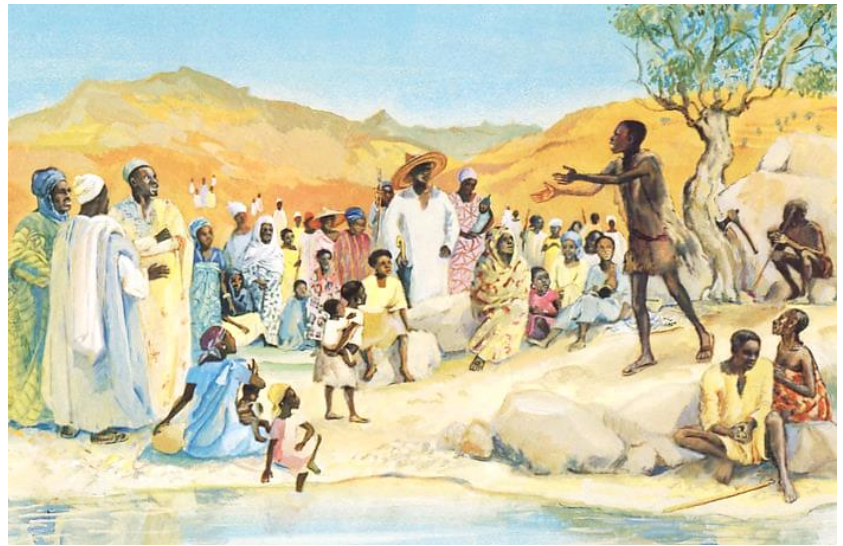


# The Community of St Ignatius

Winnipeg, MB

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## On-line Parish Bulletin for 2023-12-10 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent (Year B)



*St John the Baptist Preaching to the Masses in the Wilderness* (Mark 1)  
from the series *Vie de Jesus Mafa* (N Cameroon, 1970s)

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### 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.

### Readings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent (B)

**First Reading:** Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

**Epistle:** 2 Peter 3: 8-14

**Gospel:** Mark 1: 1-8

### Mass Intentions for the Week of December 11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> (will be honoured during live-streamed Masses)

Mon	Dec	11 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Funeral Mass:+Werner Birkholz
Tues		12 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Spec Int & Thanksgiving: Lavone Martell
Wed		13 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Spec Int: Athayde Family
Thu		14 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	+Fredesvindo Galvan
Fri		15 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	+Frank Vergata
Sat		16 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	+Marina Estela Urrutia-Palacios

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](mailto:reserve@stignatius.ca)

First Friday of each month: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (10am)  
and anointing of the sick (after 11am Mass):

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Thursdays 11:30am to 2:00pm, in the Chapel.

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

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

- Sunday 24 December, Daily Mass: 📖 9:30am; 📖 11am (streamed); [these do not fulfill Christmas obligation]
- Sunday 24 December, Christmas Eve: 📖 5pm (streamed); 📖 8pm; 📖 11pm (streamed)
- Monday 25 December, Christmas Day: 📖 9:30am; 📖 11am (streamed)

## 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)

**IMPORTANT** Please read the letter from Fr Frank (on the website and at the back of the church) concerning the financial situation of the Parish.

**IMPORTANT** Parish AGM, Thursday 14 December, 7pm in the Church Hall. Save the date. All parishioners are invited to attend.

**NEW** Your prayers are requested for the speedy recovery of Fr Peter Monty, SJ, who fell and fractured his hip. You may send him greetings c/o René Goupil House, 2315 Liverpool, Pickering, ON L1X 1V4.

**Advent Giving:** weekly collections of alms to begin our preparations for the birth of Jesus Christ. Please give generously each week to help those in need.

- **This Weekend (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.
- **Weekends of the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Advent:** Manitoba Harvest: (non-perishable food and baby items).

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

#### **NEW** ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

- **Monday 18 December:** 7:00pm to 9:00pm
- **Tuesday 19 December:** 10:00am to 10:45am
- **Wednesday 20 December:** 10:00am to 10:45am
- **Thursday 21 December:** 10:00am to 10:45am
- **Friday 22 December:** 10:00am to 10:45am & 4:00 to 5:00pm
- **Saturday 23 December:** 10:00am to 10:45am

**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.

**NEW** **Spiritual Ed Centre hosted activities:** all queries to Carmela at [adult.education@stignatius.ca](mailto:adult.education@stignatius.ca)

- **Monday Prayer Group Christmas gathering:** Monday 18 December, 11:30am – 12:30pm
- **Mothers' Prayer Group Christmas gathering:** Tuesday 19 December, 11:30am – 12:30pm

Both events take place in the Chapel, with refreshments and fellowship to follow in the Ed Centre.

