



St. Ignatius Catholic Parish

4th Sunday of Advent

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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

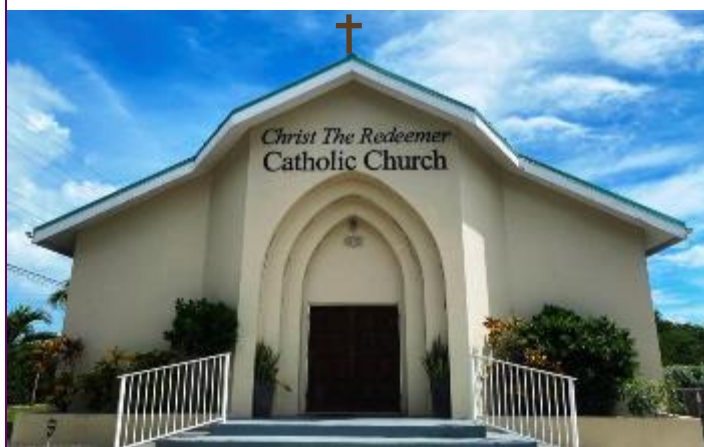
Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church

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Weekend Mass time:

Sunday 9:45 am



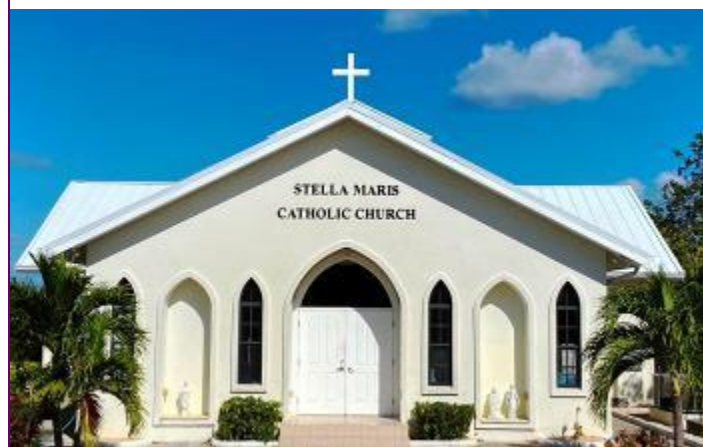
Stella Maris Catholic Church

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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

Administrative Assistant

Ms. Anna Cayasso

OTHER CONTACTS

Music Ministry — Organists

Mrs. Sarah Bertran

Mr. Albert Chin

Mr. McAllister Fernandes

Mr. Reymar Latap

Food Pantry

Please contact the Parish Office

PRAYER MEETINGS AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Rosary (St. Ignatius):

Monday through Friday in Adoration Chapel 7:30 to 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:

Blas Serrano, Blaise Ting,

Renee Caudeiron, Denise Delpesh-Morain

Commission Representatives:

Worship: Angela J. Miller **Evangelisation/Education:** Michelle Haylock

Stewardship: Andrew Hulse **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

St Ignatius
Catholic School



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*Building and Growing
Together for our Future!*

December 22, 2024 - 4th Sunday of Advent

This Weekend's Readings

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Micah 4:1-4a

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38)

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Fourth Sunday of Advent

O Little Town of Bethlehem

There is a Christmas song that says of Bethlehem: "Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light." Bethlehem is a suburb of Jerusalem. Its main tourist attraction in the time of Jesus was that it was the birthplace of David. Though today it has many modern homes and buildings, you can still see that it is part of "the hill country...of Judah." (Lk 1:39) It is not too far from En Kerem, where John the Baptist was born, and apparently where today's Gospel takes place.

We see in the Gospel reading today how Elizabeth and her unborn child rejoiced at the news of Jesus' coming birth. The story implies that Mary went to see Elizabeth as soon as the angel told her about Jesus. Maybe it was easier to tell her cousin, who was also with child, than her fiancé. I would think that talking about it made this miracle more real. I know that talking about my faith makes it more real to me.

