



**ST. IGNATIUS PARISH
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL
UNDER THE CARE OF THE JESUITS**

DECEMBER 25, 2019



MERRY CHRISTMAS

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5:00 PM Vigil Mass: *Evening Service* – Piano and cantor lead congregation in song.

Sunday, 8:00 AM Mass: *Early Morning Service* – Piano or organ and cantor lead congregation in song. Coffee and donuts following.

Sunday, 10:30 AM Mass: *Mid-Morning Service* –Piano, guitar and choir lead congregation in song. Children’s Liturgy of the Word and childcare/nursery. Coffee and donuts following.

Sunday, 7:30 PM Mass: *Contemplative Service* – A spirit of quiet within a candlelit, prayerful sanctuary; incense. Piano and cantor, and various instrumental ensembles lead congregation in song and meditation.

MONDAY: 8:00 AM Daily Mass, followed by Eucharistic Adoration in the church

TUESDAY-FRIDAY: 8:00 AM Daily Mass usually held in La Storta Chapel at Loyola Jesuit Center (January 2020 in the church)

FRIDAY: 8:00 AM In La Storta Chapel except First Friday Anointing Mass in the church

SATURDAY: 8:00 AM First Saturday Mass

RECONCILIATION, SATURDAY: 3:30-4:30 PM or by appointment

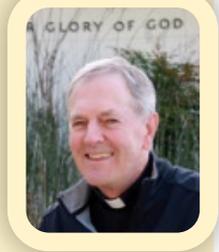
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Pastor’s Message

Christmas According to Matthew



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Have you ever noticed that the Christmas story mostly comes from Luke? There are the angels, the shepherds, and no room in the inn. Matthew’s version begins with a genealogy, a list of names. At first the litany of Semitic names can seem like a boring prelude to the birth. But Matthew’s version is *not* about a birth or DNA or even a genealogy. It’s about a list of in-laws at a wedding – God’s wedding – to humanity in all our terrible follies and noble deeds. At the birth of Jesus, it’s wedding bells, not jingle bells, we’re hearing.

How does Matthew convey this interpretation? Look again at Jesus’ ancestry. As William Bausch points out in **Once Upon A Gospel** in the chapter “The Bells of Christmas,” Matthew inserted four women into the long list of men. Contrary to the patriarchal mentality of his culture, Matthew listed the women because of their amazing lives.

For example, there is Tamar, who tricked Judah into marriage after she pretended to be a prostitute. There’s Rahab who actually was one. There’s Ruth who was married to Boaz after they had an illicit affair, and the son that was born was Jesse, the father of King David. And there’s Bathsheba who committed adultery with David and gave birth to Solomon, while David, Jesus’ ancestor, shamelessly had Bathsheba’s husband Uriah murdered.

Not only did these women do some unsavory things, to say the least, they were not even bluebloods. They weren’t even Hebrew.



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Pastor's Message Continued...

They were Gentiles, foreigners, and outsiders. And then finally we get Mary, found to be pregnant before marriage, and her conceiving through the power of the Holy Spirit was probably no easier to believe then than it is today.

So Jesus' family had plenty of skeletons in the closet. He came from some pretty suspect stock – some cattle rustlers and horse thieves in the mix – and was born in a stinking stable. And that means – to put it bluntly – that there is no moral stench in our lives that is alien to him. None. Do you see the implications?

Tonight's good news is that the God of the shady ancestry, the God of dark stables and lowlife shepherds, is one of us. This God has entered into our humanity, our lives, and has taken us for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in good times and in bad, in moral sickness and in holy health. And why? Because all that this God-in-the-flesh wants, has *ever* wanted, is a return of his love. And there's no place he won't go to get it, no level to which he will not descend. That's Matthew's take on Christmas. It's about love.

So remember at this festive moment that the bells you hear are not jingle bells. They are wedding bells. *And the Word became Flesh, and dwelled among us. Yes – us.*

On this Christmas night, it is the memory of our wisdom tradition that God came among us to bind up our wounds, to solace our lonely hearts, and to help people forgive their enemies. This night our wisdom tradition echoes the longing for reconciliation in all the great world religions.

The Jewish religion has a wonderful teaching – *tikkum olam*, which means “repair the world.” Make the world good, decent, and worthy of its Creator who has such high hopes for us.

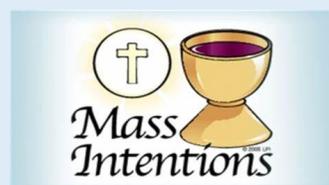
Muslims urge the world to practice *dhimmi*, which means “to protect the powerless ones, the invisible ones who live within our borders, so they can live with dignity, and practice their customs and culture.”