**NEW** **Donations of Wool and Yarn Wanted** for knitters making mittens, hats, scarves, toques, and blankets for the needy. Please drop donations in the Office. Info: contact Mary Hanson, [mehanson@shaw.ca](mailto:mehanson@shaw.ca)

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

- **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.

## REFLECTION

### Wild Man John

*Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. (Mark 1)*

**Rough like bark and a bark like a feral December dog  
no smooth salesman with a fold out suitcase  
his work is black pumice, his words spray forth  
like sandblasting, like crystallized winter winds.**

**He leads us to where no gentleman or clergy could  
a ritual place hidden in the woods in the mossy darkness  
where our dread trembling shakes of veneers of goodness  
we no longer don the icy cool surface of nice and okay**

**Take us down deep into every damnable thing we hide about us  
until our egos crack like eggs and white and yellow spill forth  
to incubate in your woolly wildness – some new man who  
no longer lives for tame visions but only madcap holy ones.**

– 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

**Read this free Washington Post article about why Christmas was “cancelled” in Bethlehem this year:**

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2023/11/29/palestinian-christians-christmas-ceasefire-cancel/?utm\\_campaign=wp\\_todays\\_worldview&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=newsletter&wpisrc=nl\\_todayworld](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2023/11/29/palestinian-christians-christmas-ceasefire-cancel/?utm_campaign=wp_todays_worldview&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&wpisrc=nl_todayworld)

## Prayers for Peace in the Middle East

Lord, the plight of our country is deep and the suffering of Christians is severe and frightening. Therefore, **we ask you Lord to spare our lives, and to grant us patience, and courage** to continue our witness of Christian values with trust and hope.

**Lord, peace is the foundation of life; Grant us the peace and stability that will enable us to live with each other without fear and anxiety, and with dignity and joy.**

Glory be to you forever. Amen

– Chaldean Catholic Patriarch of Iraq, His Beatitude Louis Rafael Sako

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](http://jesuitresource.org) [emphasis added]

## FINANCIAL REPORT

**Sharing God's Gifts Archdiocesan Collection (SGG):** Our assessment for 2023 is \$60,648, of which we still owe \$54,461. 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 27<sup>th</sup> to December 3<sup>rd</sup>:** To our combined regular Sunday collections in support of our Parish, including school and church expenses, you gave \$7,013. For *Sharing God's Gifts* you gave \$2,282. For Christmas you gave \$2,245. For the Refugee Fund you gave \$570. For the Poor Box you gave \$41. For Agape you gave \$80. 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.

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



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

<b>ST IGNATIUS PARISH</b> 255 Stafford Street, Winnipeg, MB R3M 2X2 <a href="http://www.stignatius.ca">www.stignatius.ca</a>
<b>Served by:</b> <b>Pastor:</b> Frank Obrigewitsch, SJ <b>Assoc Pastors:</b> Con Mulvihill, SJ and John Perry, SJ
<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
<b>Bookkeeper:</b> Eva Dunlao, <a href="mailto:controller@stignatius.ca">controller@stignatius.ca</a>
<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>SPIRITUAL CENTRE (formerly Adult Ed Centre):</b> 204-453-9243 or <a href="mailto:adult.education@stignatius.ca">adult.education@stignatius.ca</a> <i>lending library; meditation rooms &amp; chapel available for daily retreats, quiet time, and spiritual direction.</i> 📷 <a href="#">stignatiusparishwpg</a> 📍 <b>St. Ignatius Parish Winnipeg</b> <b>Director:</b> Carmela Castellano Sinclair
<b>Operations Manager:</b> Bob Pistawka <a href="mailto:operations@stignatius.ca">operations@stignatius.ca</a> or 431-554-1504 <i>Phone for Hall and retreat space rentals or use</i>

### SACRAMENTS, FORMATION, & ACTIVITIES

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