

# The Community of St Ignatius

Winnipeg, MB

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## On-line Parish Bulletin for 2024-01-28

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

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*The Man Possessed by Demons* (Mark 1), Illuminated Book of Hours (detail) by Limbourg Brothers (Flemish), commissioned by Duc de Berry ca1413

### 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; please 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 Ordinary Time (B)

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 7: 32-35

**Gospel:** Mark 1: 21-28

### Mass Intentions for the Week of January 29<sup>th</sup> -Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> (will be honoured during live-streamed Masses)

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| Mon  | Jan 29 <sup>th</sup> | 11:00am | +Frank Vergata                     |
| Tues | 30 <sup>th</sup>     | 11:00am | +Dr Farid Shariff                  |
| Wed  | 31 <sup>st</sup>     | 11:00am | +Emil Rekrut                       |
| Thu  | Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 11:00am | +Marcelo Sr & +Mercedes Calixterio |
| Fri  | 2 <sup>nd</sup>      | 11:00am | +Gus O'Shaughnessy                 |
| Sat  | 3 <sup>rd</sup>      | 11:00am | +Olive & +Francis Mendes           |

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFICE NOTICES

Parish Offertory envelopes for 2024 are available 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](mailto: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](mailto:office@stignatius.ca)

**NEW** Thank you from Indira: I have greatly enjoyed my eight years working at St Ignatius. I met wonderful, friendly parishioners who made me feel welcome. I worked alongside and was supported by the various parish groups and committees, a great bunch of part-time students, the custodial staff, and the wonderful Jesuit priests, especially Fr Frank. A heartfelt thank-you for all the cards, gifts, and well-wishes I have received. I will miss the Community of St Ignatius. I wish my successor all the best.

**Surviving Divorce: Catholic Program for the Separated and Divorced, 12 Wednesday evenings from 17 January through 10 April**, Saint Boniface Archdiocesan Centre. This program will bring hope, answers, and healing to the newly separated and divorced and to those still struggling years later. Features 12 video presentations on shock & grief, anger & forgiveness, money issues, dealing with children & a former spouse, and annulment & remarriage. Hosted by Archdiocese of Saint Boniface Ministry to the Separated and Divorced. Registration (\$50) includes all program materials. For info, contact Marie Brunet, 204-594-0274, or via [mfl@archsaintboniface.ca](mailto:mfl@archsaintboniface.ca)

**Rossbrook House Paint-Day Fundraiser, this Sunday 28 January.** Painting starts at 2pm. Guided step-by-step instructions by artist Kisa MacIsaac from *Power of Painting*. Proceeds go toward Rossbrook House programs and operations. The inner-city drop-in centre is open year round and provides daily meals, programs, and activities for children and youth ages 6 to 24. Tickets (\$45) at [www.rossbrookhouse.ca/paint-day-2024-tickets/](http://www.rossbrookhouse.ca/paint-day-2024-tickets/)

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

- **Upcoming Rosary Prayers: this Sunday 28 January**, immediately after 11am Mass. Bring your rosary. You may submit prayer intentions to the Knights by email.
- **Dinner & Movie Night, Saturday 17 February.** Showing *Mother Teresa: No Greater Love*, a documentary produced by K of C. Doors open 6p; dinner at 6:30pm; movie at 7pm. Cost \$20

**St Ignatius Filipino Community Fundraising Event, Saturday 10 February**, St Ignatius Parish Hall. Valentine's dinner and dance with karaoke, silent auction, and 50/50 draw. Doors open 6:30pm; Dinner at 7pm followed by music. Tickets available from the Office, for 17+: \$30; 8-16-yr-olds: \$15; 7 & under: free. Info: Rosie Henson, 204-294-6618.

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

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

**St. Ignatius Refugee Committee Update:** The family we've sponsored from Afghanistan is settled in an apartment and we are helping them search for childcare and employment. If you are interested in joining our small committee, please contact Nerina Robson, 204-298-3122.

**NEW** If you have cassette tapes recounting stories of the Saints, please drop them off at the Parish Office or contact Mary Hanson, [mehanson@shaw.ca](mailto:mehanson@shaw.ca)

## REFLECTION

### THE POWER TO OVERCOME EVIL

Miracles in Mark's gospel are not just about healing but, more importantly, to show Jesus' authority. God gives Jesus his credentials to teach, just as the state gives credentials to approve a secular teacher.

