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January 1, 2023

A Message from the Pastor

The first month of the year is called January and is named after the Roman god Janus. Janus is the god of beginnings and transitions. Consequently, Janus is also the god of gates, doors, doorways, endings, and time. He is usually a two-faced god since he looks to the future and the past. The poet T. S. Eliot described this paradox when he wrote, "What we call the beginning is often the end. The end is where we start from."

The Catholic Church dedicates January 1st to Mary, the Mother of God. The gospel for this first Sunday of the New Year comes from Luke and gives us the picture of a young Mary "who kept all these things, pondering them in her heart." There is an icon that captures this beautifully. It is called the icon of *Madre del Silenzio* ("Mother of Silence"). Her eyes look reflective and her right pointer finger is pressed to her lips inviting all who gaze upon her to quietly ponder.

Pondering is a lost art in our society. The dictionary defines the verb ponder this way—"to consider something deeply and thoroughly; to meditate over or upon." It takes time to ponder—lots of time. Tweets and Instagrams are antithetical to the art of pondering. The former reflect immediate, and sometime knee-jerk, reactions. The latter requires lots of time and reflection.

Mary is the model and mentor for all who would learn to ponder. When she was invited by the angel Gabriel to become the Mother of God, she pondered the meaning of this in her heart. When her cousin Elizabeth described her as "Blessed are you among women," she pondered these words in her heart. After the birth of Jesus in a stable, she pondered the message of the shepherds and the visit of the Three Wise Men. When Joseph took their family and fled to Egypt, she pondered these events in her heart. As Simeon and Anna spoke about the child Jesus when Mary and Joseph brought him to the Temple, she pondered the meaning of their words.



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
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you!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays -
3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

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When Mary stood before her son nailed to a cross, this Woman of Silence pondered these tragic events in her heart. When Jesus appeared to her, after his resurrection, she must have pondered this incredible event in her heart. When he ascended into heaven, and as she witnessed young Christian communities springing up throughout the Decapolis, she must have pondered these things in her heart.

Traditionally, people make New Year's resolutions. Pope Francis encourages us to consider imitating Mary, the Mother of God, in the New Year. Let Mary mentor us all in the lost art of pondering. May we be slow to judgment but quick to meditation on the events that will shape our church, our country, and our world in this New Year. May we imitate Mary's ability to ponder things in our heart—the blessings of this past year, the life-giving challenges of the new year—and discover what good God is drawing out of everyone and everything that will make up our experience of the year 2023. In this New Year may we be slow to tweet and quick to ponder. With this in mind, we pray in the words of Joyce Rupp:



Mary, Mother of Jesus,
teach us how to ponder our treasures,
how to draw strength from our blessings,
as we journey into this new year.

Fr. Mike

....search,
ponder and
pray....

Virtue of the month

SEEL Portland would like to offer an Ignatian "virtue of the month" in honor of our patron and founder of the Society of Jesus. The Spiritual Exercises, composed by Saint Ignatius of Loyola, are an experience first and foremost. The Exercises are also a powerful expression of prayer, a way of deepening an ever-growing relationship with our loving Creator God and Creation, and a pathway to discernment in our everyday life. As we grow in our relationship with God, with others, with creation, we are also invited to grow in virtue.

"Consider how Christ calls and desires all persons to come under his standard." Spiritual Exercise 36

January – the virtue of Prudence

It's January! And some of us will make New Year's resolutions! How to choose a meaningful resolution that will deepen our faith journey and bring God's loving presence in our lives?

The Spiritual Exercises give us tools to discern the voice of God in our daily life. Ignatius asks us to ponder the events of Christ's birth, life, and ministry. As we consider His life, how might we respond to the "Call of the King?" How will we discern God's voice amidst the busyness and chaos of daily life? Ignatius invites us to contemplate the virtue of prudence which accompanies discernment and leads us to an openness to the Spirit. With the Exercises, we might grow in these gifts: wisdom and discernment – and live out the virtue of Prudence.

