

# The Community of St Ignatius

Winnipeg, MB

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## On-line Parish Bulletin for 2023-12-17

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent (Year B)

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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.

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.

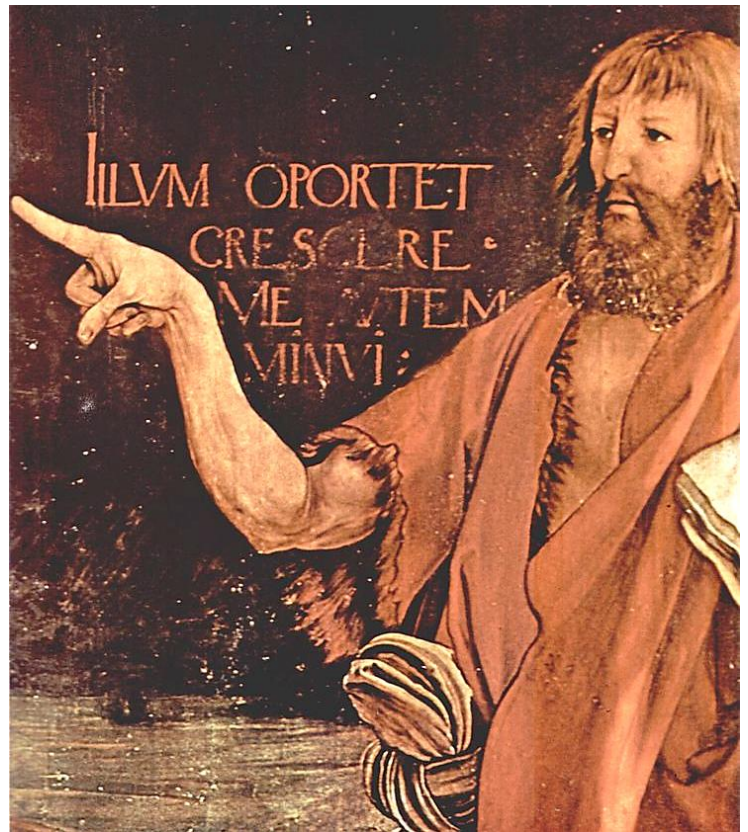
The Sacrament of Reconciliation is regularly available  
Fridays at 4pm, and Saturdays at 10am.

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 Thursdays 11:30am to 2:00pm, in the Chapel, except 28 December and 4 January

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)



St John the Baptist Points towards Christ (John 3)

“He must grow greater; I, however, must decrease.”

Painting: Mathis Grünewald, Issenheim (Alsace) Altarpiece, 1516

### Readings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent (B)

**First Reading:** Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11

**Epistle:** 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

**Gospel:** John 1: 6-8, 19-28

### Mass Intentions for the Week of December 18<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> (will be honoured during live-streamed Masses)

Mon	Dec	18 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	+Bernie Bernacki
Tues		19 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	+Marina Estela Urrutia-Palacios
Wed		20 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Spec Int: Vera Angle
Thu		21 <sup>st</sup>	11:00am	+Fr Allan Stack
Fri		22 <sup>nd</sup>	11:00am	Thanksgiving for the Elefante family
Sat		23 <sup>rd</sup>	11:00am	+Luigi &+Elvira Magnifico

### 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.

**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.

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

**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.

### 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

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

- **NEW** The Centre is closed from Saturday 23 December, to reopen Monday 8 January. The last Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before Christmas is Thursday 21 December. Weekly Adoration resumes Thursday 11 January.
- **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 prayer group 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.

**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.

## REFLECTION

### Fluo●res●cence

*There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.  
He came as a witness to testify to the light,  
so that all might believe through him.  
He himself was not the light,  
but he came to testify to the light. (John 1)*

**Fluo●res●cence: the property of absorbing  
light of short wavelength and  
emitting light of longer wavelength.**

**The illuminate one radiates love  
at frequencies higher than our  
blue eyes and red souls can see and so**

**something ultraviolet is going on  
around us and in us and through us  
and our molecules quiver and warm**

**at one time I was young and wanted  
to light the world with gospel and  
the world would shine like glitter**

**after twenty years of dim effort  
and quavering and rarely a flint spark  
I can see how it goes now with us**

**I am not the light  
and this is a gift I receive  
like an excised tumour clean**

**I am not the light  
though occasionally I fluoresce  
with the love supreme**

– 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

## 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](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 \$53,700. 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 December 4<sup>th</sup> to December 10<sup>th</sup>:** To our combined regular Sunday collections in support of our Parish, including school and church expenses, you gave \$16,001.

For *Sharing God's Gifts* you gave \$761. For Christmas you gave \$2,050. For the Refugee Fund you gave \$1,150. For the Poor Box you gave \$44. 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 accepted by VISA, MasterCard, or debit cards in the vestibule before and after 9:30 & 11am Masses.**



**Contributions can also 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

<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 Pastors:</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.                  ☺ <a href="#">stignatiusparishwpg</a> 📍 <b>St. Ignatius Parish Winnipeg</b>  <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>