



St. Ignatius Catholic Parish

*"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, "God with us."*

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Weekend Mass times:

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am, 11:30 am, and 6:00 pm

Weekday Mass times:

Monday-Friday 7:00 am

Friday 6:00 pm

Saturday 8:30 am

Public Holidays 8:30 am

Confessions:

Saturday 5:00-5:45 pm

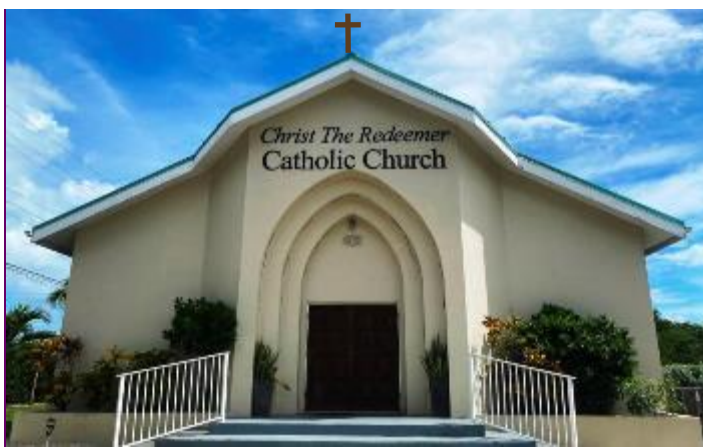
Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church

Rev. Blackman Road, West Bay

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Weekend Mass time:

Sunday 9:45 am



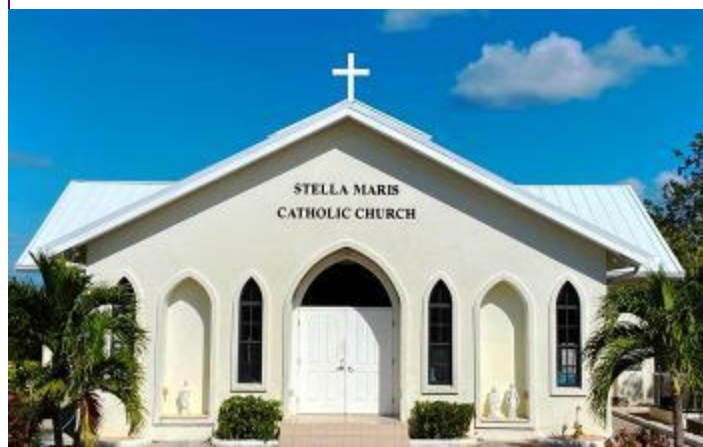
Stella Maris Catholic Church

Alta Vista Drive, Cotton Tree Bay, Cayman Brac

Phone: +1 (345) 926-5555 or +1 (345) 949-6797

Weekend Mass / Communion Service:

See inside for latest updates



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

**St. Ignatius Parish is a welcoming Roman Catholic Christian Communion.
We worship God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we celebrate Jesus Christ in the Word
and in the Eucharist, we evangelise, we educate, and we serve as disciples of Jesus.**

**PLEASE
remember
our Parish
in your Will.**

WELCOME TO ST. IGNATIUS PARISH, AND A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL OF OUR VISITORS!



MEET OUR CLERGY (Left to Right)

Pastor: Rev. Fr. Naveen D'Souza, SAC

Associate : Rev. Fr. Anthony Fernandes, SAC

PARISH STAFF

**Religious Education Director and
Youth Ministry Team Coordinator**

Mr. O'Neil Miller

Church Secretary

Mrs. May U. Ursua

OTHER CONTACTS

Music Ministry — Organists

Mrs. Sarah Bertran

Mr. Albert Chin

Mr. Rolly Aleria

Mr. McAllister Fernandes

Mrs. Rechel Latap

Food Pantry

Please contact the Parish Office

PRAYER MEETINGS AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Rosary (St. Ignatius):

Monday through Friday in Adoration Chapel 7:30 - 8:00 am

Saturday in Adoration Chapel after 8:30 am Mass

Morning Prayers (St. Ignatius):

Monday to Friday 6:40 am,

Saturday 8:10 am

Prayer Meetings:

St. Ignatius — Wednesdays 6:00 pm (English) and 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Missionary Families of Christ:

Last Sunday of each Month 1:30 pm

Faith Formation and First Communion:

Sunday mornings, 10:15 am to 11:15 am (September to June)

First Communion begins at 10:00 am. All children of the Parish are welcome.

