

# The Community of St Ignatius

Winnipeg, MB

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## On-line Parish Bulletin for 2023-12-03

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent (Year B)

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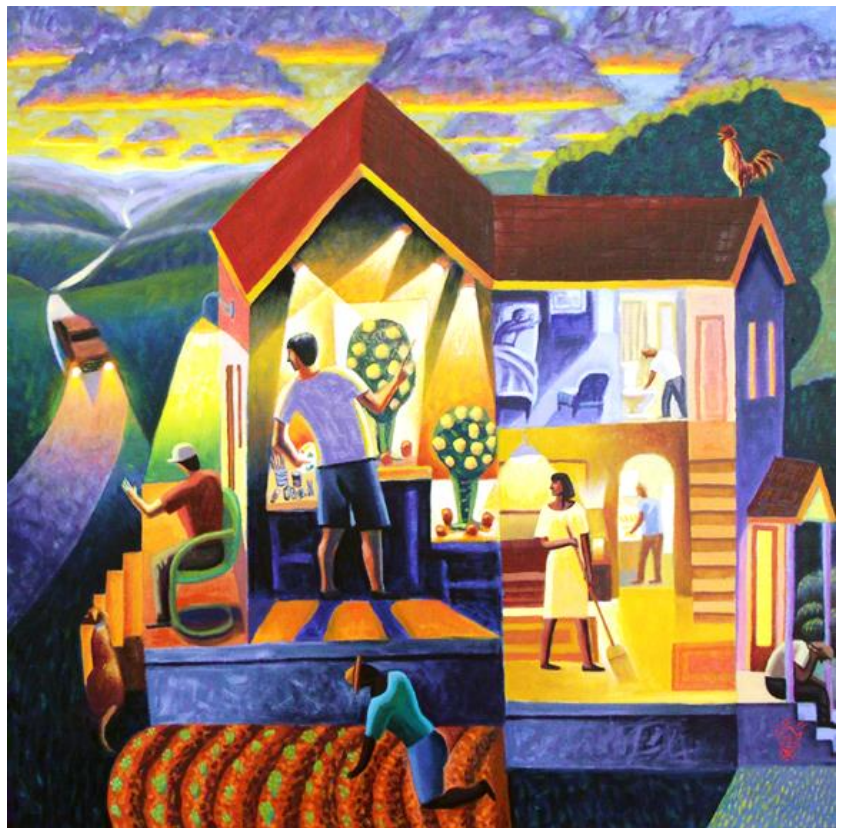
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*The Watchful Servant* (Mark 13)

Painting by James B Janknegt (contemporary, TX, US)

### 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.

<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](mailto:reserve@stignatius.ca)

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Thursdays starting 7 December 11:30am to 1:30pm, in the Chapel.

Please use the required sign-up sheets at the back of the church or email Carmela at  
[adult.education@stignatius.ca](mailto:adult.education@stignatius.ca)

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



### Readings: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent (B)

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1, 3-8

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Gospel: Mark 13: 33-37

Masses are live-streamed at 11am daily from St Ignatius at

### Mass Intentions for the Week of December 4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> (will be honoured during live-streamed Masses)

Mon	Dec	4 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	+Deceased Members of the Iacoe Family
Tues		5 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	+Kitty Connell
Wed		6 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Spec Int: Agnes Carlin
Thu		7 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	+Funeral Mass: Ambrosio Ringor
Fri		8 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	+Sr Christina Syrotynski
Sat		9 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Spec Int: Clarita Sacdalan

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFICE NOTICES

St Ignatius Parish Finance Council needs a candidate with a CPA to serve as Trustee for the Parish.

If you are able to serve your Parish in this way, please contact Indira in confidence at [office@stignatius.ca](mailto:office@stignatius.ca)

**NEW** Please read the letter from Fr Frank (on the website and inserted in this bulletin) concerning the financial situation of the Parish. There will be a presentation by a Trustee after Saturday 5pm and Sunday morning Masses.

