

# The Community of St Ignatius

On-line Parish Bulletin for  
2021-03-14

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent – Laetare (Year B)

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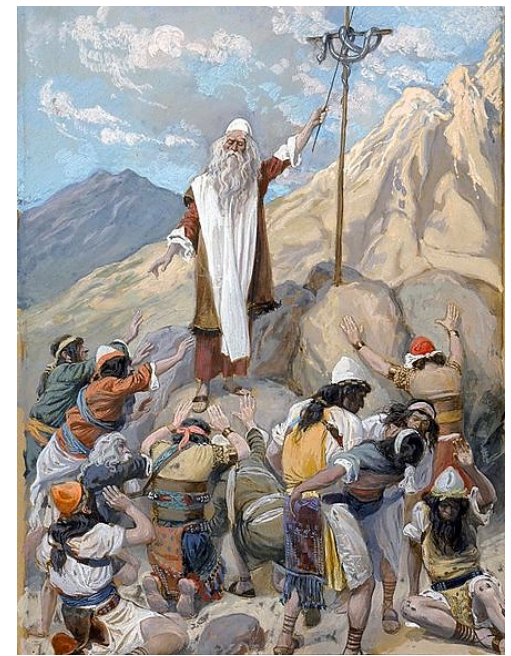
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Public attendance at all Masses is limited during the Covid-19 period. Sunday and daily Masses are live-streamed daily from St Ignatius at 11am (and remain available on line until the next morning) at: <http://stignatiusmass.from-ca.com>.



[Moses &] The Bronze Serpent (Numbers 21 )  
Painting by Jacques Tissot

<b>READINGS: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent (B)</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Chronicles 36: 14-17a, 19-23
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Ephesians 2: 4-10
<b>Gospel:</b> John 3: 14-21

The church is open for public Masses with limited attendance Wednesday through Sunday at 11am, with an additional 5pm Mass on Saturday (which is not live-streamed). Please email [reserve@stignatius.ca](mailto: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, usually just before or after Mass, on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays & 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 15 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> (will be honoured during live-streamed Masses)			
Mon	Mar 15 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	+Deceased members of the Snitowski Family
Tues	16 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Spec Int: Children of the Athayde Family
Wed	17 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	+Ralph Milani
Thu	18 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	+Deceased members of the Kalikowski Family
Fri	19 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	+Joseph Gfroerer
Sat	20 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	+Michael Peters

## 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

### On the Source of Healing and Survival

Numbers 21 recounts one of the Old Testament's more puzzling episodes, which also foreshadows a difficult reference in today's Gospel reading. The Israelites had a hysterical fear of "fiery serpents," likely snakes and scorpions that objectively were plaguing them in the desert. Moses, on God's order, established a great pole or cross with the bronze sculpture of a snake on it, and told his people to gaze at this in order to keep themselves safe from snakebites, or more likely simply to lessen their fear. This can be interpreted as an order to "face your fears" as a cathartic remedy when no medical cure was available; alternatively, it may suggest dependence on God for safety when in danger. As the plague of snakes had originally been ordained by God as punishment for collective lack of faith, there may be a suggestion that to recognize and meditate on the punishment itself would bring the on-looker to conversion. In any case, the danger and suffering were objective; the ability to survive depended on faith. In fact, the Talmudic scholars' interpretation (Mishnah R. H. 3:8, B. Talmud R.H. 29a) of the Numbers passage does not take literally the words "Everyone bitten by a [live] serpent would look at the [bronze] serpent and live;" rather it is understood from this passage that people should look to God in matters of life and death, not to the image of the serpent.

People everywhere are prone to simplify and reduce complex or ambiguous spiritual ideas, even until they become their opposite. During the thousand years after the Numbers episode, the bronze serpent gradually came to be called Nehushtan; in the people's belief, this implement was itself invested with curative power and was idolatrously worshipped, so that King Hezekiah, the righteous iconoclast, eventually had to have it destroyed (2 Kings 18, dated around BC 550). Well before the Hebrews, snake-handling had been an ancient medical and spiritual/psychiatric practice, and even in the New Testament and in some isolated Christian sects today, the ability to handle snakes without dying has been taken as a badge of faith. (Somewhat ironically, in our age, when faith and medical science are taken by many to be polar opposites, a classical Greek version of snakes on a pole is the most generic symbol of medical care).

In today's reading from John 3, Jesus seems to confirm the Talmud's symbolic interpretation, noted above, when He foresees the salvific power of his own crucifixion, and in discussion with Nicodemus, compares it to that of the serpentine image lifted up by Moses in Numbers. The message is clearly not about physical health; rather it is that whoever puts faith in God will have *eternal life*.

– consolidation of materials from Wikipedia, Celebration, and elsewhere (excerpted/paraphrased)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remember that clocks move forward one hour this Sunday 14 March at 2 am. Thereafter, regularly scheduled Masses are streamed at 11am Central DAYLIGHT Time.

