



St. Ignatius Catholic Parish

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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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

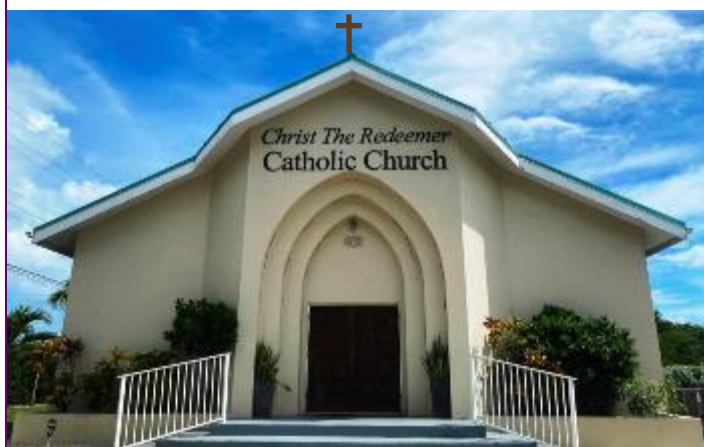
Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church

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Weekend Mass time:

Sunday 9:45 am



Stella Maris Catholic Church

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

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 29, 2024 - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

This Weekend's Readings

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly."

(Colossians 3:15a, 16a)

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

We Are Family

On the feast of the Holy Family, it is tempting to compare our own families to the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. If your parish used the year A readings that were traditionally used for this feast, the second reading from Colossians has much practical advice for our families. However, while living as family today is challenging enough, the Gospel for year C reaches a lot farther.

Luke's narrative of the twelve year old Jesus in the temple is not a warning for parents to watch their children closely while travelling. The story looks forward to the time Jesus would be "lost" in the tomb after his crucifixion. Just as his parents found him on the third day, so Jesus would rise from the dead on the third day. And Jesus' remark, "I must be in my Father's house" (Lk 2:49) gives us a hint at who is Jesus' family.

Luke was well aware that the Temple was considered God's dwelling place. So to call it his Father's house showed that Jesus was the Son of God. Keep that in mind as you look at the second reading from the First Letter of John: "we may be called children of God." (1 Jn 3:1) Like Jesus, we call God our father, and like Jesus, we are part of a larger family than the one we live with. That family of all God's children is the one we are called to serve.

But remember Jesus was 12 in this part of the gospel. So his duty to God included being obedient to his parents. We too have a tension between obedience to our parents and following God's call, a tension between taking care of our children and giving time to God's children in the church and the community. At election time we have the tension of voting for candidates who will keep our family safe, or for those that help the poor or the aged. Just remember that, while we have a warm, cozy picture of the Holy Family, Jesus' ultimate duty was to give his life for all, especially sinners. Let us ask God to help us appreciate what our family obligations really are.

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".

SCHEDULE OF MASSES - SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

See page 5 of this bulletin for the schedule of Masses for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, celebrated as the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU

Our most grateful thanks 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 Gee & Brian Gee, Dolor Pascual and her cleaning team; Jeovy and his decorations team; Angela Miller, Suzanne Howden and the Altar Society; Joy Anglin, Joan Lagman, and their families; Andrew Hulse, our Parish Musicians & Choirs; Altar Servers; Ushers, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers. Thank you for your continuous support, and for working overtime to ensure that our Christmas celebrations are as beautiful as they always are. May you be blessed for your commitment to our Parish.

PSALM BIBLE STUDY

The Study of the Book of Psalm will resume on Monday, January 06 at 6:00pm in the 6th Form Room in the Msgr. Meaney Multi-purpose Hall.

Wishing you all a wonderful week and a new year filled with the hope that the birth of Christ offers. - Fr. Naveen

PARISH OFFICE - HOLIDAY HOURS

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

- *Wednesday, January 01*

On Tuesday, December 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: \$9,253.96

