

The Community of St Ignatius

Winnipeg, MB

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On-line Parish Bulletin for 2023-12-31

Sunday within the Octave of Christmas
Holy Family Sunday

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Simeon with Jesus (1669) by Rembrandt, National Museum, Stockholm

NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

- Sunday 31 December: 📖 9:30am; 📖 11am (streamed)
- Monday 1 January: 📖 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.

Readings: Sunday within Octave of Christmas – (B)

First Reading: Genesis 15: 1-6; 17: 3b-5; 21: 1-7

Epistle: Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19

Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

Readings: New Year's Day (Mary, Mother of God) (B)

First Reading: Numbers 6: 22-27

Epistle: Galatians 4: 4-7

Gospel: Luke 2: 16-21

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

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

Mass Intentions for the Week of January 1st –6th (will be honoured during live-streamed Masses)

Mon	Jan 1 st	11:00am	Pro Populo
Tues	2 nd	11:00am	Spec Int Marriage: Herlinda & Luis Xec
Wed	3 rd	11:00am	+Frank Cvitkovitch
Thu	4 th	11:00am	Spec Int: Lee Mencik
Fri	5 th	11:00am	+Eliduína Conci
Sat	6 th	11:00am	+Evelyn Walmark

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Pastor, priests, and lay staff wish all our parishioners a happy and healthy New Year, with the hope that the New Life we now celebrate will bring many blessings throughout the coming year to our families, our nation, and our world. **Please note that in the Church calendar, the Christmas season continues through January 8th.**

OFFICE NOTICES

IMPORTANT Please see the job posting for Office Manager in the Parish website at [St Ig - FINAL Job Posting - Office Manager December 22 2023.pdf \(stignatius.ca\)](#)

NEW Parish Offertory envelopes for 2024 will be available next week at the back of the church. Pre-authorized chequing (PAC) is now the preferred alternative. However, if PAC is not for you, you may still request envelopes by calling the Parish Office, 204-474-2351, or by emailing office@stignatius.ca. Contributions can also be made through the website via PayPal or credit/debit cards.

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

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.

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.

Spiritual Ed Centre hosted activities: all queries to Carmela at adult.education@stignatius.ca

- **The Centre is closed over Christmas, to reopen Monday 8 January.** 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

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

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

- **Upcoming Rosary Prayers: this 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

CHOOSE

*The word of God is living and active,
sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow;
it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. (Hebrews 4: 12)*

*“This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel,
and to be a sign that will be opposed
so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—
and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” (Luke 2: 34-35)*

Not the rise and fall of many, but the falling and rising.

Death first, then resurrection.

(The “sleeping and rising” of the sower, Mark 4.26.)

A “sign” that exposes our resistance.

A sword that separates truth from delusion,
action from wishing.

So. Your inner thoughts.

Not your opinion about Jesus,
but your willingness to die first,
and then rise with him.

Let the sword pierce your heart.

Are you ready—today—to die
(once more, and again...)

and then to be raised?

Or just thinking about it?

Anna and Simeon knew the moment
when they saw it.

Act.

— Steve Garnaas-Holmes, retired United Methodist pastor
living in Maine, USA, who leads retreats on
prayer, poetry and renewing our language about God.

Found at <https://unfoldinglight.net/2020/12/29/kyi8ftp2w52plcnsx3jhala9b4aw8w/>

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]

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sharing God's Gifts Archdiocesan Collection (SGG): Our assessment for 2023 is \$60,648, of which we still owe \$51,379. 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 18th to 25th: To our combined regular Sunday collections in support of our Parish, including school and church expenses, you gave \$14,938. For *Sharing God's Gifts* you gave \$915. For Christmas, you gave \$32,410. For the Poor Box you gave \$98. For the Refugee Fund you gave \$600. Thank you for your generosity!

Contributions made through PAC and PayPal are monitored monthly. For November 1st to 30th, 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

ST IGNATIUS PARISH 255 Stafford Street, Winnipeg, MB R3M 2X2 www.stignatius.ca
Served by: Pastor: Frank Obrigewitsch, SJ Assoc Pastors: Con Mulvihill, SJ and John Perry, SJ
Office: office@stignatius.ca , 204-474-2351 Hours: Mondays-Fridays 10am-3pm Admin Assistant: Indira Rampersad
Bookkeeper: Eva Dunlao, controller@stignatius.ca
ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL <i>Nursery-Grade 8: full curriculum in a Catholic environment for registered parishioners' children.</i> www.stignatius.mb.ca or 204-475-1386 Principal: Jeannine Pistawka, Admin Assistant: Joy Pollreis
SPIRITUAL CENTRE (formerly Adult Ed Centre): 204-453-9243 or adult.education@stignatius.ca <i>lending library; meditation rooms & chapel available for daily retreats, quiet time, and spiritual direction.</i> 📍 stignatiusparishwpg 📍 St. Ignatius Parish Winnipeg Director: Carmela Castellano Sinclair
Operations Manager: Bob Pistawka operations@stignatius.ca or 431-554-1504 <i>Phone for Hall and retreat space rentals or use</i>

SACRAMENTS, FORMATION, & ACTIVITIES

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