

The Community of St Ignatius

Winnipeg, MB

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On-line Parish Bulletin for 2024-02-04

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

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Jesus Heals Simon's Mother-in-Law (Mark 1) by Rembrandt

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

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



Saturday 3 February is the Feast of St Blaise, physician, bishop, and martyr in 4th Century Armenia. The traditional blessing to protect against infections of the throat and other afflictions including sleep apnea, will be given after the Saturday 11am and 5pm Masses. (For more info, please see REFLECTION below).

Readings: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading: Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1: 29-39

Mass Intentions for the Week of January 5th – 10th (will be honoured during live-streamed Masses)

Mon	Feb 5 th	11:00am	+Maria Marinelli
Tues	6 th	11:00am	+Paul Cantafio
Wed	7 th	11:00am	+Adrien Gottli Androvic
Thu	8 th	11:00am	+Allun David Evans
Fri	9 th	11:00am	+Diane MacRedmond
Sat	10 th	11:00am	Pro Populo

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. 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 email office@stignatius.ca

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.

NEW **Abdullah Erfan is our new Administrative Assistant.** He started work on Monday 29 January. Please extend a warm welcome to him.

NEW **Please pray for the repose of the soul of Don Ward,** father of Steve Ward. Condolences to the family.

NEW **Jesuit Centre for Catholic Studies lunch-hour lecture, Thursday 8 February,** Room 220, St Paul's College, U/M. Jane Barter, Religion & Culture Prof at U/Winnipeg will speak on *Walking Together and Walking Apart: Reading Receptions of Pope Francis' Apology to Survivors of Residential Schools in Canada* as part of the series *Formations and Re-Formations in Catholic Thought*. Info: contact: catholic@umanitoba.ca or 204-474-9165.

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

Knights of Columbus Initiatives: for all communications, please email koc@stignatius.ca

- **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
- **NEW** **Upcoming Rosary Prayers: Sunday 25 February,** immediately after 11am Mass. Bring your rosary. You may submit prayer intentions to the Knights by email.

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

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

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

REFLECTION

INTERCESSION BY ST BLAISE

Blaise of Sebaste (Latin: Blasius) was a 4th Century physician, bishop, and martyr in Asia Minor. It is said that from being a healer of bodily ailments, he became an expert on souls. At one point, he retired for a time to a cavern where he remained in prayer. As bishop of Sebastea in historical Lesser Armenia (modern Sivas, Turkey), Blaise instructed people as much by his example as by his words, and his great virtues and sanctity were attested by many miracles. People were said to flock to him for cures of bodily and spiritual ills. He is said also to have healed animals, which came to him on their own for his assistance, and that he was, in turn, helped by animals. In 316 AD, Agricola, Governor of Cappadocia and Lesser Armenia, began a persecution by order of the Roman Emperor Licinius, and Blaise was seized. After his interrogation and a severe scourging, he was imprisoned, tortured with iron combs, and subsequently beheaded.

Blaise became one of the most popular saints of the Middle Ages. His followers were widespread in plague-afflicted Europe in the 11th and 12th Centuries. The legendary *Acts of St. Blaise* were written 400 years after his death, and include elements apocryphal and possibly fictional. According to one such legend, while Blaise was on his way to imprisonment, a distraught mother, whose only child was choking on a fish bone, threw herself at his feet and implored his intercession. Touched by her distress, he offered up his prayers, and the child was cured. This episode did not, however, soften the hearts of his persecutors.

He is venerated as a saint and martyr in the Catholic, Anglican, and Orthodox Churches, and is counted as one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers. He is currently venerated in countries as far-flung as Iceland, where he is known as Blasíus; Italy (San Biagio); Portugal, Brazil, and Goa (São Brás); England and the Channel Islands; Croatia (Sveti Vlaho or Sveti Blaž); and Spanish-speaking countries (San Blas). Blaise is known as the saint of wild beasts, patron of wool combers, and above all, helper of sufferers from respiratory, eye, nose, and throat ailments. Such ailments are now taken to include obstructive sleep apnea, since it involves throat tissues interfering with breathing during sleep.

In many places, on February 3rd, his feast-day, the blessing of St Blaise is offered: two candles, (sometimes lit), are held in the form of a cross by a priest (or deacon or lay person) over the head of each of the faithful – or are touched to the person’s throat. Simultaneously, the following blessing is given: “Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness”. Then the priest makes the Sign of the Cross over the faithful. As this is a blessing, not a sacrament, non-Catholics may choose to receive it. However, it is considered important that the blessing be given in the context of a Mass or prayer session, so as to be understood clearly as a plea for intercession with God, rather than as magic.

– Sources: *Wikipedia* and *Celebration* (2017)

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 \$45,626. 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 22nd to 28th: To our combined regular Sunday collections in support of our Parish, including school and church expenses, you gave \$5,275.

For *Sharing God's Gifts* you gave \$1,764. For the Poor Box you gave \$60. Thank you for your generosity!

Contributions made through PAC and PayPal are monitored monthly. For December 1st to 31st, 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 Sunday 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
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Office: office@stignatius.ca , 204-474-2351 Hours: Mondays-Fridays 10am-3pm Admin Assistant: Abdullah Erfan
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>