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Fourth Sunday of
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December 24, 2023 & Merry Christmas

A Message from the Pastor



Mass Times

Saturday Vigil
at 5:00 PM

Sunday at 8:00 AM
Sunday at 10:30 AM
Sunday at 7:30 PM

Weekdays (M-F)
at 8:00 AM

At LIC—La Storta Chapel

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays -
3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

OR by appointment
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This year we experience the shortest Advent possible—twenty-two days. A short season seems even shorter. And so, we find an abundance of riches this weekend. It is both the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve all rolled into one. From my limited perspective, it appears as if a hamster put together the liturgical year this time around. Because of this coincidence, I want to focus on the gift of Christmas. So first, Merry Christmas!

The message of the angels to shepherds, in the fields of Bethlehem, is still Good News for all those who can hear it and give it a place in their hearts, their lives, and their world. “For today, in the city of David, a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.”

Mary Oliver, in her poem *Mysteries, Yes*, names what this Christmas event is all about. “Truly, we live with mysteries too marvelous to be understood.” So what mysteries will you and your family and friends celebrate this Christmas? Will you celebrate the fact that God in Christ is *Emmanuel* (God-with-us) in people and experiences we do not fully understand? Will you celebrate that God in Jesus has saved us? Save us from despair by being hope. Saved us from darkness by being light. Saved us from death by being life. Saved us from isolation by inviting us into community. Mysteries are meant to be pondered. During this Christmas Season, may we all find time to ponder that incredible gift that God in Christ saves us.



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If you do set aside time to ponder (think deeply) on these mysteries, you may want to light a candle. Poet Howard Thurman recommends that we light candles this Christmas.



I will light Candles this Christmas,
Candles of joy despite all the sadness,
Candles of hope where despair keeps watch,
Candles of courage for fears ever present,

Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days,
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens,
Candles of love to inspire all my living,
Candles that will burn all year long.

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among others,
To make music in the heart.

This Christmas I will light a candle to acknowledge how God is with us in this St. Ignatius Loyola Parish community. I will light a candle that together we can wade deeper into the mystery we celebrate at Christmas. I will light a candle that we will be united in heart and mind and effort as we continue the real work of Christmas in our homes, our city, our country and our world. From the entire St. Ignatius Pastoral Staff, may the blessings of Christmas be yours in abundance.

Fr. Mike



Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year from your St. Ignatius Staff

Mass Readings

Mass Readings for Dec. 24, 2023

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38



Mass Readings for Dec. 31, 2023

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3
Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Luke 2:22-40



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St Ignatius School

We wish you a safe and blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. May this Christmas season fill your heart with joy and wonder. *“And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14.* Peace be with you,

Carol Pausz

Principal

Care for creation team Global warming has effects on the carbon cycle....affecting the availability of essential resources like drinking water, energy and agricultural production in warmer regions and leads to the extinction of part of the planets biodiversity. The melting in the polar ice caps can lead to the dangerous release of methane gas that can lead to decomposition of frozen organic material and can further increase the emission of carbon dioxide. Carbon dioxide pollution increases the acidification of the oceans and compromises the marine food chain.



Many of the poor live in areas particularly affected by phenomena related to warming, and their means of subsistence are largely dependent on natural reserves and ecosystemic services such as agriculture, fishing and forestry. Laudato Si' Pope Francis Policies need to be made to ensure that this cycle stops, Check and see how

the representatives in our state are or are not working on issues related to climate change, Let your government officials know how you feel about these issues.

Thank you to all who have donated for the Christmas flowers in honor of loved ones listed below:

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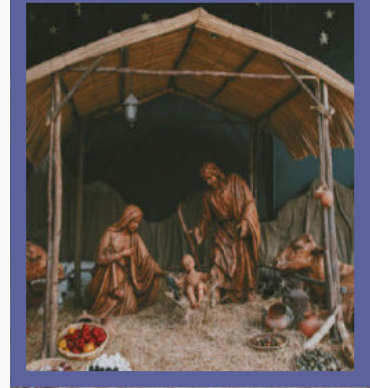
CHRISTMAS MASSES: DECEMBER 24 & 25

Please join us for the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord. The schedule of Christmas Weekend is as follows:

Sunday, December 24, 2023

(Fourth Sunday of Advent) Masses are at
8:00AM & 10:30 AM

Christmas Eve. - 4:00PM (Family Mass),
7:00PM (Evening Mass)



Monday, December 25, 2023

Christmas Day - 8:00AM and 10:00AM



The St. Vincent de Paul Portland Council fields food, rent and utility assistance requests for our parish as well as participating parishes in Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas and the Lower Columbia River and North Coast areas. If you know someone who is food insecure or needs utility or rent assistance, refer them to the **SVdP Portland Council at 503-235-8431** and their requests will be forwarded to the pantry.

