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**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

**DECEMBER 26, 2021**

**THE HOLY FAMILY**

**May God Hold You in the Palm of His Hand**

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Christmas speaks to the world of God's promise to be with us. What a wonderful theme for my last bulletin column. I want to review with you the ways the Lord has revealed his compassionate presence to me over the past ten years at St. Ignatius Parish.

What have you taught me? I have learned that the greatest joy comes from faithful service. I've seen faithful service in moms and dads who care for their children, or aging parents. I've seen faithful service in our elders, especially widows and widowers who care for the community as sacristans, or praying for one another at the first Friday Mass of Anointing of the Sick, or animating funeral receptions. I've seen the joy of children who are shepherds or angels at Christmas Mass, or wash family members' feet on Holy Thursday, or solemnly pass the cross overhead on Good Friday.

Some of my happiest memories come from our prayer together at liturgy. Holding up the babies after their baptism has to top the list. I love the ecstatic light on the faces of brides and grooms, the touching grief of family members at funerals, the humble healing of hearts at reconciliation, the hopeful tears in the anointing of the sick, and the amazing grace at first Communion.

I have loved singing the Eucharistic prayer at Mass – hearing the strong swell of voices to praise and thank God for our lives together. I delighted in preaching, in noticing all the different ways people are listening and taking in what's being said. I have enjoyed writing these weekly bulletin columns – a chance to reflect perhaps more extensively than what can be covered in a brief homily.

People have asked what I am proudest of as I look back over the past ten years. It has to be our Ignatian charism as a Jesuit parish to provide Catholic education for our youth, reconciliation for those hurt by injustice, and care for the earth.

I am particularly grateful for my brother priests who have sustained our sacramental work, especially Fathers John Ridgway, Tom Royce, Tom McCarthy, Charles Barnes, Dan Sullivan, Billy Biegler, plus all of the Jesuits next door in the Colombiere Community. John Matcovich, Monica O'Callaghan, and Kelli Clark each brought wonderful creativity and energy to the principal's role. And I'm especially grateful to Carol Pausz for her steady vision and generous availability as leader of the school for the road ahead.



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**WEEKEND MASS**

**Saturday Vigil  
at 5:00 PM**

**Sunday at 8:00 AM  
Sunday at 10:30 AM  
Sunday at 7:30 PM**

**WEEKDAY MASS**

**Weekdays  
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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE:

Each of the church and school staff also deserves recognition. I have so many happy memories of the children at Mass, or Advent confessions, or running in the jog-a-thons. I've learned so much about the art of teaching from observing our veteran school staff. And what can I say about the church staff? My faithful partners in ministry -- especially Patty Frangipani at the front desk, Dorothy Rollins for funerals, Beth Schaller for Family Life, Sarah Faux for liturgy, Breese Watson for campus care, Grace and Joseph Byrd for faith formation and music and administration -- made every day a joyful adventure. And faithful lay leaders too numerous to mention in the councils and commissions truly make the People of God to be the church of St. Ignatius parish.

I am so grateful for the astonishing outpouring of love and your generous gifts at the Feast of the Nativity. Who else besides our intrepid community would brave cold rain and steady wind to welcome our new "King" Fr. Mike, and give me such an enthusiastic farewell. I will treasure your beautiful memory book, and affectionate and heartfelt goodbyes.

After reminiscing with gratitude about the joys of the past, it is also good to reconcile with any hurts or broken relationships that may linger. I have learned that when there is no conflict, it is because there have been no risks taking any stands. I apologize for any hurt I have given, either by what I have done, or by what I neglected to do. And if there are any who regret hurtful behavior toward me, I offer you my wholehearted forgiveness.

When Jesuits leave a mission, it is good to maintain friendships while at the same time avoid interference with the new leadership. When I return in the future to attend some community event, it will be as a grateful guest eager to support the new directions that the parish has undertaken.

Fr. Mike Moynahan is a veteran pastor, so he needs no advice. I appreciate that he will give himself completely to his people, trust God's presence working through tensions and conflicts, and keep his sense of humor. May Fr. Mike relish the blessings of each day because the completion of a Jesuit's mission frequently arrives before he wants it to end.