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

LITURGICAL DAY	DATE	TIME	LITURGY
PALM SUNDAY	28 March	11am	• Regular Sunday Mass
HOLY THURSDAY	1 April	7:30pm	• Mass of the Lord's Supper (No 11am morning Mass)
GOOD FRIDAY	2 April	3:00pm	• The Passion of our Lord
HOLY SATURDAY	3 April	8:00pm	• Solemn Easter Vigil
EASTER SUNDAY	4 April	11am	• Regular Sunday Mass

We can accommodate only a limited number of parishioners at the Easter liturgies. If you wish to attend in person, please reserve a seat during the week of March 22 to 29. Send an email to [reserve@stignatius.ca](mailto:reserve@stignatius.ca); see details in the Covid-19 update *below* for more information. Only those who have a reservation will be able to attend. Elderly people who have not been vaccinated, anyone who has symptoms or who has travelled, and those who have not secured a reservation are requested to join us on line at <https://www.stignatius.ca>

Your 2020 tax receipt has been mailed out to your address of record. Please watch for yours in the mail.

Parish 2021 Offertory envelopes will be provided only upon request this year. You can request a set by calling the Parish Office, 204-474-2351, or by emailing [office@stignatius.ca](mailto: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](https://www.stignatius.ca/assets/publications/20.Reflections_of_the_Pastor_2.27.21.pdf)

**Development & Peace (D&P) Solidarity Sunday is next weekend (21 March).** The *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign will culminate with the collection of the majority of D&P's annual funding for projects around the world. Please plan to make your contribution to St. Ignatius Church earmarked "D&P Share Lent;" to reduce D&P's admin costs, our Parish will issue your receipt at year-end. Alternatively, you may call 1-888-284-8533 or donate on line at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give). Thanks to support from religious communities across Canada, you can also have your year-long contribution matched by becoming a monthly donor; not only will you double your impact, but you will also automatically become a member of D&P! Learn more at [devp.org/lent](http://devp.org/lent). Whichever way you choose to donate to D&P's work, we extend warm thanks for your generosity.

At the end of mass next Sunday, a member of D&P will make a brief presentation about this year's Share Lent Campaign, *Share Love, Share Lent*.

Pray for the over 10,000 Canadian Catholics like you who are members of D&P; honour their solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South.

**Come and Discover Nathanael Adult Faith Formation Experience starting Fall of 2021. Advance information session via Zoom, Wednesday 24 March, 7pm.** To register, go to [www.nathanaelwpg.ca](http://www.nathanaelwpg.ca)

***(ANNOUNCEMENTS, continued)***

***Managing Your Mental Health Wednesday 24 March, 6:30pm to 7:15pm:*** Tips for people who know someone suffering from mental health issues. To register, contact Julie Turenne-Maynard, 204-235-3136.

***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@lifevision.ca](mailto:winnipeg@lifevision.ca) or contact Justony Vasquez, [justony@lifevision.ca](mailto:justony@lifevision.ca)

***Friends First Responders Workshop via Zoom: Saturday 20 March 11am to 2:30pm.*** Register by Tuesday 16 March. Learn practical skills, and helpful ways to responding to friends, family and neighbours who are experiencing challenges in their marriage. Presented by the Archdioceses of Winnipeg and Saint-Boniface. Free – donations welcome. For more info go to [FFRWorkshop@gmail.com](mailto:FFRWorkshop@gmail.com) or contact Alesa, 204-254-1486.

***Seeking Saints in the Modern World: 2021 Hanley Memorial Virtual 3-Lecture Series.*** Zoom webinars free and open to all. Speaker: Dr Kathleen Sprows Cummings, Director, Cushwa Centre for the Study of American Catholicism, Notre Dame University. Sponsored by St Paul's College, Univ of MB. For more info go to [www.umanitoba.ca/colleges/st\\_pauls/College\\_Lecture.html](http://www.umanitoba.ca/colleges/st_pauls/College_Lecture.html) Pre-registration is required at [www.us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/1316116826863/WN\\_oc6\\_X22AOiy6QHxEGHqluA](http://www.us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/1316116826863/WN_oc6_X22AOiy6QHxEGHqluA)

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

***St Ignatius School Parent Advisory Council (SISPAC) Annual Wine Raffle. Draw date: Sunday 28 March, 7:30pm.*** Prizes: Three clutches of fine wine, and a professional hockey jersey and swag. For tickets go to Funding Change Manitoba, [https://www.fundingchange.ca/sispac/X\\_jDA6TKq34IOSKb](https://www.fundingchange.ca/sispac/X_jDA6TKq34IOSKb)

***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 [wvme.wpg@gmail.com](mailto:wvme.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](#)

***Knights of Columbus: Columbus Courts Inc, 253 Edgeland Blvd,*** is a not-for-profit affordable housing, independent-living, non-smoking facility for seniors and those over 55. Rent is geared to income (you pay 30% of your monthly income; utilities and free laundry included in rent). One-bedroom and studio suites available. On-site chapel, administered by Msgr Stan Jaworski. For info call Dennis, 204-982-2014.

***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](mailto:sjustice@archwinnipeg.ca)

## OUR FACILITIES

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

## SACRAMENTS, FORMATION, & ACTIVITIES

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

## FINANCIAL REPORT

**2020 Sharing God's Gifts Archdiocesan Collection (SGG):** Our assessment for 2020 has been reduced from \$64,220 to \$48,152. Our assessment for 2020 has been paid off. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> to March 7<sup>th</sup>.** To our combined regular Sunday collections you gave \$18,512 in support of our Parish, including school and church expenses. To SGG you gave \$2,972. To Agape you gave \$60. 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.

# 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</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, 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](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!