
- Sunday School started Sunday 11 September for all levels from 3 & 4 year-olds to Confirmation. You can still register this Sunday.
- The office will be closed on Monday 19 September, in keeping with the National Day of Mourning to mark the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.
- Regular Office Hours now in effect: Mondays through Fridays: 10am to 3pm.

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All events scheduled for the church hall and basement are postponed until further notice.

The sidewalk on Stafford Street in front of the church is now usable again. Nevertheless, we ask you to please continue entering and exiting the church through the Jessie St or Corydon Ave entrances.

An email scam is still going around purporting to be Fr Frank asking you to text him, because he is supposedly in a meeting and needs your assistance. Please *do not respond* to this email.

St Ignatius School Lunch Supervisors are needed every weekday 11:30am to 12:35pm. This is a paid position. If interested, contact Jeannine, 204-475-1386 or [pistawj@stignatius.mb.ca](mailto:pistawj@stignatius.mb.ca)

Festival of Friends, this Sunday 18 September, after 11:00am Mass. Lunch, and games for the whole family. Mark your calendar.

## Knights of Columbus Initiatives

- Farewell steak dinner for Fr Joe Newman, Saturday 24 September, 6pm. Fr Newman, now posted in Montréal, is back in Winnipeg for the month of September. RSVP required to [koc@stignatius.ca](mailto:koc@stignatius.ca)  
Cost: \$20 per person, payable at the door or via e-transfer to [treasurerkoc@stignatius.ca](mailto:treasurerkoc@stignatius.ca)
- Next Rosary Prayer: Sunday 25 September immediately after 11:00am Mass. Bring your rosary.
- “Coffee and Donuts” Time resumes Sunday 25 September, after the 9:30 and 11:00am Masses.
- Sobeys and Co-op Grocery Card Sales after Saturday 5pm and Sunday morning Masses.  
Pay by cash or debit to earn donations to our Parish from these stores.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program runs from mid October through Easter Sunday. Meetings start out on Tuesdays at 7pm for 90 minutes in the Education Centre, and then move to Zoom for the winter months. You will be introduced to the major areas of the faith, the sacraments, moral theology, and the cultural practice of Catholicism. You may then decide to receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. For info, contact Fr Con, [fr.mulvihill@stignatius.ca](mailto:fr.mulvihill@stignatius.ca)

Speaking Tour on Green Justice, Human Rights, and Energy Transition comes to our Education Centre, Sunday 16 October, 1:00 to 2:30pm. Speaker: Fr Jacques Nzumbu, SJ, who is completing a PhD in energy and mining public policy at UQAM (Montréal) focusing on strategic minerals and energy transition. He will highlight how the ideal of energy transition and the extraction of minerals essential for transition technologies paradoxically affect the environment and socio-economic climate of communities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Sponsored by Canadian Jesuits International (CJI). To register, call the Parish Office, 204-474-2351 or CJI, 1-800-448-2148; or go to [canadianjesuitsinternational.ca/green-justice/](http://canadianjesuitsinternational.ca/green-justice/)

## REFLECTION

### Thoughts on the Parable of the Dishonest Manager (Luke 16: 1-13)

In the preindustrial world of Jesus, agriculture was at the centre of the economy. Issues revolved around who had control of the land, what the land produced, and who had power over the surplus. Palestine was part of the commerce of the Roman Empire, which had a uniform currency and roads that ensured commercial routes of worldwide trade. Rich land owners in this network employed estate managers who exercised considerable authority. They rented out property, made loans and settled debts in the name of their master. All transactions were recorded in a written contract approved by both parties. Rural people had a commonly held notion of “limited goods” — there was only so much wealth and land to go around. So when a man was described as “rich,” it could have meant greedy.

We can see the likenesses between the parable of the unjust manager and the parable of the father and two sons (Luke 15:11-32), [to which the former is almost an appendix]. Both have a noble father/lord who shows mercy to a wayward underling. Both have an ignoble son/manager “squandering his property” (Luke 15:13; 16:1). Both underlings faced the truth and loss of their situations and then cast themselves on the mercy of the noble one. Both deal with broken trust and its consequences. So how does this shape our thinking of God’s mercy today? Some interpreters see the “lord” as applying to Jesus. Just as the manager is confronted by his personal crisis, so are we exposed by the challenges of the reign of God. And there is the silence. Once confronted the manager accepts his actions. He chooses to risk his future because he has confidence in his lord’s mercy. He acts resolutely to give himself a new start.