Jesus is the "everlasting Light" mentioned in the song. That light shines today, not just in Bethlehem, but everywhere that his followers bring it. When we console someone who is mourning, that light shines. When we offer to help someone in need, it shines brighter. When we forgive someone who hurt us, the light is burning. When we offer to sponsor a candidate in the RCIA, the light grows. When we teach a child how to pray, it shines even brighter.

Our dark streets need the everlasting Light today as much as they did 2000 years ago. Today we remember how Mary and Elizabeth shared their faith in God. They did so much like we do today. Mary could not see her unborn son yet, but helped Elizabeth to believe by her words. Jesus, who seems to be invisible today, is seen in the shared faith of those who bring him into the world by their words and actions.

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 2024 offering".

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF MASSES

See page 14 for the schedule of Masses and make note of the times for Christmas Eve; Christmas Day; New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

SIMBANG GABI - THANK YOU

Thank you to Fr. Alex Alex Ramos who visited and celebrated the Simbang Gabi Masses this year. Thank you also to the team who organized the Masses. My prayer is that all of you who participated will be filled with every grace to enter the Christmas Season with fervent joy.

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU

Thank you to all Parishioners who have been preparing and will continue to be working overtime to ensure that our Christmas celebrations are as beautiful as they always are. May you be blessed continually for your commitment to our Parish.

GIVING TREE - THANK YOU

Our Parishioners continue to out do themselves in their generous giving. We thank all of you have donated.

Wishing you all a wonderful 4th Sunday of Advent and a Blessed and Holy Christmas. - Fr. Naveen

PARISH OFFICE - HOLIDAY HOURS

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

- Wednesday, December 25
- Thursday, December 26
- Wednesday, January 01

On Tuesday, December 24 & 31, the office will close at Noon.

The office will be open on the other weekdays.

STEWARDSHIP: TIME TALENT TREASURE

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

Offertory Collection for last weekend's Masses: \$7,460.22

Second Collection for Christmas Flowers & Decorations: \$2,498.06

- Your offerings can also be transferred to the St. Ignatius Church Butterfield account 02 101 031260.
- 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

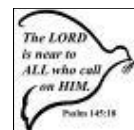
Saturday:	December 21	St. Peter Canisius
Fr. Anthony	8:30am	+Maria Garcia
Fr. Naveen	6:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday:	December 22	4th Sunday of Advent
Fr. Joseph K.	8:00 am	+Ward Family Deceased
		+Vernenchia Butler
Fr. Anthony	11:30am	Maira Abbott (Birthday Thanksgiving)
Fr. Naveen	6:00pm	People of the Parish
Monday:	December 23	St. John of Kanty
Fr. Naveen	7:00 am	+Elsamma Antony
		Suzanne Howden (Birthday)
Tuesday:	December 24	St. Adele
Fr. Naveen	7:00 am	Reed - Living and Deceased
		Leitmannova - Living and Deceased
		The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Fr. Joseph K	6:00pm	People of the Parish
& Fr. Naveen		
Fr. Naveen	Midnight	People of the Parish
& Fr. Anthony		
Wednesday:	December 25	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Fr. Naveen	8:00am	People of the Parish
Fr. Naveen	10:00 am	People of the Parish
Fr. Anthony	12:00pm (Noon)	People of the Parish
Thursday:	December 26	St. Stephen
Fr. Anthony	7:00am	+Derek Wight
		Salvito & Samantha Rodrigues (Anniversary)
Friday:	December 27	St. John the Beloved Apostle
Fr. Anthony	7:00am	Abbott Family (Thanksgiving)
Fr. Naveen	6:00pm	+Mary Faulkner (Death Anniversary)
Saturday:	December 28	The Holy Innocents
Fr. Naveen	8:30am	+Yvette Correia
		Abbott Family (Thanksgiving)
Fr. Anthony	6:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday:	December 29	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Fr. Naveen	8:00 am	+Dowling Family Deceased
Fr. Naveen	11:30am	People of the Parish
Fr. Anthony	6:00pm	+Marguerite Wight
		+Bridget Giles (Anniversary)

