



# St. Ignatius Catholic Church

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# Advent



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**December 3, 2023**

## A Message from the Pastor

If you blink, you will miss it. If you can't develop a strategy for getting out of the fast lane, the first liturgical season will pass by you by unnoticed. If you can't make the commitment and have the determination to hit "the pause button" for a few minutes during each of the next twenty-two days, you cannot open or experience the grace and gift of Advent. It is as simple and predictable as that.

## 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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I recently read a quote by poet Jane Hirshfield that captures for me the dynamic of the Season of Advent. Speaking about poetry, she writes: "Entering a good poem, a person feels, tastes, hears, thinks, and sees in altered ways. Why ask art into a life at all, if not to be transformed and enlarged by its presence and mysterious means?" What Hirshfield says about a good poem can be equally said about entering the Season of Advent. In fact, our problems and difficulties with the Season of Advent are identical to our problems and difficulties with entering a good poem.

John Bell has written a good prayer-poem about Advent. I will be using it over the next four weeks. He will describe Advent as the waiting time, the looking time, the loving time, and the keeping time. Listen to the way the poet invites us into Advent.

*You keep us waiting,  
You, the God of all time,  
Want us to wait for the right time in which to discover  
Who we are, where we must go,  
Who will be with us, and what we must do.  
So, thank you . . . for the waiting time.*

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Pastor's Message continued from page one:

You will also notice something different in our sanctuary during this season of Advent. Of course, I mean the Advent Wreath. A new candle will be lit each of the four weeks of Advent. That fourth week of Advent will also, coincidentally, be Christmas Eve. So, what can we do to enter more fully into this "waiting season"?

Perhaps using the "Daily Reflections for Advent & Christmas" for five minutes each day will improve and increase our abilities to "wait and watch." Perhaps inviting everyone at the dinner table to share one *blessing* and one *challenge* that they experienced that day would help the entire family improve their *waiting* and *watching* and *listening* skills. Perhaps exercising *patience* with drivers on the road or co-workers or spouses or children or grandchildren or neighbors would be simple but powerful ways to prepare ourselves this *Advent* season.

John Bell's prayer-poem and the season of Advent are all meant "to transform us and enlarge us by their

presence and mysterious means." So, please, be counter-cultural this Advent. Don't simply get caught up in the busyness of preparations for Christmas. Carve out some little piece of time each day to ponder (i.e., reflect deeply upon) the short season we are given as well as the words of John Bell's prayer-poem and the daily reflections from the little book. Together let us be one another's companion (wait together), be one another's vision (look together), be one another's care and compassion (love together), and be one another's spiritual glue (keep together). May all the blessings of Advent be yours this year. . .if you simply let them be just that for you.



Fr. Mike



FirePit-PDX –TONIGHT....JOIN IN!

"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."

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, December 8, 2023

(Holy Day of Obligation)

8:00 AM & 7:00 PM (in the Church)



Mass Readings

Mass Readings for Dec. 3, 2023

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:33-37



Mass Readings for Dec. 10, 2023

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 1:1-8



## St Ignatius School

We have recently held a school wide food drive for St. Vincent De Paul. Our 8th graders assisted in transporting all of the food brought in by our students to feed the hungry this holiday season.



Our 2nd graders have used their addition skills to build a math array city. Arrays in math are an underlying skill for multiplication. Our 3rd grade students are learning all about salmon and their importance to Oregon. They are growing salmon from eggs in a large fish tank in their classroom. Recently they studied the anatomy of salmon with a salmon dissection with their teacher.



We are pleased to announce we have **received a generous grant of \$20,000** from the JTMF Foundation for updating our Chromebooks. With this generous grant, beginning next year, we will provide school Chromebooks for all students in 3rd-6th grade.

We wish to share the wonderful news that Mr. and Mrs. Dulley welcomed their first child, a precious baby boy, into the world. James Stephen Dulley was born on Thanksgiving Day weighing in at 8lbs. 12 oz, 19.75 inches long. Congratulations Dulley Family!



Families, parishioners, and friends contributed to a successful [Giving Tuesday](#) event to restore our school building after last spring's flooding events. Giving to this project can be done at any time through [Realm](#) or by a check mailed in or dropped off. Last year, we successfully raised enough funds to purchase a new piece of playground equipment scheduled to be installed over Christmas break this year!

As we prepare to enter the Advent season this weekend, let us take action to 'light the path' for others through sharing our faith. May we 'say yes,' as Mary did, to God's plan for us when we take time to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Jesus. *"Heavenly Father, heal my heart during this season of Advent. Help me to love more fully. To forgive more generously. To wait more patiently for Christmas, embracing each day and hour knowing the joy that awaits. In Your name I pray. Amen."* <https://hallow.com/blog/advent-prayers-catholic-meditations/>

**GIVE TODAY, IGNITE TOMORROW  
REBUILD ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL!**

**GIVING TUESDAY** 11.28.2023

Last year we came together to raise funding for playground updates. This year we are asking for your help to restore and repair storm damage to St. Ignatius School.

Peace be with you.  
Carol Pausz, Principal



**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 December 10th (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.

**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 someone to pre-pack perishables on the 1st Saturday morning of the month. If interested or for further information contact us at [svdpx@sispdx.com](mailto:svdpx@sispdx.com)**



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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

7:30 P.M.

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### Advent Reconciliation

Penance Service is at 7:00 PM on **December 11, 2023** in the church.  
All are welcome to join in this day.



**I G N I T E....** Next class, -Dec 10, 2023 6:00PM—7:15PM

More information online at: <https://www.sipdx.org/ignite> on Zoom or in person  
at the parish office.



### 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.

### 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**



JESUITS

**Alli Bobzien** is a full-time mom and a nap-time graduate student of theology at Fuller Seminary. When she isn't playing outdoors with her two spunky daughters, she writes about nature, family, spirituality and women in Scripture. You can find more of Alli's writing in her monthly newsletter [The Pondering Heart](#) and on Instagram [@bobz.alli](#). Her writing has been featured in Grotto Network, Live Today Well Collective, Wallflower Journal and Wisdom's Dwelling.

Grappling with my Catholic Faith and Native Identity this Thanksgiving By Alli Bobzien

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**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](mailto: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 11-12-2023 \$169,703.62

*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*

Monday	Dec 4	†	Nancy t. Germain
Tuesday	Dec 5	†	Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	Dec 6	†	Tin Hoang
Thursday	Dec 7	†	RoseAngela D’Ambrosia
Friday	Dec 8	†	Immaculate Conception Holy day

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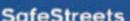



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