Confirmation:

Classes are held on Sunday mornings, 9:45 am to 11:15 am (September to June)

for students in Years 7-9 of High School and other

High School aged students who have not been confirmed.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pastoral: Fr. Naveen, SAC; Fr. Anthony, SAC

Chairperson: Wil Pineau

Other elected members:

J.C. Calhoun, Blas Serrano, Blaise Ting,

Renee Caudeiron, Denise Delpesh-Morain, Ramon Rayos del Sol

Commission Representatives:

Worship: Angela J. Miller

Evangelisation/Education: Tonja Wight

Stewardship: Elie Kozaily

Christian Service: TBD

FINANCE COUNCIL

Facilitates the means for pastoral priorities and planning, Monitors and Maintains parish goods, and Communicates with the Pastoral Council on prioritizing resources. Members are:

Fr. Naveen D'Souza, SAC

Frank Gallippi

Angela Miller

Jennison Nunez

Deborah Kirkconnell

Jasper Uy

Facilities Manager: Mr. Sambasivam Dhanasekar



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details on how to donate!***



ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Instaurare Omnia in Christo

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/St.IgnatiusCayman

Principal: Mr. Simon Testa

December 25th, 2023 Third Sunday of Advent

Christmas Day Readings

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 52: 7-10

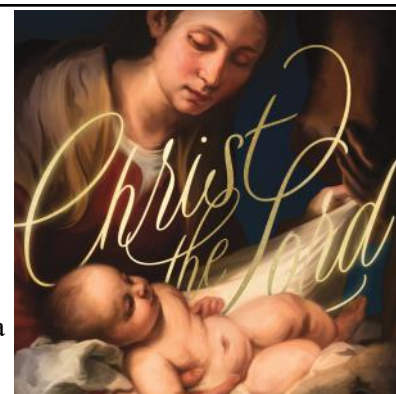
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6

Second Reading: Hebrews 1: 1-6

Gospel: John 1: 1-18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and adore the Lord. For today a great light has come upon the earth.



THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS

"And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we saw His glory."

Today, as we hear in my favorite Christmas song, *O Holy Night*, "the weary world rejoices." Today, God gave us a Savior. We did not deserve this gift. We sinned. We betrayed God. We knew His laws, but we did what we wanted anyway and pushed Him away. But, in His immense love, He looked at this world of human beings He created in His image and likeness and His heart was filled with love. And in this immense love, He sent His Son.

The night that Christ was born truly changed the world. All of God's promises in the Old Testament were fulfilled, and in His death we can live. Eternity with God can be ours. Our choices determine whether or not we accept His offer. But He came today as a tiny baby to give us that chance, and in coming "the soul felt its worth."

What are we worth? We are worth mocking and beatings. We are worth the nails. We are worth an agonizing death. Why? Because we matter to God, and we are His.

Today, as we celebrate the greatest gift ever given to us, let us think about the gifts we can give to Baby Jesus. Take time to reflect and to find a way to improve some aspect of your life that will please Christ and help you grow closer to Him. Maybe you have held a grudge too long. Maybe you often let your anger get the best of you. Maybe you struggle with being kind to someone at the office or in your extended family. Maybe you have held on to hurt and bitterness so long that it's eating you up inside. Maybe you struggle with an addiction. Or maybe you have felt yourself drift away from God. We all have something that has created a barrier between us and Our Lord. Our gift to Baby Jesus could be to begin to tear that barrier down.

