

# 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

OR by appointment 503-777-1491

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November 12, 2023

## A Message from the Pastor

Wisdom is the gift that helps us understand what is really important. Wisdom helps us put things into proper perspective. Wisdom helps us focus on the important and prevents us from being anxious or distracted by the relatively unimportant parts of life. Wisdom is the gift that keeps on giving.

"Be Prepared" is the motto of the Boy Scouts of America. This is a wonderful ideal and piece of wisdom. But how does one prepare oneself for all that life throws at us. How do we prepare for success—so admired in our country and culture? How do we prepare for efforts in life that don't yield the desired results? How do we prepare to learn from our mistakes? How do we prepare for serious illness or how to live with chronic pain in ourselves or a loved one? How do we prepare to deal with the loss of a loved one?

For those old enough to remember Peter Sellers and his iconic role as Inspector Clouseau, we will remember that his sidekick Cato was constantly springing out of closets, refrigerators, leaping from ceilings or concealed places behind shower curtains in "surprise attacks." These were meant to help Inspector Clouseau always be prepared.

In Zen Buddhism, when the disciples are sitting for meditation, the Zen Master



will often carry a thin slap stick and come up behind them and give them a surprising swat. This both shocks them and reminds them that "enlightenment" or "spiritual awakening" can happen at any moment. The Zen practitioner must always "be prepared."

The history of Christian spirituality is like a pendulum that fluctuates between the extremes of the city on one end and the desert on the other. During certain periods of time, Christians believed that they had to flee the contamination and sinfulness of the city to find God in the solitude of the desert. At other times, great saints like Francis of Assisi called people to rebuild the Church in the marketplace.

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#### Pastor's Message continued from page one:

Then, in the sixteenth century, a Spanish Basque by the name of Ignatius of Loyola came along and invited people "to find God in all things." St. Ignatius wrote and lived "the scandal of the incarnation." God is to be found in the ordinary, day-to-day living of our lives. God is to be found in honest hard work. God is to be found in love commitments. God is to be found in child-bearing and child-rearing. God is to be



Advent

Retreat

found in health and in illness. God is to be found in our successes and our failures. God dwells wherever we let God in.

Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, in his poem Hurrahing In Harvest, pens these lines: "These things, these things were here and but the beholder wanting." The bridegroom is one of the images for Christ. In this weekend's gospel parable, five of the bridesmaids were prepared to greet him and five were unprepared. This is what determines their wisdom or their foolishness.

As our liturgical year comes to a close, let us pray that we can imitate the wisdom of that Boy Scout motto, the wisdom of Clouseau and Cato, the wisdom of the Zen Slap Stick, and the wisdom of a Spanish Basque so that in the business of our lives we may be prepared to look for and

find Emmanuel—God with us.



Fr. Mike

## Thanksgiving Day Mass

Please join us for Thanksgiving Day Mass at 10:00 AM on November 23, 2023 in the church

#### Go with Gratitude - An Advent Retreat

based on the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola

"Go with Gratitude - An Advent Retreat" Please join us for a four week retreat during Advent. This Advent retreat will focus on creation, salvation, the Incarnation, and God-with -us. These retreat weeks are based on the 18th Annotation of Saint Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises. We invite you to come pray with us as we prepare for Emanuel.



Lord, grant that I may see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly. -Spiritual Exercises 104

Choose either morning or evening retreat meetings. All meetings will take place in the parish office dining room. Morning sessions will take place weekly on (Nov. 30, Dec. 7,14,21) Thursdays from 10:30AM-12:00PM. Evening sessions will take place weekly (Nov. 28th, Dec. 5,12,19) on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00PM.

Free will donations, proceeds for St. Ignatius parish. Facilitated by Katherine Radeka and Jeanette Grimaldi Questions? Email Jeanette at SEEL Portland - spiritualexercises.seelpdx@gmail.com



Mass Readings for Nov. 12, 2023 Wisdom 6:12-16 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13

Mass Readings for Nov. 19, 2023 Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew 25:14-30

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Our next community builder and fundraising opportunity is Turkey Bingo on November 18th. In addition to playing Bingo to win a turkey at this *adults only* event, \$10 raffle tickets are available for purchase. Bingo cards and food are included in the price of admission. *Ericka Skeldon is the chair for this event and will need plenty of volunteers before, during, and after the event. Scan the QR code for more information>>>* 



Turkey Bingo

We are learning and growing abundantly across grade levels this fall. Our third graders shared with the

first graders their rural, suburban, or urban community creations. Our fifth graders created models of what they learned about the Native



American Nations they studied. Our learning community thrives through developing eager minds, passionate hearts, enthusiastic spirits, and brilliant futures. The Pueblo Artwork

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As we remember our dearly departed this month, may we find comfort in the promise of the resurrection and life everlasting. "If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is

Peace be with you, Carol Pausz, Principal





Yarn If you always wanted to learn how to knit or crochet but cannot find the time. If you already know how to knit or crochet but don't have even an hour in your week to do so. If you would be willing to teach someone the finer points of either skill. Please join us for an hour of activity from 11:30 (after the 10:30 mass) until 12:30 on Nov 12th (second Sunday of the month) in the Dining room in the Parish Office. Room. Bring your own project or contact Maureen at (206) 889-7820) about materials.

