

The Community of **St Ignatius**

Winnipeg, MB

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On-line Parish Bulletin for 2023-03-12 3rd Sunday in Lent

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Jesus & the Samaritan Woman (John 4),
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Regular Mass Schedule

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

**Wearing a mask is strongly recommended
at all regular Masses.**

**If you are sick, you should refrain from
attending in person.**

READINGS: 3rd Sunday in Lent (A)

1st Reading: Exodus 17: 3-7

2nd Reading: Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4: 5-42

Mass Intentions for the Week of March 13th - 18th (will be honoured during live-streamed Masses)

Mon	Mar	13 th	11:00am	+Balbino Gonzalez
Tues		14 th	11:00am	+Helena Magewski
Wed		15 th	11:00am	+Frank Vergata
Thu		16 th	11:00am	In Thanksgiving
Fri		17 th	11:00am	+ Sr Christine Syrotynsky
Sat		18 th	11:00am	+Souls in Purgatory

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 regularly available Fridays at 4pm, and Saturdays at 10am.

ADDITIONAL LENTEN RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES

- Saturday 25 March: 9:00am to 5:00pm
- Monday 27 March through Saturday 1 April: 10:00-10:45am daily

Reconciliation also continues to be available by appointment Wednesday through Friday before or after Mass;
please send appointment requests to reserve@stignatius.ca

D&P Way of the Cross, Friday 24 March, 5pm in the church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE NEWS:

- Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday 12 March, 2:00am. Clocks “spring forward” by one hour.
- **2022 tax receipts will be available at the back of the church** after all Sunday Masses. If you prefer to receive yours by email, please email your full name, postal address, and email address to office@stignatius.ca
- **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.
- **The mandatory mask requirement at St Ignatius Parish Masses has been suspended.** Nevertheless, wearing a mask is strongly recommended. Masks will still be available at the church doors, and you are asked to sanitize your hands on entering the church. You are again cautioned to stay home if you are sick Thank you for your co-operation and charity during the years of Covid.

Announcing the St Ignatius Parish Fundraising Committee to drive fund-raising, focusing on capital projects and general building maintenance at both church and school. We’re looking for parishioners with experience in fundraising – and any creative thinkers – to join this exciting and active new team. If interested, please contact Bob Pistawka, operations@stignatius.ca or Jeannine Pistawka, pistawj@stignatius.mb.ca

Volunteers needed to join our team of Lectors for weekday 11am Masses (Monday through Saturday), and for the Sunday Masses; the need is greatest during the summer months. Proclaim the Living Word, which nourishes and transforms both the hearer and the proclaimer! No experience is needed; training is provided. To volunteer for this (or for other Parish ministries), contact Lee Mencik, leemencik@gmail.com

D&P Way of the Cross, Friday 24 March, 5pm in the church.

Development and Peace (D&P)-Caritas Canada wants your long-term support by joining our monthly donor program. Go year-round to devp.org/share , or pick up a brochure at any church entrance. The peasant association *Asociación Campesina de Antioquia* (ACA), a D&P partner in Colombia, supports local communities affected by armed conflict to defend their territories and their lives – and to build a culture of peace through filmmaking and art. At devp.org/lent you can meet solidarity visitor Elvin Hernández, a human rights investigator. **Coming up: a second collection on Solidarity Sunday, the weekend of March 25 & 26.**

Breathe: Recharge and Refresh Your Marriage, Friday evening & Saturday all day, 17 & 18 March, Saint-Émile Parish, 556 St Anne's Rd. Sponsored by Archdioceses of Winnipeg & Saint-Boniface. \$199 per couple, \$259 after 16 February. Details & registration at www.catholicmarriageandfamily.com

The Kids’ Way of the Cross, Good Friday 7 April, 10am, St Ignatius Parish. A reflective children- and family-oriented Stations of the Cross. Presented by St Ignatius Education Centre. For info, contact Carmela, adult.education@stignatius.ca

Knights of Columbus Initiatives

- **Paul, the Apostle of Christ: Movie Night, Friday 24 March 7:30pm,** in our Parish hall. Free admission (donations encouraged); snacks available for purchase.
- **Next Rosary Prayer: Sunday 26 March** immediately after 11am Mass. Bring your rosary.
- **Lenten Fish Fry, Saturday 18 March, 6pm.** Tickets available after Mass: \$20, (of which \$5 goes to Sharing God’s Gifts). Children under 13 free.
- **Seeking Food and Dessert Donations for Easter Vigil Reception, Saturday 8 April.** Please email koc@stignatius.ca if you can donate.