Remember, our lives are not our own. They belong to Christ. This Christmas, let us not forget that we are His. Let us find joy in this fact and give Him the greatest gift we possibly can—ourselves.

And this Christmas, and always, let us praise and thank Him for taking on our sins and for dying so that we could have eternal life. Indeed, the weary world rejoices when it gazes upon Baby Jesus, on Christmas day and every day. Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The entire Christmas collection stays right here in the Parish. Remember, you can make your Christmas donation to the Parish anytime over the month of December and into January, just so long as you indicate in the cheques, envelopes, or online deposits that it is your "Christmas 2023 offering".

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the Parishioners and Staff who have given their time and talents to decorate the inside and outside of the churches to make everything so beautiful for the celebrations. There are so many people who helped and we are most appreciative to each and every one of you.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Please note that the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses on December 30/31 are obligatory for the Feast of the Holy Family.

January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God. We have two Masses and Thanksgiving Eucharistic Adoration on Sunday evening and Masses on Monday morning at St. Ignatius and Christ the Redeemer at the usual times.

Wishing you and all your loved ones a safe, holy, peaceful and Merry Christmas! - Fr. Naveen

STEWARDSHIP: TIME TALENT TREASURE

"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?"

- Psalm 116:12

Offertory collection for last weekend's Masses: \$6882.21

- Your offerings can also be transferred to the St. Ignatius Church Butterfield account 02 101 031 260.
- Alternatively, cheques can be mailed to St. Ignatius Church, PO Box 2638, Grand Cayman, KY1-1102.

Thank you for your generosity and good stewardship for all that God has given you!

MASS SCHEDULE, INTENTIONS, AND PRAYER LIST

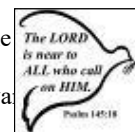
St. Ignatius Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday:	December 23rd	
Fr. Anthony	8:30 am	Reid Family Leitmannova Family
Fr. Naveen	6:00 pm	+ Caetano Felipe Azavedo + Frank & Jack Shiel
Sunday:	December 24th	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Fr. Joseph	8:00 am	Dowling and Ward Deceased
Fr. Naveen	11:30 am	People of the Parish
Sunday:	December 24th	The Nativity of the Lord
Fr. Joseph	6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Fr. Naveen & Fr. Anthony	Midnight	People of the Parish
Monday:	December 25th	The Nativity of the Lord
Fr. Naveen	8:00 am	People of the Parish
Fr. Naveen	10:00 am	People of the Parish
Fr. Anthony	12Noon	People of the Parish
Tuesday:	December 26th	St. Stephen
Fr. Naveen	8:30 am	+ D. Wight + Caetano Felipe Azavedo
Wednesday:	December 27th	St. John, the Apostle
Fr. Anthony	7:00 am	+ Caetano Felipe Azavedo + Violet & Tom Abbott + Herminia Palisoc
Thursday:	December 28th	The Holy Innocents
Fr. Anthony	7:00 am	+ Caetano Felipe Azavedo
Friday:	December 29th	5th Day within the Octave of Christmas
Fr. Anthony	7:00 am	+ Caetano Felipe Azavedo
Fr. Anthony	6:00 pm	+ M. Wight
Saturday:	December 30th	6th Day within the Octave of Christmas
Fr. Anthony	8:30 am	+ Caetano Felipe Azavedo
Fr. Anthony	6:00 pm	Damien & Faye Reidy + Gregg Norling + Benjamin Negrete + Bridget Giles
Sunday:	December 31st	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Fr. Anthony	8:00 am	+ Caetano Felipe Azavedo
Fr. Anthony	11:30 am	People of the Parish
Sunday:	December 31st	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Fr. Joseph	6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Fr. Anthony	11:00pm	People of the Parish
Monday:	January 01st	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Fr. Anthony	8:00am	People of the Parish
Fr. Joseph	11:30am	People of the Parish

