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## Mass Times

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 PM

Sunday at 8:00 AM

Sunday at 10:30 AM

Sunday at 7:00 PM

Weekdays (M-F) 8:00 AM  
 At LIC—La Storta Chapel

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays -

3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

OR by appointment  
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## Pastoral Council



The goal of the Pastoral Council is to enhance the quality of parish life. We aid the pastor in identifying the pastoral needs of the community, develop a plan for

the parish's programs and services and evaluate their effectiveness. If you have feedback or ideas to share, please contact any of the Pastoral Council members directly or email :

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December 1, 2024

## Wisdom from the Pews

How would you like to start this new liturgical year—with hope or fear? Which do you feel? It's the first Sunday of Advent, and today's readings offer us both. Oddly, perhaps, the hopeful note comes from the usually gloomy prophet Jeremiah, and the looming notes of fear are found on the lips of Jesus in the good news Gospel of Luke.

Jeremiah assures ancient Israel, in the face of their rapacious Babylonian invaders, that an heir to David's throne will rise up and bring sure and certain justice, guaranteeing their safety from all their foes! Jesus, whom we, his followers, believe is that heir, warns of tumult and horror gripping the nations of the world.

Many biblical scholars suggest that the advent of the Messiah was to bring both hope and fear. Hope for downtrodden Israel, fear to Israel's oppressors. Traditionally our celebration of Advent reminds us both of the hope that Jesus' birth brings to the world and the fear that arises from a belief that his second coming will be one of judgment of a sinful world—something often called "the end of the world!"



This particular Advent launches something a little different, however. This Advent begins a year devoted to Luke's Gospel, who has something nuanced to say about how Jesus' coming into the world brings hope and how we are to await his return.

When John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness to prepare the way for Jesus' mission, he warned of a fearful time to come: *"Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."* (Luke 3:8-9)

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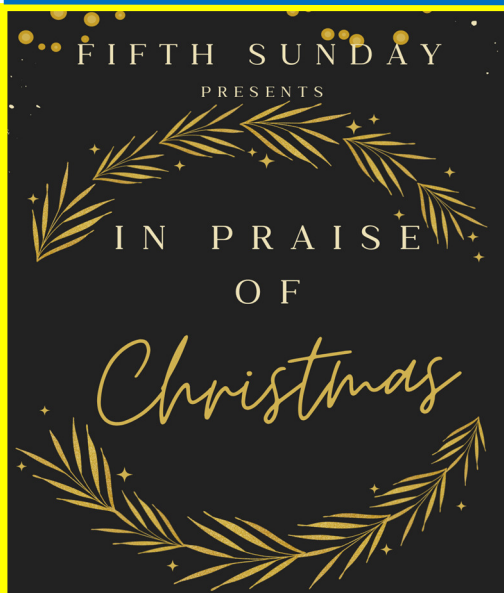
Israel, God's vineyard, was being warned of a frightful judgment awaiting it. There is a parable unique to Luke, however, in which Jesus suggests his mission was about forestalling Israel's race toward destruction. In Luke's telling of the parable of the vineyard that produced no fruit for its owner, instead of simply warning of the vineyard's imminent destruction as we find in Matthew (21:33-41), Luke says the son of the owner begs for three more years to fertilize and tend the vineyard, so that it might actually please the owner. Jesus saw his mission to Israel as bringing hope.



Luke is also unique among the gospels in naming as Jesus' disciples anyone who believes in him. Everyone who proclaims him king at his entry into Jerusalem on a donkey Luke calls his disciples (Luke 19:37-38). Only in Luke do we read of seventy-two disciples, rather than just the twelve, sent out on mission (Luke 10:1). Scholars suggest Luke is referring to all of us and our mission. In the face of all the world's fears, which so many in the world most certainly face, we are called upon to spread the good news that peace can happen—it is not too late—because we, as followers of Jesus, are bearers of forgiveness, of healing, of reconciliation.

**Cliff Yeary**, and his wife, Liz, have been parishioners for nearly seven years. They both lector frequently at the 10:30 Sunday Mass. Cliff is a retired biblical theologian and will be offering a bible study on the Gospel of Luke in the winter or early spring of 2025.

Please prayerfully consider writing a reflection by signing up at <https://bit.ly/wisdomfromthepews>



*An Advent Concert*

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## Mass Readings

### Mass Readings for Dec 1, 2024

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2  
Luke 21:25, 34-36



### Mass Readings for Dec 8, 2024

Baruch 5:1-9  
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11  
Luke 3:1-6





**This year on  
December 9, 2024 we will celebrate the Holy Day of the  
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
Masses are at 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM**

**Advent Penance Service is at  
7:00 PM December 12, 2024 in the church**



**Invitation to join in Prayer for Peace:** Therese Fenzl, the St. Ignatius funeral coordinator invites you to 27 days of prayer, a triple novena inspired by Walter Ciszek, SJ, who spent 23 years in prisons in Russia. Join Therese in praying for peace in our own hearts, our country, and our world, starting November 27 and ending on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30pm every day via Zoom. The prayer sessions will last about 15 minutes each. Join Therese in as many as work for you. Please email her at [tfenzl@themadeleine.edu](mailto:tfenzl@themadeleine.edu) if you are interested in joining, or if you have any questions.



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**St Vincent de Paul** You can help by **bringing non-perishable food donations to the Masses on the weekends and placing your donation under the stairwell in the vestibule**, or making a cash donation through Realm Connect. Your support is much appreciated. Contact us at [svdp@sipdx.org](mailto:svdp@sipdx.org) if you have any questions.