Buddhists and Hindus encourage the human family to engage in *ahimsa*, “inflict no harm on any creature.” Recognize the spark of the divine in each creature, what is unique, what is special, and what is infinitely worthy of respect.

And finally, the child born once again as the Prince of Peace in Christian wisdom tradition says *be compassionate*. Let your love envelope the world, let your love embrace even your enemies.

As you come forward for Holy Communion or a blessing, take a moment to ask what gift you could use right now – that God wants to bless you in a very specific way. No matter what else you ask, I pray the newborn Prince of Peace may find a welcome in your heart. My Christmas prayer is that in the special way you need, that you feel the consolation and joy of Emmanuel, “God with us.”

Fr. Craig Boly, SJ
Pastor



Monday	Dec 30	† Ralph Vitale
Tuesday	Dec 31	† Molly Benson
Wednesday	Jan 01	† Solemnity of Mary
Thursday	Jan 02	† Thelma Raymond
Friday	Jan 03	† Jim Emig

MUSIC



The Parish Choir rehearses on Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10:15 AM and sings weekly at the 10:30 AM Mass. We rehearse on a weeknight or two prior to Christmas and Easter, to help prepare for the special music we sing at those festivals. Everyone is welcome! Please contact Joseph Byrd, Music Director, at jbyrd@sipdx.org or 503-777-1491, ext. 238 for more information.



The Family Choir sings at the 10:30 AM Mass on first Sundays of the month from October through June, and rehearses from 9:15 to 10:15 AM the day of. Students from St. Ignatius School, members of the Parish Choir, and families from the parish (with kids in tow) join in singing with a variety of instruments, helping to lead Mass. This is a great way to try singing in the St. Ignatius Choir, and learning to be a part of what it means to help singing and leading the liturgy. Please contact either Joe Mackenzie jmackenzie@sipdx.org or Joseph Byrd jbyrd@sipdx.org for more information. The Parish Choir sings at The Grotto's "Festival of Lights" this year on Monday, December 30th, from 5:15 to 5:45 PM. Come support your singers, and enjoy the Sixth Day of Christmas!

WORSHIP



Novena of Grace is an annual celebration of Mass on nine consecutive days with a reflection provided by a guest presenter, live music, and prayers of petition and Thanksgiving through the intercession of St. Francis Xavier. This tradition is open to people of all faiths. March 4—12, 2020 8am & 7pm daily (weekend is usual schedule) See you there!

Did you Know that we have many ministries including sacristans, altar servers, lectors, Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, Arts & Environment & Ushers? Contact Dorothy Rollins for any additional information!

Dorothy Rollins: drollins@sipdx.org

Holy Hour of Reparation (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)– WHAT is that?

"Truly, The Sacred Heart of Jesus began this devotion when He entered the Garden of Gethsemani on Mount Olivet. He said to His Apostles: "My soul is sorrowful even unto death. Stay here and watch with Me." Later He said to them: "Could you not watch one hour with Me? Watch and pray, that you enter not into temptation. (Matthew 26:38, 40, 41)"

Though we now call this – **Adoration or Adoration Hour** – the message remains clear. Our Lord is asking us to 'sit with Him'. How can we possibly refuse?



Please consider making an Adoration Hour. Not only will you experience peace of mind, but also, a quiet contentment that we all so desperately need. Come and see! Join us every Monday morning after 8am Mass. Church will be open until 6pm. You may come at any time, but I would be more-than-grateful if you would call me and sign up for a specific hour. Our goal? Watch-one-hour as Jesus requested. Thank you and God bless, Dolores Hickey – 503.777.4220

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Today's Readings:

Dec 24th
Isaiah 9:1-6
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14

Dec 25th
Isaiah 52:7-10
Hebrews 1:1-6
John 1:1-18

Next Sunday's Readings:

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Colossians 3:12-21
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Preaching Next week

Fr. Craig Boly, SJ

SUNDAY

December 29, 2019
Holy Family
8AM Mass-Church
10:30AM Mass-Church
4:30PM Family of Faith
Gathers-Hall

MONDAY

December 30, 2019
8AM Mass-Church

TUESDAY

December 31, 2019
8AM Mass-Church

WEDNESDAY

January 1, 2020
10AM Peace Mass-Church (Holy Day)

LEADERSHIP

Did you know....?

....that the Pastoral Council meets on the first Sunday of every month from September through June from 12:00 to 1:30 PM, to 1) Listen to the Spirit of Christ speaking through the parish, 2) Help discern the mission and vision of the parish, and 3) Advise the pastor on both matters that he requests and on matters that the Council deems important.