**NEW** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Parishioner Ambrosio Ringor, (husband of Angelita), who passed away last week. Condolences to the family.

**NEW** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Parishioner Werner Birkholz, (husband of Theresa), who passed away last week. Condolences to the family.

**Advent Giving starts this weekend, 2 & 3 December:** the first collection of alms to begin our preparations for the birth of Jesus Christ. Please give generously each week to help those in need.

- **Weekend of the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent: for Immaculate Conception Drop-in** (men's socks, underwear, and toques; toothbrush & toothpaste, soap, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner and feminine hygiene products);
- **Weekend of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent: Christmas LITE** – “Local Investment Towards Employment.” Please make your cheque made payable to LITE; use the special LITE envelopes, which can be found at the back of the church; write your name and address for the tax receipt, and place it in the regular collection.
- **Weekend of the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Advent: Manitoba Harvest:** (non-perishable food and baby items).

**Longing for Light in the Darkness: Advent Evening Prayers (Vespers), this Sunday 3 December, 4:30pm.** Psalms, hymns, readings, prayers, reflection, canticle, and Magnificat. All welcome.

**St Ignatius Refugee Committee update:** The family from Afghanistan has arrived. We still need to find an apartment for them. Donations are requested to help support them through their first year here. Consider joining our small Committee. For info, contact Nerina Robson, 204-298-3122.

**Knights of Columbus Initiatives:** for all communications, please email [koc@stignatius.ca](mailto:koc@stignatius.ca)

- **Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Saturday 2 December, 1-4pm,** Spiritual Ed Centre. Theme: *Love Never Ends*. A couple-centered participatory workshop in partnership with K of C. Renew your marriage and strengthen love for each other in the richness of Christ's love. Cost: \$25/couple.
- **Christmas Fundraising Dinner: Saturday 9 December.** Tickets \$35, available from the Knights after Mass or in the Parish office – or email [koc@stignatius.ca](mailto:koc@stignatius.ca) . Kids under 16 eat free.
- **Upcoming Rosary Prayers: Sunday 31 December,** immediately after 11am Mass. Bring your rosary. You may submit prayer intentions to the Knights by email.
- **Pancake Breakfast: Sunday 24 January,** after the 9:30 and 11am Masses.

**NEW** Chili Makers needed for the Immaculate Conception Drop-in Centre on December 31, 2023.

NB: this is one week earlier than in previous years. Ice cream pails are available from the Parish Office for your use. If you can help, call Nancy, 204-799-0276, well in advance, Thank you for your continuing generosity.

## REFLECTION

### Hidden Face

*O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence.  
There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. (Isaiah 64:1, 7)*

Your face wrapped in muslin like an ancient mummy  
or a belly dancer concealed in a silky mysterious move

occasionally a peek through the fabric comes at night  
and we catch a sliver of an eye or pursed lip and philtrum

you hide your countenance in the warp and woof of time  
that barely enough of you will filter through the weave

enough and enough of this game, holy hidden funster  
scissor through, poke a hold, tear the drapery down

do not leave us wondering about day and hour  
and what and when and war and peace and love

openb up to us and delight our hopeful eyes with your beauty  
and we might with enough convincing just do the same

– Rev Michael Coffey (Pastor, First English Lutheran Church, Austin, TX),  
*Mystery without Rhyme or Reason:  
Poetic Reflections on the Revised Common Lectionary,*  
Resource Publications, Eugene OR, 2015

## WE MUST KEEP WATCH

Why is a component of Advent a vigilance and watchfulness which are surely unnecessary? It is as if we might miss the good thing that is about to happen. That day will be sprung on you suddenly like a trap. But how could we miss the day of judgement... be caught napping when the world comes to an end... overlook the arrival in our life of a Saviour eager to rescue us from whatever troubles us? No one will be unaware when that day comes.