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Our Prayer List for the Sick

Dr. Joseph Ostroski
Tom Dunbar
Antonio Soriano
Thelma Galbraith
Eva Wiggan
Francis De Vera
Owen Henry
Twila Escalante
Andrew Rogers
Linval Webb
George Webb
Barbara Man-Song-Hing
Carole Rozick
Pat Lynch
Eileen Ewing
Barbara Rutan
Bishop Lawrence S. Nicasio
Olive Bodden
Kelley Ayres
Donna Hurlston
Jean Denees Brown-Afable
John Michael Stafford
Jesally Ebasan Rocamora
Mike Carey
Chris Jacaban
Janet Pereira
Trigger Black
Jade Brown Afable
Burns Ratty
Megan Stewart Greene
Mavis Hennings
Jennifer Scott-O'Sullivan
Anne Rodriguez
Tony Wood
Sarah Drebenstedt
Annabella Seaga Zia Mian
Casey Gill
Craig McCoy
Walwin Clarke
Damien Reidy
Esther Tatum



IMPORTANT UPDATE:

Please note that our prayer list for the sick was growing very lengthy, and some names have been on the list for a significant amount of time. As a result, any names that have been on the list for more than a year have now been removed. If any families would like any of the names reinstated, please contact the Parish Office via phone or e-mail. Parishioners are kindly asked to help us keep this list up-to-date by notifying the Office in timely fashion if any names need to be added or removed. Please pray that the Healing Hand of the Lord touches all our sick, bringing consolation to the aged, peace of soul to the terminally ill, and strength to those who are young and all those in our Parish and families who are suffering. May all of them know God's healing love. We pray for all the sick not listed and those in hospitals. Please contact the office to add/remove names.

PARISH YEAR OF EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



DID THE VIRGIN MARY PARTICIPATE IN EUCHARIST ADORATION?



St. Peter Julian Eymard imagines what it might have been like for Mary to adore her son, Jesus, in the Eucharist.

It is not known exactly how many years the Virgin Mary lived after the ascension of her Son, Jesus, but she was active in the Church, as it is related in the Acts of the Apostles.

Jesus' apostles began celebrating Mass shortly after his ascension and the Virgin Mary likely attended it.

For Mary, adoring Jesus in the Eucharist would have been a touching moment, feeling the real presence of her Son under the appearance of bread and wine.

St. Peter Julian Eymard wrote a series of meditations on the Virgin Mary, compiled in the book *Month of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament*. In it, he imagines what it would have been like for Mary to see Jesus in the Eucharist.

How much might be said of Mary's life of adoration in the Cenacle! Twenty-four years passed in that holy place in which Jesus instituted the Eucharist, in which He erected His first tabernacle! Mary was wholly employed in adoring and honouring Him in His Eucharistic life. She passed the greater part of her days and nights at the foot of that divine tabernacle, for there was her Jesus, her Son and her God.

What Eymard proposes is not based on any evidence, but he simply reflects on what it would have been like for Mary to adore the Eucharist, as she may have during those early years of the Church.

Mary's adoration was deep, interior, profound. It was the gift of her whole self. She offered herself entirely to the loving services of the Eucharist, for love lays down no conditions, no reservations. It no longer thinks of self, no longer lives for self. It is a stranger to itself, and it lives only for the God whom it loves. All in Mary turned toward the Blessed Sacrament as toward its centre and end. A current of grace and love was established between the Heart of Jesus in the Host and the heart of Mary adoring. They were two flames united into a single one. God was then perfectly adored by His creature!

When we approach Jesus in the Eucharist, may we cultivate the spirit of Mary within us and humble ourselves before our God, but most of all, before our Beloved.

