

# ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH



St. Ignatius Church, Tokyo  
Celebrating 25 years

December 2023 - January 2024

## BI-MONTHLY ENGLISH BULLETIN

### GREETINGS FROM US TO YOU!

*Fr. Toshiaki Koso, SJ, Pastor*



To Live in Hope and Pray for Peace

May the peace of the Lord Jesus, who rests peacefully in the bosom of His Mother, pervade us all and all the people of the world.

The infant Jesus was born in a stable and laid in a manger, as Mary in her full stage of pregnancy, and Joseph had no place to stay in an inn. The manger is God's chosen abode of peace, but at the same time, it also suggests the reality of the world and the current state of humankind, which is like that of the warring age.

From the moment of the Lord's Nativity, the message of hope is proclaimed: "Through the cross to the Resurrection."

*Kyoko Tsukamoto, Parish Council Lay Representative*



We welcome the Nativity of our Lord and are grateful for the opportunity to celebrate it with you.

During the coming year, we will celebrate together the 25th

anniversary of the present church. Priests, religious, and lay people, with the help of many supporters and experts, joined hands to dedicate the Main Church. We will look back on those days, and then, with the 25th year as a starting point, we will move forward into the future, strengthening the unity among church members, guided by the Holy Spirit.

The committee for the 25th anniversary has been formed and preparations have begun for a year of celebration. We invite all in the English community to join us. Let us make this Christmas and 25th anniversary joyful together.

*Fr. Bony James, SJ, John de Britto English Center Director*



Etymologically, "Christmas" consists of two words: "Christ" and "Mass" and it actually means "Christ's Mass." In fact, in every Mass, our Lord Jesus Christ comes to us in the form of bread and wine. In the same way, 2,000 years ago in Bethlehem, Jesus came to this world in order to be with mankind for our salvation. Therefore the word "Christmas," which indicates Christ's first coming to us, actually means "Christ's Mass."

In modern times, the meaning of the Christmas season has deviated from its original meaning. However let us not forget that Christmas is, first of all, "Christ's Mass." Let us not forget the reason for the season. I wish you a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

*Sr. Flor Florece, F.I. Coordinator*

This year, the Scriptural passage we chose for the JdBEC Christmas greeting is, "**Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift!**" (2Cor. 9:15). Indeed, when we think of the Incarnation, we are at a loss for words, for "The WORD BECAME FLESH and DWELT AMONG US" (Jn 1:14). For "God so loved the world he gave us



His only Son! (Jn 3:16). In awe, the psalmist in Psalm 8 wrote, "**What is man that you think of him; mere man that you care for him?**"

In the hustle-bustle of the Christmas season,

we invite you to take time to pause and allow these four Scriptural passages to speak in our hearts. Let us teach our children, convey to our youth of today, and bring the "unspeakable gift" of Christmas to the attention of our friends, co-workers, and those who do not yet know Christ!

*Jessie Buendia, Coordinator*



Time has flown by so fast. It is now the ninth month since I started my missionary work at John the Britto English Center. Coincidentally, during this ninth month is the celebration of the

birth of our savior Jesus Christ and it made me think of our Blessed Mother who lovingly carried Jesus in her womb for nine months. I also think of Joseph who courageously protected Jesus and Mary.

This Christmas season, let us recall the life of the Holy Family and learn from them the great lesson of love! May this season be an opportunity to build our own family with love, joy, hope, and forgiveness, making God the center of our lives!

A blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year to all!



### What is “Mission 2030”?

In 2014, a suggestion was made to “review activities of the Parish.” This led to holding “Workshops to Review Parish Life” the following year. Many parishioners participated and shared their opinions, inspirations, and suggestions. This sharing was synthesized into “Mission 2030.”

“Mission 2030” constitutes the direction which St. Ignatius Church and those who belong to the parish are to follow. This direction is presented in the “Mission 2030 Preamble.”