Christ the Redeemer Mass Intentions

Sunday:	December 22	4th Sunday of Advent
Fr. Naveen	9:45 am	+Thiaga Nadaraja
		+Ronan Nadaraja
Tuesday:	December 24	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Fr. Anthony	8:00pm	People of the Parish
Wednesday:	December 25	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Fr. Anthony	9:45am	People of the Parish
Sunday:	December 29	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Fr. Anthony	9:45 am	+Pegnam Family
		+Cox Family

Our Prayer List for the Sick

Dr. Joseph Ostroski
Tom Dunbar
Antonio Soriano
Eva Wiggan
Francis De Vera
Owen Henry
Linval Webb
George Webb
Barbara Man-Song-Hing
Carole Rozick
Donna Hurlston
Jean Denees Brown-Afable
John Michael Stafford
Jesally Ebasan Rocamora
Mike Carey
Janet Pereira
Jade Brown Afable
Burns Ruttly
Megan Stewart Greene
Mavis Hennings
Jennifer Scott-O'Sullivan
Anne Rodriguez
Tony Wood
Sarah Drebenstedt
Casey Gill
Walwin Clarke
Damien Reidy
Esther Tatum
Steve Leftwich
David Jarman
James Carr
Gloria Mosca
Natalie Bueden
Shelia Seigel
Jay Lynch
Christopher Lee
Gerardo Rossano
Laura Foster
Ludmicia
Mark Delapenha
Winston Salmon



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 NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Why the World Desperately Needs Eucharistic Worship



St. John Paul II firmly expressed his view that the Church and the world need Eucharistic worship, as it can draw us closer to God and each other.

In the midst of all the wars and conflicts in the world, promoting Eucharistic worship may appear to be the last priority.

However, many saints have always pointed to the Eucharist in times of trial, believing that the closer we get to God, the more peace there will be in the world.

Eucharistic worship

St. John Paul II expressed his views in his letter *Dominicae Canae*, highlighting the need for Eucharistic worship:

The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world by our adoration never cease.

He goes so far as to say that, "**Eucharistic worship constitutes the soul of all Christian life.** In fact, Christian life is expressed in the fulfilling of the greatest commandment, that is to say, in the love of God and neighbour, and this love finds its source in the blessed Sacrament, which is commonly called the **sacrament of love.**"

Further commenting on this concept, St. John Paul II points to how the Eucharist can change us and fill us with love: We not only know love; **we ourselves begin to love.** We enter, so to speak, upon the path of love and along this path make progress.

Thanks to the Eucharist, the love that springs up within us from the Eucharist develops in us, becomes deeper and grows stronger.

The world needs love and Eucharistic worship is one way to be filled with the love of God, so that we can spread that love into the world.

As St. John Paul II affirms, "**If our Eucharistic worship is authentic,** it must make us grow in awareness of the dignity of each person. The awareness of that dignity becomes the deepest motive of our relationship with our neighbour."

If we are open to God's love when we adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, or receive him in Holy Communion, then we will be able to see Christ in our neighbour.

That is why we need more authentic Eucharistic worship to help transform the world.

<https://aleteia.org/2024/07/14/why-the-world-desperately-needs-eucharistic-worship>

Stella Maris Mass Intentions

Sunday:	December 22	4th Sunday of Advent
	11:00am	Communion Service
Tuesday:	December 24	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Fr. Anthony	4:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday:	December 29	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
	11:00am	Communion Service

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 2024

For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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Attention Stella Maris Cayman Brac



UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

- Sunday, December 22: 10:30 am Rosary; 11:00am - Communion Service
- Sunday, December 24: **4:00pm Christmas Mass - Fr. Anthony**
- Sunday, December 29: 10:30am Rosary; 11:00am - Communion Service
- Wednesday, January 01: **10:30am Rosary; 11:00am Mass - Fr. Pieter van Rooyen**
- Sunday, January 05: **10:30am Rosary; 11:00am Mass - Fr. Pieter van Rooyen**

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/>

REQUESTS FOR LETTERS/REFERENCES FROM ST. IGNATIUS PARISH OFFICE

Anyone who resides in the Cayman Islands for more the 6 months and is requesting letters for the purposes listed below, must be registered, at St. Ignatius Parish, and be active Parishioners at either St. Ignatius, Christ the Redeemer, or Stella Maris (Cayman Brac):

- Infant Baptism overseas
- First Communion & Confirmation overseas
- Godparents overseas
- Permanent Residence and Caymanian Status References (must be active volunteers in Parish Ministries for at least 2 years)
- Bank References
- General Parishioners Letter
- Marriage overseas
- School Admission overseas/locally
- Sacramental Preparations locally

If you require a letter, and meet the above criteria, please give plenty of notice, as last minute requests may not be possible.

