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December 7, 2025 - **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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 8
Immaculate Conception
- Tue, December 9
† Rose Angela D'Ambrosia
- Wed, December 10
† Jim Emig
- Thu, December 11
† Mother Kay Maria Paul
- Fri, December 12
† Louie Pieretti

Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12

Wisdom from the Pews

"He shall judge the poor with justice"
(Isaiah 11:4)

In Old Testament times, the primary responsibility of the kings of Israel and Judah was to ensure that justice prevailed throughout their realms. Justice for the cause of the poor was never easily assured, not there, not then, not here, not now. The poor seldom have anyone to protect their rights. In Isaiah, the promise of a new king in David's lineage (the shoot from the stump of Jesse) came with divine assurance that this long-awaited king—the Messiah—would be the one whose judgment meant justice for the poor.

For over a century now, Catholic social teaching, from papal encyclicals and the Second Vatican Council, urges all, from the powerful elite to ordinary citizens with the power to vote, to recognize that justice for the poor means recognizing that the poor have as much right to a share in the world's goods and produce as the wealthy or even the middle classes. There is an abundance of food and material goods in the world. They are the gifts of a generous Creator, who intends that they meet the needs of all, wherever they dwell, whatever their citizenship, whatever their race, whatever their beliefs.

Isaiah's prophecy is the assurance that the coming King, the Messiah, will bring justice for the poor. Are we who proclaim that this Messiah has come a real source of hope for justice for the poor in our world, in our nation, in our cities and neighborhoods? To answer that, we must

first see and recognize the injustice that the poor in our midst experience. The late Peruvian Franciscan theologian, Gustavo Gutierrez, called this coming to awareness of the injustices that the poor endure "conscientization". We must have our consciences pricked if we are to be seekers of justice for the poor.

In a way, that may mean discovering our own poverty, that our acceptance of a personal abundance may have robbed our consciences. But maybe that is beginning to change for the better! Recent events in the political realm have caused many to discover that political leaders can no longer be trusted to assure justice for the poor and the hungry, if they ever were. While political change must be sought, real, immediate justice for the poor comes when individuals grow in awareness to the needs around them and respond not only with appropriate votes, but with an outpouring of goods and services.

We have seen this happen! We who believe in the promises of the prophet Isaiah can also rejoice in the words of the Psalmist:

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.

He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

In our faithfulness to the call for justice for the poor we will have become witnesses to the fulfillment of prophecy!

Cliff Yeary is a retired theologian specializing in Scripture Studies. He and his wife Liz have called St. Ignatius their spiritual home for nearly eight years. They frequently lector at the Sunday 10:30 Mass.

ST. IGNATIUS AVENT CALENDAR

His name shall be called Prince of **PEACE**

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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Light Bethlehem candle & pray for PEACE



Lord, let Your peace take root in our hearts and guide our Leaders toward harmony and justice!

Attend Mass for Immaculate Conception (holy day of obligation)



O Immaculate Conception, guide me with your gentle wisdom, and lead me ever closer to your Son!

Send a letter or card to someone wishing them PEACE



Dear Prince of Peace, I come before You seeking comfort in the midst of chaos and uncertainty. The world around me can often feel overwhelming, laden with stress and strife. Yet, I trust in Your promise of peace.

Pray with St. Paul for those imprisoned (Acts 25:1-12)



Imagine sitting with someone in an ICE facility, jail or prison. <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/acts/25>

Buy a gift card for the Parish Giving Tree



Please generously remember our sisters and brothers in need during this holiday season

Pray a rosary to Our Lady of Guadalupe for immigrants



Our Lady of Guadalupe, stay near who search for a better life, and lead them safely into the embrace of God's enduring love!

Volunteer somewhere



Consider making a meaningful difference in our community by volunteering

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Join us for the Mass of

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

on Monday
December 8, 2025
at 8 AM and 7 PM
in the Church

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



IGNITE mini-series coming up

November 30th, December
7th, and December 14th.

Led by Mike Buck and your
own faith experiences!

Zoom Link to Join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83390622228?pwd=eXJjZjRwRHliWS9jWXA2TzJpb0dmdz09>

Meeting ID: 833 9062 2228
Passcode: IGNITE

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brothers, and religious
order priests need
your help!



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they receive the care they
deserve. Please give back
to those who have given a
lifetime.

Thank you to all participated in our Shared Conversations!

You showed great compassion in how you listened, how you shared, and how you cared about your fellow parishioners. You opened up your hearts to what was troubling or concerning to you; and by doing so, you touched others who realize we're all in this together. The Holy Spirit was in attendance and gave us all the strength to be open with each other and understand one another.

Thank you to our facilitators who took the time to help us on our journey, and created a safe, warm environment.

After the Shared Conversations, a small group will look at what was discussed and determine what our next steps and focus will be. This group will be ongoing and chart a course for our involvement and what caring actions we can all take.

Stay tuned for further details, and thank you for caring!

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION

UNDER ONE ROOF - Fundraising Campaign

GOAL: \$250,000

Thermometer scale: \$50,000, \$125,000, \$250,000

UNDER ONE ROOF
St. Ignatius Parish Community

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!

Planned Giving

St. Ignatius

Scan the QR code above To donate online.

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 70^{1/2} 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 17-23, 2025	7,776	10,445	74%
Month of November	39,589	52,225	76%
Year-to-Date	196,543	585,000	34%

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

Students left out their shoes for the Feast of St. Nicholas on Friday. Santa's elves made a quick trip through the school to leave a small treat for all of our students including a prayer card for St. Nicholas, chocolate coins, stickers, candy cane, and an orange.

Our students' love of learning continues to thrive. This week our preschoolers created mosaic artwork with glue and pre-cut tiny shapes in fall colors. In kindergarten, third and fourth grades, the students have been developing their artistic skills with painting techniques for fall trees. The first graders assisted with campus stewardship this week. The second graders showcased their mapmaking skills in creating their own works of art. Our fourth graders created Go West posters as they study the Oregon Trail. The fifth graders learned about parts of the Mass in the church with Fr. San this week. Our sixth and seventh graders work in teams on STEM projects for their elective class. The sixth graders finished up an "About the Author" project this week. Fr. James visited the seventh graders during their ELA class and assisted them with studying for their upcoming vocabulary quiz. The eighth graders took a field trip to Central Catholic this week to see their fall play- Much Ado About Nothing. Our students continue to shine in developing their eager minds, passionate hearts, enthusiastic spirits, and brilliant futures.



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Support our **Under One Roof** Capital Campaign! Make St. Ignatius your **Giving Tuesday** charity this year! We need your help to preserve and strengthen this beloved space.

 **Milestone Goal: \$125,000 by December 15**

If we reach our goal, we'll install a brand-new gym scoreboard over winter break—just in time for basketball season!

Join us in keeping Dillon Hall thriving for generations to come.

👉 Scan the QR code to donate:
 Or visit: [Under One Roof](http://UnderOneRoof.org)




As we move with great hope into unshakeable faith during the second week of Advent, may we embrace the words of Paul in his letter to the Romans, "**May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**" Romans 15:5-6.

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.

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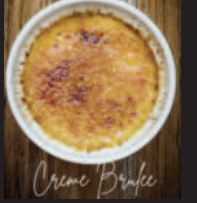
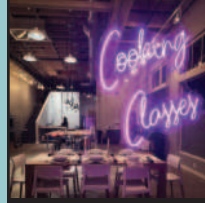
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