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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

DECEMBER 7, 2025



PREPARE THE WAY...

PREPAREN EL CAMINO...

## Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

Isaiah 11:1–10 • Romans 15:4–9 •

Matthew 3:1–12

### Mass Schedule

**Saturday:** 4pm

**Sunday:**

9am Children's Mass | 10:30am | 12:30pm Español | 5pm

**Weekday (followed by the Rosary):**

5:30pm Monday–Friday (Lannon Chapel)

8am Monday–Sunday (St. Mary's Chapel, BC)

### Confession

**Saturday:** before Mass, 3–3:45pm

**Please keep in your prayers:**

*Sunday, December 7*

10:30am Paul Joseph Mellett, Jr.

5pm Helen Williams

*Monday, December 8*

5:30pm Patrick J. and Katherine F. Bowdring  
and Family

*Tuesday, December 9*

5:30pm Susan Atwood

*Wednesday, December 10*

5:30pm Ida Imde

*Thursday, December 11*

5:30pm Mary Rogers

*Friday, December 12*

5:30pm Antonio Vitug

*If you have an intention at a weekend Mass and would like to process with the gifts, please speak with a Greeter when you arrive.*

## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

**Monday, December 8**

St. Ignatius will offer two Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception: **Noon** and **5:30pm**. Both Masses will be held in the Upper Church.

## Reflection on the Reading

In this week's Gospel and next week's, our Advent preparation for Christmas invites us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.

## Second Sunday of Advent Blessing

*As you light the candles of your wreath each week, this prayer may be helpful:*

Generous God of light, we have been baptized into one family in Jesus the Christ, whose coming we prepare to celebrate. During this holy season, may we empty our hearts and minds of selfish intentions, so that, being filled with your light, we might celebrate your presence in each other and serve each other generously. Amen.

*(Light two purple candles)*

## Christmas Gift Drive

**Gifts should be returned December 13–14**

The trees are bare, but there are still well over 100 gifts on Sign-Up Genius. New to Sign-Up Genius? Use the link or QR code here, select your gift(s), scroll down to Save and Complete and then fill in the blanks! Bring in your gift(s) next weekend.

<https://bit.ly/ChristmasGifts2025>



### Gift Returns:

Gifts must be returned next Saturday or Sunday (our turn-around time is very short), before or after each Mass.

Please bring them directly to the Garden Level of the Parish Office building.



## Carta del Párroco

Queridos amigos en el Señor:

Durante las misas del tiempo de Adviento, las lecturas nos invitan a recorrer un paisaje lleno de montañas y de misticismo. El profeta Isaías nos ofrece la impresionante imagen de todas las naciones reuniéndose en el monte santo de Dios, forjando sus espadas en rejas de arado y sus lanzas en podaderas. El lobo convive con el cordero y el Señor ofrece a todos los pueblos un banquete de manjares exquisitos y buenos vinos. Cada vez que nos reunimos para celebrar la misa, nosotros también vislumbramos esta montaña sagrada de Dios. Espero que todos podamos tener presente la imagen de Isaías durante este Adviento, mientras nos esforzamos por lograr una mayor unidad, una participación comunitaria y una postura común en nuestras misas en la parroquia. Creo que hemos tenido un buen comienzo con nuestros esfuerzos por arrodillarnos, ponernos de pie, sentarnos, cantar y rezar juntos en diversas partes de la celebración.

Algunos feligreses siguen preguntando por qué nos ponemos de pie y cantamos durante la procesión de la comunión. La Instrucción General del Misal Romano explica que mientras el sacerdote consume la Eucaristía, se inicia el canto de comunión. Su finalidad es expresar la unión espiritual de los fieles, mediante la unidad de sus voces. También muestra la alegría del corazón y resalta el carácter comunitario de la procesión para recibir la comunión. El canto continúa mientras se administra el Sacramento a los fieles [n.º 86]. Aquellos que se preocupan por no tener tiempo suficiente para la oración personal después de recibir la comunión deben recordar que en cada misa habrá un momento de silencio o con música de meditación después de que todos hayan recibido la Hostia. Esto nos ayuda a orar en silencio juntos, como el único Cuerpo de Cristo en el que nos hemos convertido al compartir la comida sagrada.

