



Pentecost Blessings on you and your loved ones as we prepare to celebrate the birthday of the Church on May 23rd – Our birthday!

As of May 9, we are shut down again for three weeks and so have only virtual contact. And our school is on code Red too! But ‘God will provide’ what we need. I pray you are keeping safe, observing the protocols, and getting your vaccinations as we persevere through yet another stage of the pandemic.

It was a blessing that the Sunday School First Communion children received the Eucharistic on Sunday, April 25. Sad that three groups of St Ignatius School are delayed in celebrating the sacraments of First Communion, First Reconciliation, and Confirmation because of the restrictions put in place on April 27th.

The hope is that June will put us back to an ‘old normal’ of being able to welcome at least 50 worshippers at each Mass. Should that happen, we will have First Communion on the weekend of June 5/6 (Corpus Christi Sunday); First Reconciliation on Wednesday evening, June 9, and Confirmation on the weekend of June 12/13. Please pray that the restrictions will be lifted in time!

Thank you for logging regularly on to our website for the streamed Masses! It is so important that we keep praying together: <https://www.stignatius.ca>

We continue to search for patience and positive attitudes, and pray for all the gifts the Holy Spirit. Fr. Con spoke about how we should prepare for the end of the pandemic in his May 2nd homily. To do that we need not only to reflect on the negative consequences of this experience, but also on the positive outcomes. For me, two very positive things are a greater awareness of the strength of our St Ignatius community and of the importance of the Eucharist to all of us.

Thank you for your active support of our parish community whether it has been in person, virtually, in prayers, or financially during this time. We may suffer, but we endure. St Ignatius Parish is strong in faith and prayer! Bless all of you!

Attached is a new Easter song a parishioner sent. Enjoy it.

<https://youtu.be/xCQsK1t9EKY>

Or, if you still prefer to dance, you can keep dancing!

https://fb.watch/3_qk3krLWk/

May you be showered with the gifts of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost,

R. Frank Obrigewitsch, S.J.

J. Conlin Mulvihill, S.J.

John Perry, S.J.

And all the staff at St. Ignatius Parish, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

