



St. Ignatius Catholic Church

OREGON'S JESUIT PARISH



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December 17, 2023

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

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A Message from the Pastor

The Third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete* Sunday. The Latin word *Gaudete* literally means “You, Rejoice!” Three Johns and a Henri help me understand the kind of joy that Advent invites us to experience.

Jean Vanier, the founder of *L’Arche*, describes how “credible witnesses” lead us to that experience of Advent joy.

Witnesses tell us how Jesus is transforming their lives and bringing them a new inner freedom, peace and joy. People in our world find hope when they find credible witnesses, men and women with a living faith, bearing witness to the presence of God—more by their lives, their growing compassion and their dynamic love than by their ideas or their words. Jesus said that people will know his disciples by the love they have for one another.

John Bell, in his *Advent Prayer*, describes Advent as “the loving time.”

You keep us loving.
You, the God whose name is love,
Want us to be like you—
To love the loveless and the unlovely and the unlovable;
To love without jealousy or design or threat,
And most difficult of all, to love ourselves.
So, thank you . . . for the loving time.

Rejoice!

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Joy is not the same as happiness. The great spiritual teacher and writer Henri Nouwen explained how joy can persist in even the saddest circumstances. While happiness is dependent on external conditions, Nouwen contends that joy is something deeper. It is "the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing—sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death—can take that love away." To experience the hope and freedom that this belief gives us, to carry the life-giving memory of this throughout Advent and every season of our life, is reason and cause enough to *Rejoice!*



This is my seventy-ninth experience of Advent. How many is it for you? Have we become any better, through our Advent preparations, at letting Emmanuel (God-with-us) come into our life, our relationships, our work, our prayer, our faith community and our world? Have we discovered the joy of Advent in giving or receiving forgiveness? Have we encountered the joy of Advent by giving or receiving the gift of time, presence, affirmation, gratitude, patience or encouragement? Have we experienced the joy of Advent that comes from serving others in love? It's not too late. There is still time. Together let us listen to John the Baptist's exhortation to "Prepare the Way of Lord" and discover the real meaning of *Gaudete* Sunday.

Fr. Mike

You are invited to an evening of
*Lessons and
Carols*

Featuring the St. Ignatius Parish Choir,
Steven Payne, Joseph and Grace Byrd, and
Sara Faux and Friends

Lessons and Carols

Join us for the Festival of Lessons and Carols, Tues., December 19 at 7pm in the church.

Musicians from the St. Ignatius Masses will be sharing a variety of music, and invite you to bask in the splendor of the season, in word and in song, as we enjoy the waning days of Advent together.

This is a free event, and your donations toward our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry will be most welcome.

Mass Readings

Mass Readings for Dec. 17, 2023

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28



Mass Readings for Dec. 24, 2023

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



St Ignatius School

Our students in 3rd-8th grade had the opportunity to participate in the sacrament of reconciliation with Fr. Mike, Fr. San, and three visiting Jesuit priests- Fr. Tony, Fr. Bill, and Fr. Kevin. Students that are not Catholic are welcome to talk with a priest during this service to receive a blessing. Most of our students thoughtfully participated in the sacrament or received a blessing. We are thankful to our priests, parents and teachers for helping the students to prepare their hearts for Christmas during this Advent season.

We finished our second round of Renaissance Star standardized testing this week. We are so incredibly proud of the tremendous growth many of our students are showing in reading and math. We are grateful for our families supporting their students' schoolwork and study habits on the homefront. Our students have been working hard learning and growing this first trimester!

We welcomed many grandparents and special friends to see the final rehearsal of our Christmas Program Thursday morning. The students' artwork adorned the evening's programs creating a special memento. Mr. Mackenzie and the students knocked it out of the park again this year with yet another fabulous Christmas Program! What a joy to celebrate the season together!