Please provide all necessary evidence.

Please contact the Parish Office by phone or e-mail if you have any questions.

St. Ignatius Church - Faith Formation Registration 2024-2025



The Registration form for the new Faith Formation Year is available here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/9Wxn9jtabK>

SAINTS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

- Monday, December 23rd : St. John of Kanty
- Tuesday, December 24th : St. Adele
- Wednesday, December 25th: Christmas Day
- Thursday, December 26th: St. Stephen
- Friday, December 27th: St. John the Beloved Apostle
- Saturday, December 28th: The Holy Innocents

Saint Quote of the Week:

“The wicked fear the good, because the good are a constant reproach to their consciences. The ungodly like religion in the same way that they like lions, either dead or behind bars; they fear religion when it breaks loose and begins to challenge their consciences.”

- St. Adele (Feast Day—December 24)

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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!
Be sure to thank our wonderful volunteers!

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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 Noon:

Moirra Abbott - mporajmj@gmail.com

Noon to 6pm:

Fay Anne de Freitas - fayanne@defreitas.info

6:00pm to 9:00pm:

Lily McLaughlin : lilygcm0859@gmail.com.



*Thank you to all those
who faithfully attend!*

List of Vacant Hours:

Monday: 9-10am; 12-1pm; 4-5pm

Tuesday: 1-2pm; 4-5pm; 7-8pm; 8-9pm

Thursday: 10-11am

Friday: 11-noon; 7-8pm, 8-9pm

Saturday: 7-8am; 10-11am; 3-4pm; 4-5pm; 5-6pm

Sunday: 7-8am; 9-10am; Noon-1pm; 2-3pm; 4-5pm; 5-6pm; 8-9pm

Scripture Readings Week December 23rd - 29th

Mon: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24

Lk 1:57-66

Tues: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Lk 1:67-79

Wed: Is 52:7-10

Heb 1:1-6

Jn 1:1-18

Thurs: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59

Mt. 10:17-22

Fri: 1 Jn 1:1-4

Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Sat: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2

Mt 2:13-18

Sun: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

Col 3:12-21

Lk 2:41-52

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

UPCOMING EVENTS - PARISH/SCHOOL

Dec 22	4th Sunday of Advent
Dec 22	Baptisms Scheduled
Dec 25	Christmas Day - see page 10 for schedule
Dec 26	Boxing Day
Dec 29	Feast of the Holy Family
Jan 01	New Year's Day
Jan 01	Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
Jan 05	Epiphany of the Lord
Jan 06	School re-opens
Jan 12	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Jan 12	Baptisms Scheduled
Jan 12	Faith Formation Classes resume
Jan 20	National Heroes Day—Public Holiday
	Mass at 8:30am - Parish Offices Closed
Feb 15	World Marriage Day—Couples' Dinner
Feb 16	Confirmation Mass - Bishop Hanchon Presiding
Mar 05	Ash Wednesday
Apr 13	Palm Sunday
Apr 17	Holy Thursday
Apr 18	Good Friday



ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers for this weekend,
were donated by an **Anonymous Donor** and **Luz Gonzales** in
memory of **Honorata Gonzales**. Thank you!

The 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 office
at least one week ahead of time.

Cost is \$100. Thank you!

CHRIST THE REDEEMER ALTAR FLOWERS

Katherine Lu-Fatt 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.

