



# St. Ignatius Catholic Church

## OREGON'S JESUIT PARISH

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December 14, 2025 - **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10  
James 5:7-10  
Matthew 11:2-11

### Mass Times

Saturday Vigil	5:00 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM 10:30 AM 7:00 PM
Adoration	6:15 - 6:45 PM before 7:00 PM Sunday Mass
Weekday (M-F)	8:00 AM at LJC - La Storta Chapel

### Reconciliation

Saturdays, 3:30–4:30 PM, or  
by appointment 503 -777-1491

### Giving



### Mass Intentions

Mon, December 15
† Bob Secolo
Tue, December 16
† Maria Obradovich
Wed, December 17
† Herb & Millie Emig
Thu, December 18
† Bob Secolo
Fri, December 19
† Patricia Obradovich

### Wisdom from the Pews

Today, the Third Sunday in Advent, we are encouraged to rejoice as pilgrims of hope in this Jubilee year 2025. We must respond as Isaiah described: “The desert shall rejoice with shouting!” How, you ask, can we rejoice? Much in the world news lacks reasons for joy. But Isaiah maintains that God will come to save us, as God’s people, “and joy will be upon our heads”. To illustrate how I came to know this to be true, I will share with you a story from my seminary years.

I was one of 19 seminarians invited to go on a winter retreat at Glastonbury Abbey, a Benedictine monastery, just a few miles south of Boston. I was grateful when this opportunity came to spend the week in quiet reflection and discernment between semesters at school. I had been sent to seminary by my local Methodist church family in California, hoping I would come back to them as a candidate for ordination. However, I was uncertain about my goals, and I doubted whether I should even be there, praying in a Catholic monastery.

Our days began in the dark hours before the dawn, as we stumbled from our warm beds and hurriedly dressed for the cold of those Massachusetts mornings. Observing the Great Silence, and without a word, we climbed to the Abbey church on the hill to pray the morning Vigils. We arrived and, stepping inside, each of us silently made the sign of the cross and found a seat. The cowed monks were already in their places; heads bowed in prayer.

One morning, I recall, as the sun began to fill the room with its warm glow, a cardinal sang loudly and clearly outside the window. “He must be confused”, I thought. “He thinks it’s spring, a time of renewal.” But

the cardinal seemed to be saying “Never mind that it is winter, I am going to sing anyway”. Casting aside my gloomy uncertainty, I was suddenly aware that his song was reminding me to embrace joy in preparation for the birth of the Christ child. He was reminding me that we, as Christians, are given a commission to represent joy and hope, even in times of global adversity.

Ever mindful of the cardinal’s message, as I prayed daily with the monks, I found my heart full of joy from the beauty and pageantry of the Mass. Slowly I surrendered to the Holy Spirit at work within me, not realizing that I was being prepared for a major transformation. My conversion experience to Catholicism was dramatic, and yet I never doubted that it was part of God’s plan.

My message for you today, on Gaudete Sunday, my fellow parishioners, is to remind you to listen to the songbirds singing, as they may have a special message. Don’t lose focus on the things that are important by allowing yourselves to feel unsettled and discouraged by current news and events around the world. Instead, be open to the ‘signs’ God gives you and rejoice in anticipation of the coming of the Christ child!

**Carol Raymond**, MDiv, BCC, is a board-certified Catholic Chaplain, ministering at three Providence hospitals in the area: Providence Portland, Milwaukie Medical Center, and Willamette Falls Medical Center in Oregon City. Most frequently, Carol attends the 10:30 Mass, and began attending St. Ignatius, Portland in the Spring 2025 when the Women’s group was formed. Carol is a California native and previously attended St. Ignatius parish in Sacramento before moving to Oregon in 2021.

# ST. IGNATIUS AVENT CALENDAR



**DECEMBER 14**

Light the Shepherd's candle & pray for joy



**DECEMBER 16**

Do something that brings joy to you or someone else



**DECEMBER 18**



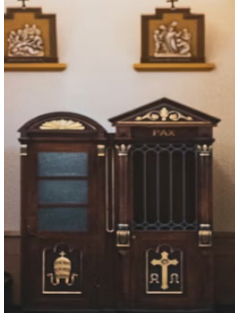
Attend the school Christmas concert.  
Dillon Hall, 7PM

**DECEMBER 20**

Bake something delicious as a family and share with others



**DECEMBER 15**



Reconcile with God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation  
7 PM  
in the Church

**DECEMBER 17**



Pray with Elijah for those facing food insecurity (1-Kings 17:1-16).

Imagine sharing a meal with the widow and her son. <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/1kings/17>

**DECEMBER 19**



Educate yourself on advocacy by reading "Contemplation and Political Action: An Ignatian Guide to Civic and Engagement". Visit: <https://bit.ly/4id4EaG>

## PARISH PROGRAMMING

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### Office Hours

Monday to Thursday  
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

### Penance Service

Join us for the Penance Service  
on December 15 at 7 PM  
as we turn our hearts toward  
God's healing grace and prepare  
our souls to celebrate the  
Nativity of the Lord.