The Oleski refugee family from Ukraine thank the Parish community for all the help provided to them. They still need an affordable two-bedroom apartment. If you can help, please contact Saratha, 204-885-0551.

REFLECTION

The Woman at the Well: an alternative interpretation

In today's Gospel, we hear of the encounter of Jesus with a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. The two have a lengthy dialogue. Because it is revealed that this woman has had five husbands and is currently with a man who is not her husband, this story has often been viewed through the lens of female sexual impropriety....

This popular read, however, does not do justice to the story. Catholic feminist biblical scholar Sandra Schneiders, proposes a feminist interpretation.* Schneiders points out that this is a "type story," along the lines of that of Abraham's servant and Rebecca, or Jacob and Rachel, who also meet at wells. "The pattern or paradigm is the story recounting the meeting of future spouses who then play a central role in salvation history." Jesus is the "true Bridegroom" who "comes to claim Samaria as an integral part of the New Israel."

According to the Johannine text, Jesus asks the woman for a drink. The woman responds by inquiring how it is that a Jew is asking this of a Samaritan. Jesus then brings up his ability to offer living water. The woman asks if he is greater than Jacob, and Jesus responds that he can give water which will be a well "springing up unto everlasting life." When the woman asks for this water,... Jesus observes that she has had five husbands and the man she is currently with is not her husband. Jesus speaks of true worship as being in spirit and truth. The woman now brings up the Messiah, and Jesus confirms that that is in fact his identity.

Schneiders observes that this entire discussion is theological. The five husbands are at the core of the conversation. The husbands, she proposes, are symbolic. **A common way to talk about Israel's less-than-faithful relationship to God is to compare idolatry to adultery, as a betrayal of the covenant. "Samaria's infidelity to the Mosaic covenant was symbolized by its acceptance – after the return of the remnants of the northern tribes from Assyrian captivity – of the worship of the false gods of five foreign tribes. Samaria's Yahwism was tainted by false worship and therefore even the 'husband' she now has (a reference to her relationship with the God of the Covenant) was not really her husband in the full integrity of the covenantal relationship."**

This puts the whole conversation in a different context. "Jesus' revelation to the woman – who symbolizes Samaria – of her infidelity is not a display of preternatural knowledge...." Rather, he is speaking against false worship – a classic prophetic move. Her response, that she perceives him to be a prophet, thus makes perfect sense; and her ongoing questions can be seen in that vein. Schneiders points out that this dialogue is strikingly deep, and unique in John. Notably, the woman "is a genuine theological dialogue partner, gradually experiencing Jesus' self-revelation even as she reveals herself to him."

The reader cannot fail to be affected by the fact that the recipient of Jesus' universal invitation to inclusion is a woman, universal representative of the despised and excluded 'other,' not only in ancient Israel but throughout history and all over the world. Jesus not only includes her, but engages her with respect, even asking for a gift (well water) so that she might receive a greater gift (living water). Her legitimate inquiries, even her objections, are met and answered with integrity. And even more strikingly, through her later "evangelization" of her Samaritan community, she is made an active participant in the establishment of the universalist reign of the Saviour of the world.

* (Sandra Schneiders, *[The Revelatory Text: Interpreting the New Testament as Sacred Scripture](#)* ,
Collegeville, Minnesota: The Liturgical Press, 1999).

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sharing God's Gifts Archdiocesan Collection (SGG): Our assessment for 2022 is \$65,582, of which we still owe \$33,726. 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 27th to March 5th: To our combined regular Sunday collections in support of our Parish, including school and church expenses, you gave \$12,416. For *Sharing God's Gifts* you gave \$1,365. For Agape Table you gave \$80. For the Refugee Fund you gave \$40. 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

<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 Director: 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.