The students have been busy this week learning about the Christmas season along with many other interesting topics! In preschool, the students worked on glittery Christmas bulbs to show how they will shine their light for others through kind actions. Our kindergarteners have been learning to count by 10s and learning the difference between needs and wants. In 1st grade, the students' Christmas chains adorned their classroom and were just short enough to take home for the final days of Advent. Our 2nd grade class learned about jellyfish in their reading story. The third graders finished their study of salmon by releasing the hatched baby salmon into a local, designated stream. The 4th graders have begun learning long division. The 5th graders are learning about various historical explorers. Sixth graders finished studying the history and culture of the Mayaz, Aztecs, and Incas. The 7th graders are learning about the Middle Ages. And the 8th graders finished learning about the Stamp Act and the Boston Tea Party in social studies. Our students are actively learning each and every day.

As we prepare to head into 2024, we are gearing up for another amazing auction on Saturday, April 20th. This year's auction theme is: A Night of Pure Imagination. If you or someone you know would like to donate new items or services, please contact our school office. Thank you for considering St. Ignatius School for any last minute tax deductible donations which may be made through Realm or with a check dropped off at the parish offices.

Next week, we are closed for Christmas break. We wish you all a blessed, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! "It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you," – Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

Peace be with you,
Carol Pausz, Principal



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

Maria Gioan Baotixita

Alice A. Buntain

Phaolo Dao H. Nguyen

Victor W. Overstreet

Wm. & Bernice Gawura

Norma M. Anderson

Walter & Helen Sorek

Gene Salise

Jim Emig

Bill & Margaret Regele

Millie Emig

Gladys Torres

Herb Emig

Stephen M. Regele

Hugh J. Anderson

Carl Rookhuizen



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



Care for creation team Pope Francis: Never give up the struggle for peace
Peace among men is an essential good for which we must work zealously and fervently beseech God ' Pope Francis reiterating his belief that "every war leaves the world worse off than it found it" Pope Francis READ More at: [Pope Francis: Never give up the struggle for peace - Vatican News](#)

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 our pantry. 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 party 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

St. Ignatius Parish
FT. STEVENS CAMPOUT
JULY 28 - AUGUST 4, 2024
ALL RESERVATION FORMS AND PAYMENTS NEED TO BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024!

Questions? Please email: sicampout@gmail.com

St. Ignatius Camping Trip –

July 28th - Aug. 4th, 2024 @ Ft. Stevens State Park. All reservation forms

and payments need to be received by

Monday, January 15, 2024.

Email sicampout@gmail.com with any questions. For more info or to sign up scan QR code

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Memorial pictures left in church –

You may pick up your picture of loved ones left in the church for November .

The Pictures are in the Hall leading to the Sacristy (North side) They are in a basket waiting for you!!



Camp Howard has an immediate opening for a Summer Camp Director. Ready to experience the great outdoors in one of the most beautiful spots anywhere? We're looking for an individual who's passionate about providing a lasting and memorable camp experience for our youth while making a meaningful difference in their lives. [Click here](#) for more information.

High School Basketball: Season is December – February. [Click here](#) to register. Deadline to register is Tuesday, December 5th. Questions? Contact Erin Cahill at erinc@cyocampward.org.

Refs needed for Basketball! Have a high schooler interested in being a basketball official? [Click here](#) for more info! We need your help in officiating these games.

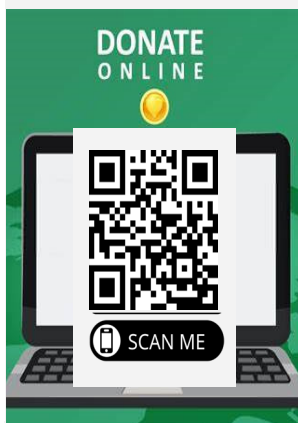
Make a year-end donation to St. Ignatius. If you are age 72 or older, the IRS requires you to take required minimum distributions each year from your tax-deferred retirement accounts. A qualified charitable donation (QCD) is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA, payable directly to a qualified charity 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 18	†	Kinh Nguyen
Tuesday	Dec 19	†	Jim Foley
Wednesday	Dec 20	†	Jim Foley
Thursday	Dec 21	†	Souls in Purgatory
Friday	Dec 22	†	Jim Emig

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