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

# Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays -3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

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#### First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

#### A Message from the Pastor

Advent is a season of hope. But hope works like yeast, not like a microwave oven.

The world is not as just as it can and should be. The world is not as loving as it can and should be. The world is not as whole as it can and should be. The Church is not as just as it can and should be. The church is not as loving as it can and should be. The church is not as whole as it can and should be. You and I are not as just as we can and should be. You and I are not as loving as we can and should be. You and I are not as whole as we can and should be. But the coming of Christ—Emmanuel "God-With-Us"—as one of us, gives us reason to live in hope—that light will shatter the darkness, that we can be liberated from our fears and prejudices, that we are never alone or abandoned.

Advent is a Season of Hope and hope is a vision of life that guides itself by God's promise, irrespective of whether the situation looks optimistic or pessimistic at any given time. During this Season of Advent, Christians are asked to light candles as a sign of hope. But lighting a candle in hope—on this First Sunday of Advent—is not just a pious, religious act; it's a political act, a subversive one, and a prophetic one, as dangerous as brandishing a firearm. Each week of the Advent Season, we light a candle. This gesture is a gesture of hope. For to light an advent candle is to say, in the face of all that suggests the contrary, that God is still alive, still Lord of this world, and, because of that, in the words of Dame Julian of Norwich "all will be well, and all will be well, and

every manner of being will be well," irrespective of the evening news.

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## Pastor's Message continued from page one:

The poet Denise Levertov, in her poem For the New Year, reminds us that Advent is a time to share small grains of hope because "Only by division will hope increase." Listen to her words to us today on this First Sunday of Advent.

I have a small grain of hope— one small crystal that gleams clear colors out of transparency.	Please share your fragment so that yours will grow.
I need more.	Only so, by division, will hope increase,
I break off a fragment	
to send you.	like a clump of irises, which will cease to flower unless you distribute
Please take	the clustered roots, unlikely source—
this grain of a grain of hope	clumsy and earth-covered—
so that mine won't shrink.	of grace.



We share this grain of a grain of hope when we "slow down" each day of Advent—through attendance at a weekday Mass or the readings of *Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas*—to become more aware of the God who wants to come more into our lives, our relationships, our prayer, our communities, our work and our world. We share this grain of a grain of hope when we contribute our time-talent-and treasure to the various ministries of our Parish. We share this grain of a grain of hope, as Pope Francis reminds us, when the living of our faith makes us more aware of



and responsive to the poor, the hungry, and the needy all around us. We share this grain of a grain of hope when our hearts are emptied of resentments and filled with compassion and mercy. We share this grain of a grain of hope when we strive to be honest and authentic in the living of our lives and our faith. We share this grain of a grain of hope when we "walk in the light of the Lord" that the prophet Isaiah proclaimed. We share this grain of a grain of hope when "we throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light" that the Apostle Paul wrote about. We share this grain of a grain of hope when we long for, prepare for, and welcome Emmanuel—God-With-Us—into our lives. We share this grain of a grain of hope when we light a candle during Advent and pray with all our minds and hearts and beings—Maranatha—Come, Lord Jesus!

Fr. Mike

### Holy day



Please join us for the December 8, 2022 at 8AM or at 7PM Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (School Mass is at 1:10PM)



Advent Reconciliation Service

Please join us for the **Advent Reconciliation Service** on Monday, **December 12, 2022** at 7PM in the church. Several priests will be available for individual confessions.

## Mass Readings

Mass Readings for Nov 27, 2022 Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:37-44 Mass Readings for Dec 4, 2022 Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12



## Enjoy this free concert in the church in this Advent Season!

"Sure On This Shining Night" -- Please join us for an evening of Advent music on Tuesday, December 6 at 7:30pm. Fifth Sunday, an elite choral group that provides music at St. Ignatius' Contemplative Mass, will offer songs of the season. Admission is free, and donations will be collected for the parish's St. Vincent de Paul food pantry.

## Active Catholics Together ~ Christmas Party

Annual ACT Christmas party, Dec. 17th, 6:00PM at Jan and Mike Bresee's home, 13723 SE Portland View Place, Happy Valley. BYOB/potluck munchies. Also, please bring a gift for white elephant gift exchange. Adults only/is open to anyone 50ish and up, all are welcome! Questions, please call 503-318-5503.



## 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 And enroll with our parish using the code: QZGM1F8VWDPE

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!

## November 29th ~ Giving Tuesday

Tap on the push notification which will pop up on your screen to access the information stored in the QR code.

This Tuesday is Giving Tuesday! Please consider donating towards our

**Fund-A Flush campaign**. Thanks to some generous donors, all contributions received on Giving Tuesday up to \$25,000 will be matched, doubling the impact of your gift! There has never been

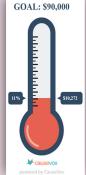
#### a better time to give!