<https://aleteia.org/2021/08/02/did-the-virgin-mary-participate-in-eucharistic-adoration/>

Christ the Redeemer Mass Intentions

Sunday:	December 24th	4th Sunday of Advent
Fr. Anthony	9:45 am	+ Ronan Nadaraja + Tiaga Nadaraja
Sunday:	December 24th	Nativity of the Lord
Fr. Anthony	8:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday:	December 31st	Holy Family Sunday
Fr. Joseph	9:45 am	+ Monica Pegnam + Edward Cox + Janet Roper
Monday:	January 01st	Mary, Mother of God
Fr. Anthony	9:45 am	People of the Parish

Stella Maris Mass Intentions

Sunday:	December 24th	Nativity of the Lord
Fr. Anthony	4:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday:	December 31st	Holy Family Sunday
Frs. Pieter & Ted	11:00am	People of the Parish
Sunday:	December 31st	Mary, Mother of God
Frs. Pieter & Ted	11:00am	People of the Parish

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Attention Stella Maris Cayman Brac



UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

- Sunday, December 24th: 3:30am Rosary; 4:00pm Mass - Fr. Anthony
- Sunday, December 31st: 10:30am Rosary; 11:00am Mass - Frs. Pieter & Ted
- Monday, January 01st: 10:30am Rosary; 11:00am Mass - Frs. Pieter & Ted
- Sunday, January 07th: 10:30am Rosary; 11:00am Communion Service

Please check out the Stella Maris Facebook page for weekly updates and/or any changes to schedule:

<https://www.facebook.com/Stella-Maris-Catholic-Church-Cayman-Brac-441278865976433/>

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers for this weekend, December 2023, were donated by **Bertran, Ridley, Plunkett/Shiel families, Luz Gonzales and an Anonymous donor.** Thank you!

The new sign up sheets are at the main entrance of the Church. All those who have signed up for flowers are reminded to please make the payment to the Parish Office at least one week ahead of time. Cost is \$100.



CHRIST THE REDEEMER ALTAR FLOWERS

Eziethamae Bodden has sponsored today's flowers.

Thank you!

Please sign up to sponsor flowers!

The sheet is on the notice board. Cost is \$50 per week.

PARISH OFFICE — HOLIDAY HOURS

The Parish Office will be **CLOSED** on the following days, which are all public holidays in Cayman:

- Monday, December 25th
- Tuesday, December 26th
- Monday, January 1st

On Friday December 29th, the office will close at Noon.

- The office will be open on the other weekdays.

MASS ATTIRE

Sacred Scripture — in Psalm 29, Psalm 96, and 1 Chronicles — calls us to “worship the Lord in holy attire and splendid in holiness”, and all parishioners are asked to reflect on the way that we dress as we prepare to attend Mass.

CONFESSIONS:

SATURDAYS, 5:00-5:45 pm, St. Ignatius.



SAINTS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

- Tuesday, December 26th: St. Stephen
- Wednesday, December 27th: St. John, Apostle
- Thursday, December 28th: Holy Innocents

“You desire that which exceeds my humble powers, but I trust in the compassion and mercy of the All-powerful God.”
- St. Stephen

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2024

For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness

‘My Parish App’

Download the St. Ignatius Parish app at <https://myparishapp.com/>, or by using the QR code.



THE GROTTO GIFT SHOP

We are **OPEN** after weekend Masses (right behind the Adoration Chapel).
Rosaries, cards, gifts and more in stock!
New items regularly arriving!
We look forward to seeing you!

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The Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel

Dedicated on December 4th, 2016

"...could you not watch one hour with Me?" - St. Matthew

**The Adoration Chapel is open
daily from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm.**

We invite you to sign up for a Holy Hour!

If you have any questions please contact
the coordinators, as listed below,
or via the Parish Office:

6:00 am to 12:00 noon:

Moirra Abbott: moirajmj@gmail.com.

12:00 noon to 6:00 pm:

Fay Anne de Freitas: fayanne@defreitas.info.

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm:

Lily Mc Laughlin: lilygcm0859@gmail.com.

List of Vacant Hours:

Mondays: 2:00-3:00 pm and 5:00-6:00 pm.

