

# St. Ignatius Parish

## January 5, 2024



On the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, January 8, our Christmas festivities conclude. It was a wonderful Advent and Christmas season thanks to so many who have made our worship at St Ignatius fervent and holy. Thank you to all those whose generosity made that happen. As a result of David Androvic's persistence and dedication, after six months of silence, our organ pealed out its wondrous notes again just in time for Christmas. It is a joy for me to see so many returning in person to our Sunday Masses and particularly to come on Christmas.

Here are just a few 'bullet' reflections:

- Thanks to our Sunday School and School Confirmation class teachers and assistants, our worship in October and November was enriched by our Confirmation youth leadership! We look forward to that leadership two times each month in this new year from January to May!
- Thanks to Bob Pistawka and Abraham Salvador, the second Reconciliation room at the back of the church was completed just in time for the school reconciliation days in preparation for Christmas. The grade fours were the first to use them on December 7<sup>th</sup>, then grades 5 & 6 on the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 7's & 8's on the 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Holy Water is now in our fountains in the church. Thanks to Mary Hanson for the little statue of the Sacred Heart and to Abraham Salvador who created the setting for a new font at the Corydon side entrance.
- Our Parish AGM (Annual General Meeting) took place on the evening of December 14<sup>th</sup>. The reports will be posted on our Parish website very soon. Thanks to our Knights for providing a reception!
- During these fall months, a team led by trustee Steve Ward spent much time analysing our parish finances over the past ten years. The team provided information based on their observations in an appeal letter to the parish in November. They also provided detailed information and proposals to Archbishop Richard asking for a discussion to help us deal with our debt. The hope is that there will be a meeting soon.



- **Transitions continue at St. Ignatius. This is another big one for us! Having served us for eight years, Indira Rampersad will retire on January 29<sup>th</sup>. A heartfelt thank you to Indira for her many contributions to our community as Parish Receptionist and Office Administrator. She has provided me and the parish, stability, security, and solidity. I shall miss her very much.**
- **Consequently you have noticed that a job description has been circulated as of Christmas Day. You will have noticed too that the role of Parish Receptionist and Office Administrator will be expanded to include the responsibility for the book keeping for financial affairs of our parish. The job description was vetted by the trustees and finance committee members. Emőke Szathmáry, Liz Polakoff, and Martin Scanlon have agreed to be the hiring committee. They will present to me the three best candidates for me to interview and choose from. I thank them for their generosity.**

**Please continue to pray that our parish will continue to stay strong in faith, that we will successfully manage our financial woes, and that we will find a good successor for Indira.**

**Blessings on all for everything good in 2024!**



**Prayers for all!**

*R. Frank Albright*



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***A toddler's version of the nativity of Jesus!***

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