

# The Community of St Ignatius

## COVID-19 INFORMATION UPDATE as of 2020-07-12



The physical Office has limited hours for the remainder of the pandemic emergency; the Church is still here to serve you. Someone is in the office from 10 to 10:30am. We answer phone calls from noon to 2pm. Staff access emails and urgent voicemails from 10am to 2pm.

### CANCELLATIONS at ST IGNATIUS

All Parish activities continue to be cancelled **until further notice**.

Replacement dates will be announced by event organizers when conditions improve.

**The Archbishop has issued a dispensation until September 6<sup>th</sup> from the obligation to attend Mass in person.**

**NEW!** For now, up to **90** parishioners may physically attend Masses or come for private prayer Wednesday through Sunday only, subject to restrictions, including an advance sign-up list.

**Two separate entrances and exits will be explained by St Ignatius staff.**

**Please see the information sheet (appended to this bulletin) about how to reserve a seat at Mass.**

Note the following specific cancellations.

- **All Group Sacrament Events Postponed:** First Communion, First Reconciliation, and Confirmation ceremonies that were scheduled for May have been postponed to a later date. You will be advised of replacement dates.
- **ALL MEETINGS & GROUP EVENTS AT THE ED CENTRE remain cancelled until further notice** including Adoration, RCIA, ILV, Spiritual Directors' meeting, Mothers' Prayer Group, Monday Morning Prayer Group, Bat Kol, CLC, Quilting, CCRS, & Healing Ministry.

**City of Winnipeg Construction May 2020 to October 2020:** Corydon Ave (Thurso to Stafford Street). On-street parking is prohibited, and traffic is restricted to one lane in each direction. The work is to be completed in stages. Closure of side streets and approaches are required at different times. Questions? Contact [Derek.Wiebe@Stantec.com](mailto:Derek.Wiebe@Stantec.com) or 204-292-6415.

### Please Continue to Donate if you are able

During the pandemic, despite reduced office hours and restricted Mass attendance, the Parish still provides the Sacraments and other urgent services for those in need. While we recognize that some parishioners will be in financial difficulty because of the crisis, we ask you, **if you are able, to please continue donating** by:

- **placing your envelope in the new box at the back of the church** if you have reserved a seat at Mass;
- **dropping off your envelope in the new mailbox outside the Admin Office door;**
- **mailing in your weekly donation**, including your SGG contribution, to 255 Stafford Street, Winnipeg, MB R3M 2X2;
- **donating to us through PayPal** at <https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr...>; or
- **switching to Pre-Authorized Payments (PAC)** for your contributions to the church: an easy way to donate. To start a new PAC or increase an existing one, please fill out a form available from the Office or on line.

Private masses continue to be said Mondays, & Tuesdays with no congregation.

**NEW!** Masses with very limited attendance by parishioners are offered Wednesday through Sunday at 11am; admission by reservation only (and subject to strict protocols as described on the information sheet). The Archbishop advises elderly and vulnerable persons to stay at home and has extended his dispensation from Mass attendance through September 6<sup>th</sup> for all Roman Catholics in the diocese.

Sunday and daily Masses continue to be streamed live from St Ignatius daily at 11am at:

- <http://stignatiusmass.from-ca.com>

Other daily or/and Sunday Masses can be viewed live at:

- <http://dailytvmass.com/> OR
- <http://catholictv.org/masses/catholictv-mass/sunday-mass>

While the attendance in the physical church building is restricted in line with government health restrictions, **private prayer in the church is possible by reservation from Wednesday through Sunday from 10:30am to 1pm**. Meanwhile, family prayer at home is recommended. The following websites, among many others, have prayer suggestions you may find helpful:

- <https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/prayers-for-healing>
- <https://www.catholic.org/prayers/>
- <https://mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/a-prayer-for-healing-and-hope/>

