

# The Community of **St Ignatius**

Winnipeg, MB

## On-line Parish Bulletin

for 2021-12-05

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent (Year C)



The voice of one crying out in the wilderness (Luke 3):  
John the Baptist preaching; painting by Pieter Breughel the Elder

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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](mailto: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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent (C)

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Baruch 5: 1-9

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 1: 3-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6

### 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](mailto: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 December 6<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> (will be honoured during live-streamed Masses)

Mon	Dec	6 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Spec Int : Xavier Bauer
Tues		7 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Spec Int: Deb Bomek
Wed		8 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	+Adrien Gottli
Thu		9 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	+Eugenio Marino
Fri		10 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Spec Birthday Int: Clarita Sacdalan
Sat		11 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	+Frank Vergata

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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> .

Please give a warm welcome to Fr Erik Oland SJ, Jesuit Provincial Superior of Canada. He will be presiding at 11am Mass this Sunday.

A special work of art for the Ignatian Year will be displayed at our Parish the weekend of **11 & 12 December**. It is touring Canada to mark the 500th anniversary of the beginning of St Ignatius' enormous change of life — that fateful day when Ignatius the Soldier was struck by a cannonball at Pamplona in 1521 and began his transformation into Ignatius the Pilgrim. You can also view an image of the painting and a note from the artist by downloading the file at [click here](#)

### Advent Reconciliation Schedule: Appointments are available at the times below.

Please send your request for an appointment by email to [reserve@stignatius.ca](mailto:reserve@stignatius.ca)

- **Monday 13 December:** 7:00pm to 9:00pm
- **Wednesday 15 December:** 10:00am to 10:45am
- **Thursday 16 December:** 10:00am to 10:45am
- **Friday 17 December:** 10:00am to 10:45am

**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](mailto:donlavallee@mymts.net) or 204-797-2762.

To reserve seats for Christmas Mass, please email [reserve@stignatius.ca](mailto: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 12 December** 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; e-transfer donations accepted to [treasurerkoc@stignatius.ca](mailto:treasurerkoc@stignatius.ca) (please write "Christmas Dinner" in the e-transfer message. **RSVP by December 12<sup>th</sup>** to Jim Johnson, 204-997-2825 or [jpj8181@mymts.net](mailto:jpj8181@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](mailto:birdman_bc@yahoo.com)

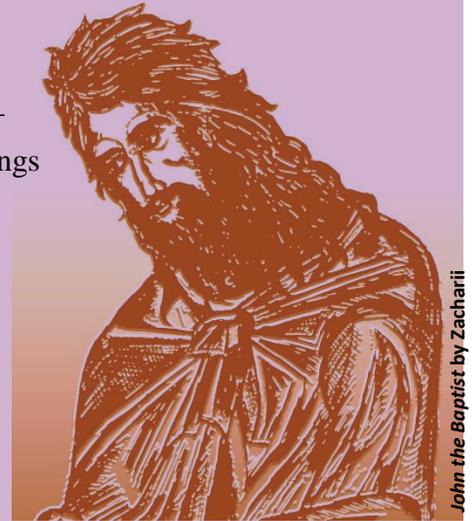
**It's not too late to sign the Development and Peace (D&P) – Caritas Canada People and Planet First petition.** Thousands of Canadians signed in support of the Campaign's major focus: asking the government to enact a law compelling Canadian companies in their overseas operations to respect the human 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>

## REFLECTION

### The Messenger...

*See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. (Malachi 3: 1-3)*

...comes in midnight dreams to tell us that the mountain of ore –  
five tons of debris from the soul’s strip mine  
dug up from psychotherapy and silent desert sitting  
exposing veins of pain and subterranean turpitude –  
looks like a waste of dirt and igneous rock and tailings  
but is all there for the intended divine distillation  
the pyre of grace and the crucible of mercy  
until sitting in the bottom of the vaporized pile  
is the gold of your true self too long entombed  
and now, even in your resistance to purification,  
shines like the harvest moon low over the city  
slowly rising to the apex of holy night happenings



John the Baptist by Zacharii

– Rev Michael Coffey (Pastor, First English Lutheran Church, Austin, TX),  
*Mystery without Rhyme or Reason:  
Poetic Reflections on the Revised Common Lectionary*

## FINANCIAL REPORT

**Sharing God's Gifts Archdiocesan Collection (SGG):** Our assessment for 2021 is \$58,300, of which we still owe \$30,24. 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 15<sup>th</sup> to November 28<sup>th</sup>:** To our combined regular Sunday collections you gave \$22,185 in support of our Parish, including school and church expenses. To SGG you gave \$6,755. For Building Fund you gave \$35. To Poor Box you gave \$200. Thank you for your generosity! (NB: For now, tallies are made every two weeks.)

### 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>