

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

For the preparation program, phone four months before child's birth
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SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:55am-12 Noon
Program for 3- & 4- year-olds; Grades K-8 Program for the children of registered parishioners
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CONFIRMATION

For Grades 8-12: Enquire at Parish Office in September
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YOUTH EVENTS

Lynne, youth@stignatius.ca
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CHRISTIAN INITIATION

OF ADULTS (RCIA): Enquire at the Adult Education Centre if interested in joining the Catholic Church.
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SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrange 12 months in advance.
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SICK CALLS: Request through the Office. Someone will gladly visit the sick.
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HEALING PRAYER

MINISTRY: for prayer, call Valerie, :204-453-9243
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

meet 1st Monday each month at 7:30pm

Readings: 2nd Sunday in Advent (C)

1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Gospel
Baruch 5: 1-9	Philippians 1: 3-6, 8-11	Luke 3: 1-6

Meditation In (Upon) the Desert

The desert is the antithesis of the mall. No matter how much money you have, there is nothing to buy. Far from the city lights whose twinkling grabs our attention, the desert allows us to fix our gaze on the stars instead, on beauty that is beyond our reach and yet seems to have been created just for our delight. The desert is where our soul finds room to expand, where we can remember what we really thirst for. This is the experience of God's fertile desert. This is the desert we can choose [when we go on retreat or otherwise put distractions aside and focus on essentials for a time]. The desert was also Israel's birthplace. God brought the people out of slavery and led them on a 40-year desert trek to teach them what it meant to be the people of God. They needed that time to get over their servile identity. They lived those 40 years without the distractions of building homes and businesses; that long experience of being on the move taught them to rely on God alone. When they forgot the lessons of the desert, God sent them into exile for 60 years. In both instances, hardship stripped them of everything so that they could figure out what was essential.

According to Luke, John the Baptist's ministry was the pivotal point in salvation history; the new and final era was coming into being. So now in December, while everything in the northern hemisphere jingles with excitement about winter and holidays, the church invites us first into the desert with John. The word of the Lord came to John in the desert and today he tells us to prepare the way of the Lord.

To prepare the way of the Lord today, we must straighten out the tortured paths that truncate our sisters' and brothers' hopes as they flee for their lives. We are called to straighten out twisted communications with words of truth and sincere compassion, even for our adversaries. We need to muster the courage necessary to enter the valleys of depression and desperation that trap us [individually and collectively] in loneliness and fear. In our personal relationships, we are called to build bridges across the breaches that have separated us from family or friends, to forget old wounds and bend low enough to say, "I am sorry." To prepare the way of the Lord today, we must reassess the mountains (and rivers) that create uncrossable borders between us as nations, parties, ideologies, genders, etc. Then, willing to see the beauty of the other side(s), we can descend from our heights of [self-righteousness] and let those mountains be made low.

– Celebration (excerpted & paraphrased)



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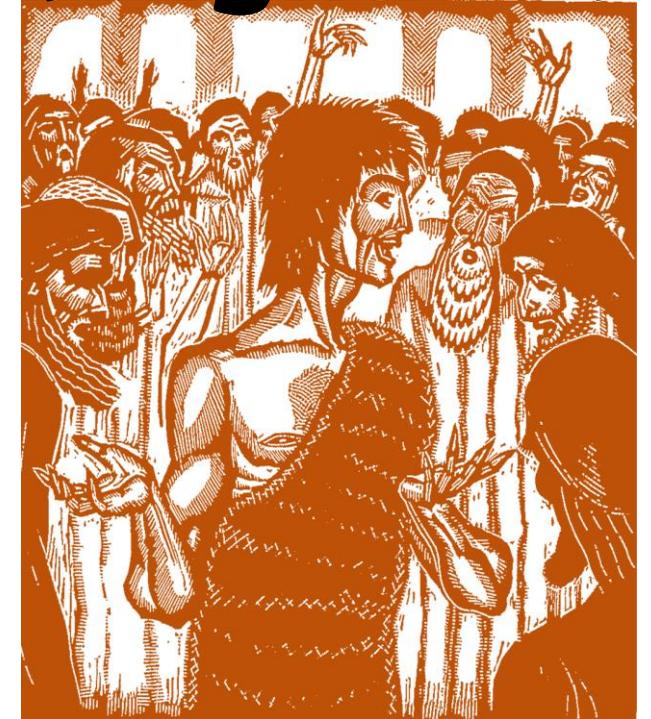
ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL
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WEEKEND MASSES		WEEKDAY MASSES	
Saturday:	5:00pm	Mon:	7:15am (& Communion Service 11am)
Sunday:	8:00am	Tues-Sat:	11:00am
	9:30am	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION	
	11:00am	Fri Dec 14 th	4:00 - 5:00pm Fr Obrigewitsch
(Spanish)	3:40pm	Sat 15 th	9:45 - 10:45am Fr Newman
	8:30pm	Fri 21 st	4:00 - 5:00pm Fr Newman
		Sat 22 nd	9:45 - 10:45am Fr Obrigewitsch