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Mass Readings

Mass Readings for Jan 1, 2022

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

Mass Readings for Jan 8, 2022

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

2023 Events ~ Save the date!



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)**

St Vincent de Paul

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the success of our Christmas Food Box deliveries. We assisted 22 families this year. Here are the Christmas elves who helped make it happen:

- St. Ignatius kindergarten donated 459 lbs of food!
- Central Catholic donated 26 boxes of food!
- Girls Scouts donated Christmas cookie making kits!
- Fernando and Gisela Serna donated food and cash collected in their neighborhood!- and these tireless volunteers helped pre-pack and deliver the boxes: Annie, Roberta, Maureen, Matthew, David, Sharon, Rosanna & Abbey, Beth & family, Andrea & family, and Teri & Doug

Thank You!



CCC Collection Jan 15th

The USCCB-Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) helps connect people at home and abroad with Christ. Through websites, social networks, television, radio, and print, the CCC helps the Church spread the Gospel message through the media locally and nationally.

For example, donations to the CCC program provided seed funding and an updated mobile-friendly design for the [For Your Marriage](#) website. CCC also funds e-mail delivery of the daily scripture readings.

The CCC provides ongoing support for the USCCB website and video productions including the reflections on the daily readings that serve thousands each day. Catholic Communication Campaign funds have also made possible media campaigns supporting marriage, family communications, service to others, and reconciliation that reached millions on radio and television. Other projects have included the recent television documentaries [Revolution of the Heart: The Dorothy Day Story](#) and [Walking the Good Red Road: Black Elk's Journey](#). Envelopes are at the doors, collection Jan 15th.



Christmas liturgies ~ Thank you!

**To Everyone who helped with our Christmas liturgies. Rectors, bread ministers, decorating the space and cleaning up, ushers, choir members and the many behind the scenes,
Thank you!**

St Ignatius School



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Happy New Year! May your year ahead bring you and yours an abundance of joyful blessings!

We are pleased to announce the return of a hot lunch program to St. Ignatius School. Our program will begin in mid-January offering two days of lunches a week with the hope of adding more days eventually.

In February, we will partner with the American Heart Association for the Kids' Heart Challenge. Students will learn about the heart, signs of stroke and heart attack, and how to take care of their own hearts throughout their lifetime.

As we look forward, we are excited to bring back our in person auction on Saturday, April 15th! In addition

to the live auction, we will host some online auction items leading up to the big event, so everyone from near and far may participate in supporting our school's mission to build a just and compassionate world.

We are hopeful we will be able to move forward with Phase II of our playground project next summer adding a new piece of playground equipment for our students in kindergarten through 8th grade. We look forward to hosting a community

celebration next spring to honor all of the people who contributed to this amazing project!

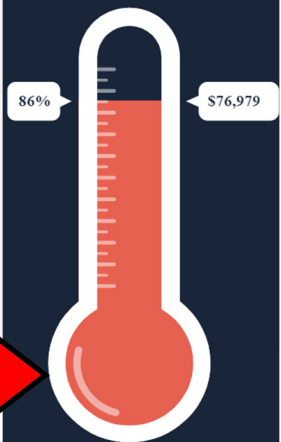
As we enter 2023, may we take comfort in the words of Isaiah chapter 40, verse 31, *"They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar on eagles' wings; They will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint."*

*Carol Pausz
Principal*

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, \$76,979.00....our goal is so close, Let's get to 100%! *Thank you!*

GOAL: \$90,000



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

Needed for the month of Dec \$78,000.00

Amount received through 12-18-2022 \$35,583.98

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

NEXT SUNDAY! I G N I T E 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

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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). 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)



This Week

SUN 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 7:30 PM
 1 Mass in the Church

T-Fri 8:00 AM Mass at La Storta Chapel
 3-6

MON Office & School closed
 2 8:00 AM Mass at La Storta Chapel

SAT 3:30 PM Confessions in the church
 7 5:00 PM Mass in the Church

8:30 AM, 10:30 AM and 7:30 PM

Please keep in your prayers

Monday	Jan 2	† Marie Hong Tran
Tuesday	Jan 3	† Arnold Hurtz
Wednesday	Jan 4	† Anthony Nhung Tien Hoang
Thursday	Jan 5	† Maria Dan Thi Vu
Friday	Jan 6	† Fr. Tom Royce, SJ



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