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.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



In ancient pagan Rome, these days in mid-December were a time for general slacking off at work and far too much rejoicing. The period of leisure after the harvest and a whole cluster of pagan festivals were a force for the church to reckon with. The Saturnalia, breaking out on December 17, was a time of high living and loose morals. Christians were advised by their bishops to drop out of the mayhem and do some serious fasting. A famous church council at Saragossa in Spain made a season of fasting mandatory from December 17 to December 23, exactly coinciding with the Saturnalia. The bishops at that time were perhaps less concerned with preparing for Christmas than with resisting the kind of loose living going on.

Modern times have restored a bit of the Saturnalia spirit to our culture, so that a general period of partying with a vague connection to religion is now upon us. How does a Christian keep balance? The practice of charity by remembering the poor in our gift-giving, of hospitality in finding a place at our holiday tables for the poor and lonely, and of daily prayer in the home and at church are great helps. Although Advent is not a penitential season like Lent, it is a time for making room in our lives for what matters most.

PARKING SAFETY

When you attend Mass on Sundays or visit the Church/Chapel or Parish offices during the week, be mindful of all parking lot safety precautions that you would take in other parking spaces on island.

- Be mindful of how you're parking your car, using the spaces as you should.
- Only park in designated parking spaces at all times.
- Do not block the areas that are coned off as they are for everyone's safety.
- Do not leave handbags, electronics and other valuables in your car. In case your car is broken into, your possessions will be securely with you.
- Lock all your car doors as you leave the car.



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PRAYER FOR LIFE

Lord Jesus Christ,
You are the Author of Life,
Who died and now lives forevermore.
May we who work and pray
That children in the womb may be protected
Always draw strength, confidence, and joy
From Your victory over death,
For you are Lord forever and ever.
Amen.



BAPTISMS

**Baptisms are 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 Baptisms are on January 13 and 27, 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. 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.

4th Sunday of Advent

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (LUKE 1:44)



When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

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1. Go to <https://formed.org> and click signup. Chrome works best!
2. Select option 3, "I belong to a parish or organization".
3. Type in **St. Ignatius Parish** and select **597 Walkers Road, George Town**
4. Register with your name and e-mail address.
5. Check your e-mail for a link to begin using FORMED!

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of December 22, 2024



The Story of Christmas | Benjamin Cello Christmas Special

In this special hour-long television event, Benjamin Cello and his friends travel to Pennywhistle Park for a spectacular shadow puppet retelling of "The Story of Christmas" by Brother Joseph and "The Shadow of His Wings" puppet theater.



O Holy Night - Christmas with the Annie Moses Band

Experience the beauty of the Christmas season with the Annie Moses Band as the acclaimed classical crossover ensemble performs stunning arrangements of holiday favorites.



Mary's Labor: What Does Catholic Tradition Have to Say?

Join Dr. Scott Hefelfinger and Dr. Michael Barber as they explain the Catholic Church's understanding of Mary's labor and the birth of Jesus Christ.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION CHRISTMAS DAY

The Signs of God

Midnight Christmas Mass was always my favorite as a kid. We would get all dressed up and enter the beautiful Church with all the decorations and the nativity scene. It's like I can still smell the pine trees and see the glow of the Christmas lights. I think we probably all have memories that bring us back to the Christmas season. Whether it is the smell of freshly baked cookies or the Christmas ham roasting for hours, these physical signs point us back to memories and experiences that we have enjoyed.

The Gospel from the Christmas Mass during the Night proclaims, "For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you." This has me thinking about the importance of physical signs. Wedding rings are exchanged as a sign of commitment. Gifts are exchanged as a sign of love or friendship. In today's Gospel we have the signs of the manger and the swaddling clothes that are communicating to us that God has become flesh. Signs are important for us.

The beautiful thing about the signs we have in the Catholic Church is that they go beyond mere symbols. Today we commemorate not just a sign of God's love in clothes and a structure, but we commemorate God literally taking on flesh to be a physical and effective sign of his love. Not just a sign in the sense of symbolic representation, but a sign that is so real and so effective that it literally becomes what it signifies.

