

The Community of **St Ignatius**

On-line Parish Bulletin for
2021-05-02

5th Sunday of Easter (Year B)

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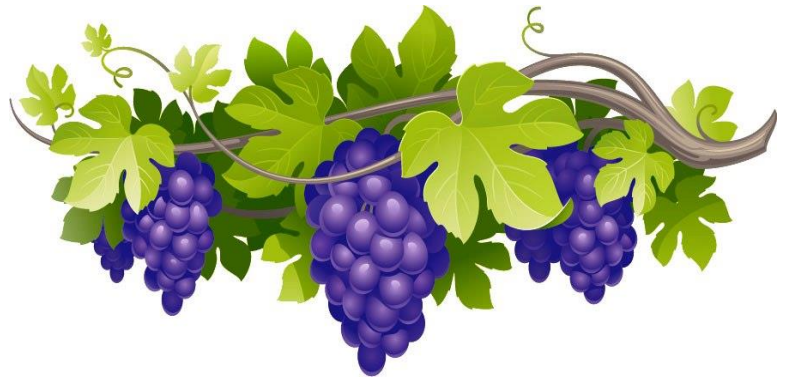
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"I am the vine; you are the branches..." (John 15)

READINGS: 5 th Sunday of Easter (B)
1 st Reading: Acts 9: 26-31
2 nd Reading: 1 John 3: 18-24
Gospel: John 15: 1-8

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. **Please note: the First Communion celebration scheduled for May 1st & 2nd has been postponed** due to the further tightening of Covid attendance restrictions.

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/>
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Mass Intentions for the Week of May 3 rd – 8 th (will be honoured during live-streamed Masses)			
Mon	May	3 rd	11:00am Spec Int: Cecilia Farbanek
Tues		4 th	11:00am +Victor Argeta
Wed		5 th	11:00am +Frank Vergata
Thu		6 th	11:00am +Fr Jack Burns
Fri		7 th	11:00am +Fred & +Walter Kozak
Sat		8 th	11:00am +Leigha Conci

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We can accommodate only a limited number of parishioners at Masses. If you wish to attend in person, please reserve a seat well in advance. 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>

An email scam is currently circulating that uses the names of various diocesan priests to solicit cash or gift cards, purportedly to help patients with serious diseases. These emails are not genuine. If you receive one, please delete it immediately and do not respond. If you are unsure about such a message, please contact the Communication Services Office at 204-452-2227 ext 225 or communications@archwinnipeg.ca

Rossbrook House requests toiletry donations: shampoo, conditioner, soap (bars and liquid), hand lotion, men's & women's hygiene products. Please drop donations off at Rossbrook House, 658 Ross Ave, attention Stephanie Lambert, 204-949-4090; or to Don & Mary Hanson, 382 Riel Ave; or call 204-253-9428 to request pick-up.

Tridiocesan Catholic Family Conference (on line), 6-8 May in connection with National Week for Life and the Family. For more info or to register by the May 1st deadline, go to lifeandthefamily.com/events/conference

- **Thursday 6 May:** program for children & teens featuring a faith-filled comedy; session for young adults (16+) sharing personal stories of Christian challenges; and an opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration
- **Friday 7 May:** for adults, guest speaker: author Robert Rogers
- **Saturday 8 May:** for family: Archbishops Le Gatt, Gagnon, and Huculak; activities, sharing, and a concelebrated Mass.

Ignatian Spirituality – Introductory session Wednesday 19 May, 7-8pm on Zoom, followed by 3 Wednesday evenings in September. The Ed Centre at St. Ignatius is sponsoring a series of sessions to lead someone into various aspects of Ignatian spiritual practices in order to help one grow closer to the Lord in scriptural prayer and to be more attuned to where the Lord is acting in one's daily life. If you'd like to consider engaging in the Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life in the fall, come to the introductory session in May, where we will cover an attentive praying with the scriptures through Lectio Divina, and the Ignatian practice of the Daily Examen. For info, please contact Fr Con at 204-474-2351 or by email at fr.mulvihill@stignatius.ca

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

Come and Discover Nathanael Adult Faith Formation Experience starting Fall of 2021. For info, go to www.nathanaelwpg.ca

REFLECTION

I AM the Good Shepherd

*I am the vine, you are the branches: whoever abides in me
and I in them, brings forth much fruit. (John 15)*

How might it feel to be part of the vine?
Not just to see the vineyard from afar
Or even pluck the clusters, press the wine,
But to be grafted in, to feel the stir
Of inward sap that rises from our root,
Himself deep-planted in the ground of Love,
To feel a leaf unfold a tender shoot,
As tendrils curled unfurl, as branches give
A little to the swelling of the grape,
in gradual perfection, round and full,
To bear within oneself the joy and hope
Of God's good vintage, till it's ripe and whole.
What might it mean to bide and to abide
In such rich love as makes the poor heart glad?

– Rev Malcolm Guite (Chaplain, Girton College, Cambridge)
Parable and Paradox: Sonnets on the sayings of Jesus and other Poems

FINANCIAL REPORT

2020 Sharing God's Gifts Archdiocesan Collection (SGG): Our assessment for 2020 has been fully paid. Our assessment for 2021 is \$58,300, of which we still owe \$55,009. We have restarted our collections every second week. 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. Thanks for supporting our Archdiocesan ministries.

St Ignatius Statement for the period April 5th to April 18th. To our combined regular Sunday collections you gave \$17,294 in support of our Parish, including school and church expenses. To SGG you gave \$1,026. To Good Friday and Easter collections you gave \$945. 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.

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.

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COVID-19 INFORMATION

Last updated 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 May 23rd 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/>
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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!