Food May be brought to each Mass and put in the bin in the vestibule!

St Vincent de Paul panty is in need of someone to pre-pack perishables on the 1st Saturday morning of the month. If interested or for further information contact us at svdp@sipdx.org



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We will meet in the downstairs of the church.



St. Ignatius Parish
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JULY 28 - AUGUST 4, 2024

ALL RESERVATION FORMS AND PAYMENTS NEED TO BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024!



Illustration of a campsite with a tent, a campfire, and logs.



SCAN ME

Questions? Please email: sicampout@gmail.com

2023 GIVING STATEMENT AVAILABLE AT [ONREALM.ORG/SIPDX](https://onrealm.org/sipdx)

If it's your first time logging in, use the *Register Now* link on the log in page or click here: <https://onrealm.org/sipdx/Register> On Feb. 1, 2024 your 2023 Giving statement will be available on REALM, look for the 2023 Giving statement button on the giving tab. If I may be of any assistance or you have any questions, please call Patty at 503-777-1491 extension 221 during office hours Mon.-Thurs. 9AM-3PM. **Realm Connect** App For Our Church is found in your app store- >>>

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SCAM EMAILS: Scam emails are being sent out in the Pastor's name!!

A few clues indicate this request is not from me. First, check the e-mail address (they use all different emails, just not mine)

Second, I don't solicit donations via e-mail. The perpetrators of these scams love to prey upon the loyal, the committed, the generous, and the elderly of our community.

Whenever in doubt, please call the Parish Office. 503-777-1491

Report Scams and Fraud If you get a suspicious call, text or email (for example, requesting your bank account number, instructing you to buy a gift card or promising an expensive prize), or if you, a relative or a friend has given money or financial information to someone you now suspect was a scammer, call 877-908-3360. Fr. Mike

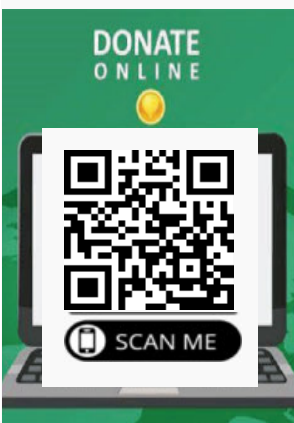
Make a year-end donation to St. Ignatius. If you are age 72 or older, the IRS requires you to take required minimum distributions each year from your tax-deferred retirement accounts. A qualified charitable donation (QCD) is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA, payable directly to a qualified charity such as St. Ignatius Parish. As 2023 draws to a close, please consider making a year-end donation to help us take care of our beautiful church. A charitable IRA rollover is an easy way to make a gift to St. Ignatius Parish to help us grow our endowment.

You can directly transfer any amount up to \$100,000 from your IRA and pay no income tax on the distribution, while making a charitable donation to our parish.

- ◆ You must be 70½ or older
- ◆ The transfer must go directly from your IRA to St. Ignatius Please check with your tax or financial advisor to see if this type of gift is right for you. If you need help with this transfer or have any questions, please call the parish office. Thank you for your consideration.



Planned Giving For several decades, St. Ignatius has been here in SE Portland serving people in faith, educating the young with hope, and engaging the world with the love of Christ and the Good News of the Gospel in the Jesuit tradition. Please prayerfully consider including the parish in your estate plans to help us sustain this mission for future generations. If you are interested in learning more about planned giving options at St. Ignatius Parish, please see the "Ways to Give" page on our website or contact Fr. Mike.



Church tithing Financial report (July 1, 2023—June 30, 2024)

2023-2024 Budget \$560,000.00

Sunday Tithe received through 11-26-2023 \$195,976.28

*Thank you, for also supporting other funds like our Campus renewal/Bldg., St. Vincent de Paul, School, Novena and more!
May you be blessed abundantly for your generosity!*

8:00AM Weekday Mass Intentions

Please keep in your prayers

Monday	Dec 25	†	Christmas
Tuesday	Dec 26	†	Therese Bach Kim Nguyen
Wednesday	Dec 27	†	Millie Emig
Thursday	Dec 28	†	Souls in Purgatory
Friday	Dec 29	†	Michael Timothy Higgins



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