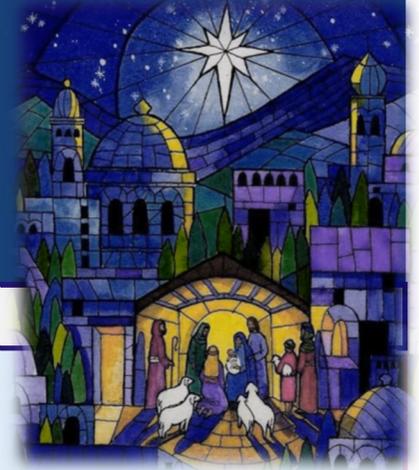




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**Nativity of the Lord - December 25, 2022**

## 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**  
(Located North of our property)  
Please, wear a mask. Thank  
you!

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays -  
3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

OR by appointment  
503-777-1491

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## A Message from the Pastor

I want to share one of my favorite stories that captures the spirit of Christmas. It was reported by Damon Milroy in the London Tablet. The setting is a cold, grey day in London just before Christmas, on a crowded subway car where everyone is carefully avoiding all eye contact in the spirit of alienation and solitude that permeates all public transportation.

At the second stop, the author's eye catches a splash of bright red, which turned out to be a very large balloon in the hands of a small black child who was clearly delighted with his trophy. It was not an ordinary balloon but a special Christmas balloon, on a polished wooden stick with a bright gold knob at the top. The mood of the subway car lightened a bit as the boy entered the packed car with his family.

At the next stop, the heavy silence was shattered by the arrival of a fair-haired girl of about seven who was screaming as she clutched her father's jacket. She was a Down's Syndrome child. There was nothing anyone could do to comfort her, and everyone simply tried to pretend that she wasn't there. Everyone, that is, except the boy with the red balloon. The author writes:



"First, I noticed him standing on tiptoe, with a look of concern as he tried to identify the source of the crying. Then he disappeared, but the red balloon started making a hesitant journey down the carriage, held aloft on the stick above the heads of the crowd. When we reached the next stop and the doors opened, the little black boy appeared next to me and stood in front of the little girl. As even more people struggled into the carriage, he said, in quite a loud and grave voice: 'Hello, this is for you. Happy Christmas. Goodbye.' Then he disappeared into the crowd."

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## Pastor's Message continued from page one:

The author continues: "The effect was instantaneous, electric, and cumulative. Everyone heard the words and turned to look at what was happening. The little girl stopped crying, clutched the balloon, and started to show it to her father, to me and to all her neighbors. That was what we had suddenly become: neighbors.

It seemed astonishing at the time, that one small gesture could change the sense of everybody's grim and silent alienation into the sudden warmth of community... I don't know, of course, whether the boy was Christian, Muslim or 'agnostic', but what was clear was that he had quite simply given away to a complete stranger, what was at the moment his most precious possession. We all had the sense that what had happened was important. How might the world be changed if everyone acted like this?"

Every gift we give, every generosity we extend, every offering of forgiveness we give and receive, every reconciliation we make possible, every stand we take for what is right and just, is incarnate — God becomes "flesh" in these human but still holy acts. God is incarnate in the Bethlehems of our homes and in the Jerusalems of our busy lives. A child's hug and a spouse's embrace, a hand offered in forgiveness, the all-night vigil with the dying parent—these are all experiences of God-made-flesh.

No, what we celebrate at Christmas does not begin and end in Bethlehem. God becomes human in Emmanuel—the Child born on Christmas — and enables us to realize God's love present in every human moment and molecule of creation. God is incarnate in the manger of our own heart.

May we discover Emmanuel—God with us—in every gift given in love, in every place and in every season. And so, we pray:

O God, we rejoice this Christmas in absolute astonishment at the depth of your love. For our sake, you took on our life in order to show us how we might share in your life. Open our hearts and eyes this Christmas that we may behold your incarnate presence in our own stables and mangers, in our own Nazareths and Bethlehems. In realizing your presence in our midst, may we find our way to your dwelling place beyond this time and place of ours.



From all your parish staff, please accept our prayers and best wishes for you and yours. Merry Christmas!

Fr. Mike



## Mass Readings

### Mass Readings for Dec 25, 2022

Isaiah 52:7-10  
Hebrew 1:1-6  
Luke 1:1-18

### Mass Readings for Jan 1, 2022

Numbers 6:22-27  
Galatians 4:4-7  
Luke 2:16-21

## A Very Merry Christmas from your St. Ignatius Staff



## Looking forward into 2023

For these 2023 Coming Events:



- ◆ **Italian Dinner, Feb 19**
- ◆ **Novena of Grace, Feb 23-Mar 2**
- ◆ **Pho-ndraiser Lunch, March 19**
- ◆ **School Auction, April 15**
- ◆ **“Fifth Sunday” spring choral concert, May 2**
- ◆ **St. Ignatius Parish Picnic, July 30**
- ◆ **Ministry Fair, Sept 10**
- ◆ **Renaissance Festival, Oct 15**
- ◆ **Lessons and Carols, (Advent 2023)**

## Christmas Festival of Lights at the Grotto

Through – Friday, Dec. 30 (Closed Christmas Day)  
*Festival Hours*

4:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. (Dec. 17 – Dec. 30)