### Mission 2030 Preamble

*“We, the members of St. Ignatius Church, live as an apostolic community founded on prayer.*

*In today’s society we witness disrespect for life, disconnectedness, excessive competition, destruction of the natural environment, and other woes that counter the evangelical way of life and threaten us to lose hope for our future.*

*In the face of these realities, we shall continue to open the “Door of Mercy” to the world, without shutting-in ourselves, inside our comfort zones.*

*So as to live our mission of sharing the joy of the Gospel, we shall unite our hearts to the Heart of Jesus Christ who accompanies us, listens to the voices of the poor and the weak and joins our hands together (Japanese and those of other nationalities, young and old).”*

In order to follow the spirit expressed in the Preamble, we have laid out the 4 Pillars (goals) below, and from 2017 have focused on them and worked on them one by one each year.

#### 1. Deepen prayer

In order to receive one’s vocation conscientiously, unite faith and life, and to live as Christ’s apostles, deepen a living communion with God and seek spiritual formation (based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola).

#### 2. Proclaim the Gospel

Aspiring for the evangelization of the whole of society, as a community and as individuals, carry out the mission given, wherever one finds oneself (in the church, workplace, or at home, etc.)

#### 3. Live community

Welcome all, supporting one another, cherishing relationships, so that the church becomes a “home” for all.

#### 4. New collaboration

To realize the above, the faithful shall become more proactive, creating a structure in which collaboration with clergy and religious is enhanced. Furthermore, while keeping the identity as a Jesuit parish, work together within the Tokyo Archdiocese.

As we enter Year 2024, perhaps it will be good to examine ourselves and our communities and, as a parish, ask if we are getting closer to our goals...

### Parish Mass Intentions for the Christmas Season

#### December 24th and 25th (Christmas Day)

May the things we have offered during Advent bear fruit, and may we be able to share the joy of the Nativity of the Lord, and “walk forward” together.

#### December 31st (Holy Family)

As 2023 ends, may we remember the blessings we have received throughout the year and be grateful to God and the people we have shared them with.

#### December 31st (Midnight - January 28th)

This New Year, may every person who comes to church be able to walk with the Lord, and be guided by the Holy Spirit at all times.

# Pope Francis releases new book

**D**o you know that Pope Francis has published a new book? Yes, the title is **“Christmas at the Nativity.”** It features various texts on the Nativity scene and has been released in English, Italian, French, and Portuguese, and is now on sale. The book contains a previously unpublished introduction and a series of reflections, speeches, and homilies that he has dedicated to the Nativity scene. We share with you here the full text of the Introduction.

## INTRODUCTION

Twice I have gone to Greccio. The first time I went to learn about the place where St. Francis of Assisi invented the Nativity scene, something that also marked my childhood: in my parents' house in Buenos Aires. This sign of Christmas always was put up, even before the tree.

The second time I gladly returned to that place, in the province of Rieti, to sign the apostolic letter *Admirabile signum*, on the meaning and significance of the Nativity scene today.

On both occasions I felt a special emotion emanating from the grotto, where a medieval fresco can be admired, one side of it depicting the night of Bethlehem, and the other depicting the night of Greccio.

The excitement of that sight prompts me to delve deeper into the Christian mystery that loves to hide within what is infinitely small.

Indeed, the Incarnation of Jesus Christ remains the heart of God's revelation, although it is easily forgotten that its unfolding is so unobtrusive, to the point of going unnoticed.

Littleness, in fact, is the way to encounter God.

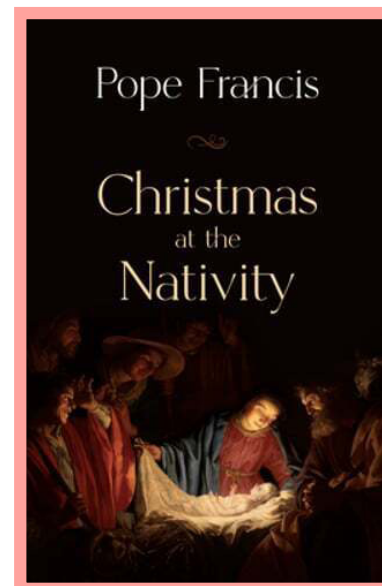
On the tombstone of St. Ignatius of Loyola, it is written, “*Non coarctari a maximo, sed contineri a minimo, divinum est*” (Not to be limited by the greatest, and yet to be contained in the tiniest—this is the divine). In short, one should not be frightened of the big things; one should go forward and take into account the smaller things.