## Joyfully Celebrating the Nativity of the Lord

### Christmas Eve

Wednesday, Dec. 24,  
4 PM & 8 PM

### Christmas Day

Thursday, Dec. 25,  
8 AM & 10 AM

### Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

- Saturday Vigil, Dec. 27: 5 PM

- Sunday, Dec. 28: 8 AM & 10:30 AM  
(NO 7 PM Mass)

### Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026: 10 AM in the Church



### Women of St. Ignatius

Join us on December 14  
after the 10:30 Mass for  
Christmas Gathering in the  
Bradley room.

### Yarn

Please join us for an hour  
after the 10:30 Mass on  
December 14th (11:30-  
12:30) in the Upstairs  
Room in the Parish Office.  
Bring your own project or  
contact Maureen at (206)  
889-7820 about materials.

### Spirituality of Aging

meets at the Parish Office on  
Thursday, December 18th at  
10AM. This month we will  
focus on how we experience  
the giftedness of self and  
others.



## Catholic Charities

# HOLIDAY TOY SHOP

## DONATE AND/OR VOLUNTEER

(THIS EVENT IS FOR CCO CLIENTS ONLY)

Help us bring joy to a few hundred of our clients' children this holiday season by donating toys. Recipients range from newborns to teenagers. **We'll be collecting Dec. 1 to Dec. 17.** \$40 per gift max. **The Shop will be open to our clients from 10 am to 5 pm Dec. 19.** We also need volunteers that day.



Amazon Wish List



Volunteer 12/19, day of shop



Contact [communications@ccoregon.org](mailto:communications@ccoregon.org) for pick up/drop-off arrangements for toy donations. Space is very limited, so we ask only parents/guardians visit the toy shop.

## Pray for and Support Vocations

Meet  
Timothy  
Nguyen, nSJ



• From BUENA PARK, CA

• Studied human resource management  
at CAL STATE UNIV., LONG BEACH  
and marriage & family counseling at  
MERCER SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

• Served as a LICENCED THERAPIST,  
PROGRAM MANAGER & PROJECT  
MANAGER for the Diocese of Orange  
before entering the Jesuits

• Currently a JESUIT NOVICE in Culver  
City, CA



Pray for  
Timothy  
and Jesuit  
Vocations

Know someone  
who would make  
a great Jesuit like  
Timothy?

BeAJesuit.org

or reach out to your Jesuit Pastor or Associate Pastor



# COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION

## UNDER ONE ROOF - Fundraising Campaign



For years, Dillon Hall has been the gathering place for parish assemblies, school events, and student activities. Its roof now requires urgent replacement to preserve this vital space that unites our community.

Our fundraising goal is \$250,000, and your contribution will help us complete this essential project.

Please consider supporting us by scanning the QR code or making a [donation online](#) ("Under One Roof" Fund). Thank you for your generosity!



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. San.](#)

## Make a Year-end Donation to St. Ignatius Parish!

"Giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light." (Colossians 1:12)

If you are age 73 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 2025 draws to a close, please consider making a year-end donation to help us maintain and care for 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 generosity.

July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

Church tithing	Actual	Budget	% of Goal
November 24-30, 2025	9,865	10,445	94%
Month of November	49,454	52,225	95%
Year-to-Date	206,408	585,000	35%

## Christmas Flower Donations

If you would like to honor your loved ones with a Christmas flower donation, envelopes are available at the tables. Each name will be placed on a flower displayed in our church as a tribute of love and remembrance.



# ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL

The students have been busy learning about Advent along with plenty of academics. In preschool, the students decorated sacks and assembled the transition lunches and crafted Christmas trees. Our kindergarteners made beautiful glittery angels and their own nativity scenes. In 1st grade, the students travel with bells on their shoes and their sparkling Christmas trees are adorning the hallway. Our 2nd grade class of singing elves on their hallway bulletin board is simply adorable. Our 3rd graders are learning to express opinions through writing. Our 4th graders created an Advent wreath on their hallway bulletin board. The fifth graders created and presented dioramas for the Native American Nations they studied. The sixth grade students studied warm and cool colors in art class designing beautiful waves of color. The seventh graders studied plate tectonics and convection currents in science. Lastly, our 8th grade students have been learning about forces, motion, and momentum in science. We are so proud of our students' zeal for learning!



Support our [Under One Roof](#) Capital Campaign!

We need your help to preserve and strengthen this beloved space. [Under One Roof](#)

Scan the QR code to donate:



Or visit:  
[Under One Roof](#)

Many of our families volunteered to support children experiencing homelessness or unstable housing through Christmas gift bags for the students at the Community Transition School. What a blessing to be able to serve those experiencing challenges in our local community!



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Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon, exist to give witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As an apostolate of the Church, Catholic Schools minister the salvation of Jesus Christ, exercising His mission to teach (Mt. 28:19-20) by providing Mission Passionate Catholic Education.

In this third week of Advent, may we revel in the joy this Gaudete Sunday ***"Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near,"*** Philippians 4:4-5.

**Carol Pausz**  
Principal

***We, the community of St. Ignatius School, in the tradition of Mother Marie Rose and St. Ignatius of Loyola, provide a faith-centered Catholic education guiding God's children toward building a just and compassionate world.***