## HOW TO SIGN UP FOR PHYSICAL ATTENDANCE AT MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER

### BACKGROUND:

- Livestreamed Masses are celebrated at 11am daily, including Sundays with full music. They can be accessed at any time at <http://stignatiusmass.from-ca.com>
- Provincial Covid-19 rules limit total attendance, including those on the altar, to a maximum of 100, including the celebrant, readers, musicians, and other ministers, and those producing the on-line streaming; **only 90 other parishioners are allowed physically to attend daily Mass.**
- A sign-up list is being maintained at the Parish Office for each open day. Although the list will be maintained primarily on a first-come-first-served basis, priority for attendance at any Mass will be given to the immediate family of the people mentioned in the Mass Intention for that day, and the person requesting the Intention. Priority may also be given to applicants who have not previously been given the opportunity to attend Mass. **If you are not on the sign-up list for the current day, we regret that you risk being turned away at the door.**

### HOW TO SIGN UP TO PHYSICALLY ATTEND A MASS OR FOR PRIVATE PRAYER:

- **Reservations must be made at least three business days (weekdays) before the Mass day you want to attend (Wednesdays through Sundays only)** (e.g., to attend Mass at 11am on a Wednesday, the sign-up deadline would be the previous Friday at 11am).
- **You may reserve either by email or by phone message.**
  - email (preferred): [reserve@stignatius.ca](mailto:reserve@stignatius.ca)
  - phone: 204-474-2351 and follow the menu options
- **You must give the following information**, whether by email or by phone:
  - Your name**
  - Your phone number** (even if you contact us by email)
  - The day you want to attend Mass or come for private prayer.** Only one Mass day will be assigned per email or phone call. However, you may list up to 3 different days, in order of preference; in case of overcrowding on your first-choice day, the first available date among your second and third choices will be assigned to you.
  - The total number of people in your group who want to attend (maximum 4)**
  - If applicable, your specific family connection to the person/people for whom the Mass is being said, or if you are the person who requested the Mass.** (Please see Mass intentions in the bulletin for the upcoming week).
- **Wait for confirmation of availability of your seat:** If you reserved by email, you will receive a confirmation by return email indicating whether or not a space is available on the day you request. If you reserved by phone, you will be notified by phone *only if the day you requested is available. If you don't receive confirmation, that day is full.*

## SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOLS WHILE IN THE CHURCH

### BACKGROUND:

- Our Parish includes an above-average percentage of older and high-risk persons. These people face severe consequences if they are exposed to the virus. We therefore need to practise these protocols with the utmost seriousness and consistency.
- Public health protocols require wearing a mask in public, maintaining a minimum 6-foot distance between individuals who do not live in the same household, and minimizing the touching of surfaces that might have been touched by others.
- The church risks being closed down if we are found not to be observing these protocols.
- Ministers will wear masks while distributing Holy Communion.
- Two of every three rows of pews are roped off.
- The church has hired people with the specific task of regularly disinfecting surfaces. No booklets, hymnals, or holy water fonts will be in use.

### WHAT YOU ARE ASKED AND EXPECTED TO DO: — READ CAREFULLY

- **Please do not come to the church if you have a temperature, cough, cold, or flu symptoms of any kind or if you are in a vulnerable category**, even if you have been tested. Pray at home instead.
- **Do not come to the church if at any time during the last two weeks you have been outside the province of Manitoba or have attended any high-risk gatherings.**
- **You are required to come with a mask and keep it in position over your nose and mouth during your private prayer and during the entire Mass** (even while singing or saying responses), except briefly while consuming the Communion host).
- **Please enter only through the front door, maintain social distance, and cooperate with staff who will verify that you are on that day's attendance list.** Use hand sanitizer on arrival. Exit through the south (Jessie door) and use sanitizer again.
- **Do not congregate** with others when entering or leaving the church.
- **Please sit only in a designated and unoccupied pew.** Do not share a pew with anyone who is not of your immediate household. We reserve the right to re-seat you if adequate social distancing is not being observed.
- **The Peace Greeting at Mass is done without physical contact;** a smile or nod suffices.
- **When lining up for Communion in the centre aisle, please remain 6 feet behind the person in front of you. Do not remove your mask or ask to receive Communion directly on your tongue.** Communion is distributed under one species only. Take the host reverently in your hand; return only by the side aisle directly to your original pew. Lower your mask just to consume the Host, and replace your mask immediately.

**THANK YOU. Your co-operation helps keep yourself and others safe, healthy – and alive!**