

# St. Ignatius Loyola Roman Catholic Church

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Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations by the guidance of a star. Lead us to Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.

#### From the Desk of Fr. Tim...

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant us in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold your sublime glory.

-Collect prayer for the Solemnity of the Epiphany



#### Christmas Thank You...

A sincere *Thank You* to the many people who were involved in the preparation of Christmas for the Church. For all those involved in the liturgies at all the masses, the ushers, the Ministers of the Eucharist, the musicians, singers and Ministers of the Word, altar servers, Ministers of Hospitality and decorators of the outdoor urns, the sanctuary and the preparation of the crèche, and the Children's Nativity Play...for those who worked so hard to bring comfort to the poor...for our parish schools and for the generous hearts of our parishioners who also donated to the annual St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Drive. A special *Thank You* to Longo's Winston Churchill for their generous donation of poinsettias!

As priests who are called to minister in this parish, we are very fortunate to have such generous people who respond so well with giving hearts to our parish collections during this holy Christmas season. We, in turn, are truly committed to serving you with the utmost abilities and gifts that God has given us. May God continue to bless all of us with His abundant love and compassionate heart this coming year.

On behalf of Fr. Mauricio Sanjines, the parish staff and myself, we extend a Blessed Christmas and a Peace-filled New Year to you and your loved ones!

## 2020 Parish Envelopes/ Pre-Authorized Giving...

Thanks to all who have picked up your 2020 envelopes and use them faithfully each Sunday. Envelopes for pick up are in the foyer near the office. Please remember to mark your name and address on the first few envelopes you use in this New Year so that we can issue you a 2020 tax receipt. We appreciate your support!

I invite each family to consider the option of Pre-Authorized Giving for the new year. The PAG registration form can be found in the foyer of the church or on our website and can be returned (along with void cheque) to the office directly or by dropping it into next Sunday's Offertory basket.

# Confirmation Preparation Programme Begins!

Our Grade 7 candidates preparing for Confirmation in May 2020 are reminded to attend their first Preparation Class on *either* Monday, January 13 at 7 OR Wednesday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Attendance is mandatory for all candidates.

Those Grade 7 students who did not attend the Registration meeting in December 2019 are asked to bring their registration form, baptismal certificate copy and \$20 offering to the church office as soon as possible. They should also plan on attending a special Registration make-up meeting with their parents and sponsor on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in the church. After this date NO further registrations will be accepted for the 2020 Confirmation class.

Any older youth or adults wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in May 2020 are asked to contact Fr. Mauricio as soon as possible, 905-820-1444.

#### From the Desk of Fr. Tim...continued...

Parish Evening of Reflection, Wednesday, January 22, 2020, "The Humour of God - A Pilgrim's Journey" ...

Women and men of the parish are invited to an Evening of Reflection with Sr. Francis, Director of Mission and Ministry, St. Bernard's Convent, Toronto on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. Sr. Francis uses humour to illustrate how God's has worked in her life and vocation, and her talk comes highly recommended by those who have heard her personal testimony.

We will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a glass or wine or beer then enjoy a pasta dinner, dessert and coffee, followed by a talk by Sr. Francis with time for questions and answers. Tickets are \$15 per person and will be available at the weekend masses on January 4/5 and during the week until we are sold out.

## Little Rock Bible Study – *The Gospel of Matthew* begins on Thursday, January 30, 2020...

This year (Year A in the liturgical cycle) we primarily read the Gospel of Matthew at Sunday mass. This gospel provides a bridge from the Jewish world awaiting a Messiah to the emerging Christian world of Jesus and his followers. This Gospel introduces us to Jesus as the Master Teacher whose words of instruction are captured in large teaching sections. The first five lessons of the series take us from the birth of Jesus through much of his public teaching life, to the first prediction of his passion. This second part of the study reveals a growing tension as Jesus ministers around Jerusalem, is arrested, is crucified, and rises to new life. Revealed as Emmanuel (God with us) at the start of the Gospel, Jesus will promise his continuing presence as the disciples are commissioned at the close of the Gospel.

This is an excellent introduction to bible study for those who have not yet attended one of our Little Rock Bible Studies! We begin this ten-week Thursday evening bible study on Thursday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall...registration is \$30 per participant. All are welcome!

Welcome to St. Ignatius Loyola Parish — St. Ignatius Loyola parish is noted for its warmth and hospitality. We would like you to know that we are happy to have you here with us. Please take a few minutes to introduce yourself to the Parish Team either during week or after any weekend mass.

**Parish Registration** – If you are new to St. Ignatius Loyola Parish and you will be staying to worship with us, please fill out a registration form located on the table outside of the parish office. If your children attend one of our parish elementary schools or Loyola High School, you are not automatically registered in the parish. Also, if you are recently married or an adult no longer living with your parents, we kindly ask that you also register as a member of the parish. It only takes a few minutes and it helps us to know our parishioners better!

**Spiritual Visiting & Pastoral Care** – If you know of a parishioner, either a shut-in, a family member unable to attend Mass due to serious illness or recovering from surgery, who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the church office (905) 820-1444 and one of the priests will visit.

**Sick List Request** – As we begin a New Year, we are going to begin with a new "Sick List'. If you have someone in your family or among your friends who would like to be remembered in prayer, please leave their name in the parish office. Please let us know when they return to their former state of good health.

Liturgy of the Word for Children will resume on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at the 10:30 a.m. and Noon mass.

**Loyola Playgroup** will resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Moms, dads, grandparents and caregivers are welcome to come out for playtime, circle time, crafts and snacks.

**EDGE** - The EDGE program for students in grades 6 – 8 will resume on Monday, January 6, 2020. The topic is "Always Burning – IGNITION an EDGE Night on the Mission of the Holy Spirit Breathing Fire". Even if you haven't come to EDGE before you are welcome to join us!

FORGED Young Adult Ministry will meet at St. Ignatius Loyola parish on Wednesday, January 8 in the parish hall from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Even if you haven't come before you are welcome to come out! We always have a social!



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