

The Community of **St Ignatius**

Winnipeg, MB

On-line Parish Bulletin

for 2021-11-28

1st Sunday in Advent (Year C)



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The church is open for public Masses
with limited attendance
Wednesday through Sunday at 11am,
with an additional Saturday 5pm Mass.

Please email reserve@stignatius.ca to reserve a seat.

Daily Masses continue to be celebrated and Parishioners' intentions are honoured at each Mass.

Masses are live-streamed at 11am daily from St Ignatius at <http://stignatiusmass.from-ca.com>

(and remain available on line until the next morning).

READINGS: 1st Sunday in Advent (C)

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

Gospel: Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

- Friday 24 December, Daily Mass: 📖 11am (streamed);
- Friday 24 December, Christmas Eve: 📖 5pm (streamed); 📖 8pm (not streamed); 📖 11pm (streamed)
- Saturday 25 December, Christmas Day: 📖 11am (streamed)

The Archbishop has extended until Monday 28 February 2022 the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass in person.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment Wednesday through Saturday. Please send request by email to reserve@stignatius.ca

When private prayer in the church is not available for you, family prayer at home is highly 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 November 29th – December 4th (will be honoured during live-streamed Masses)

Mon	Nov	29 th	11:00am	+Frank Vergata
Tues		30 th	11:00am	Spec Int: Lavone Martell
Wed	Dec	1 st	11:00am	+Ronan Dias
Thu		2 nd	11:00am	+Leigha Conci
Fri		3 rd	11:00am	+Matthew Hower
Sat		4 th	11:00am	+Barbara Fiorentino

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Although physical attendance limits have been somewhat relaxed for indoor religious services under current Covid-19 restrictions, parishioners still require advance reservations to attend Mass in person, and the Parish policy is that all those attending Mass must wear a mask covering nose and mouth and practise physical distancing.

Meanwhile, all are invited to join us regularly on line at <https://www.stignatius.ca> .

Wanted: Ministers for Communion Services at the Waverley Retirement Home, Mondays 10:30am. All Covid protocols will be followed. If you are double-vaccinated and can help, contact Don Lavallee at donlavallee@mymts.net or 204-797-2762.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Janina Multan (mother of Lee Mencik) who passed away last week. Condolences to the family.

Throughout November, we pray for all departed souls. You can submit the name(s) of those you wish to remember by emailing reserve@stignatius.ca Write "Deceased Person" in the subject line. Names will be placed in the Remembrance urn and prayed for during November.

To reserve seats for Christmas Mass, please email reserve@stignatius.ca *well in advance*, stating the date and time you wish to attend and the names of the people in your group. Those without a reservation are invited to join us on line at <https://www.stignatius.ca>

Knights of Columbus Initiatives

- **Rosary Prayer, Sunday 28 November**, immediately after 11am Mass and also live-streamed. Parishioners are welcome to attend. Bring your rosary.
- **Virtual Parish Christmas Dinner and Gathering, Sunday 19 December**, 6pm. Knights will deliver a traditional Christmas dinner Covid-safe to your door and host an interactive virtual meeting with your friends, with music, etc. Special diets can be accommodated. No set price; donations accepted by e-transfer to treasurerkoc@stignatius.ca (please write "Christmas Dinner" in the e-transfer message. **RSVP by December 12th** to Jim Johnson, 204-997-2825 or jpi8181@mymts.net or see Knights after Masses.
- **Sobeys and Co-op Grocery Card Sales** after Saturday 5pm and Sunday 11am Masses. Pay by cash or debit to earn these stores' donations to our Parish.
- On-line raffle: go to [Rafflebox - Manage your online raffles & 50/50 fundraisers!](#) For info contact Malcolm Bird, 204-962-3320 or birdman_bc@yahoo.com

Development and Peace (D&P) – Caritas Canada thanks you for your mobilization and commitment to the *People and Planet First Campaign*. Thousands of Canadians signed our petition advocating the Campaign's major focus: asking the government to enact a law compelling Canadian companies in their overseas operations to respect the human and environmental rights of local populations. We acted in solidarity with the protectors of the Earth: all those who struggle to preserve their land, lives, livelihoods and lifestyles, namely our brothers and sisters in the Global South. Together, we have the power to change lives. To continue supporting the petition and to keep up the campaign momentum, visit <https://devp.org/en>