La Instrucción General del Misal Romano describe los deberes del pueblo de Dios: En la celebración de la misa, los fieles forman un pueblo santo, un sacerdocio real, para dar gracias a Dios y ofrecer la Víctima inmaculada, no sólo por medio de las manos del sacerdote, sino también junto con él. Deben evitar cualquier apariencia de individualismo o división... En efecto, ellos forman un solo cuerpo, ya sea escuchando la palabra de Dios, uniéndose a las oraciones y los cánticos, o, sobre todo, mediante la ofrenda común del sacrificio y la participación común en la mesa del Señor. Esta unidad se manifiesta de manera preciosa en los gestos y posturas observados en común por los fieles [n.º 95].

Bendiciones,  
P. John

## Letter from the Pastor

Dear Friends in the Lord,

During the season of Advent, the scripture readings invite us to visit a mystical mountain landscape. The prophet Isaiah gives us the awesome image of all the nations streaming toward God's holy mountain, beating their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. The wolf becomes the guest of the lamb, and the Lord provides all peoples with a feast of rich food and choice wines. Each time we gather to celebrate the Mass we get a glimpse of this holy mountain of God. I hope that we can all keep Isaiah's image in mind during this Advent season as we strive for greater unity, communal participation, and common posture during our liturgies at St. Ignatius. I think we're off to a good start with our efforts to kneel, stand, sit, sing, and pray together at various parts of the liturgy.

Some parishioners are still asking why we are standing and singing during the Communion procession. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal explains it this way: "While the priest is receiving the Sacrament, the Communion chant is begun. Its purpose is to express the communicants' union in spirit by means of the unity of their voices, to show joy of heart, and to highlight more clearly the communitarian nature of the procession to receive Communion. The singing is continued for as long as the Sacrament is being administered to the faithful" [#86]. Those concerned about not having enough time for personal prayer after receiving communion should remember that at every Mass there will be a period of silence or meditative music after all have received. This ensures time to pray quietly together as the one Body of Christ which we have become through the sharing in the sacred meal.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal describes the duties of the people of God this way: "In the celebration of the Mass the faithful form a holy people, a royal priesthood, so that they may give thanks to God and offer the spotless Victim not only through the hands of the priest but also together with him. They are to shun any appearance of individualism or division . . . Indeed, they form one body, whether by hearing the word of God, or by joining in the prayers and singing, or above all by the common offering of Sacrifice and by a common partaking of the Lord's table. This unity is beautifully apparent from the gestures and postures observed in common by the faithful" [#95].

Blessings,  
Fr. John

## Can We Talk?

**Next Racial Justice Committee Meeting:**  
*Thursday, January 8 @ 7pm via Zoom*

**Sign Up here:**

<https://forms.gle/SqezPYiujSLBdig69>

Martin Luther King compared the silence of indifference, when people don't speak up about things that matter, to a kind of death. It is what allows people to suffer without recourse. Pope Francis tells us that dialogue is the key to building communities that rise above the damage done by indifference.

"How should we as a people of Faith respond to racist comments" was the focus of the Racial Justice Committee December meeting. An article written by the US American Conference of Catholic Bishops, "Loving Our Neighbor Through Dialogue," and the words of St. Ignatius provided the groundwork for discussion.

Talking about racism or entering conversation with someone who disagrees with us can be uncomfortable. Pope Francis encourages us to stay in dialogue and let truth and love for neighbor be our aim.

"Give conversation the time it needs," St. Ignatius tells us. Let us pray for God's grace in helping us break the silence surrounding racism. "When we are filled with grace, we pay attention to one another" (Liz Walker, *No One Left Alone*).

## End-of-Year Giving

St. Ignatius relies on the generosity of our parishioners to maintain year-round programming, to make the vital repairs you can see going on around the church, and to continue our outreach ministries to those in need.

As we approach the end of the year, we hope that you will prayerfully consider making a year-end gift to St. Ignatius or setting up recurring giving through our online eGive portal. Your support can help sustain our parish as we look forward to the next hundred years of St. Ignatius!

**eGive Portal:**

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## Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Combined Bilingual Mass**  
*Sunday, December 14 @ 10:30am*

We will celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe on Sunday, December 14 at a combined bilingual 10:30am Mass! All children are invited to participate in the procession with a flower to offer to Our Lady.

*There will be no 9am Children's Mass or 12:30pm Spanish Mass this Sunday, and our Faith Formation classes will not meet.*

**Join us in the Friary Room after the Mass  
for a potluck reception!**

Please bring a dish or dessert to share.

**Misa bilingüe a las 10:30am**  
*Domingo 14 de diciembre @ 10:30am*

¡El próximo Domingo 14 de Diciembre celebraremos la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe con una Misa comunitaria bilingüe a las 10:30am! Todos los niños de S. Ignacio están invitados a participar en la procesión con una flor para ofrecer a Nuestra Señora.