....that the Stewardship Team meets on the third Tuesday of every month to help to respond to the question, "What are the resources we need to accomplish our mission?" drawing on three kinds of resources: prayer, service, and money.

....that the Finance Council meets on the third Thursday every month to help track income and expense, and to recommend a yearly operating budget for the parish.

....that the Campus Care committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month to help guide the parish in campus renewal, maintenance, and long-range planning.

A PILGRIM'S JOURNEY INTO THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF IGNATIUS LOYOLA

In 1540, Ignatius of Loyola and seven companions presented themselves to Pope III and asked his approval and blessing on the religious order to be known as the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits. On the internet you can find volumes of information on the formation and history of the Jesuits which is beyond the scope of this bulletin piece.

The life of Ignatius is the story of a person's conversion from being a "man of the world" to being a mystic who gave over his life to Jesus Christ and the care of souls. This is a long story to be read on your own. One of the unique dimensions of "Ignatius Spirituality" is **The Spiritual Exercises**. The dynamic principles of the Exercises are as valid and applicable today as they were in the 1500's. The Spiritual Exercises are to be experienced and not read like a text book. These principles animate all Jesuit ministries throughout the world. Individuals can experience, "make", the Exercises in a variety of ways. These principles ground what is referred to as "Ignatian spirituality". The Holy Scriptures, individual prayer and the sacraments are ways of growing into an ever deepening relationship with Jesus Christ.

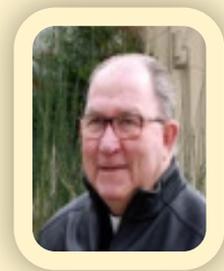
At this moment in history, the leadership of the Jesuit Order has asked all ministries to find a way to "make" the Exercises in the coming year. This applies to Jesuits and their lay colleagues. This is an invitation not a demand.

Here at St. Ignatius Parish we have already begun a "pilot program" to meet this goal of making the Exercises as a team. The parish staff and parish council are on board.

Ignatius wrote: "God is never outdone in generosity". God's spirit will be present as individuals make the commitment to grow into a closer relationship God. It was one of Ignatius' convictions, based on his personal experience that "God deals with the individual soul."

In his autobiography, Ignatius refers to himself as "The Pilgrim". Those involved in making the Exercises are like pilgrims on a journey to know Jesus more intimately, to love him more tenderly and to follow him more closely. The Holy Spirit will lead the way.

Fr. Dan Sullivan, S.J.
Parochial Vicar



JESUIT IDENTITY ~ THIS I BELIEVE

(This reflection is part of a new on-going series from parishioners using This I Believe to express something essential about our faith practices.)

I Believe in God's Gifts

Several summer's ago, I took a walk on a moonlit night in my neighborhood. I was alone, but not lonely. Thoughts and images lit up my brain and kept me company. For some unexpected reason, I carried in my mind the fact that gravity was hugging me, literally hugging us all to the Earth. Every object and every being in Creation – cars, toddlers, snails, dogs -- are held by this essential force. After traipsing around a few blocks, I arrived at where I started and lay down on my lawn. I pictured myself on an impossibly heavy blue marble rolling through space. My body felt like a thin wafer that could easily have blown away or been chipped off the planet's surface into deep silence and darkness. But as I felt the grass -- cool and sturdy below me -- I knew this dearness of gravity saved me from disconnection and oblivion. Where this force came from eluded me. All I could comprehend was that it originated from a timeless source bearing the properties of *union* and *attraction*. It was pure gift, like my breath or heartbeat, given in the way only God knows how to give – gratuitously for all. *Barb Scharff*

THURSDAY

January 2, 2020

FRIDAY

January 3, 2020

SATURDAY

January 4, 2020

SUNDAY

January 5, 2020

Principal's Message:

"The church asks us to understand that Christ, who came once in the flesh, is prepared to come again. When we remove all obstacles to his presence, he will come, at any hour, at any moment, to dwell spiritually in our hearts, bringing with him the riches of his Grace.

-St. Charles Borromeo



Committed to reform and education, St. Charles Borromeo was a contemporary of St. Ignatius of Loyola. As we hold the deep stillness and joy that is the guiding spirit of Advent, I'm inspired by St. Charles's confidence that at any hour, Christ will come to dwell with us.

He was similarly confident that education was the surest route toward ensuring the church was focused on caring for the poor. This call to simplicity and justice lights the spirit of Advent and of St. Ignatius school. We are grateful to be a vibrant community, fostering care for each other and our planet.

