

The Community of St Ignatius

On-line Parish Bulletin for
2021-02-28

2nd Sunday in Lent (Year B)

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The Transfiguration (Mark9)
Painting by Libuse Lukas Miller (US, 1915-73)

Public attendance at all Masses is limited during the Covid-19 period. Sunday and daily Masses are live-streamed daily from St Ignatius at 11am (and remain available on line until the next morning) at: <http://stignatiusmass.from-ca.com>.

READINGS: 2 nd Sunday in Lent (B)
1 st Reading: Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18
2 nd Reading: Romans 8: 31b-35, 37
Gospel: Mark 9: 2-10

The church is open for public Masses with strictly limited attendance Wednesday through Sunday at 11am, with an additional 5pm Mass on Saturday (which is not live-streamed). Please email reserve@stignatius.ca to reserve a seat after checking details in the [COVID-19](#) update below.

The Archbishop has extended through **23 May 2021** the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass in person. Masses continue to be celebrated daily with a strictly limited number of people in attendance, in line with public health guidelines. Parishioners' intentions are honoured at each Mass. Please see details in the [COVID-19](#) update below.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment on Wednesdays, Thursdays, & Saturdays.

When private prayer in the church is not available for you, 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 March 1 st – 6 th (will be honoured during live-streamed Masses)		
Mon	Mar 1 st	11:00am +Remedios Lumbang
Tues	2 nd	11:00am +Deceased Bombek Family members
Wed	3 rd	11:00am +Allen Wiebe
Thu	4 th	11:00am Pro Populo
Fri	5 th	11:00am Spec Int: Anne Mc Lellan Synnott
Sat	6 th	11:00am +Ivan Prusac

LENTEN FAST & ABSTINENCE, ALMSGIVING, and PENANCE

Latin Church Catholics are to observe fasting and abstinence during Lent under terms of the 1983 *Code of Canon Law*.

- **ABSTINENCE:** Catholics aged 14+ are expected to abstain from meat **on all Fridays of Lent** and on Ash Wednesday. Eggs & fish don't count as meat.
- **FASTING:** Catholics aged 18-59 are expected to fast (one full meal and two "snacks" that don't add up to a full meal) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Non-alcoholic drinks such as water or juice don't count as food, but liquids used as food – such as soups or smoothies – do.
- When you have a medical condition or are pregnant, travelling, or under unusual stress, these requirements may be relaxed.

In addition to fasting and abstinence, giving alms or doing charitable work is expected.

REFLECTION

Two Mountain-Top Narratives

In today's First reading and Gospel, we are privy to two mountain experiences. The first is presented as God's test of Abraham's obedience, and is thought to be God's repudiation of human sacrifice. It also prefigures God's offering of his own Son for the salvation of the world. In the second, the Transfiguration, Jesus takes the key disciples to the mountaintop, [where] in times past, God communicated special messages.... The disciples are given inspiration through the abiding presence of God with them [and] afforded a growing [and glowing!] understanding through the presence of Moses and Elijah. The prophets' presence ... signals that God is continuing the long history of the chosen people up into the present time through Jesus....

These mountain narratives set the theme for Lent as a time to ease ourselves out of the hustle and bustle of everyday activity so as to pray quietly, fervently seeking God's will and then asking for the strength to make it our own. On our "mountain," we can rethink priorities, set goals, and evaluate our relationship with God and with others.... But mountaintop experiences are not perpetual. They are pauses that renew and refresh us. Then, when we are called to descend from the mountain and face anew the exigencies of life, we will find ourselves better equipped to do so.

– *Celebration (excerpted/paraphrased)*

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 \$340. 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 February 8th to February 21st. To our combined regular Sunday collections you gave \$20,510 in support of our Parish, including school and church expenses. To SGG you gave \$960. Thank you for your generosity! (NB: For now, tallies are made every two weeks.)

Please go to the [COVID-19](#) update below for details about how to donate to St Ignatius.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2020 tax receipts are being mailed out this weekend. If you would like to receive yours by email, please send an email to office@stignatius.ca

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).