Finally, it is the moment to say goodbye. It is wise to acknowledge that this chapter in our Book of Life is coming to an end. It has been a good run. It has been a season of learning and growing, of welcoming and leave-taking, of tears and laughter. But now it is the Author of Life who is turning the page.

My prayer is that the Risen One accompany you wherever the road turns, sustain you when the night is long, and shine upon you when eternity dawns. And until we meet again, may the Lord Jesus hold you in the palm of his hand.

**Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.**



## MASS READINGS

### Mass Readings for Dec 26, 2021

1 Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14  
Colossians 3:12-21  
Luke 2:41-52

### Mass Readings for Jan 2, 2022

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

## WEEKLY JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION

**Save the Date! Creation Justice Summit: Thriving in a Time of Climate Change**  
Saturday January 29, 1:00-4:15 p.m., Virtual Gathering

**Save the Date and Register Now: Catholic Social Ministry Gathering: Justice at the Margins**  
Saturday, January 29 - Tuesday, February 1, 2022, Virtual Gathering

We will pray, learn, and advocate together as we seek to create communities of justice where all can thrive. This call is especially important as we come out of a pandemic that further pushed some communities to the margins.

(Please note: the Opening Hour overlaps with the last hour of the Creation Justice Summit.)

[Learn more here.](#)



## END OF 2021 COMING SOON!

**Thank you, St. Ignatius, for your abundant support in 2021!**

Since our budget year began in July, we have exceeded all of our monthly budget goals! December's goal is our biggest challenge yet! Please consider making a special end of year contribution to St. Ignatius.

**NOTICE: THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 27TH THROUGH 30TH, ITEMS MAY STILL BE DROPPED INTO OUR MAILSLOT TO THE PARISH OFFICE.**

If you have donations you would like attributed to your 2021 tax statements, please plan to make your end of year donation this week if possible!! Donations may also be dropped in our mail slot ANYTIME.

## TITHING

*Financial report (July 1, 2021—June 30, 2022):*

*Needed for the month of December \$98,500.00*

*Amount received through 12-12-2021 \$35,795.47*

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

## DAILY MASS INTENTIONS 8:00AM MASS

**Please keep in your prayers**

Monday	Dec 27	† Jean Gogas
Tuesday	Dec 28	† Hoang Tran
Wednesday	Dec 29	† Mary Rojo
Thursday	Dec 30	† Jim Emig
Friday	Dec 31	† Tomi Tomlin



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## FEASTE OF THE NATIVITY



## ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL



From our hearts to yours, we wish you a blessed and

joyful Christmas season! Every month I read a picture book to each class in the school. The

December book was *Santa's Favorite Story* by Hisako Aoki and Ivan Gantshev. *The message of the story is Santa explaining to the forest animals about the First Christmas when the Christ Child is born. In each class, I asked students to share what they love most about Christmas. Many of our students shared they loved spending time with family and extended family watching movies, playing games, and enjoying delicious Christmas treats. What a blessed community we are to have such strong family values across all of our grade levels!*

We are so proud of the amazing growth our students have made with in-person learning in the first trimester. Our STAR testing scores show our students have deepened their skills in both reading and math. Our school's readers have stepped up again this year to participate in the Oregon Battle of the Books. We have nine teams across four grade levels! Each team reads the 16 books on the OBOB list and then has fun answering trivia-style questions about each book in battles against each other. In early March, our school's top teams will compete with other local schools in the region!

We encourage all of our parish families to spread the word about our wonderful school as we enter Open House season for Catholic schools in January. St. Ignatius School will host a [virtual Open House information](#) night on Thursday, January 20th from 6:30 PM -7:30 PM. Families interested in sending their children to our school for the 2022-2023 school year will be able to tour our school, while wearing masks and hand sanitizing, after Mass on Sunday, January 23rd from 11:30 AM- 1:00 PM.

May this Christmas season fill your heart with joy and wonder. *"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth."* John 1:14

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*From all of us on the Parish staff To all of you...*

Merry Christmas



And Happy New Year



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