

The Community of **St Ignatius**

Winnipeg, MB

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On-line Parish Bulletin for 2023-01-29

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The Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5),
Painting, 1896, by Károly Ferenczy (Hungarian)

Regular Mass Schedule

- ✚ Monday through Saturday: 11am*
- ✚ Saturday: 5pm (*meets Sunday obligation*)
- ✚ Sunday: 9:30am and 11:00am*
* *live-streamed*

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

READINGS: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

1st Reading: Zephaniah 2: 3; 3: 12-13

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12

Mass Intentions for the Week of Jan 30th – Feb 4th (will be honoured during live-streamed Masses)

Mon	Jan	30 th	11:00am	+Antonio Cuzzetto
Tues		31 st	11:00am	+Xavier Bauer
Wed	Feb	1 st	11:00am	+John Fleury
Thu		2 nd	11:00am	+Balbino Gonzalez
Fri		3 rd	11:00am	+Olive & +Francis Mendes
Sat		4 th	11:00am	+Ron Mazur

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). All who cannot attend are invited to join us on line.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available Fridays at 4pm, and Saturdays at 10am.

Reconciliation also continues to be available by appointment Wednesday through Friday before or after Mass;
please send appointment requests to 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 see Fr Frank's Reflections of our Pastor** in your email inbox or on the Parish website. Hard copies are also available at the back of the church. This reflection includes his concerns about Parish finances.
- **Technicians are needed for Saturday 5pm Mass.** If interested, please contact the Office, or David at techadmin@stignatius.ca
- **Parish Offertory envelopes for 2023 are now available at the back of the church**, by calling the Parish Office, 204-474-2351, or by emailing office@stignatius.ca. Pre-authorized chequing (PAC) is now the preferred alternative. However, if PAC is not for you, please obtain a set of envelopes.
- **Donations to St Ignatius can also be made using a credit card** on the Archdiocese website at <https://www.archwinnipeg.ca/donate.html> . Scroll down to the green "Donation" bar, tick the round box at left for *towards "Parish,"* select **"St Ignatius" as recipient from the drop-down box at right**, and then complete the donor information.

Ordination of Romeo Suban to the Permanent Diaconate, this Friday 27 January, 7:30pm,
St Mary's Cathedral. Congratulations, Romeo!

NEW Screening of *"The Letter"*, **Wednesday 1 February, 7pm**, Theatre 100, St. Paul's College (U/M). A new documentary by the creator of "My Octopus Teacher" about how spiritual values call us to take action on the planetary crisis, based on four unheard international voices in dialogue with Pope Francis. Watch the trailer at <https://youtu.be/l3EBHbH17Y> . Sponsors: The Jesuit Centre, & Campus Ministry. Snacks and drinks available. Cash donations for the climate movement gratefully accepted.

St Ignatius School Open House, Thursday 2 February, 6:30 to 8pm in the School Gym, 239 Harrow Street.

NEW Book Presentation – *Building A Bridge: How the Catholic Church and the LGBT Community Can Enter Into a Relationship of Respect, Compassion, and Sensitivity*, by Father James Martin, SJ, **Wednesday 15 February, 7pm (CST) via Zoom**. Everyone is welcome. Registration is free, but suggested donation is \$10. To register, email adult.education@stignatius.ca

St Ignatius Choir is looking for new members. This is the perfect time to join, since we will be starting to learn music for Holy Week. No auditions required. For more information, call Chas van Dyck, 204-261-6461.

St Ignatius Toastmasters, Wednesdays 7-8pm, Loyola Lounge. Free to attend. Contact sarah_gleon@yahoo.ca

Knights of Columbus Initiative

- **Movie Night, this Friday 27 January** in the Parish Hall; Snacks & refreshments at 6:00pm, movie at 6:30pm. *Prince of Egypt*, a family-friendly animated feature. Free (donations accepted).
- **Next Rosary Prayer: This Sunday 29 January** immediately after 11:00am Mass. Bring your rosary.
- **Next Pancake Breakfast: Sunday 12 February** after the 9:30 and 11:00am Mass.
- **Parish Lenten Retreat: Saturday 25 February**, from 10am to 1:30pm, virtual (on line) and in person in St Ignatius Parish Hall. Speaker: Catholic convert from atheism Leah Libresco Sargeant. Attendance free; donations encouraged. To attend, RSVP to koc@stignatius.ca
- **50/50 Raffle Fundraiser Draw** was held last Sunday 22 January: 1st Prize (50% of gross ticket sales) to Fr Con Mulvihill; 2nd Prize: (4 tickets to Jets game) to Judith Curran. 10% of proceeds are donated to the church's reconciliation efforts, and the rest to the Parish and other Catholic charities.
- **"Coffee and Donuts" Time: Sundays** after 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.

REFLECTION

How Are We to Practise “Sermon-on-the-Mount” Ethics?

In the early Church, Augustine and others assumed the Sermon on the Mount applied to all Christians and provided normative expectations for Christian behaviour. During the Protestant Reformation, that reading came to be seen as problematic, because of the relentlessly challenging character of the Sermon’s demands, and because the Sermon seems to present a theology of “works righteousness” in conflict with the characteristically Protestant doctrine of salvation by faith.

