

# Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

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December 27, 2020 | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

## Christmas Message from Fr. Arturo Sosa, S.J., Superior General of the Society of Jesus

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Jesuits, Companions in the Mission, Dear Members of the Ignatian Family,

Christmas offers us the opportunity to find meaning in the difficulties that the whole of humanity has experienced during this seemingly endless year of 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic comes first to mind, but it cannot make us forget the consequences of wars or the various faces of violence. Nor can it make us forget the inequalities that leave millions of children without food, without school, or the international unrest that expels millions of people from their homes to migrate in search of a better life.

Christmas does not hide the difficulties, but allows us to see them with new eyes and to awaken our sensitivity to the abundant testimonies of life that arise in the midst of the storm. As we contemplate the child Jesus, God Incarnate, born on the periphery of the world, our eyes are opened to the greatness of small events and we hear the invitation to follow the path undertaken by Mary, Joseph and Jesus. An invitation to become artisans of the new world, artisans of brotherhood and peace.

The birth of a child is, in all cultures and at all times, a source of happiness for those who receive it as a gift of life, even in the midst of the tensions created by disease, natural disasters, injustice or poverty in every age of humanity. With the newborn child, there is a renewal of Hope and the desire to build a better future than the present.

The birth of Jesus seals the commitment of love between God and humanity. The birth of the Child-God, celebrated year after year, keeps our hearts open to the possibility of “seeing all things new” because we make our own the gaze of Jesus on every person, people and culture. May Joseph and Mary be our teachers and guides in meeting Jesus. May Joseph and Mary help us to see reality from their experience of the God who manifests Himself in an unsuspected way, because for Him nothing is impossible.

May Christmas draw the gaze of each one of you to the wonder of God incarnate in the beauty of a child born to free human history from selfishness and oppression. May it open our eyes to see God Incarnate everywhere, in the heart of the world, and may it also invite us to raise our eyes to heaven in thanksgiving for the Incarnation, the presence of the Emmanuel, God among us.

Merry Christmas! May Joseph and Mary be with you! May the good Lord fill you with His blessings!





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## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Social Distancing Socials.

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays.

6:00 PM. Zoom.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31st

Daily Mass at 8:30 AM and a 5:30 PM Vigil

Mass of the Solemnity in the Church.

The Parish House will be closed.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 1st

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God.

One Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 AM in the Church.

The Parish House will be closed.

### Weekday Masses (Monday to Friday)

8:30 AM (Church), 12:10 PM (Church) &

5:30 PM (Church/Livestream)

**Saturday:** 8:30 AM (Church)

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| Saturday Vigil | 5:30 PM  | Fr. Hallinan  |
| Sunday:        | 8:00 AM  | Fr. Hilbert   |
|                | 9:30 AM  | Fr. Bergen    |
| Solemn         | 11:00 AM | Fr. Yesalonia |
|                | 7:30 PM  | Fr. Yesalonia |



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Next weekend, our Parish will take a special collection for the

**Catholic Communications Campaign**  
and

**The Catholic University of America.**

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### Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

#### Monday, December 28th

*(The Holy Innocents)*

1 John 1:5–2:2 Psalm 124 Matthew 2:13–18

8:30 MEM Alice Maloney

12:10 MEM Toni Brown

5:30 MEM Dr. & Mrs. Edward Brennan

#### Tuesday, December 29th

*(Fifth Day in the Christmas Octave)*

1 John 2:3–11 Psalm 96 Luke 2:22–35

8:30 MEM Madeline Merola

12:10 MEM John Brinster

5:30 MEM William Powers

#### Wednesday, December 30th

*(Sixth Day in the Christmas Octave)*

1 John 2:12–17 Psalm 96 Luke 2:36–40

8:30 MEM Tudora Traian

12:10 MEM Joseph Gutierrez

5:30 ANN John Butler

#### Thursday, December 31st

*(Seventh Day in the Christmas Octave)*

1 John 2:18–21 Psalm 96 John 1:1–18

8:30 MEM Steven D'Amato

12:10 MEM William Wallace

#### Friday, January 1st *(Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God)*

Numbers 6:22–27 Psalm 67

Galatians 4:4–7 Luke 2:16–21

#### Saturday, January 2nd

*(Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen)*

1 John 2:22–28 Psalm 98 John 1:19–28

8:30 MEM Ciro Saracino

#### Sunday, January 3rd *(The Epiphany of the Lord)*

Isaiah 60:1–6

Psalm 72

Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6

Matthew 2:1–12

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