We see this played out in every Mass. We start with the Liturgy of the Word where we read from Scripture. But that Word, throughout the course of the Mass, becomes so living, so real, so physical, so effective, that the Word of God literally becomes flesh for us on the altar. This is the very thing we celebrate this Christmas season. We can think back to all the great symbols that plunge us deeply into beautiful memories of family life, but let's set aside some special time today to focus on the fact that God transcends all earthly signs and literally becomes one of us. He wants to be one with you and with me. If there is nothing else we take out of our celebrations today, I think it would do us well to focus on that reality. God loves you enough that he was born in a manger to have a relationship with you and one day be with you forever in paradise.

Merry Christmas and God bless!

PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Ignatius Christmas Fundraiser Prize Winners

1st Prize

\$25,000 CI - Ticket #2959 - Alba Tibbetts

Seller of the Winning Ticket

Buffy Campbell

2nd Prize

\$2,500 CI - Ticket #4798 - Cherry Ardiente

3rd Prize

\$2,500 US - Ticket #3979 - Babylyn Ebanks

4th Prize

\$1,000 CI - Ticket #362 - Raphael Reyes

5th Prize

\$1,000 US - Ticket #1822 - Roger R. Pereira

Gift Certificates

6th - Marianne Villanueva

7th - Carol Ann Balls

8th - Beryl Tatum

9th - Orlando Mason

10th - Kean Bautista

11th - Natacia Stroble-Hyde

12th - Elizabeth Westin

13th - Shern Williamson

14th - Dr. Dwaine Cooke

15th - Dan Sureta

16th - Frank Flowers

17th - Zak Gomes

18th - Franco Alday

19th - Ethan Bodden

20th - Sharon Roulstone

21st - Toto Champ (TC)

22nd - Kristin M. Williams

23rd - Bill Leanard

24th - Everton Bell

25th - Renel Solomon

TOP SELLERS

Jerry Gracias

Westin Family

Claudia Quinones

Buffy Campbell

Celine Rowlands

Thank you to all of you for your support!

Funds raised are to be used Parish
Development Projects, School Scholarship
Fund and Local Charity

THANK YOU

Last weekend's Christmas Fundraiser Grand Prize Draw along with our Parish's Christmas Cheers Social event can be described as very successful.

We would love to use this opportunity to thank everyone who made this a success.

Thank you especially to:

- Radio Cayman
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- Chefs Thomas and Vivian
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- St. Ignatius Parish Staff
- Fundraising Committee Members

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM PARISH STAFF



“Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Saviour has been born in the world. Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.”

(Entrance Antiphon for Midnight Mass at Christmas)

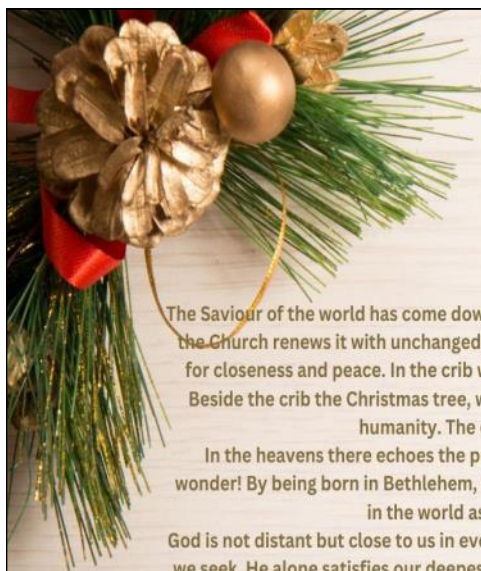
For four weeks we have been anticipating the celebration of Christmas Day. Today, as we fix our hearts on the first coming of our Lord in the world, we give thanks for God's bounteous blessings. Let us continue to pray for that peace that His birth brings, will perpetually reign in our hearts and the hearts of all people.

On Christmas Eve, with the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, our Holy Father Pope Francis summons the entire Church to enter the Jubilee Year 2025 as 'Pilgrims of Hope'.

Christ is our hope and "hope does not disappoint." Celebrating His birth reinforces our Christian Hope. In the words of Pope Francis "...let us lift up our hearts to Christ and become singers of hope in a world marked by too much despair."

Too all of you parishioners of St. Ignatius, Christ the Redeemer and Stella Maris, have a Blessed Christmas Season and a 2025 filled with the Hope of Christ!