COVID precautions will be followed. Any age, any level of skill welcome!

#### Job Opening at neighboring parish:

seated at the right hand of God," Colossians 3:1.

St. Anthony Catholic Church in SE Portland has an opening for an Administrative Assistant. Minimum 20 hours a week, M-Th, 9a-2p. Successful candidate must have the ability to work with people, strong communication skills, both oral and written, organizational skills with attention to detail, knowledge of Microsoft Word, and familiarity with Publisher, Quick Books, Excel, PDS, ADP, payroll, BAS benefits and some bookkeeping. Additional training will be provided as needed for these skills. Knowledge of Catholic faith preferred. Parish work experience preferred. Competitive wages and excellent benefits. Send résumé to: Search Committee 3720 SE 79th Ave. Portland, OR. 97206 or email pdonoghue@archdpdx.org. No phone calls, please. Deadline for application is November 22, 2023.



## The 20th Annual Turkey Bingo!



A FUNDRAISER HELD FOR ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL

(An Adult Only Event, No Minors Allowed)
November 18, 2023 from 6:30pm to 9:30pm
(Doors open at 5:30pm)
St. Ignatius School – Dillon Hall
3400 SE 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Portland, OR



Turkey Bingo



G N I T E....
Next class, TONIGHT!!

Nov 12, 2023

More information online at:

https://www.sipdx.org/ignite

Dates: Nov 12, Nov 26, Dec 10th 6:00PM—7:15PM on Zoom or in person at the parish office.

## In Thanksgiving for the life of

#### Thomas Geren



#### FirePit-PDX

"We had our first FirePit-PDX Young Adult Ministry gathering in October and look forward to growing together as a community. We gathered around the fire, shared a meal and began getting to know each other. We will

continue to meet the first Sunday of each month at 5:30pm in the parish office dining room. We will incorporate prayer and opportunities to grow in our faith as we build community and connection together.

Join us **Sunday, December 3rd** to explore the season of Advent together. We will begin with a meal at 5:30 and begin our FirePit PDX program at 6:00."



Creation Care Team "Scientific studies indicate that most global warming in recent decades is due to the great concentration of greenhouse gases released mainly as a result of human activity.

Concentrated in the atmosphere, these gases do not allow the warmth of the sun's rays reflected by the earth to be dispersed into space." from Laudato Si', Pope Francis

Some factors that contribute to this situation include intensive use of fossil fuels and deforestation.

Together we can make an impact in these areas. Do you see ways in which you can cut back on your personal use of fossil fuels?

A few ideas: \* Car pool or public transportation use \* Walking places when you are able to \* Putting in solar panels on your home \* Turning down your thermostat a little bit

Some ideas how we can stop deforestation:

https://www.theworldcounts.com/stories/how-can-we-stop-deforestation



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 panty is in need of volunteers to deliver food box-

es on the 4th and 5th Saturday mornings monthly. These are two separate commitments. Also need someone to pre-pack perishables on the 1st Saturday morning of the month. If interested or for further information contact us at <a href="mailto:svdp@sipdx.com">svdp@sipdx.com</a>

Coming up this Advent Dec 3, 2023 First Sunday of Advent

Dec 5th at 7:30PM in church Music concert in the church Dec 8th at 8:00AM & 7:00PM Immaculate Conception

Dec 10th 8AM, 10:30AM & 7:30PM Masses on Second Sunday in Advent

Dec 11th 7:00PM in church Advent Penance service

Dec 17th 8AM, 10:30AM & 7:30PM Masses on Third Sunday of Advent

Dec 19th in the church at 7:00PM Lessons and Carols

Dec 24th 8AM & 10:30AM Masses on Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dec 24, 4:00PM & 7:00PM Masses on Christmas Eve Masses

Christmas Day Dec 25, 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Masses



Providing Help, Creating Hope

## 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

## AN URGENT NOTE Need for temporary housing for refugees to our friends at the

PARISHES Contact: Jesse Crawford Phone: 503-805-3563 Email: jcrawford@ccoregon.org





## 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 10-29-2023 \$144,438.62

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

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Monday	Nov 13	† Gayle Jimenez
Tuesday	Nov 14	† Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	Nov 15	† Doug Craven
Thursday	Nov 16	† Sharon Greiner
Friday	Nov 17	† Tomas Pham



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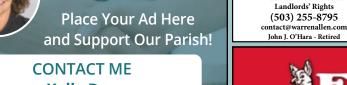
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