

The Community of **St Ignatius**

Winnipeg, MB

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On-line Parish Bulletin for 2023-10-29

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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"You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien... [nor] any widow or orphan... I will surely hear their cry..." (Exodus 22);
"Indigent Family" by William-Adolphe Bouguereau (French, 1825-1905)

Regular Mass Schedule

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

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

Masses are live-streamed at 11am daily from St Ignatius at <http://stignatiusmass.from-ca.com>
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.

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

First Friday of each month: Adoration and anointing of the sick

Contributions to St Ignatius can be made via PayPal; you may scan this QR code: →



When private prayer in the church is not available for you, family prayer at home is highly recommended.

Please 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/>

Readings: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

First Reading: Exodus 22: 21-27

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 1: 5c-10

Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-40

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

Mon	Oct	30 th	11:00am	+Bob Bayer
Tues		31 st	11:00am	+Oscar Novoa & Sidia Novoa (50th Anniv)
Wed	Nov	1 st	11:00am	+Eugenio Marino
Thu		2 nd	11:00am	+ Deceased Elefante Family
Fri		3 rd	11:00am	+Bernie Scanlon
Sat		4 th	11:00am	+Armenia Furtado

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE NOTICES

Technicians are needed for Saturday 5pm Masses. Contact the Office, or David at techadmin@stignatius.ca

IMPORTANT Registration is still open for Sunday School for all grades. Forms are available on line and at the Office. Classes started Sunday 10 September. All children from K-8 should register for instruction in the Faith. Students access the Sunday School via the St Ignatius School entrance on Harrow Street.

NEW Throughout November, we will be praying for all departed souls. You can write the name(s) of those you wish to remember, and place them in the urn. Or you can email reserve@stignatius.ca, with "Deceased Person" in the subject line. Names will be placed in the Remembrance Urn and prayed for during November.

IMPORTANT RCIA Program (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Tuesday evenings from mid-October until Easter in the Education Centre. For those interested in Baptism or Confirmation in the Catholic Church, or in learning more about the Faith. Participants and their sponsors meet weekly to prepare for the Rite at the Easter Vigil. For info, contact Fr Con via fr.mulvihill@stignatius.ca or the Office, 204-474-2351.



Knights of Columbus Initiatives: for all communications, please email koc@stignatius.ca

- **Upcoming Rosary Prayers: this Sunday 29 October**, immediately after 11am Mass. Bring your rosary. You may submit prayer intentions to the Knights by email.
- **The Knights are looking for business or community sponsors for our 2023 Christmas fundraising dinner.** Please email us with any sponsorship opportunities.
- **Sobey's cards are for sale** after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

Peace, Faith, and Humanity in Times of Crisis, Thursday 9 November, 1:30pm, Manitoba Room, (MPR), University Centre, U of M. Presenter: Lieutenant-General Roméo Dallaire. Sponsored by the Arthur V. Mauro Institute for Peace & Justice as part of the 2023 Sol Kanee Lecture Series on Peace and Justice. Free lecture. For info call 204-474-7273 or go to www.umanitoba.ca/mauro_institute

NEW *Li Keur: Riel's Heart of the North*, Wednesday 15 November, 7-9pm, St Ignatius Parish Hall. Presenter: Métis Scholar Dr Suzanne M Steele, Storyteller & Librettist of the first Indigenous-led opera. Part of the ongoing Truth & Reconciliation Dialogue Circles between St Kateri and St Ignatius Parishes. Free event. To register, contact Carmela, adult.education@stignatius.ca or phone Thomas, (St Kateri) 204-287-8583.

NEW *Reclaiming the Graces of the Spiritual Exercises*, Saturday 18 November, 10am to 3pm, St Ignatius Spiritual Education Centre. A day of deep Listening & sharing in preparation for Advent. For all Spiritual Exercises alumni. Cost: \$30. To register, contact Carmela adult.education@stignatius.ca or 204-453-9243.