Fr. Naveen D'Souza, SAC



Greetings of Peace and Joy to you, in the Christ Child who is born among us.

It's Christmas once again.

In our culture this means excitement,
decorations, cards, gifts, food, gatherings, etc.
All these things are good and have their place.

But true Joy comes with the Birth of Christ our Saviour.

The Saviour of the world has come down from heaven. Let us rejoice! This proclamation, filled with deep rejoicing, echoed in the night of Bethlehem. Today the Church renews it with unchanged joy: The Saviour is born for us! A wave of tenderness and hope fills our hearts, together with an overpowering need for closeness and peace. In the crib we contemplate the One who stripped himself of divine glory in order to become poor, driven by love for mankind.

Beside the crib the Christmas tree, with its twinkling lights, reminds us that with the birth of Jesus the tree of life has blossomed anew in the desert of humanity. The crib and the tree: precious symbols, which hand down in time the true meaning of Christmas!

In the heavens there echoes the proclamation of the angels: "To you is born in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). What wonder! By being born in Bethlehem, the Eternal Son of God has entered into the history of each person living on the face of the earth. He is now present in the world as the one Saviour of humanity. For this reason, we pray to him: Saviour of the world, save us!

God is not distant but close to us in every way. As we celebrate Christmas, let us be aware that Jesus - God made flesh and dwelling among us - is the hope we seek. He alone satisfies our deepest longing for meaning and purpose and is the fulfillment of all desire. God has given us so much - the greatest gift of all - His Son. The greatest gift we can give Him now in return is to let Him be born in our hearts over and over again. Let us open our hearts wide to welcome

our Saviour this Christmas so that we can truly experience the peace and joy only He can give. Let us give God permission to transform us, our perspectives, our way of doing things so that we could become more and more the person He has called us to be from our baptism. Let us share that Joy, Peace and Love with the people around us so that all may know the true meaning of Christmas!

Fr. Anthony Fernandes SAC

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



Jubilee 2025

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM PARISH STAFF



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
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Pasko at Mapayapang
Taon sa inyong lahat!

Art, May, and JJ Ursua



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"Brothers and Sisters as we gather this Christmas season to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we are reminded in the Christmas readings that His coming was not by chance but a fulfilment of the divine purpose—a story written throughout generations. In the Gospel of Matthew, we are invited to reflect on the bloodline of Jesus, this genealogy is more than names; it is a testimony to God's faithfulness across generations. It is also a reminder that our stories, too, are woven into His great design. As God chose our ancestors, as the second reading from Acts of the Apostles recounts, so He has chosen us. This Christmas may we reflect on what it really means to be people after God's heart as King David was. David's life was marked by repentance, worship, and an unwavering trust in God's promise. May we, too, seek to walk closely with the Lord, allowing His Spirit to guide our every thought, word, and action. May Isaiah's words resound in our hearts: "For Zion's sake, I will not be silent; for Jerusalem's sake, I will not be quiet" (Isaiah 62:1). As we celebrate the birth of Christ, the Word made flesh, let us recommit ourselves to proclaiming His message boldly. In a world that often grows weary and silent in the face of truth, may we be steadfast and vocal in sharing the good news of salvation, proclaiming His Peace, Hope, Joy, and Love for all. Merry Christmas to all. Blessed be God!

Anna



2024 has been another special year working with all of you, members of the Roman Catholic Church family in the Cayman Islands. It has been a very special blessing journeying with you, hearing your stories of encounters with Christ and sharing the journey of the faith.

Contemplating the birth of Christ, let us resolve to make him the source of our joy. To those who first encountered him, he brought great joy, hope and peace. I pray that our community will continue to make Christ the centre of our lives and be examples of that joy especially in our interactions with each other.

From our family to yours, Merry Christmas and a Happy 2025, the Jubilee of Hope!

O'Neil, Karyl, Jayden, Jon-Paul and Karissa



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>.

PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



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 12, 2025. Thank you and God Bless.

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.



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.

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!

Items Needed!

- Supermarket Gift Cards (\$25 or \$50) so families can use these cards to shop at Christmas time.