In Jesus' time, a lot of what we call mental illness was attributed to evil spirits. In the Jewish mind, there were three levels of existence. There was the human level below, the level of God above. In between those two levels was the realm of good and evil spirits. The good and evil spirits were more powerful than humans but not as powerful as God. The fact that Jesus can drive out the demon [in today's Gospel] with just a word of command shows that he is more powerful than the evil spirit and so his power must come from God. Jesus answers the question about where his authority comes from with this dramatic exorcism. God has given him the power to drive out the demon and so his authority to teach also comes from God.

So, what does this have to do with us? For me, believing in Jesus is a life-and-death decision. It is about having the power of good to overcome evil. It means following the path of what is right and being happy and content vs being anxious, fearful and living a lie. It is a decision that affects everything in your life. It means living in truth and happiness in this life and the next. Choosing Jesus is choosing good over evil. Jesus not only teaches me right from wrong, but he gives me the power to choose what is right and to do it.

We know what evil looks like. John 8:44 tells us that Satan is the father of lies. Satan, author of chaos, divides rather than unites. If you have someone in your life who lies, who creates division and chaos, avoid them; they are not of Christ. By contrast, Jesus is the Prince of Peace, the author of truth, who has come to reconcile us to one another and to God. Seek out the people who tell the truth, who work to build community, those who reconcile.

One of my favorite definitions of God is Good Ordery Direction. I find that is what God provides for me. He gives my life order and direction and brings me to peace. Our presence at this Mass today says that we seek that direction and that peace in our lives. That is our prayer today for ourselves, for our church, for our country.

*-- Excerpted and paraphrased from a sermon by Fr Frank Desiderio, First Consultor of the Paulist Fathers, found at [www.paulist.org/the-conversation/a-homily-for-times-of-chaos-and-division/](http://www.paulist.org/the-conversation/a-homily-for-times-of-chaos-and-division/)*

### 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 \$47,390. 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 January 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>:** To our combined regular Sunday collections in support of our Parish, including school and church expenses, you gave \$6,508.

For *Sharing God's Gifts* you gave \$1,215. For the Poor Box you gave \$10. Thank you for your generosity!

Contributions made through PAC and PayPal are monitored monthly. For December 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>, PAC donations totalled \$16,163 and PayPal donations totalled \$9,372.

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

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| <b>ST IGNATIUS PARISH</b><br>255 Stafford Street, Winnipeg, MB<br>R3M 2X2 <a href="http://www.stignatius.ca">www.stignatius.ca</a>  |
| <b>Served by:</b><br><b>Pastor:</b> Frank Obrigewitsch, SJ<br><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<br>Hours: Mondays-Fridays 10am-3pm<br><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><br><i>Nursery-Grade 8: full curriculum in a Catholic environment for registered parishioners' children.</i><br><a href="http://www.stignatius.mb.ca">www.stignatius.mb.ca</a> or 204-475-1386<br><b>Principal:</b> Jeannine Pistawka,<br><b>Admin Assistant:</b> Joy Pollreis   |
| <b>SPIRITUAL CENTRE (formerly Adult Ed Centre):</b><br>204-453-9243 or <a href="mailto:adult.education@stignatius.ca">adult.education@stignatius.ca</a><br><i>lending library; meditation rooms &amp; chapel available for daily retreats, quiet time, and spiritual direction.</i><br>📷 <a href="#">stignatiusparishwpg</a> 📘 <a href="#">St. Ignatius Parish Winnipeg</a><br><b>Director:</b> Carmela Castellano Sinclair |
| <b>Operations Manager:</b> Bob Pistawka<br><a href="mailto:operations@stignatius.ca">operations@stignatius.ca</a> or 431-554-1504<br><i>Phone for Hall and retreat space rentals or use</i>   |

### SACRAMENTS, FORMATION, & ACTIVITIES

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| <b>BAPTISM OF CHILDREN</b><br><i>For the preparation program, phone four months before child's birth</i>  |
| <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> for ages 3 through Grade 8.<br><b>10:55am-12 Noon</b>  |
| <b>CONFIRMATION</b> for Grades 8-12:<br><i>Enquire at Parish Office in September</i>  |
| <b>CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):</b><br><i>Enquire at the Adult Education Centre if interested in joining the Catholic Church.</i>   |
| <b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b><br><i>Arrange 12 months in advance.</i>  |
| <b>SICK CALLS:</b><br><i>Request through the Office.<br/>Someone will gladly visit the sick.</i>  |
| <b>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS</b><br><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><br/><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> |