Please see *Reflections of the Pastor* on the Parish website at

https://www.stignatius.ca/assets/publications/20.Reflections_of_the_Pastor_2.27.21.pdf

Development & Peace (D&P) Share Love, Share Lent Campaign: Due to the pandemic, most of this year’s Share Lent campaign activities are on line. Each week during Lent, a different aspect of D&P is highlighted on our website. This week in the *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign, discover the creative ways in which we assist communities in speaking for and taking charge of their own development. For example, D&P supports a school for peasant filmmakers in Colombia. In keeping with the Catholic Social Teaching principle of participation, let your Lenten journey make a difference in the world. Learn about our work and consider giving to help sustain it. **Discern and donate at** devp.org/lent Follow our solidarity calendar at www.devp.org/en/lentcalendar-2021 Visit the campaign website at www.devp.org/en/donate/sharelent or at www.devp.org/en/campaign/sharelove to see all the resources at your disposal for spreading the Lenten message of love and encouraging almsgiving. Be inspired by Pope Francis’ encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, and by his call “for a love that transcends... geography and distance” and that “allows us to acknowledge, appreciate, and love each person.”

***Push or Pull*, a virtual workshop on Assisted Suicide Apologetics, Saturday 13 March, 7pm CST.** Topic: compassionate and effective apologetics on assisted suicide. Presented by Winnipeg Life’s Vision; pro-life speaker: Stephanie Gray Connors. To register, email winnipeg@lifesvision.ca or contact Justony Vasquez, justony@lifesvision.ca

Seeking Saints in the Modern World: 2021 Hanley Memorial Virtual 3-Lecture Series sponsored by St Paul’s College, Univ of MB. Speaker: Dr Kathleen Sprows Cummings, Director, Cushwa Centre for the Study of American Catholicism, Notre Dame University. Lectures are broadcast as Zoom webinars, free and open to all. For more info go to www.umanitoba.ca/colleges/st_pauls/College_Lecture.html Pre-registration is required at www.us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/1316116826863/WN_oc6_X22AQiy6QHxEGHqluA

- **Tuesday 23 March, 3pm CST:** *Gender, Power and Canonization*
- **Tuesday 13 April, 3pm CST:** *John Paul II and All the Saints*

Love One Another as I Have Loved You: World Wide Marriage Encounter Experience Virtual Weekend: **Friday 23 April, 7pm, Saturday 24 April, 3pm & Sunday 25 April, 3pm.** Via Zoom. Cost: \$130 per couple. For info contact Mel Sangalang at wwme.wpg@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus Charity Drive Car Raffle, Draw date: Saturday 24 April. Tickets: 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10. Prizes: First Prize: choice of one five 2021 vehicles, or \$20,000 cash; Second Prize: \$10,000; Third Prize: \$5,000; Fourth Prize: \$3,000; Fifth Prize: \$2,000. Purchase tickets from Herb Hanson 204-294-0503, or online at [Purchase MB State ICCD Raffle Tickets](#)

Social Outreach Suggestion from the Archdiocese of Winnipeg: The Covid-19 vaccination plan is to include the elderly living outside of personal care homes. If you know of an elderly person who needs help making the appointment and/or needs a ride, please reach out and help them if you can. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact Social Justice Coordinator, Patti Fitzmaurice sjustice@archwinnipeg.ca

OUR FACILITIES

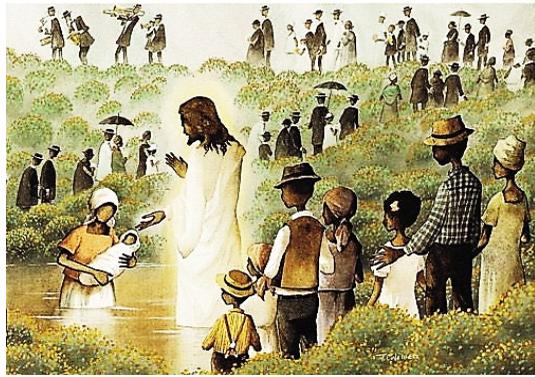
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Served by: Pastor: Frank Obrigewitsch, SJ Assoc Pastor: Con Mulvihill, SJ and John Perry, SJ
Office: CLOSED during current emergency Admin Asst: Indira Rampersad, 204-474-2351 office@stignatius.ca
Controller: Jan Hasiuk controller@stignatius.ca
ST 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
Adult Education Centre & Lending Library: 204-453-9243 Co-ordinator: Fr Con adult.education@stignatius.ca
Buildings & Grounds Maintenance Manager: Chris Janes, maintenance@stignatius.ca

SACRAMENTS, FORMATION, & ACTIVITIES

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

The Community of **St Ignatius**

COVID-19 INFORMATION UPDATE as of 2021-02-28



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.

NEW! The Archbishop has issued a dispensation through May 23rd from the obligation to attend Mass in person.

For now, a limited number of 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 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.

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 plus an additional 5pm Mass on Saturday; 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 March 1st 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, including the celebrant, readers, musicians, and other ministers, and those producing the on-line streaming; therefore, **only a limited number of other parishioners is allowed physically to attend 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
 - 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!