

St. Ignatius Catholic Church

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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 LJC—**La Storta Chapel**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays -3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

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December 31, 2023

A Message from the Pastor

For those of you who have ever travelled to
Rome or Assisi; for those of you who have ever had
the chance to behold the magnificent frescoes of the Sistine Chapel or the
Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi; you will be familiar with the words spoken about
every five minutes or less in these two settings—"Silenzio! Per
favore." ("Silence. Please.")

When the young parents, Mary and Joseph, bring their child to the Temple to consecrate him to the Lord and to offer the sacrifice of the poor—a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons—I imagine that they did this amid the noise and business of the Temple precincts and not surrounded by a respectful silence.

It is in this setting that two elderly prophets of hope—Simeon and Anna—are aware of and acknowledge that God has kept his promise and visited his people in the person of Mary and Joseph's baby. How were Simeon and



Anna able to recognize what escaped everyone else's gaze? In a stanza from my prayer-poem *Anna's Song*, I suggest the following imaginative explanation.

Lord of my days, I long for you in the morning, in the evening, just for you.

Eighty years you came to me disguised in wounded hearts and desperate faces. You taught me how to find you in the needs of all around me.

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Pastor's Message continued from page one:

In the homily at his Mass of Installation, the archbishop of Chicago (Blaise Cupich) talked about the need today for "prophets of hope." He believes that God entrusts to pastors and preachers the work of the prophet, "to speak in a way that inspires, to speak to the deep yearnings of the people we serve, because it is God who is keeping alive their legitimate aspirations, even when there seems to be no hope. That is why it should be beneath our dignity as leaders to speak in ways that appeal to the fears and anxieties of people rather than the hopes and yearnings God has planted in their hearts."

During this Christmas Season we celebrate the ordinary and mysterious ways that God dwells in our midst. Perhaps easily overlooked, at times, God is present in the Herculean efforts of the single parent trying "to keep it together." God is present in the heroic efforts of young parents trying to juggle more commitments than they have hands for. God is present in the presence, love, wisdom and free babysitting service of grandparents. God is present in the faith community that notices and genuinely welcomes the newcomer. God is present in those who are present to and strengthen members of our community who have experienced the death of a loved one. God is present in the hopes and aspirations of the young and in the

visions and dreams of the elderly. God is present and saving us whenever and wherever we let God in.

So, my friends, amidst the clutter and noise of our daily lives, take time to pause and give thanks. God-with-us is so deeply a part of the fabric of our lives. May awareness of this fill you all with hope and joy throughout this season.

Fr. Mike





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 some-

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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.com



Mass Readings for Dec. 31, 2023 Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Luke 2:22-40 Mass Readings for Jan. 7, 2024 Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

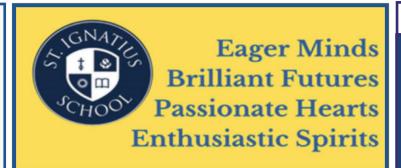
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Plan to visit our open house!





Open House

Sunday, January 28 11:30am-1:00pm PreK-Grade 8

School

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Principal: Carol Pausz cpausz@sispdx.org **Ext 246**

School Secretary: Julie Frangipani jfrangipani@sispdx.org **Ext 233**



Yarn If you always wanted to learn how to knit or crochet but never find the time. If you already know how to knit or crochet but don't have even an hour weekly to do so. Or- If you would be willing to teach someone the finer points of either skill.

Please join us for an hour after the 10:30 mass on January 14th (11:30-12:30) in the dining room in the Parish Office. Bring your own project or contact Maureen at (206) 889-7820 about materials Masks are welcome but not required Any age, any level of skill welcome!

Furniture needed for refugee families

Government officials are calling on Catholic Charities of Oregon to resettle more refugees in the Portland area, and furnishings for the new households are in short supply. "We are low on furniture at our warehouse. And we have a lot of apartments set-ups in January," said Peter Vins of the Refugee Services program at Catholic Charities.



Beds, couches, chairs and tables are all welcome. Catholic Charities staff will arrange for pickup.

"These families are escaping Russian attacks in Ukraine, fleeing the Taliban in Afghanistan and seeking safety from dangerous regimes in places like the Central African Republic," said Ed Langlois, spokesman for Catholic Charities. "In many cases, the families coming to us risked their lives to help American initiatives."

If you have good furniture to donate, call Vins at 503-780-1115.



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

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resource which you are encouraged to acquire in order to enrich your IGNITE experience. The invitation is simple:

COME- with an open heart to see what it is all about. CONTEMPLATE - the presence of the Holy Spirit in your own life and experience. CONNECT - to the Mass, the saints, the people of St. Ignatius, and your heart.

Winter/Spring Schedule

January 14 - What is my lens?

January 28 - Annotations: Accompanying Others

February 11- Principles 1-9 & Dialogue Prayer

February 25 - Principles 10-17 & Meditation

March 10 - Week 1: The Presence of God

March 24 - Week 2: The Call of the Kingdom

April 14 - Week 3: Perspectivve

April 28 - Week 4: One Great Continuous Mystery

Come to one class, or come to them all, as you desire.

Classes will take place from 6-7:15 in the parish office dining room or on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 833 9062 2228 Passcode: IGNITE

We will be using the Book "The New Spiritual Exercizes: In the Spirit of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin" by Louis M. Savary. You are welcome, but not required, to purchase the book.

If you have any questions or would like to join our mailing list, contact Grace (gbyrd@sipdx.org).

Jan 14, 2024

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next class,

6:00PM-7:15PM

More! information online at:

sipdx.org/ ignite



Find hope and healing after the death of a loved one.

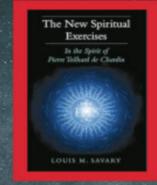
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Weekly grief support group

All Saints Catholic Church 3847 N.E. Glisan St. Portland Or. Contact: Tom Laney Sr. 503-756-1084 or Terri Laney 503-929-0839

Every Saturday from 1pm to 3pm Commencing January 6, 2024 April 6, 2024

We will meet in the downstairs of





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.



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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.



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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 12-17-2023 \$236,869.94

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 Jan 1 † Solemnity of Mary
Tuesday Jan 2 † Tom Geren
Wednesday Jan 3 † Gervacio K. Gamolo Sr.
Thursday Jan 4 † Souls in Purgatory
Friday Jan 5 † Millie Emig



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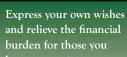
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