Special Request

When donating items, please bring smaller sizes (bottles, cans, packs) whenever possible! This gives us much more flexibility when distributing the items to individuals or families. For example, 6 small bags of Rice is much better than 1 large one! Thank you!

ST. IGNATIUS/DOROTHY RICE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

How you can help:

- Donation envelopes are available at the entrances to the Church.
- On-line transfers can be done through Butterfield Bank... please e-mail Ignatius@candw.ky for details.
- Donations can also be sent in by mail to PO Box 2638, Grand Cayman, KY1-1102. If paying by cheque, please make your donations payable to: **ST. IGNATIUS**, and in the memo, please indicate **"Scholarship Fund"**.
- Perhaps your company would like to assist with regular contributions OR a one-off donation?

Please consider the Scholarship Fund from time to time when doing your charitable work throughout the year!

Many thanks to all those who have contributed to the fund during recent months and during the past several years!

For further information, please contact Fr. Naveen in the Parish Office or via e-mail: Ignatius@candw.ky

PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2024

CHRISTMAS MASSES (Holy Day of Obligation)

St. Ignatius Church

Tuesday, December 24th

5:30pm - Prelude

6:00 pm - Children's Mass

11:00 pm - Carol Service

12:00 am - Mass at Midnight

Wednesday, December 25th

8:00 am - Mass

10:00 am - Mass

12:00noon - Mass

Christ the Redeemer

Tuesday, December 24th

7:30 pm - Carol Service

8:00 pm - Mass

Wednesday, December 25th

9:45 am - Mass

Stella Maris (Cayman Brac)

Tuesday, December 24th

4:00pm - Mass

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

(Holy Day of Obligation)

St. Ignatius Church

Saturday, December 28

6:00pm - Mass

Sunday, December 29

8:00am - Mass

11:30am - Mass

6:00pm - Mass

Christ the Redeemer

Sunday, December 29

9:45am - Mass

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (Holy Day of Obligation)

St. Ignatius Church

Tuesday, December 31st

6:00 pm - Mass

10:00 pm - Thanksgiving Eucharistic
Adoration

11:00pm - Mass

Wednesday, January 01

8:00 am - Mass

11:30 am - Mass

Christ the Redeemer

Wednesday, January 01

9:45 am

Stella Maris (Cayman Brac)

Wednesday, January 01

11:00am - Mass

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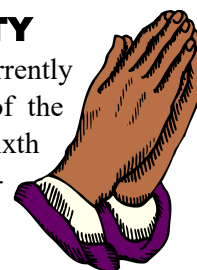
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FOUNT OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP MEETS WEDNESDAYS AT 6:00 PM

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!" - Psalm 150:6
All are welcome to join in Fount of Life Prayer Group meetings at St. Ignatius Church, **Wednesdays at 6:00 pm**. We praise, worship, give thanks, petition, intercede, share, witness and fellowship at our prayer meetings. We look forward to seeing you!

LIVING HOPE COMMUNITY

The Living Hope Community is currently meeting on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at **3:00 PM** in the St. Ignatius Sixth Form Common Room. For further information and/or updates, please contact Bel Aurelio at belmd2001@yahoo.com.



NEW BULLETIN ADS!

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS OR SERVICE!

Thank you to all those companies and individuals who have placed ads on these last two pages of the Parish Bulletin! We encourage ALL parishioners to support these fine businesses and tell them you saw them listed in the St. Ignatius Parish Bulletin!

Any companies or organizations wishing to take out a bulletin ad next time we print the covers are urged to contact the Parish Office before Wednesday, October 10th!

**The price of ads is \$250 (for a 1" by 2.5" block)
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Ads will appear in full COLOUR!

The Bulletins are uploaded to the Parish website also. We require electronic copy of ads/logos, etc. For further information, please contact the Parish Office by phone or e-mail.

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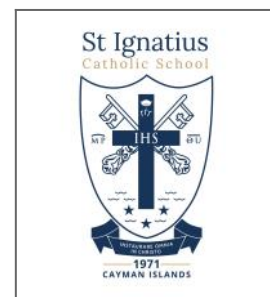
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