Virtual Covid-19 Solidarity Concert for the Start of Advent, Tuesday 30 November, 6:00 – 7:30pm (CST) via Zoom. This is the 2nd Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) Covid-19 Webinar. International Performers: Women's choir, South Sudan; primary schoolers, Haiti; dance troupe, Moran Memorial School in Nepal; Youth collective Jovenes Generarte, Colombia; a group from Radio Progreso, Honduras; the Provincial of the Jesuits of Canada, Erik Oland, SJ; and many more. Join us to express solidarity with the poor and marginalized communities accompanied by our Jesuit partners, and to foster relations between the Global North and South. Registration at <https://bit.ly/SolidarityWebinarCJI> or write cji@jesuits.ca

REFLECTION

On Advent: Watching and Waiting With Hope

In a cold and fallow season of waiting, watching and wondering, it is no surprise to find ourselves reflecting on the past and looking toward the future, taking stock, and hoping for something better to come. Advent is the season of promise *par excellence*. We willingly wait. We anticipate the birth of Jesus and all that symbolizes for us, and we do so in the light of promises extending back to the Hebrew scriptures, and beyond.

The Hebrew Testament is a reservoir for the promises of God — from the very beginning when all things created were called “very good” (Gen 1:31), to the promise of the continuation of the earth after the flood (Gen 8:22), to the promise of a future to Abram and the rest of the patriarchs and matriarchs of Israel, right down to the promise that the struggling exilic remnant of the nation would still be “a light to the nations” (Isa 49:6). From beginning to end, the Hebrew scriptures make promises for all the creation.

On the First Sunday of Advent, we listen again to Jeremiah, who was called to speak and act on the Lord’s difficult words of “plucking up, pulling down, destroying and overthrowing, building and planting” (1:10). Jeremiah knew well the ways of Yahweh, who, prior to today’s reading, had sent him to a potter’s house to observe him working with clay. Jeremiah saw the clay being shaped, destroyed and reshaped again. So it is with Yahweh, he says (Jer 18:1-8). We are reshaped again and again, even after being broken into shards. And in that patient reshaping is a promise to hope in. During the final siege of Jerusalem, when the Babylonian armies were poised to enter the city, Jeremiah purchased, of all things, a field for future use, a sign that Yahweh was not through with the city yet (Jer 32).

The promise of new life is echoed in Psalm 25. What begins as a lament moves to confidence that God will restore the author to wholeness. Paradoxically, that hope in restoration tends to be situated in the exact opposite: We have been “sharded,” or in some other way undone, and our expectations of the world being righted again are dashed. It is the human condition to live in the tension between failure and fulfillment, sin and salvation, trouble and hope. Yet here, precisely, is where we must hope in order to encounter the ways of God.

This same theme appears in our Gospel reading from Luke. Its tone and message are as jarring as the first two readings; it’s a real downer. The First Sunday of Advent seems an odd time to reflect on the cosmological end times, even if Christmas is linked to the Second Coming. The joining of these themes of the crisis of birth and rebirth shows how hope flourishes in difficult times. Apocalyptic style expresses the idea that rebirth occurs in crisis. Luke wrote his Gospel during a time of particular turbulence for Israel and the early church.

These passages reassure us that though we are also living in times of crisis and even apocalypse, we can interpret events with hope.

Excerpted from *Celebration* (2015)

***“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars
and on the earth distress among nations...”*** (Luke 21)



FINANCIAL REPORT

Sharing God's Gifts Archdiocesan Collection (SGG): Our assessment for 2021 is \$58,300, of which we still owe \$37,379. 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 November 1st to November 14th: To our combined regular Sunday collections you gave \$15,690 in support of our Parish, including school and church expenses. To SGG you gave \$1,576. For Security you gave \$50. To Agape you gave \$60. Thank you for your generosity! (NB: For now, tallies are made every two weeks.)

OUR FACILITIES

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