*No habrá Misa familiar a las 9am ni Misa en español a las 12:30pm el 14 de diciembre. Faith Formation y Catequesis Familiar NO tendrá clases ese día.*

¡También los invitamos cordialmente a celebrar esta gran fiesta con una recepción donde habrá comida para compartir después de la misa en el salón del café de la planta baja, los esperamos!



**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
*Friday, December 12*

BC Campus Ministry is offering a Noon Mass on December 12 to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. A reception will follow.

## Club de lectura católico

**Los lunes 8 y 15 de diciembre  
de 7pm a 8:30pm**

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**Teófilo** te invita a participar en su club de lectura para crecer en la fe mientras hacemos comunidad. En esta ocasión, enriqueceremos nuestro espíritu de Adviento con una **selección de preciosas homilías de Navidad y Epifanía de Joseph Ratzinger como Papa Benedicto XVI**, bajo el título *Y Dios se hizo hombre* (2017).

Cupo limitado. Evento gratuito. Para más información, por favor contactar a Ely Segura: [segura.ely@gmail.com](mailto:segura.ely@gmail.com)

Formulario de inscripción:

<https://forms.gle/wY4znUWcp3tQruY96>

## Flower Fund

### Remember your loved ones this Christmas!

Help us decorate our church in the Christmas season by making a memorial flower donation! Fill out the form, place it in an envelope, and return it with your donation to the Parish Office or in the collection basket. You may also donate online using our eGive platform: <https://bit.ly/IgnatiusGiveNow>

An acknowledgment of gratitude for your donation with your name and the name of your loved one will appear in the bulletin after Christmas.

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## Christmas Gift Wrapping

**Saturday, December 13 | 9am–Noon**

**Have you ever heard of Furoshiki or Bojagi?** Furoshiki is the Japanese way of wrapping gifts in cloth, and Bojagi is Korean. Both are ancient practices easily adaptable by our current uses.

This coming Saturday, from 9am until noon, in the Friary Room in the lower church, the St. Ignatius Green Team will offer a cloth wrapping workshop. **This will be a festive event with refreshments, including ginger cookies, music, and expert helpers demonstrating Japanese and Korean methods of cloth wrapping, and a creative way to use newsprint paper.**

Everyone is invited to bring a small gift to wrap, and cloth will be provided.



## Las Posadas

**Friday, December 19 | 6:30–8:30pm**



Join the Peace, Justice, and Reconciliation Commission and the Comunidad Hispana Ignaciana for bilingual Christmas carols, a potluck dinner, and a Posadas Piñata.

**Please bring a dish to share!**

# Welcome!

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### Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays at 3-3:45pm in the Upper Church/Lower Church or by appointment.

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA):**  
For adults seeking Baptism, and/or Confirmation, contact the Parish Office.

**Baptism:** For infant and young child Baptisms, contact Sr. Diane Vallerio.

**First Communion:** Preparation begins in grade 1 and includes classes, retreats, and home instruction. Children receive First Communion in grade 2. For further information, contact Liz Turnwald.

**Confirmation:** Preparation begins in 7th grade; students are confirmed after their second year of Confirmation prep. For further information, contact Liz Turnwald.

**Matrimony/Wedding:** Parishioners, BC Alumni, and non-parishioners are welcome to be married at St. Ignatius. Contact our Office Manager, Carol Russo, for available dates and details.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact the parish office.

### Sacramental Forms/Letters

Please note that you must be registered for at least six months before we can issue any verification of your status as a parishioner for godparent/sponsor letters, or permission for marriage, baptism, or confirmation in another parish.

### Creating a Safe Environment at St. Ignatius

[stignatiuschestnuthill.org/creating-a-safe-environment](http://stignatiuschestnuthill.org/creating-a-safe-environment)

#### Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Team

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**Contact the Parish Office for more information  
about anything in today's bulletin.**

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Racial Justice Committee  
Immigration Committee  
LGBTQ+ Committee

*These groups meet regularly and are always eager to welcome new members!*



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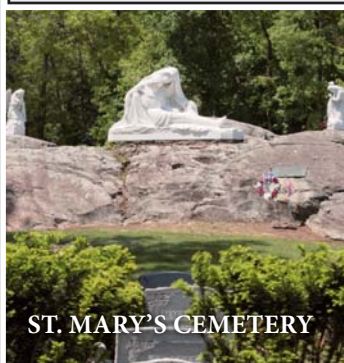
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