The Community of St Ignatius



"[John] went into all the region around the Jordan proclaiming a baptism of repentance..." (Luke 3)
Woodcut by James Reid

9 December 2018

2nd Sunday in Advent

9 December 2018 – 2nd Sunday in Advent (C)

Advent Giving: alms as part of our preparations for the birth of Jesus Christ. Please give generously each week to help those in need.

- *Second Sunday of Advent* – Christmas LITE (Local Investment Toward Employment) (cheques made payable to LITE);
- *Third Sunday of Advent* – for teen moms and babies in the core area: (diapers, formula, new and gently used baby clothing, and toys);
- *Fourth Sunday of Advent* – Winnipeg Harvest: (non-perishable food items).

2019 Sunday Collection Envelopes are available for pick-up at the back of the church. As of 1 January, please use only the 2019 envelopes.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast (ham, sausage, eggs and pancakes) this Sunday after all morning Masses. Proceeds to Catholic Missions of Canada.

Red Poinsettias: If you would like to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas, we would gladly receive red poinsettias. Please drop them off at the office between 21 & 24 December.

Christmas Altar Decorating, Saturday 22 December 1:00 to 2:30pm. All welcome. Contact Tannis Scott for info tanlscott@shaw.ca

National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples, Wednesday 12 December. Observed annually on the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas, who appeared to a humble indigenous peasant, Juan Diego, in Mexico in 1531.

Sing We Now of Christmas, Saturday 15 December, 6.00pm. Raise your voice in song and hear about the history of Silent Night. \$2 donation for the church appreciated.

St Ignatius School Christmas Concert: Thursday 20 December 7:00pm, St Ignatius Church. Everyone is invited.

Christmas Camp, Wednesday 2 January to Friday 4 January. Registrations are now being accepted; forms are available at the back of the church or from the office.

Christmas Mass Schedule

24 December	7:15am; 7:00 & 9:30pm; & Midnight
25 December*	8:00, 9:30, & 11:00am; & 2:00pm
31 December	7:15am only
	5:00pm: Mass in Spanish & English
1 January 2019*	9:30 & 11:00am

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Financial Report

Sharing God's Gifts Update (Archdiocesan Collection): We thank you for your generosity to our various ministries! We are taking a break from this collection until January. Meanwhile, donations for Sharing God's Gifts go towards the Building Fund.

St Ignatius Statement for this week: To our regular Sunday collection you gave \$15,397 to support our Parish, including school and church expenses. To the Building Fund you gave \$656. To Agape and the Poor Box you gave \$129. Thank you for your generosity.

Please consider using 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.**

Grocery Gift Cards, which can be used at Co-op, Safeway, Sobey's, and IGA (\$25, \$50, & \$100 denominations) are on sale by our Knights each week after all Masses in the vestibule at the back of the church and in the hall. Cash or debit card only, please.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfasts are planned for the following future Sundays: **13 January, 10 February, & 17 March.**

Enriching your marriage, Saturday 19 January, 1:00-3:30pm, Education Centre. Organized in partnership with the Knights of Columbus and the World-Wide Marriage Encounter Movement.

Families Connecting Committee is looking for donations of: toys, Lego, play-food and play-kitchen sets, dolls, doll clothes, and craft supplies. Suzanne, 204-283-9353 or pauletsuzanne@gmail.com.



Mass Intentions for the Week of December 10th – 15th

Mon	Dec 10 th	7:15am +Eugenio Marino
Tues	11 th	11:00am +Luis Canadas
Wed	12 th	11:00am +Memory of Christine Jack
Thu	13 th	11:00am +John Culligan
Fri	14 th	11:00am +Fr Joseph Driscoll, sj
Sat	15 th	11:00am +Margaret Edwards