



St. Ignatius Catholic Church

OREGON'S JESUIT PARISH

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December 28, 2025 - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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 29
† Tony Obradovich
Tue, December 30
† Santiago G. Gayomali Jr.
Wed, December 31
Muffie Harton (Intention)
Thu, January 1
Solemnity of Mary
Fri, January 2
† Bonnie Kennedy

Wisdom from the Pews



Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Colossians 3:12-21
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Today's Gospel is breathless in its call to action: Rise! Flee! Take! Depart! Mary and Joseph, their lives already turned upside down by their "yeses" to God, begin parenthood amidst persecution, fear, and flight. Living under the rule of a brutal dictator who is seeking their child, the danger is real and imminent, and affects not only them. While today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, on December 28th we typically celebrate the Feast of the Holy Innocents, the infants who were murdered by Herod in defense of his own power.

Having sung "Silent Night, Holy Night" a mere three days ago, it can be tempting to equate "holiness" with "peacefulness." We might look at our nativities, icons, and statues of Joseph, Mary and the infant Christ in their stillness, and feel they are set apart from us and the challenges we face, trying to navigate our own families through busy days and confusing times. But the Holy Family, held up on this Feast as a "true model of life," was not shielded from challenges or apprehensions. In fact, they are now immigrants, refugees, dependent on God and the mercy of others for survival, like so many of our brothers and sisters in the world today.

So if the holiness of our holy family is not rooted in being "set apart," what is it rooted in? In today's Gospel, what we witness in Joseph is a deep listening to God's voice (even in his dreams!) and an embrace of God's plan, followed by action: "**He rose, took the child and his mother, and went...**!" Joseph and Mary grew up as devout Jews in the

hills of Israel, praying the psalms and celebrating Sabbath time consecrated to God. Our holy family's holiness is born of their faith, as individuals and within their community. It is grounded in their close relationship with God, and revealed in the trust they show in God's voice.

We, too, are invited to this kind of holiness, for as Saint Paul says in our first reading, we, too, are "**God's chosen ones, holy and beloved.**" He also tells us where to start: "**Brothers and Sisters, put on... heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another....**" Will we do this perfectly? Not a chance. Will we always love as we wish to? Unlikely. We are human. But we do know that Christ, who lived his earthly life raised within this human and holy family, will hallow our efforts as we grow in love with him.

Tanya Rybczky is a Catholic writer, speaker and educator. She and her family moved to the PNW a year ago from Boston where she served as Pastoral Associate at Saint Cecilia Parish. They attend the 10:30 Mass.

Have you enjoyed reading the weekly *Wisdom from the Pews*? Then this is a your chance to join other parishioners who have shared their faith journey as it relates to the weekend readings.

Contact Joseph Byrd with any questions at jbyrd@sipdx.org or please consider registering to write your *Wisdom from the Pews* at: <https://bit.ly/wisdomfromthepews>

PARISH PROGRAMMING

Join us for the Mass of

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Thursday, January 1, 2026
10 AM in the Church



Insight will begin in January 2026, offering an opportunity for you to earn to listen to other's sacred stories. Insight will consist of quarterly retreats, as well as monthly cohort meetings, designed to either deepen your skills as a spiritual companion, or to result in certification as a Spiritual Director. Insight will draw on Ignatian Spirituality, The Franciscans and the Carmelites, Women Mystics, as well as the spiritual psychology of Thomas Merton, The Cloud of Unknowing, Gerald May, and more. Interested? Contact Joseph Byrd at jbyrd@sipdx.org



**A ministry for Adults
in their 20s/30s**

Winter schedule

- January 4th, 2026
- February 1st, 2026
- March 1st, 2026
- April 12th, 2026
- May 3rd, 2026

For more information or to join our mailing list, please contact Deacon Mac at firepitpdx@gmail.com



Baptism for infant up to age 7

Parents who are registered in the parish and attend Mass are asked to prepare by participating in one of the Infant Baptism Preparation Sessions. If your child is seven years of age or older, an additional session will be required for both you and your child.

To foster a hospitable and supportive environment, sessions are conducted in small group settings; therefore, class sizes are limited.

Sign up at:

sipdx.org/baptism

Next dates:

- Feb. 14, 2026
- May 9, 2026
- June 13, 2026



PARISH LIFE

Thank You for Supporting "Under One Roof" Concert

We are truly thankful to everyone who attended and supported our fundraising concert for the roof replacement project. Your generosity, presence, and encouragement filled the evening with joy and meaning.

As we continue striving toward our goal, every contribution makes a difference and brings us one step closer to completing the new roof.

Thank you once again for sharing your time, kindness, and love for our community. We are sincerely grateful for each one of you.



"We wish you a Merry Christmas..."

Fr. San Mai presented a wonderful Parish Gift to Patrick and the Charlie Brown Team



PARISH EVENTS

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Eager Minds
Brilliant Futures
Passionate Hearts
Enthusiastic Spirits

Open House

You're
invited

Sunday, January 25
11:30am-1:00pm
PreK-Grade 8

*Join us in building a just and
compassionate world for all.*



COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION

UNDER ONE ROOF - Fundraising Campaign



GOAL: \$250,000



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



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 $70\frac{1}{2}$ 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.



Church tithing	Actual	Budget	% of Goal
December 1-7, 2025	22,261	18,736	119%
Month of December	22,261	74,944	30%
Year-to-Date	228,669	585,000	39%