

The Community of St Ignatius

**On-line Parish Bulletin for
2021-03-21**

**5th Sunday in Lent – Solidarity Sunday (Year B)
National Collection for Development & Peace**

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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>.

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 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/>



"...if it dies, it bears much fruit." (John 12)
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READINGS: 5th Sunday in Lent (B)
1st Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31-34
2nd Reading: Hebrews 5: 7-9
Gospel: John 12: 20-33

Mass Intentions for the Week of March 22 nd – 27 th (will be honoured during live-streamed Masses)		
Mon	Mar 22 nd	11:00am + Deceased members of the Garton Family
Tues	23 rd	11:00am +Serapion Arquillano
Wed	24 th	11:00am +Eugene Milani
Thu	25 th	11:00am +David Overton
Fri	26 th	11:00am +Jan Snitowski
Sat	27 th	11:00am Spec Int: Peters Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember: 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; 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 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) Solidarity Sunday is this 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 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 Whichever way you choose to donate to D&P's work, we extend warm thanks for your generosity.

At the end of mass this 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

(ANNOUNCEMENTS, continued)

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 Pre-registration is required at www.us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/1316116826863/WN_oc6_X22AOiy6OHXEGHqluA

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

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.

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

Seneca Warm Line (mental health help line) needs your support: This service, founded in 1977 by the Grey Nuns and backed by the Catholic Health Association of Manitoba, is in danger of closing when several funding sources run out on 31 March. Operated 24/7 during the pandemic by Sara Riel Inc. and 16 part-time staff with lived experience and training in suicide and crisis prevention, cultural awareness, trauma and addiction. In the last year, individuals and small employers have turned to them for help 900 times per month. The service is indispensable, especially at night. If you can donate, please go to sararielinc.com or call 204-237-9263.

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](#)

Faith and Mental Health Conference [virtual], Friday 21 May, Noon-4pm CDT. Hosted by International OCD Foundation for faith leaders, mental health professionals, and others affected by anxiety, OCD, and related disorders. This event will equip faith leaders with tools they need to help their members receive appropriate treatment. For info and registration, go to iocdf.org/faithconference

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

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

What to Do with Your One Grain of Wheat

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. (John 12:24)



Either way you're gonna die:
clutching your seed in your fist
buried in your Sunday suit
the lid sealed shut with a rubber gasket
watertight lifetime guarantee,
impermeable to the forces of nature.
But the seed sprouts and its pale stem
pushes through your dried fingers
and urges upward straining for sunlight
until it bumps the steely casket lid
and bends and arcs downward finally surrendering.

Either way you're gonna die:
You can open your hand and let loose
the grain of love you bear.
You can open your protected soul
to life and death and mystery in the breathable air.
You can plant your seed in the welcoming earth
and die to your fear and let something uncontrollable grow.
When you are buried like the seed
it is already free to break through soil
and let the sun kiss it to life
and sprinkle the earth with a thousand new
grains.

Either way you're gonna die:
But if you let your seed go
and die before you die
there will be wheat and flour enough
to bake bread with holy wild yeast
and feed the hungry world,
which gives thanks for your small grain
to the One who made you to die for the fruit of love.



– Rev Michael Coffey (Evangelical Lutheran Pastor),

Mystery without Rhyme or Reason: Poetic Reflections on the Revised Common Lectionary

OUR FACILITIES

ST IGNATIUS PARISH 255 Stafford Street Winnipeg, MB R3M 2X2 www.stignatius.ca
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.

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.

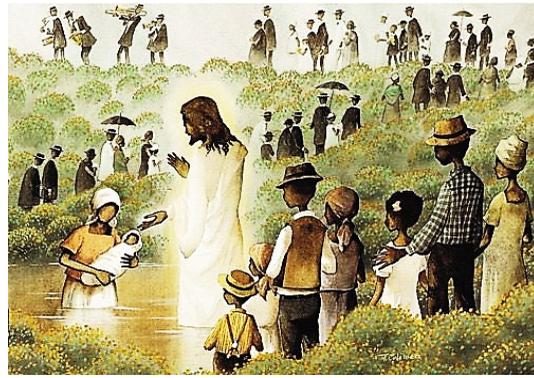
St Ignatius Statement for the period February 22nd to March 7th. To our combined regular Sunday collections you gave \$18,512 in support of our Parish, including school and church expenses. To SGG you gave \$2,972. To Agape you gave \$60. Thank you for your generosity! (NB: For now, tallies are made every two weeks.)

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

The Archdiocese of Winnipeg will soon launch its own app. St Ignatius Parish looks forward to being part of this new venture. Watch for more information.

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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!