St Ignatius Spiritual Centre (Adult Ed Centre) is available for daily retreats, quiet time, and spiritual direction; meditation rooms, chapel, and library. Follow us on  [stignatiusparishwpg](https://www.instagram.com/stignatiusparishwpg),  St. Ignatius Parish, Winnipeg, or contact Carmela, adult.education@stignatius.ca

REFLECTION

“For You Were Strangers in the Land of Egypt” (Exodus 22)

In his [recently] published book, *Justice for All: How the Jewish Bible Revolutionized Ethics*, biblical scholar Jeremiah Unterman writes that “...it is startling that the legal portions of the Torah contain more than fifty references to the resident stranger....”

Unterman examines **the multitude of general admonitions not to harm the stranger, along with the positive exhortations to provide the stranger with basic food and clothing, with prompt payment of wages, and with legal justice.** He points out that quite a few of these verses about the treatment of the stranger are juxtaposed with statements about God. **The Torah understands the care of the stranger as *imitatio dei*, the imitation of God through the observance of the commandments.** Unterman sees this as **part of the ethical revolution of the Bible** and notes that **“nowhere in the ancient world is such a divine concern for the alien evinced.”** He concludes with a most timely reminder that **these laws should serve “to eliminate any shred of xenophobia.”**

A striking phrase courses through the laws of the stranger that provides another powerful motivation for fulfilling these commandments – that appeals to believers and unbelievers alike:

- “You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt” (Ex.22:20).
- “You shall not oppress a stranger, for you know the soul of the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt” (Ex.23:9).
- “The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as one of your citizens; you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt” (Lev.19:34).
- “You too must befriend the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt” (Deut.10:19)
- “You shall not hate an Egyptian, for you were stranger in his land” (Deut.23:8).
- “Always remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore do I enjoin you to observe this commandment” (Deut. 24:22)

I call this the argument from “historical empathy.” Time and again, the Torah reminds us to remember. We are part of a people that refuses to forget. What is more, we are bidden to create a moral memory.

After all, memory can lead to vengeance. It can lead to the oppressed becoming the oppressors. That is a very natural tendency, and history is replete with such examples. The Torah goes out of its way to argue the opposite. Our historical experience should make us more empathic, not less....

– excerpted (emphasis added) from “For You Were Strangers in the Land of Egypt” by Rabbi Barry L Schwartz in *The Jewish Standard*, Feb 10, 2017, found at: <https://jps.org/for-you-were-strangers-in-the-land-of-egypt/>

Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation,
pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East:
Jews, Muslims, and Christians; Palestinians and Israelis.
Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope,
oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation,
that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces,
and that peace and justice may be experienced by all.

– Reverend Said, jesuitresource.org [emphasis added]

“If you want peace, work for justice.”

– Pope Paul VI, 1 Jan 1972

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sharing God's Gifts Archdiocesan Collection (SGG): Our assessment for 2022 is \$65,582, of which we still owe \$2,830. 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 October 16th to October 22nd : To our combined regular Sunday collections in support of our Parish, including school and church expenses, you gave \$5,234.

For *Sharing God's Gifts* you gave \$1,249. For the Poor Box you gave \$107. Thank you for your generosity!

Contributions made through PAC and PayPal are monitored monthly. For the period July 1st to July 31st, PAC donations totaled \$15,808. PayPal donations during July totaled \$2,544. For the period of August 1st to 31st, PAC donations totaled \$15,833. PayPal donations during August totaled \$2,000.

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 Hours: Mondays-Fridays 10am-3pm Admin Assistant: Indira Rampersad</p>
<p>Bookkeeper: Eva Dunlao, controller@stignatius.ca</p>
<p>ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL Nursery-Grade 8: full curriculum in a Catholic environment for registered parishioners' children. 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 or 431-554-1504 Phone for Hall and retreat space rentals or use</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.