**Scripture scholar Tom Wright asks: “Does this parable call the Church to learn to think unconventionally, make new friends across traditional barriers, to throw caution to the wind and discover again in the truth of the Gospel as our lasting home?”**

The rich person was perceived as greedy in a world of limited goods. Maybe we can think of the manager not as “squandering” the lord’s property but as creatively redistributing the lord's wealth. Or was the debt he wiped out perhaps money owed to him personally – [as managers lived on fees and interest collected from debts and rents]? Does the puzzle of this parable make us question the way we think of wealth distribution today [especially in the context of] the wide and fast-growing gap between the rich and poor in the so-called developed world? The parable could cause us to reflect on the payment of fair wages to workers and the responsibility of businesses and individuals to contribute a fair share of taxes to the common good. The manager could well be the teacher of Christian communities regarding this practice of justice.

John Paul II in *On Social Concerns* reminds us of the structures of sin operating in our societies. He described it as “the collective behaviour of certain social groups, big or small, even whole nations or blocs of nations” where “cases of social sins are the result of the accumulation and concentration of many personal sins.” These personal sins cause, support, or exploit evil – e.g., the impoverishment of peoples, racism, destruction of environments, human trafficking, and tax evasion. Those in a position to avoid, eliminate, or at least limit social evil fail to do so out of laziness, fear, silence, complicity, or indifference. In this way, as individuals, we lend support to the structures of sin.

The parable of the unjust manager is as surprising and puzzling to us as it would have been to the disciples. But that it puzzles us is also what makes it so fascinating and worthwhile to read: we are forced to think about wealth: what it is, how we use it, how we participate in its distribution – and to think, too, about how we understand mercy.

– Excerpted and adapted from “What Will I Do? – Luke 16:1-13”  
by Kathleen Rushton in *Tui Motu Magazine* (New Zealand), Issue 241 September 2019,  
as found at <https://hail.to/tui-motu-interislands-magazine/publication/ak395Yu/article/uwOu6eA>

## FINANCIAL REPORT

**Sharing God's Gifts Archdiocesan Collection (SGG):** Our assessment for 2022 is \$65,582, of which we still owe \$57,572. 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 September 5<sup>th</sup> to September 11<sup>th</sup>:** To our combined regular Sunday collections in support of our Parish, including school and church expenses, you gave \$8,964. To SGG you gave \$426. Thank you for your generosity!

St Ignatius Parish and School are located on Treaty 1 territory – the traditional land and waters of the Ininiw (Cree), Anishinábé (Ojibwé), Anishiniw (Ojibwé Cree), Dakota, and Dene People, as well as the Birthplace of the Métis Nation and the Heart of the Métis Homeland. We also acknowledge the Shoal Lake #40 First Nation and its territory for our life-giving water, which allows us to live, work, and serve God in Winnipeg.

We are grateful for this land and the hospitality of these nations.

### OUR FACILITIES

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<b>ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL</b> <i>Nursery-Grade 8: full curriculum in a Catholic environment for registered parishioners' children.</i> <a href="http://www.stignatius.mb.ca">www.stignatius.mb.ca</a> or 204-475-1386 <b>Principal:</b> Jeannine Pistawka, <b>Admin Assistant:</b> Joy Pollreis
<b>Adult Education Centre &amp; Lending Library:</b> 204-453-9243 or <a href="mailto:adult.education@stignatius.ca">adult.education@stignatius.ca</a> <b>Co-ordinator:</b> Carmela Castellano Sinclair
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### SACRAMENTS, FORMATION, & ACTIVITIES

<b>BAPTISM OF CHILDREN</b> For the preparation program, phone four months before child's birth
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> for ages 3 through Grade 8. <b>10:55am-12 Noon</b>
<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 the Office, 204-474-2351
<b>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS</b> normally meet 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday each month at 7:30pm