**Do you know someone who might be food insecure?** or needs help paying rent or utility bills? The St. Vincent de Paul Portland Council accepts requests for assistance at 503-235-8431. Requests from our neighborhood are then forwarded to our SVdP pantry that delivers food to those in need on Saturday mornings.



**FirePit Young Adult Ministry— Sunday December 8, 2024 - 5PM** FirePit is a ministry for people in their 20's/30's. We meet the first Sunday of each month for dinner, fellowship and s'mores around the firepit. ALL are welcome! Please reach out to us for more info: [firepitpdx@gmail.com](mailto:firepitpdx@gmail.com) website: <https://www.sipdx.org/firepit-pdx-young-adults>

**Yarn** Please join us for an hour after the 10:30 mass on **December 8th (11:30-12:30)** in the Upstairs, Fireplace room in the Parish Office. **Mark your calendar: Jan 12, 2025, Feb 9 2025, Mar 9, 2025 (Bradley rm,) May 11, 2025, Jun 8, 2025** Bring your own project or contact Maureen at (206) 889-7820 about materials. Masks are welcome but not required Any age, any level of skill welcome...all skill levels welcome!



**SOUNDS FROM THE GROUNDS,** a Facilities update: The campus is preparing itself for the winter cold, and we are preparing the buildings as well. Please be alert of hidden dangers from upcoming storms. In the case of Ice and snowstorms we do have deicer and shovels at the ready. If you are capable of physical work, please don't be shy...help clear snow and ice for the safety of others.

Behind the scenes:

- ⇒ A big thank you to all the volunteers who came out and helped with the campus grounds work party. Take a moment next time you come to church and notice the new plants that were planted. And in the spring look for the daffodils and tulips sprouting around the grounds.
- ⇒ The newly established Eco-Team is working on a plan for storm water management along Powell Blvd. Working with a City engineer with the Stormwater Retrofit Agency, a part of the Bureau of Environmental Services, we have created a plan. And now the team is working on obtaining grants for the project.
- ⇒ Stay in tune as we will have some more Volunteer work parties in the upcoming months for such projects as reupholstering kneelers, painting, and of course grounds upkeep that will include new planting beds for a St. Ignatius garden project that will be used by the school and the parish.



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.

St Ignatius School



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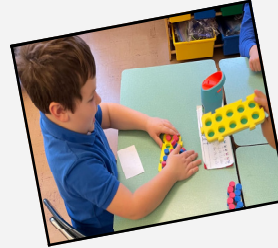
Our students have been busy serving, learning, and growing in all ways. Our kindergarten class was absolutely thrilled to prepare the Transition Lunches for delivery. They even got to meet the director when she picked up the lunches! The kindergartners brought in and delivered food to the St. Vincent DePaul pantry in the parish offices for their service partner work. Our first graders spent time exploring math ten-frames. The



2nd graders created arrays in math crafting an 'array city' and wrote about their blessings of gratitude. The 3rd graders crafted gratitude designs.



Our 7th graders also made designs of gratitude. The 8th graders designed *Flight of the Dragon* eyes for a literature-to-art connection.



Our students had a grand time in Family Groups as they worked together to create and construct turkey hideouts! Take a look at some of the creative ways they were able to hide their turkeys in constructed shelters.

May we take time to thank our Lord for all of the many blessings in our lives. As we hear in the first book of Colossians three verse fifteen, "And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful."

As we prepare to transition from giving thanks for all of our blessings into the Advent season, may we experience peaceful joy as we await the coming of our Lord.

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Thank you,  
Carol Pausz, Principal



**TOY DRIVE** -- Oregonians can make Christmas and the holiday season joyful and memorable for struggling families by giving to Catholic Charities' annual toy drive. We use an Amazon wish list to collect most of our donations, and the donation period runs from **now until Dec. 15**. We invite you to consider using Amazon to purchase a gift valued at about \$30. By scanning the QR code or using the link below, you can order from our gift list online at Amazon, who will deliver the items to the Catholic Charities office. Gifts ordered online should be set to arrive no later than Dec. 15 at 4 p.m. <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/1M7QH4LTM0J3G>



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St. Ignatius Parish is participating in [#GivingTuesday](#) on **December 3rd** and we need your help! On this day, people of goodwill everywhere are coming together to support their communities and make the world a better place. To help out, scan the QR code Or use the link: <https://onrealm.org/sipdx/-/form/give/now> and use the **Building fund!**



**Benevity** is a mobile application available for smartphones used by workplaces to track volunteer hours for matching with charitable organizations. If your workplace uses Benevity, you can designate St. Ignatius Church or St. Ignatius School as your charity.



**Make a year-end donation to St. Ignatius.** 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 2024 draws to a close, please consider making a year-end donation to help us take care of 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 70½ 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 consideration.

**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.



Church tithing	July 1, 2024—June 30, 2025		
	Actual	Budget	% of Goal
Nov 11-17	9,163	11,250	81%
Month of Nov	32,245	45,000	72%
YTD	188,311	560,000	34%

*Thank you, for also supporting other funds like our Campus renewal/Bldg., St. Vincent de Paul, School, Novena and more! May you be blessed abundantly for your generosity!*

**8:00AM Weekday Mass Intentions †**

*Please keep in your prayers*

Monday	Dec 2	† Steve Regele
Tuesday	Dec 3	† Jaka Mercep
Wednesday	Dec 4	† Gladys Torres
Thursday	Dec 5	† Peter Linh Nguyen
Friday	Dec 6	† Judy Earnest



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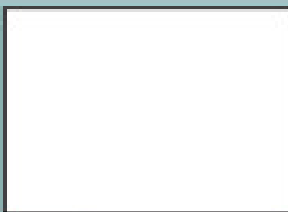
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