- 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 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	+Lily Kelly (2nd Anniversary)
Fr. Joseph K.	6:00pm	+Marguerite Wight +Bridget Giles (Anniversary) +Ana Ester Castillo de Suarez
Monday:	December 30	St. Anysius
Fr. Naveen	7:00 am	+Gregg Allan Norling +Benjamin Negrete
Tuesday:	December 31	St. Sylvester the 1st
Fr. Anthony	7:00 am	Angelina Mendoza (Special Intention)
Fr. Joseph K.	6:00pm	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God People of the Parish
Fr. Anthony	11:00pm	People of the Parish
Wednesday:	January 01	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Fr. Anthony	8:00am	People of the Parish
Fr. Anthony	11:30am	People of the Parish
Thursday:	January 02	Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
Fr. Anthony	7:00am	+Erna Whorms
Friday:	January 03	St. Genevieve
Fr. Anthony	7:00am	People of the Parish
Fr. Anthony	6:00pm	People of the Parish
Saturday:	January 04	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Fr. Anthony	8:30am	Fr. Joseph Edattu (Birthday) Fr. Augustine Vallooran (Birthday) +Ana Ester Castillo de Suarez
Fr. Anthony	6:00pm	
Sunday:	January 05	Epiphany of the Lord
Fr. Steve Pullis	8:00 am	People of the Parish
Fr. Steve Pullis	11:30am	+Erna Whorms
Fr. Anthony	6:00pm	People of the Parish

Christ the Redeemer Mass Intentions

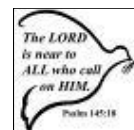
Sunday:	December 29	Epiphany of the Lord
Fr. Anthony	9:45 am	+Pegnam Family +Cox Family
Wednesday:	January 01	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Fr. Anthony	9:45am	People of the Parish
Sunday:	January 05	Epiphany of the Lord
Fr. Anthony	9:45 am	People of the Parish

Stella Maris Mass Intentions

Sunday:	December 29	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
	11:00am	Communion Service
Wednesday:	January 01	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Fr. Pieter	11:00am	Mass - People of the Parish
Sunday:	January 05	Epiphany of the Lord
Fr. Pieter	11:00am	Mass - People of the Parish

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.

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NEW YEAR'S EVE/DAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2025

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

CONGRATULATIONS

Baby **María Sofía Smith Peguero** was baptized
on Sunday, December 22
by Fr. Anthony Fernandes, SAC

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

How to do a Yearly Examen for Spiritual Clarity in the New Year



A great way to move forward in the spiritual life is to look back and examine what worked and what didn't.

The New Year often fills us with hope, as we say to ourselves, "Next year will be better!" The last

12 months may not have gone exactly as we wanted and our original New Year's resolutions may have only endured to the middle of January. Whatever may be the case, we look forward to the future and have a glimmer of hope that our current situation will improve.

While looking forward to what could be can keep our spirits up for the moment, a much deeper exercise that provides more nourishment to the soul consists of **reviewing the entire year** and being thankful for the many blessings (and crosses) that God has given us.

This process allows a person to understand where they are and where God's actions may be leading them. In other words, it is only in looking back that one can move forward.

One way to reflect on the past year is to make a **Yearly Examen**. This practice is simply an extension of the **Daily Examen** that is a central part of Ignatian spirituality. The Daily Examen is practice where an individual stops two times during the day (at midday and at the close of the day) to examine God's activity and to recognize any faults or sins committed.

Here is how a Yearly Examen might look, based on **St. Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises**.

Yearly Examen

1. After placing yourself in God's presence, first give thanks to God for all the many blessings received during the past year. Pass through each month, remembering the blessings that occurred.
2. Pray for the grace to understand God's divine providence.
3. Next, review each month again and take notice of any feelings or movements that occur in your heart while doing this activity. Whatever you may feel (whether it was a good feeling or bad feeling), ask God to help you understand why an event happened.
4. Fourth, ask pardon for any sins you committed, trusting fully in God's mercy.
5. Last of all look forward to the New Year and think of ways that you can collaborate more with God's loving plan for your life.

If we want to progress spiritually in the New Year, we **must not forget the past, but learn from it** and accept everything that happened in light of God's divine providence. By doing this, we can better move forward and do so in a spirit of collaboration, realizing that God is the one who is in control. In the end, if we are to remember one thing let us recall the words God said to the prophet Jeremiah:

"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me; when you seek me with all your heart, I will be found by you, says the Lord." (*Jeremiah 29:11-14*)

<https://aleteia.org/2019/12/30/how-to-do-a-yearly-examen-for-spiritual-clarity-in-the-new-year>

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Attention Stella Maris Cayman Brac



UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

- 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
- Sunday, January 12: 10:30 am Rosary; 11:00am - Communion Service
- Sunday, January 19: 10:30 am 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/>

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 30: St. Anysius
- Tuesday, December 31: St. Sylvester I
- Wednesday, January 01: Mary, Mother of God
- Thursday, January 02: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazienzen
- Friday, January 03: St. Genevieve
- Saturday, January 04: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Saint Quote of the Week:

“The first end I propose in our daily work is to do the will of God; secondly, to do it in the manner He wills it and thirdly, to do it because it is His will.”

- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Feast Day - January 04)

‘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!

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:

Moira 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 30 - January 05

Mon: 1 Jn 2:12-17
Lk 2:36-40
Tues: 1 Jn 2:18-21
Jn 1:1-18
Wed: Numbers 6:22-27
Luke 2:16-21
Thurs: 1 John 2:22-28
John 1:19-28
Fri: 1 John 2:29-3:6
John 1:29-34
Sat: 1 John 3:7-10
John 1:35-42
Sun: Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

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

UPCOMING EVENTS - PARISH/SCHOOL

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 06	Psalm Bible Study resumes
Jan 07	OCIA Class
Jan 12	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Jan 12	Baptisms Scheduled
Jan 12	Faith Formation Classes resume
Jan 14	OCIA Class
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
Apr 19	Holy Saturday



ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers for this weekend,
were donated by **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

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.

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



Today's feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and

Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage—the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life's journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind!

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.

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>.

'My Parish App'

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



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.

Feast of the Holy Family

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 John 3:1)



During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

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All Parishioners are encouraged to register! It's very simple!

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 29, 2024



New Year's Resolutions | The Augustine Institute Show

What's your resolution this year? Dr. Tim Gray welcomes Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Assistant Professor of Theology in the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, to celebrate one year of the Augustine Institute Show!



Christmas | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.



O Holy Night, The King is Born: What Christmas Is About

Celebrate the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in this heartwarming presentation of the birth of God's Son! Witness the moving submission of Mary, Joseph, and others as they make way for our Savior.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mary Kept All These Things in Her Heart

Mary and Joseph have not been asked to walk an easy path. They have had to wrestle with the unknown, travel to a distant land, be denied a clean and warm place to stay and give birth, and make use of an animals' feeding trough for their Child's first bed. The King of the Universe is reduced to living at the level of an animal.

The shepherds, who in the eyes of observant Jews already live almost at the level of an animal, are blessed by an angelic Christmas concert and sent to be the first witnesses of this earth-shattering event: they rush to find Christ with his humble parents and enter the first Christian church. They then went and told others this amazing story, glorifying and praising God for this mysterious fulfillment of God's Promise. Did others rush to see for themselves? The Gospel does not tell us. We only know that the shepherds were amazed.

It does tell us something subtle that reveals the inner workings of the heart of our Mother and the Mother of God: "Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." God did not reveal to Mary or Joseph a step-by-step plan for how they were to bring the Messiah into the world, or teach the One through Whom all things were made about the world, or raise the One Who called the Chosen People and gave them the Law how to live within the Law of the Chosen People. They had to walk day by day in faith, without any bullet points or instructions, except those revealed to them in the depths of their obedient hearts (and sometimes in a dream). It was with loving trust that Mary held all that happened in her heart, observing the workings of God, repeating her *fiat* in every moment and never drawing back from it, even when it was hard to understand, even when it was difficult and painful.

Today, as we lift our prayers in honor of Mary, the Mother of God, on the eighth day of the Eight Days of Christmas, let us ask her to help us ponder God's action in our hearts with the same loving obedience and trust. Let us ask her to help us be as eager as the shepherds to gather around the manger near her and St. Joseph, to receive the warm light of God's gentle love. And let us ask her to be a mother to each of us, as Christ gave us his own Mother as his last gift from the Cross.

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 FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers for January 01, 2025, The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, are donated by **Aurelio Family & Karen Woon Sam-Cotterell**. 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!

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

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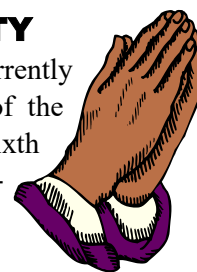
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FOUNT OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP MEETS WEDNESDAYS AT 6:00 PM

"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)
for 4 months... November 01, 2024 through February 28, 2025.**

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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Weekdays from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Note that hours are normally reduced in July and August.

Please phone 949-6797 or e-mail Ignatius@candw.ky.

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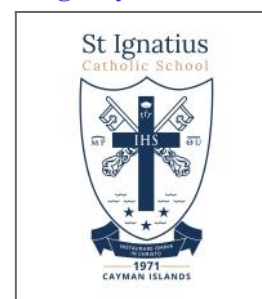
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