

The Community of St Ignatius

On-line Parish Bulletin for
2020-12-20

4th Sunday in Advent (Year B)



"For nothing will be impossible with God." (Luke 1)
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READINGS: 4th Sunday in Advent (B)

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

2nd Reading: Romans 16: 25-27

Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38

Live-Streamed Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve 24 December: 5pm & 11pm (Carols live-streamed at 4:30 & 10:30pm)

Christmas Day, December 25: 11am

Public attendance at all Masses is suspended during the Covid-19 Code Red period. Sunday and daily Masses continue to be streamed live from St Ignatius daily at 11am at: <http://stignatiusmass.from-ca.com>

NEW: The Archbishop has extended through **1 March 2021** the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass in person. Private Masses continue to be celebrated daily without a congregation. Parishioners' intentions are honoured at each Mass.

NEW: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment only

- Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday: 10:00-10:40am and 11:45am-12:30pm
- Friday: 10:00-10:40am only

As the physical church building is temporarily closed to the public by order of the Archbishop, in line with provincial government health restrictions, private prayer in the church is no longer possible. 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/>

Mass Intentions for the Week of December 21st – 26th (will be honoured during live-streamed Masses)

Mon	Dec	21 st	11:00am	+Angelo De Grazia
Tues		22 nd	11:00am	+Bernie Bernacki
Wed		23 rd	11:00am	+Luigi & +Elvira Magnifico
Thu		24 th	11:00am	+Justin Smith
Fri		25 th	11:00am	Christmas Day/ Pro populo
Sat		26 th	11:00am	+Luis Alberto Cañadas

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Chili cooks needed for Immaculate Conception Drop-In Centre, Sunday 3 January. We need 30 four-litre pails of chili to be made at home for guests at the Centre. The empty pails are available from Nancy, 204-799-0276 – not from the parish office. To arrange pickup of pails and drop off your cooked chili, call Nancy. Many thanks for your kindness and generosity toward our city’s most vulnerable citizens.

Parish 2021 Offertory envelopes will be provided only upon request this year. You can request them by calling the Parish Office, 204-474-2351, or by emailing office@stignatius.ca. The preferred alternative is now PAC; (see “[Switching](#)” below).

St Ignatius Knights’ PAC Challenge deadline extended to 31 December. The Knights of Columbus challenge all St Ignatius parishioners to sign up for pre-authorized contributions (PACs). The Knights will match, dollar-for-dollar, the first two months of every new PAC and every increase over existing contributions from July 1 through December 31, 2020 up to a total of \$10,000! Now is the time to start or increase your PAC to help the Parish collect an extra benefit! To sign up, email the Parish office (office@stignatius.ca), leave a phone message at 204-474-2351, or visit the Parish website (www.stignatius.ca)

St Ignatius Knights’ 2020 On-line Raffle: a great success

We raised over \$5,300 for our council, and our new online raffle format this year worked very well. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Our winners were:

1. Jennifer Bird – 529 and Prairie’s Edge Dining Vouchers
2. Mike Radcliff – Peasant Cookery and Alena/Bluestone Dining Vouchers
3. Nicole Fanset – Winnipeg Professional Hockey Jersey and Swag
4. Carolyn Eva Meadows – Case of Wine
5. Andy Katz - \$200 cash

Special thanks to WOW! Hospitality and Birchwood Auto Group for their generous prize donations.

MEDITATION

To read the Magnificat, we must begin by reflecting on the passage before – wherein Gabriel visited and announced the coming of the “Son of God,” that this child is to be born in the lineage of the great Hebrew King, David. We learned that this new royal son is to bring into creation a new reign, an eternal reign of God.

“How will this be?” Mary asked, and we may wonder, too. What is God doing here, with an unwed mother visiting a poor relative?

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The birth of Jesus was a prophetic challenge to the world order; God’s story in Christ challenges the status quo with ethical and moral sensitivity. God, through Mary, calls us to speak truth and act in a world hungering for deliverance from greed, poverty, oppression, malnutrition, abuse, illness, war, and all the other dark and evil powers we have created and come to know. It is not to Caesar Augustus or Quirinius that this God comes, but the God we believe in comes to the lowly. So it is that we are to open our hearts to this God that our own lowliness and shame may be transformed. So it is, as we prepare to receive the Word at Christmas, that we are to open our hand and lives to those around us.

-- Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, DD, IX Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas

FINANCIAL REPORT

2020 Sharing God's Gifts Archdiocesan Collection (SGG): Our assessment for 2020 has been reduced from \$64,220 to \$48,152, of which we still owe \$12,102. 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 your generosity to our Archdiocese.

St Ignatius Statement for the period November 23rd to December 7th: To our combined regular Sunday collections you gave \$33,764 in support of our Parish, including school and church expenses. (This includes some late PayPal account updates from as far back as May). To SGG you gave \$3,999. To the Christmas collection, you gave \$305, and to D&P you gave \$250. Thank you for your generosity! (NB: For now, tallies are made every two weeks.)

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:

- **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.

OUR FACILITIES

<p>ST IGNATIUS PARISH 255 Stafford Street Winnipeg, MB R3M 2X2 www.stignatius.ca</p>
<p>Served by: Pastor: Frank Obrigewitsch, SJ Assoc Pastor: Con Mulvihill, SJ and John Perry, SJ</p>
<p>Office: CLOSED during current emergency Admin Asst: Indira Rampersad, 204-474-2351 office@stignatius.ca</p>
<p>Controller: Jan Hasiuk controller@stignatius.ca</p>
<p>ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL <i>Nursery-Grade 8: full curriculum in a Catholic environment for children of registered parishioners.</i> Principal: Jeannine Pistawka Admin Asst: Michele Lampertz 204-475-1386 www.stignatius.mb.ca</p>
<p>Adult Education Centre & Lending Library: 204-453-9243 Co-ordinator: Fr Con adult.education@stignatius.ca</p>
<p>Buildings & Grounds Maintenance Manager: Chris Janes, maintenance@stignatius.ca</p>

SACRAMENTS, FORMATION, & ACTIVITIES

<p>BAPTISM OF CHILDREN For the preparation program, phone four months before child's birth</p>
<p>SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:55am-12 Noon This year: First Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation only</p>
<p>CONFIRMATION For Grades 8-12: Enquire at Parish Office in September</p>
<p>CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): Enquire at the Adult Education Centre if interested in joining the Catholic Church.</p>
<p>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Arrange 12 months in advance.</p>
<p>SICK CALLS: Request through the Office. Someone will gladly visit the sick.</p>
<p>HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY: call Office, 204-474-2351</p>
<p>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS normally meet 1st Monday each month at 7:30pm – meetings temporarily suspended.</p>

MAGNIFICAT

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

He has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed;
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.

He has mercy on those who fear him,
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,
casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich empty away.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
to remember his promise of mercy,
the promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1:46-55

