

# The Community of St Ignatius

Winnipeg, MB

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## On-line Parish Bulletin for 2023-12-24 & 25 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent and Christmas Day (Year B)

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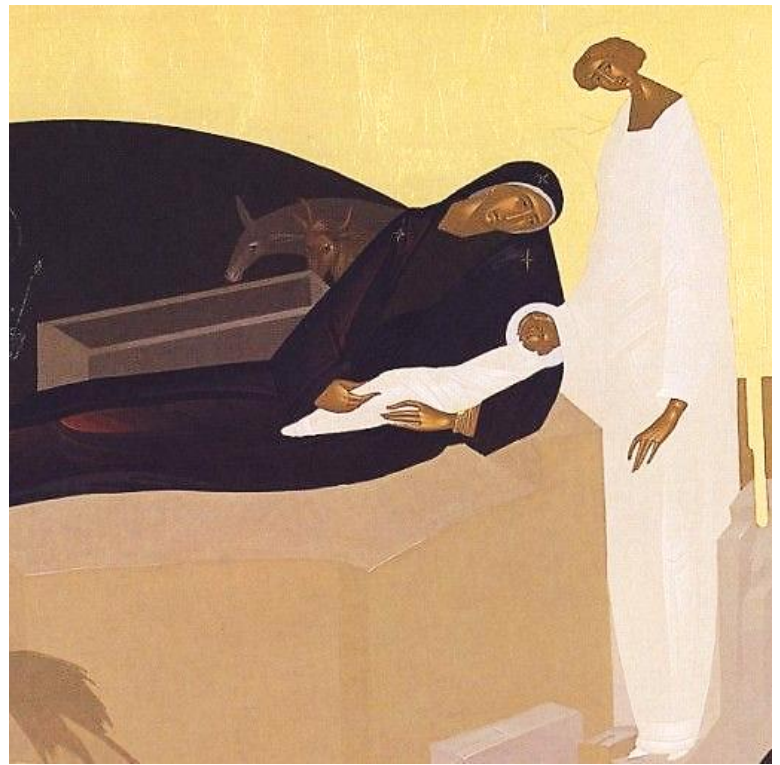
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### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

- 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)

### 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)

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

- First Friday of each month: (10am) along with anointing of the sick (after 11am Mass)
- Thursdays 11:30am to 2:00pm, in the Chapel, resumes 11 January; sign up at the back of the church or email Carmela, [adult.education@stignatius.ca](mailto:adult.education@stignatius.ca)

#### Readings: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent (B)

**First Reading:** 2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

**Epistle:** Romans 16: 25-27

**Gospel:** Luke 1: 26-38

#### Readings: Christmas – Midnight Mass (B)

**First Reading:** Isaiah 9: 2-4, 6-7

**Epistle:** Titus 2: 11-14

**Gospel:** Luke 2: 1-16

#### Readings: Christmas – Mass at Dawn (B)

**First Reading:** Isaiah 62: 11-12

**Epistle:** Titus 3: 4-7

**Gospel:** Luke 2: 15-20

#### Readings: Christmas Day (B)

**First Reading:** Isaiah 52: 7-10

**Epistle:** Hebrews 1: 1-6

**Gospel:** John 1: 1-18

#### Mass Intentions for the Week of December 25<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> (will be honoured during live-streamed Masses)

Mon	Dec	25 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Pro Populo
Tues		26 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Spec Int: Jeffrey Angle
Wed		27 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	In Thanksgiving Lavone Martel
Thu		28 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	+Robert Carcano
Fri		29 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	+Maria &+Desiderio Marinelli
Sat		30 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	+Damien Novoa

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Pastor, priests, and lay staff wish our parishioners a happy, holy, and peaceful Christmas, hoping that the New Life we now celebrate brings many blessings throughout the New Year to your family, to our nation, and to the world.

### 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.

- **Weekend of the 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.

### REMAINING ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

- **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)

- **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.
- **NEW** *Handing on the Fire: Making Spiritual Direction Ignatian – Learning Circles for Spiritual Directors of “Annotation 19.”* No charge. Via Zoom 7:00-8:30pm CST on 5 Wednesdays: 24 January, 28 February, 20 March, 24 April, & 29 May. Attend one, or all of the series. Register with Carmela at [spiritual.exercises@stignatius.ca](mailto:spiritual.exercises@stignatius.ca)

**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)

**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.

**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** **The Knights’ Christmas Dinner raised \$4,300 for the Parish.** It was a fun, festive evening. Thanks to all who came out and all who contributed to making the evening such a success.

## REFLECTION

### In the Night

*And she gave birth to her firstborn son  
and wrapped him in bands of cloth,  
and laid him in a manger,  
because there was no place for them in the inn. (Luke 2)*

### *A Christmas Song*

**In the cold of night  
as Mary held her baby tight,  
O, warm us, hold us  
in your love, God with us, in Christ.**

**In the lonely night  
as Mary calmed her baby's fright,  
O, still us, comfort us  
in your love, God with us, in Christ.**

**In the peaceful night  
as Mary trusted all was right  
O, guide us, hearten us,  
with your love, God with us, in Christ**

**In the dark of night  
as Mary saw her baby's light,  
O, shine on, shine on us  
with your love, God with us, in Christ.**

– 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)

## 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 \$52,294. 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 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>:** To our combined regular Sunday collections in support of our Parish, including school and church expenses, you gave \$7,245.

For *Sharing God's Gifts* you gave \$1,406. For Christmas, you gave \$286. For the Poor Box you gave \$46. Thank you for your generosity!

Contributions made through PAC and PayPal are monitored monthly. For November 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>, PAC donations totalled \$21,123 and PayPal donations totalled \$3,921.

**Contributions to St Ignatius can be accepted by VISA, MasterCard, or debit card 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

<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>