We know very well, however, that we can easily miss the divine presence in our life. As foretold, the end of the world will be dramatic, but perhaps we are too practised in being impervious to the spiritual drama that takes place all the time and all around us. Some of our activities can deflect our attention from what is most important. We are being summoned today to be on the look-out for the Advent of a Saviour. Something is going to happen which it is hard to see and understand, and which we might readily overlook, if we do not do the preparation contained in the holy season of Advent. There is much to lose if we don't keep watch, as our Lord Jesus Christ tells us to do.

– Peter Gallagher, sj (excerpted)

## FINANCIAL REPORT

**Sharing God's Gifts Archdiocesan Collection (SGG):** Our assessment of \$65,582 for 2022 is paid off. Our assessment for 2023 is \$60,648, of which we still owe \$56,743. 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. Thank you for supporting our Archdiocesan ministries.

**St Ignatius Statement for the period November 20<sup>th</sup> to November 26<sup>th</sup>:** To our combined regular Sunday collections in support of our Parish, including school and church expenses, you gave \$6,656. For *Sharing God's Gifts* you gave \$356. For the Refugee Fund you gave \$200. For the Poor Box you gave \$12. Thank you for your generosity!

Contributions made through PAC and PayPal are monitored monthly. For the two-month period from September 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>, PAC donations totalled \$32,471 and PayPal donations totalled \$6,040.

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><b>ST IGNATIUS PARISH</b>                  255 Stafford Street                  Winnipeg, MB R3M 2X2  <a href="http://www.stignatius.ca">www.stignatius.ca</a></p>
<p><b>Served by:</b>  <b>Pastor:</b> Frank Obrigewitsch, SJ  <b>Assoc Pastor:</b> Con Mulvihill, SJ and John Perry, SJ</p>
<p><b>Office:</b> <a href="mailto:office@stignatius.ca">office@stignatius.ca</a>, 204-474-2351                  Hours: Mondays-Fridays 10am-3pm  <b>Admin Assistant:</b> Indira Rampersad</p>
<p><b>Bookkeeper:</b> Eva Dunlao,  <a href="mailto:controller@stignatius.ca">controller@stignatius.ca</a></p>
<p><b>ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL</b>                  Nursery-Grade 8: full curriculum in a Catholic environment for registered parishioners' children.  <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</p>
<p><b>SPIRITUAL CENTRE (formerly Adult Ed Centre):</b>                  204-453-9243 or <a href="mailto:adult.education@stignatius.ca">adult.education@stignatius.ca</a>                  lending library; meditation rooms &amp; chapel available for daily retreats, quiet time, and spiritual direction.                  Instagram: <a href="#">stignatiusparishwpg</a> Facebook: <a href="#">St.Ignatius Parish Winnipeg</a>  <b>Director:</b> Carmela Castellano Sinclair</p>
<p><b>Operations Manager:</b> Bob Pistawka  <a href="mailto:operations@stignatius.ca">operations@stignatius.ca</a> or 431-554-1504                  Phone for Hall and retreat space rentals or use</p>

### SACRAMENTS, FORMATION, & ACTIVITIES

<p><b>BAPTISM OF CHILDREN</b>                  For the preparation program, phone four months before child's birth</p>
<p><b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> for ages 3 through Grade 8.  <b>10:55am-12 Noon</b></p>
<p><b>CONFIRMATION</b> for Grades 8-12:                  Enquire at Parish Office in September</p>
<p><b>CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):</b>                  Enquire at the Adult Education Centre if interested in joining the Catholic Church.</p>
<p><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b>                  Arrange 12 months in advance.</p>
<p><b>SICK CALLS:</b>                  Request through the Office.                  Someone will gladly visit the sick.</p>
<p><b>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS</b>                  normally meet 1<sup>st</sup> Monday each month at 7:30pm</p>
<p><b>PRAYER GROUPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Healing Prayer Ministry:</b>                      call the Office, 204-474-2351</li> <li>• <b>Monday Morning Prayer Group</b> meets weekly at 11:30am in the Education Centre.</li> <li>• <b>Mother's Prayer Group</b> meets weekly, Tuesdays at 11:45am in the Chapel.</li> </ul>