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Our third grade class did a wonderful job of leading us in our Thanksgiving Mass last Wednesday morning. Students brought in food donations to take to Mass for St. Vincent DePaul helping feed the hungry in our local community. We are blessed to be part of a whole parish community that lives by the words of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, "We can all do small things with great love" and fully embraces building a just and compassionate world.

As we teach our students about the season of Advent, in addition to the Advent wreaths, we will discuss ways our students can "<u>do small things with great love</u>" throughout the season for Jesus. Reminders in our morning announcements will help us all to remember this is a season of hopeful anticipation and giving of our gifts and talents to build a strong community of faith.

In this season of <u>Advent</u>, 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. *"Lord, send down Your Spirit to guide me during Advent this year. May the Holy Spirit help me journey closer to You and lift me up when I feel down and lead me when I feel lost. I may stumble at times, but I know my ultimate journey is to draw closer to You and build Your kingdom here on* 

earth–a kingdom that Jesus's birth, life and death helped secure. Amen." (<u>https://</u> hallow.com/blog/advent-prayers-catholic-meditations/)

Peace be with you always. Carol Pausz Principal



## St Vincent de Paul



For the fiscal year Oct 21-Sept 22, the St. Ignatius St. Vincent de Paul conference was able to serve 254 families with food (18,061 lbs.) 14 families received rental assistance and 28 families were provided utility assistance. A total of 758 people served through the generous support of our parishioners, school students, and the Scouts. This month we acknowledge the tireless efforts of our treasurer Rosanna Fleming, vice-president Jack Patrizio and shopper extraordinaire Sharon Buhrmaster. 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.

## Thank you for you help!

Grammercy! (or Thank you! as they'd say in the days of yore) for all who helped at the **St. Ignatius Renaissance Festival**. You helped our community return to a place of peace and fellowship after the plague known as Covid-19, remembering what it means to feast and to play in the way that our good Lord would have us do! Photos at: <u>https://www.sipdx.org/gallery/renaissance-faire-2022</u>

Our thanks to everyone who helped make this festival a place of joy for all.

## Church tithing

Financial report (**July 1, 2022—June 30, 2023):** Needed for the month of Nov \$48,000.00 Amount received through 11-13-2022 \$21,895.66 Thank you, may you be blessed abundantly for your generosity!

#### Altar Server training Altar Server training is available Tuesday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in the Church. Parents should plan to attend with their children. 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome. Please contact Beth Schaller at <u>bschaller@sipdx.org</u> with questions or to RSVP. Communion Ministry to the Homebound Seeking a volunteer coordinator for our Communion Ministry PASTOR to the Homebound: Homeboı This beautiful ministry of hospitality and communion mostly functions on its own, but we do need someone to be the con-Ext 224 tact person for those wishing to be visited, as well as for those interested in becoming ministers to the homebound. Duties include being the phone or email contact for this ministry (very low San Mai, SJ volume), maintaining the Google document database in order to match the homebound with visitors, and coordinating training of new ministers to the homebound Ext 226 (possibly 1x/year and staff help is available for this, if needed). This ministry requires occasional phone or email contact, and just a few hours of time sporadically, as needed throughout the year. Contact Beth Schaller at <u>bschaller@sipdx.org</u> Grace Byrd **Mom's Group Advent Reflections** Mom's Group will meet weekly during Advent from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the parish office Ext 245 dining room. Anne Holt will lead our Advent series. All moms, grandmas, foster moms, godmothers, etc. are welcome – come pray, reflect, and meet other moms as we nourish our faith this Advent season. Dates: Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18. Questions? Contact Beth Schaller

at bschaller@sipdx.org.

## History Heros are back in action!

Enjoy the Christmas sounds of song and laughter with friends:

- December 15, 2022 around Noon
- 12260 SE East Main (off SE Division)
- Bring your singing voices as Joseph will play for us.
- Please contribute any finger foods, desserts or appetizers you want. I will provide main dishes, utensils, etc.

We have sparkling cider provided. There will be a small charge of about \$5.00 per person to pay for main dishes. Thanks for understanding. WEAR YOUR UGLY SWEATER AN/OR HAT!

PLEASE RSVP TO: 971-344-3055 [my cell] via vm or text.

Remember all are welcome; any new members please call me & join the group! Thanks; Have a Blessed Advent, Judi Van Cleave, Coordinator

## 8:00AM Daily Mass Intentions

## Please keep in your prayers

Nov 28 Monday Tuesday Nov 29 Wednesday Nov 30 Thursday Dec 01 Friday Dec 02

Marie Hong Tran Michael "Mike" Trodoux Dr. Mario Martini Vince Obradovich **Clement Pereira** 

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