Tuesdays: 3:00-4:00 pm.

Thursdays: 12:00-1:00 pm.

Fridays: 9:00-10:00am, 12:00-1:00 pm, 2:00-3:00 pm.

Saturdays: 11:00 am-12:00 pm, 1:00-2:00 pm.



*Thank you to all those
who faithfully attend!*

Scripture Readings for the Week December 26th - 31st, 2023

Tues:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22
Wed:	1 John 1:1-4 ; John 20:1a, 2-8
Thurs:	1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18
Fri:	1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35
Sat:	1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2: 36-40
Sun:	Genesis 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3 Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19 Luke 2: 22-40

See United in Christ Missal for alternate
readings, or please visit www.usccb.org.



Altar Servers, Cantors, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Ushers:
Remember to check the Christmas and New Years' Schedules
and confirm your availability to serve at these Masses. Thank
you for your continued commitment to our Parish.

UPCOMING EVENTS - PARISH/SCHOOL

Dec 23/24	4th Sunday of Advent
Dec 25	Christmas Day
Dec 26	Boxing Day/St. Stephen's Day
Dec 30/31	Holy Family Sunday
Jan 01	Solemnity: Mary Mother of God
Jan 02	OCIA Classes Resume
Jan 03	School Resumes
Jan 19-21	Confirmation Retreat
Jan 21	Baptism after 11:30am Mass
Jan 22	National Heroes Day
Jan 07	Faith Formation Classes Resume
Feb 04	Confirmation Mass with Bishop Cepeda
Feb 09-10	Parish Retreat: Eucharistic Revival with Sr. Joseph Andrew, OP
Feb 10	World Marriage Day Dinner
Feb 10/11	World Marriage Day Blessing of Marriages
Feb 14	Ash Wednesday
Feb 18	1st Sunday of Lent
March 31	Easter Sunday



THE ST. IGNATIUS FOOD PANTRY

**There are many different ways that Parishioners
may help!**

1. Donations of non-perishable food items or toiletries are welcome!
2. Supermarket gift cards are welcome (Foster's, Kirk Market, Hurley's, Cost-U-Less)!
3. Plastic and/or reusable shopping bags are always much appreciated!
4. If you prefer to make monetary donations our volunteers can purchase items needed!

Food Pantry donations may be brought to the PARISH OFFICE or dropped off after weekend Masses. Please ensure that items have at least six months left before expiry date!

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink." - Matthew 25:35

Together, as a community, let us continue making a difference in the lives of others!

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As we near the Christmas Holiday, please consider making a special gift to St. Ignatius Parish. As many of you may know, your Christmas donation is exempt from the Archdiocese of Detroit tax (7%) provided it is received up to and January 8, 2024. Thank you and God Bless.

EDGE YOUTH MINISTRY

- Friday, January 12, 2024
To Be Announced

Complimentary pizza and drinks!

All Youth in High School are welcomed!

Contact the Parish office for more information.

WEDDING BANNS #1

Eoin Donohoe

&

Nadine Abounohra



CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER TOP SELLERS

Last weekend Christmas Cheers event and the drawing of the Christmas Fundraiser \$25,000 grand prize and other prizes were successful! WE extend our thanks and appreciation to all volunteers who sold tickets in the Parish, our school and wider community. Commendations to **Jerry Gracias** the winner of the sellers prize, selling a total of 76 books and winning \$1000 for this unmatched feat. Congratulations also to the second top seller, **Lazarus Moraes**, selling a total of 72 books and winning the \$500. Prize. We are grateful to all of you for your support.

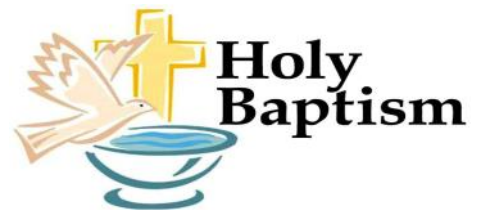
PRE-MARRIAGE PREPARATIONS

Six months notice required and completion of pre-marital instruction.