This year we've welcomed an expanded new preschool and staff, furthered funding to create a nature-based playground and grown enrollment 8%. Our hearts are grateful and full this Christmas and we thank you, deeply, for choosing education as a mission of this parish today and 111 years ago. Please share our Open House flyer in this bulletin and bring your children and grandchildren to join us in 2020. All are welcome.

School will reopen on January 6. We wish you many blessings and a peaceful and joyful Christmas.

Kelli Clark
Principal



OPEN HOUSE



ALL ARE WELCOME!

TUESDAY, JAN. 28
6-8 P.M.

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9-12 A.M.

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FAMILY LIFE ~ FAMILY OF FAITH



Nine families are piloting a new family faith program this year involving monthly parent meetings and a monthly community gathering. This month we are learning about salvation history and we made Jesse Trees to use during Advent to help us learn about the Biblical figures of our faith. The goal of the program is to support families in being the primary faith educators of their children and to continue to educate ourselves as parents along the way. Curious? Contact Beth at bschaller@sipdx.org.



MOM'S GROUP

Join the Mom's Group on the 2nd & 4th Sundays in the Parish Office Dining Room from 9:15-10:15 a.m. to share the joys and struggles of motherhood in a context of faith. All moms are welcome. Past topics include: mindful eating, friendship, Advent & Lent gospel reflections, children's spiritual resources, domestic church & liturgical seasons. Childcare is available in the nursery. Meets year-round.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Did you know...? That *only the little kids group* (preschool/ kindergarten/1st grade) meets on the 1st Sunday of each month? We invite older kids to join the family choir on 1st Sundays or remain with their families in church so we can maintain safe numbers for supervision.

Did you know...? The "2/3/4" banner that is carried up at the beginning of mass indicates that 2nd/3rd/4th graders are meeting those Sundays? This is to help families know when the older group is meeting.

Did you know...? You can join the "Children's Liturgy" group on Realm and we can communicate important information our program to you? And you can communicate with us!

Children's Liturgy is available through the generous ministry of 7 dedicated adult volunteers and several youth assistants. This wonderful group makes it possible for kids to hear the gospel at an age appropriate level while their parents participate in mass.

Children's Liturgy is offered Sept-May during the 10:30 a.m. mass. After the opening rite, children are invited forward for a blessing. Each Sunday Preschool/Kindergarten/1st grades meet in the Xavier Room and the program is offered for 2nd/3rd/4th graders each Sunday EXCEPT the 1st Sunday of the month. The 1st Sunday of the month is the family choir and all are encouraged to participate by arriving early for rehearsal, or to remain with their families during mass.

MORE FAMILY LIFE OPPORTUNITIES

What does St. Ignatius Church offer families?

- Baptism preparation
- Nursery care on Sundays from 9am-noon (during Mom's group, Dad's group, RCIA and 10:30 a.m. mass)
- Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:30 a.m. mass (for preschool-4th grade)
- Vacation Bible School (always the week after July 4th)
- Mom's Group/Dad's Group
- Children's Bulletins at mass (for two age groups, 5-8, 7-12), a box of books in the vestibule to borrow during mass, and pew art cards
- Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation & First Communion (2nd grade and older)
- Family of Faith program and Marriage Enrichment **For more information about family life contact Beth Schaller at bschaller@sipdx.org.**

Youth opportunities for connection & involvement:

- Altar serving at mass (grades 4-8)
 - Children's Liturgy Assistants (grades 6-12, young adults welcome, too!)
 - Confirmation program (high school)
 - Below are other wonderful ways to make connections among youth:
 - CYO sports at St. Ignatius
 - Scouting
 - Youth Groups at our neighbor churches, Holy Family Catholic Church & Moreland Presbyterian Church
- St. Ignatius is eager to expand its youth opportunities. If you are interested in helping with youth events, please contact Grace Byrd at gbyrd@sipdx.org. (Youth, young adults and adults all welcome to initiate events!)



FAITH FORMATION



Marriage Prep - Engagement is much like the Advent season, in that both are a beautiful time of waiting, and of contemplating how God might be speaking to your heart. If you are planning a wedding for next summer, remember that it is important to plan for your marriage as well. The Catholic Church recommends that you begin your marriage preparation

6-9 months before your big day. Contact Grace Byrd gbyrd@sipdx.org for more information.

Also, St. Ignatius is in the process of improving our marriage preparation to make it more personal and relational. If you are a couple who would like to help in this process, we welcome your participation as we plan and implement our new program. Contact Grace with any questions.