Thomas Aquinas was one of the first to call attention to these difficulties and also to attempt a resolution: he suggested that the ethic of the Sermon includes some mandates for all Christians, but also counsels those who would strive for perfection (such as clergy and religious). Though influential in Roman Catholic thought, this view has been largely rejected by Protestants and by some Catholic circles as well. Martin Luther stressed a distinction between enactment of the Sermon’s demands in personal and religious life, as opposed to application within the social, secular sphere. Thus, a Christian might practice non-retaliation in personal relationships, but if he or she is a soldier or law officer, the active resistance to evil that is dictated by common sense must be allowed to prevail. A distinction between personal and social ethics became standard for most interpretations of the Sermon on the Mount from the Protestant Reformation to the present day.

Numerous critics, however, have noted that such a distinction can be used to excuse unethical behaviour as a necessity of political life, or to impede the Sermon’s challenge to social systems at variance with Christian values. Interpreters suggest Matthew presents Jesus’s teaching as the ethic of the community to which individuals should subscribe, rather than merely personal ethics. Theologians also question, on philosophical grounds, whether any individual action is ever without social consequence. Radical Anabaptists rejected all attempts to domesticate the Sermon’s demands and insisted on literal obedience, even if that meant nonparticipation in a world that compromises Christ’s ethic: for example, a Christian cannot be a soldier (because of Matt. 5:39)... This view always remained a minority position, but it has had prominent advocates such as Leo Tolstoy, and Leonhard Ragaz, father of Christian socialism.

Ulrich Zwingli proposed a distinction between external and internal realms, emphasizing that the Sermon’s main purpose was to form the “inner person.” This idea was revived three centuries later within nineteenth-century “Protestant liberalism.” This viewpoint read the Sermon as more concerned with inculcating a certain disposition within believers than with prescribing literal behavior; the Sermon thus bore witness to the transformed mental and spiritual orientation that marks people of godly character.

This understanding was critiqued as losing contact with the apocalyptic perspective of Jesus. Albert Schweitzer maintained that the radical demands of the Sermon represented an “interim ethic,” and that the Sermon presupposes the expectation of imminent end times, and becomes impractical in contexts that have lost that sense of urgency. Others agreed, but thought the Sermon could still continue to stimulate Christian ethics; even those whose vision of the future is not apocalyptic may be changed by knowing what a transformation of the world in accord with God’s righteousness would look like.

In the later twentieth century, the notion that the Sermon on the Mount was entirely predicated on end times was all but discarded by theologians who considered the attribution of an exclusively future outlook to Jesus unsustainable. Rather, Jesus proclaimed the kingdom of God as still to come, but also as already present (in mysterious but readily identifiable ways). The Sermon presents the ethic of God’s kingdom, which Christians seek by striving to live in compliance with its demands (6:33). Where the kingdom is already present, they will find some success – sufficient to be salt for the earth and light for the world. Their failures serve as reminders that the kingdom is not yet fully present and that God’s rule over their own lives remains incomplete. Thus, the Sermon presents an ethic that Christians are to live into, striving to live in the present as they are destined to live for eternity.

Excerpted and paraphrased from “Theological Interpretation of the Sermon on the Mount,” in *Supplement to Introducing the New Testament*, 2nd ed. © 2018 by Mark Allan Powell, PhD, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, and professor emeritus at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, where he taught New Testament for thirty-two years. Powell has served as the chair of the SBL Historical Jesus Section and is the former New Testament editor of the SBL Academia Biblica dissertation series. Every summer he travels to a different Latin American country to study the native language and culture (so far he has visited Argentina, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Mexico, and Venezuela, with more to come).

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sharing God's Gifts Archdiocesan Collection (SGG): Our assessment for 2022 is \$65,582, of which we still owe \$42,922. 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 January 16th to January 22nd: To our combined regular Sunday collections in support of our Parish, including school and church expenses, you gave \$9,759; two additional donations of \$7,434 and \$5,400 were also received. For Sharing God's Gifts you gave \$544.

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

<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 Assistant: Indira Rampersad</p>
<p>Bookkeeper: Eva Dunlao, controller@stignatius.ca</p>
<p>ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL <i>Nursery-Grade 8: full curriculum in a Catholic environment for registered parishioners' children.</i> www.stignatius.mb.ca or 204-475-1386 Principal: Jeannine Pistawka, Admin Assistant: Joy Pollreis</p>
<p>Adult Education Centre & Lending Library: 204-453-9243 or adult.education@stignatius.ca Co-ordinator: Carmela Castellano Sinclair</p>
<p>Operations Manager: Bob Pistawka operations@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 for ages 3 through Grade 8. 10:55am-12 Noon</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>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS normally meet 1st Monday each month at 7:30pm</p>
<p>PRAYER GROUPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healing Prayer Ministry: call the Office, 204-474-2351 • Monday Morning Prayer Group meets weekly at 11:30am in the Education Centre. • Mother's Prayer Group meets weekly, Tuesdays at 11:45am in the Chapel.