Couples intending to get married are invited to contact the Parish Office well in advance and make an appointment to see the one of the priests and to register for the pre-Marital course.

Online Marriage Preparations have been discontinued.

Contact the Parish Office at Ignatius@candw.ky or 949-6797 to make an appointment, to register, and for further information.



Congratulations to the following babies who were baptised last Sunday, December 17 by Fr. Naveen:

- *Aiden Michael Batepolage Don*
- *Michiel Jonah Bush*
- *Emelia Enriquez Junio*
- *Ashley Paola Mena-Hebbert*
- *Apollo Liam Akeem Whyte*

Welcome to the family of God, and to His Holy Church!

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!



We welcome all those families and individuals who have recently joined our Parish!

If you have not yet officially registered please visit our website at <https://ignatius.ky/forms>.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms will now be scheduled on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

Parents and Godparents MUST do the online course AND attend the Pre-Baptismal classes prior to the Baptism. The next Baptism is on January 14th after the 11:30 am Mass. Baptisms normally take place on the second and fourth Sundays of each month after the 11:30 am Mass. Baptisms are also scheduled on January 28th. Contact the Parish Office well in advance for full details, to sign up for classes, and to book a date for the Baptism. Dates will only be confirmed after all documents are submitted.

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NEW YEAR'S EVE/DAY SCHEDULE OF MASSES

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY (Holy Day of Obligation)

St. Ignatius Church

Saturday, December 30

6:00pm - Mass

Sunday, December 31

8:00am - Mass

11:30am - Mass

Christ the Redeemer

Sunday, December 31

9:45am - Mass

Stella Maris

Sunday, December 31

11:00am - Mass

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

St. Ignatius Church

Sunday, December 31st

6:00 pm - Mass

10:00 pm - Thanksgiving Eucharistic

Adoration at St. Ignatius

11:00pm - Mass

Monday, January 01

8:00 am - Mass

11:30 am - Mass

Christ the Redeemer

Monday, January 01

9:45 am

Stella Maris

Monday, January 01

11:00am - Mass

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE PARISH STAFF

Embracing the Spiritual Essence of Christmas

As the festive season approaches, it's an opportune time to dwell into the true essence of Christmas, beyond the glittering lights and festive decorations. Christmas is more than just a celebration; it carries a profound spiritual significance that transcends cultural boundaries.

Rediscovering the Joy of Giving

At its core, Christmas is a season of giving, mirroring the selfless act of kindness that lies at the heart of many spiritual teachings. Whether through thoughtful gifts, acts of charity, or spending quality time with loved ones, the act of giving fosters a sense of connection and generosity that extends beyond the holiday season.

Fostering Compassion and Love

Christmas reminds us of the importance of compassion and love. It's a time to reflect on our relationships, cultivate empathy, and reach out to those in need. In the spirit of the season, let us embrace forgiveness and understanding, fostering an environment of harmony and goodwill.

Embracing Traditions and Rituals

Many Christmas traditions have deep spiritual roots. From the lighting of candles to the singing of carols, these rituals serve as meaningful expressions of joy and hope. Taking a moment to engage in these traditions can provide a sense of continuity and spiritual connection, bridging generations and cultures.

A Time for Reflection and Renewal

As the year draws to a close, Christmas marks a natural point for reflection. It's an opportunity to assess personal growth, express gratitude for the past year's experiences, and set intentions for the coming year. This reflective pause can be a deeply spiritual practice, aligning our actions with our values.

Wishing You a Joyful Christmas and a Spiritually Fulfilling New Year

May this festive season be filled with the warmth of love, the joy of giving, and the peace that comes from a deep spiritual connection. As we bid farewell to the old and welcome the new, may the coming year bring you opportunities for growth, moments of serenity, and the fulfilment of your aspirations.