RCIA

RCIA - Please hold this year's RCIA class in your prayers as they continue to discern God's call throughout this year as they explore their catholic faith. The class meets weekly, and nurtures relationships with God, each other, and St. Ignatius parishioners who join them on Sunday evenings during the IGNITE series.

Melanie, Sarah, Mary, Ross, Jesse C, Micah, Karyn, Jeff, Michael, Shane, Benjamin, Jesse N, Nicole, Jen, Jiamee, Robert, and Dee.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

INFANT BAPTISM

Baptism - We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, January 11th at the 5pm mass. Register your child now to participate in our next baptism class on Sunday, January 5th to prepare for baptism on January 11th. Forms can be found in the vestibule or online at sipdx.org.

EPIPHANY BREAKFAST & PRAYER REFLECTION

Sunday, January 5, 2020 * 9:00-10:15 a.m.

Join us for a potluck breakfast in Dillon Hall. Bring a favorite brunch dish to share (ethnic dishes, and vegan/GF options welcome!) At 9:45 a.m. an adult prayer reflection time will be offered and also a children's epiphany story and activity in the Xavier Room next door. Questions? Contact Beth Schaller at bschaller@sipdx.org.



ITALIAN DINNER

February 16, 2020

is the date for our next Italian Dinner! Come enjoy some spaghetti, meatballs, ravioli, salad, bread and ice-cream!!



ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Ed - You are all invited to join us at IGNITE on 2nd and 4th Sundays. Surrounded by the music of the mass, we explore the spirituality of Saints and mystics as we discern what they might be saying to us. For our next session, we welcome Fr. Craig, SJ as our guest speaker who will share with us the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola on Sunday, January 12 in the Bradley room.

"Take, O Lord, and receive my entire liberty, my memory, my understanding and my whole will. All that I am and all that I possess You have given me. I surrender it all to You to be disposed of according to Your will. Give me only Your love and Your grace; with these I will be rich enough, and will desire nothing more." -St. Ignatius of Loyola (See the back of this bulletin for the complete Winter/Spring IGNITE schedule.) Contact Grace Byrd gbyrd@sipdx.org for more information.

ADMINISTRATION

We encourage all parishioners to register for online giving via "Realm" software. Benefits of Realm include:

- Many ways to give: weekly, monthly, one time, via text, for Sunday offertory as well as special collections and causes.
- Each family has instant access to their record of donations, including donations made via envelopes and access to their profile to update contact information anytime.
- Simplifies updating information for existing parishioners and registration for new parishioners.
- If you are a registered parishioner, you already have a Realm account! You just need to confirm your account from the email we have sent or can send you again.
- In the future as more parishioners have access to Realm, we plan to enable instant and regular communications about parish activities via Realm.



The Campus Care committee is now working on refining the campus master plan from 2014 including re-assessing needs, estimating costs and preparing recommendations on staging of campus projects. Stay tuned for community previews of this work in the next few months.

You may contact **Matt Wangler** at mwangler@sipdx.org with any questions.

MORE MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH:

Coffee & Donuts, Men's Club & Women's Club, History Heroes (Senior's club), St. Vincent de Paul, Life, justice & Peace, Transition Supper (serving 1x/month), Wedding Ministry, El Shaddai (meets on Sundays in the church), Prayer Ministry (1st Sunday of the month), S.E.E.L (The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius), Faber Institute. **If you would like any information on any Ministries, please call the office, 503-777-1491 or check our website: www.sipdx.org**

St. Ignatius Church Presents

IGNITE

Go Forth and Set the World on Fire

This new series on Sunday nights at St. Ignatius dives into the music of the Mass and the Lives of the Saints and Mystics.

The Invitation is simple:

COME – with an open heart to see what it is all about.

CONTEMPLATE – the presence of the Holy Spirit in your own life and experience.

CONNECT – to the Mass, the Saints, the people of St. Ignatius, and your heart.

Winter/Spring Schedule

January 12th – St. Ignatius/Proclamation of Faith

January 26th – Evagrius Ponticus/Lord's Prayer

February 9th – St. Clare of Assisi/Agnus Dei

February 23rd – Dorothy Day/Concluding Rites

March 8th – Teresa of Avila/Corpus Christi Sequence

March 22nd – St. Maximilian Kolbe/Dies Irae Sequence

April 26th – Ignacio Ellacuría/Easter Sequence

May 10th – Thomas Merton/Pentecost Sequence

Come to one class, come to all – as you desire

All classes will take place from 6-7:15PM in the Bradley Room

Which can be found in the lower level of the Parish Office.

Childcare will be provided