Grounds close at 10 p.m. each day

For more information and to buy tickets:

<https://thegrotto.org/christmas-festival-of-lights/>



## Merry Christmas from St Ignatius School Staff



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### RaiseRight ~ gift cards

It is gift card season! If you like to buy gift cards for your friends and loved ones during the holidays, consider purchasing those gift cards through Raise Right so that a portion of your purchase will benefit St. Ignatius parish! Many gift cards are available including some of the most popular purchases like Amazon, Safeway, Visa, Starbucks, and many more! Go to: [www.RaiseRight.com](http://www.RaiseRight.com) And enroll with our parish using the code: **QZGM1F8VVDPE** Select the ecard or the mail directly to you option, and plan to pay online for your purchase. Thank you and have a wonderful Advent!



### Holiday Hours and End of year donations



Thank you, St Ignatius, for your continued abundant support in 2022! Since December's goal is our biggest and since Christmas is on Sunday this year your generous contribution is especially appreciated.

**Notice:** All donations that are dropped through the mail slot December 26-31st while the office is closed may count for 2022!

Donations you would like attributed to your 2022 tax statement from St. Ignatius should be placed in the Sunday basket or our office mail slot by **December 31st**.

### Almost there!! Thanks to you....

**FUND-A-FLUSH REPORT:** "The project has begun, and we will give you updates along the way. Feel free to continue donating through online (Realm) or in the Sunday basket." Total donation \$51,065.00 with match included, \$76,475.00....our goal is so close, Let's get to 100%! *Thank you!*

**GOAL: \$90,000**



### Church tithing



(To Donate, scan QR code with your phone's camera and a link will appear)

**Financial report (July 1, 2022—June 30, 2023):**

Needed for the month of Dec \$78,000.00

Amount received through 12-11-2022 \$24,560.68

Thank you, may you be blessed abundantly for your generosity!

## IGNITE Winter/Spring

Everyone is invited to join IGNITE on the Sundays listed below:



- ⇒ January 8th - The "Bridal Mystics"
- ⇒ January 22nd - The Cloud of Unknowing-Spirituality of Essence
- ⇒ February 12th - Julian of Norwich - God our Mother
- ⇒ February 26th - Catherine of Genoa - "Devotio Moderna"
- ⇒ March 12th - Protestant and Catholic Reformations - Spiritual Direction
- ⇒ March 26th - John Donne - The mystic poet
- ⇒ April 23rd - "Pilgrim " books and the Jesus Prayer
- ⇒ Come to one class, or come to them all, as you desire.

Classes will take place from 6-7:15pm and will meet on zoom.

**Meeting ID:833 9062 2228**

**Passcode: IGNITE**

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

## Parish Staff

### Office Hours:

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## ENGAGED? Marriage Preparation

Are you newly engaged and hoping to marry in the upcoming year? Congratulations! St. Ignatius will be hosting a series of Marriage Preparation Classes between January 29th and February 26th. If you are interested in joining the class, contact Grace ([gbyrd@sipdx.org](mailto:gbyrd@sipdx.org)). Hurry, spots are limited!

We have solidified our dates for our next round of marriage preparation classes at St. Ignatius. They will be:

- **Sunday, 1/29 - 4-5:15PM** – Communication and Conflict Resolution (Herdener's - location TBA)
- **Sunday 2/5 – 4-5:15PM** – Family and Finances (Schaller residence – address TBA)
- **Sunday 2/26 – 4-5:15** – Love and Leisure (Holt residence – address TBA)



## Calendar

<p><b>MON</b> 26</p> <p><b>TUE-FRI</b> 27-30</p> <p><b>SAT</b> 31</p>	<p>8:00 AM Mass at La Storta Chapel  <b>Parish Office &amp; School closed</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Mass at La Storta Chapel</p> <p>3:30 PM Confessions in the church                      5:00 PM Mass in the Church</p>	<p><b>SUN</b> 1</p> <p><b>MON</b> 2</p> <p><b>TUE-FRI</b> 3-6</p>	<p><b>JAN 1, 2023 Solemnity of Mary</b>                      8:30 AM, 10:30 AM and 7:30 PM                      Mass in the Church</p> <p>8:00 AM Mass at La Storta Chapel  <b>Parish Office &amp; School closed</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Mass at La Storta Chapel</p>
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## 8:00AM Daily Mass Intentions

### Please keep in your prayers

Monday	Dec 26	†	Marie Hong Tran
Tuesday	Dec 27	†	Bridie Duffy
Wednesday	Dec 28	†	Jean Gogas
Thursday	Dec 29	†	Mike Merriman
Friday	Dec 30	†	Tomi Tomlin



*You are in my thoughts and prayers.*



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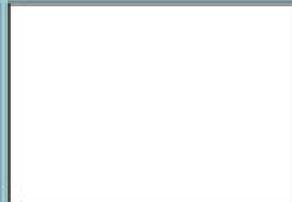
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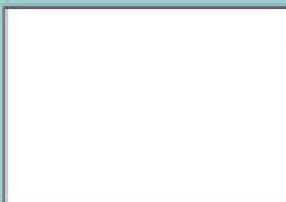
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