In the midst of the holiday festivities, let's not forget to embrace the spiritual core of Christmas, allowing it to inspire kindness, compassion, and a renewed sense of purpose.

Fr. Anthony Fernandes SAC

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU AND YOUR LOVED
ONES!**



PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE PARISH STAFF**

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6)

Christmas is an appropriate time to contemplate the God’s Providence. Since this is the time we reflect of God’s greatest gift to us and his desire to redeem us and bring us back to Him, I cannot help, but contemplate the greatness of God in my own life and how he has humbly called me to Pastor this vibrant community of faith. Like our Blessed Mother responded at the Annunciation, my humble response is “Be it done to me according to your word.”

A special thank you to the following groups and individuals who have worked hard to make our Christmas Masses extraordinarily special this year: the Parish Staff; Sekar and the Facilities Team; Barbara & Brian Gee and Molly Bryan; Dolor Pascual and her cleaning team; Jeovy and his team; the Altar Society; Joy Anglin, Joan Lagman and their families; Denize Solomon and the Christmas Cheers Team and performers; our Parish Musicians & Choirs; Altar Servers; Ushers, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers.

May God our loving Father continue to bless every family in our Parish community. Thank you for your support, especially throughout this past year. We look forward to 2024 with great hope and anticipation!

God bless you!

Fr. Naveen

May HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE reign in your hearts this Christmas season. We wish everyone a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year 2023! Maligayang Pasko at Mapayapang Taon sa inyong lahat!

Art, May, and JJ Ursua

I would like to take a moment to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. Some folks miss the point of Christmas. Oh, decorations are displayed, parties are attended, gifts are bought and exchanged...But somehow it never dawns on them that the Savior of the world was born. In the Gospel of John, we are reminded that “all things came through him, and without him, nothing came to be. What came to be was life.” Brothers and sisters, not only are we celebrating the birth of our Savior, we are also celebrating the new life He brings us. The new life is one where death has no hold on us and where our sins are forgiven. Let us rest in the fact that this Christmas season, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords came in a manger, a feeder used for animals, to be the bread of life and our source of hope, peace, love, and joy. During this season, we celebrated those four themes, and I pray they fill your life in every way. We tend to seek them out in the world but are always left empty-handed because they can only be fulfilled in Christ Jesus. We are also told in John’s Gospel that “the world didn’t know him.” That is something we could relate to in the world we live today, but let’s not be included in that. Let us be the ones who walk confidently in knowing Christ and the true reason for the season. While it is so good to decorate, celebrate, and buy gifts, let us not forget who we are celebrating or why we are celebrating. May God bless you this Christmas with hope in the new life, and may He bless you with the grace to truly know Him so you can walk in confidence, spreading the Good News. Blessed be God!

Anna Cayasso

I’ve always heard of the ‘Magic of Christmas’ but as a person of faith my preference is to reflect on the ‘Miracle of Christmas’. This time of year, brings so much hope, love, joy and peace. The cool temperatures, the generosity of strangers, the warmth of friendships and the cheerful dispositions all around us, point to something deeper and more meaningful. The celebration of Christ’s birth transforms our outlook, our dispositions, and our hearts. We revel in the goodness of His love. For many, our desire is to stay this way all year long. It may be difficult but not impossible.

May this 3rd verse of “Away in a Manger”, be our prayer this Christmas and through 2024:

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay

Close by me forever, and love me I pray.

Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,

And take us to heaven to live with thee there.

Have a blessed Christmas and a 2024 filled with Christ’s love and Presence.

O’Neil, Karyl, Jayden, Jon-Paul & Karissa

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of my friends, family, and fellow parishioners!

Jerry Gracias

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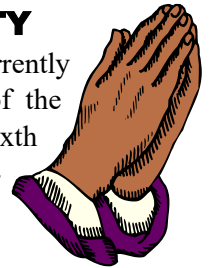
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