This is why safeguarding the spirit of the Nativity scene becomes a healthy immersion in the presence of God manifested in the small, sometimes trivial and repetitive, everyday things. Knowing how, in order to understand and choose God's ways, to renounce what seduces but leads down a bad path is the task we face. In this regard, discernment is a great gift, and we must never tire of asking for it in prayer. The shepherds at the manger are those who welcome God's surprise and live in wonder at their encounter with him, adoring him: in littleness they recognize the face of God. Humanly we are all inclined to seek greatness, but it is a gift to know how to really find it: to know how to find greatness in that smallness that God so loves.

In January 2016 I met the youth of Rieti at the very haven of the Infant Jesus, just above the Nativity shrine. I reminded them, and everyone today, that on Christmas night there are two signs that guide us in recognizing Jesus. One is the sky full of stars. There are many of those stars, an infinite number, but among them all a special star stands out, the one that prompted

the Magi to leave their homes and begin a journey, a journey that would lead them where they did not know. It happens the same way in our lives: at a certain moment some special “star” invites us to make a decision, to make a choice, to begin a journey. We must forcefully ask God to show us that star that draws us toward something more than our habits, because that star will lead us to contemplate Jesus, that child who is born in Bethlehem and who wants our full happiness.

On that night made holy by the Savior's birth, we find another powerful sign: the smallness of God. The angels point out to the shepherds a baby born in a manger. Not a sign of power, self-sufficiency, or pride. No. The eternal God is reduced to a helpless, meek, humble human being. God lowered himself so that we could walk with him and so that he could stand beside us, not above and far from us.



Awe and wonder are the two feelings that move everyone, young and old, before the Nativity scene, which is like a living Gospel overflowing from the pages of Holy Scripture. It is not important how the Nativity scene is set up; it can always remain the same or change every year; what matters is that it speaks to life.

The first biographer of St. Francis, Thomas of Celano, describes the Christmas night of 1223, whose 800th anniversary we celebrate this year. When Francis arrived, he

found the crib with the hay, the ox, and the donkey. Before the Christmas scene, the people who flocked to the place manifested an unspeakable joy, never tasted before. Then the priest, at the manger, solemnly celebrated the Eucharist, showing the link between the Incarnation of the Son of God and the Eucharist. On that occasion, there were no figurines in Greccio: the Nativity scene was created and experienced by those who were present.

I am sure that the first Nativity scene, which accomplished a great work of evangelization, can also be an occasion today to summon forth awe and wonder. Thus, what the simplicity of that sign made St. Francis realize persists down to our own days as a genuine form of the beauty of our faith.

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Credits to Vatican News (<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2023-11/pope-francis-book-introduction-christmas-nativity-texts.html>)

# ST. IGNATIUS NEWS AND EVENTS

## Nov. 12, 1st English Mass of Fr. Kotaro Mori, SJ



We were so happy that Fr. Mori celebrated the English Mass for us in spite of his busy schedule. He delivered a homily that touched the hearts of many as he asked them, "How is the oil in your lamp?" in reference to Mt 25:13-18, the Gospel of The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids. After the Mass, there was a long line seeking the blessing traditionally given by a new priest. We hope that Fr. Tetsuro Watanabe, SJ, who was ordained with him in September of this year, will also one day celebrate Mass with us.

## Nov.19, International Mass

In the English Community, the 3rd Sunday is popularly called an "International Mass" because it is led by a group of some particular country. The objective is to give them a chance to introduce their liturgy as celebrated in their native land. This time, it was the turn of the Vietnamese, whose number almost equals the total number of foreigners coming to the English Mass. Fr. Joseph Nha, SJ in his introduction said, "Hopefully, celebrations like this will lead to greater unity" among the different language groups in the parish. There was a big choir that sang beautiful Vietnamese songs (with the lyrics translated on the big screen). We heard the First Reading proclaimed in Vietnamese, and during the Offertory ten young people donned their native attire and offered flowers, fruits, and symbols.



## "Katsuren" activity (Liaison Committee)

This was held on the same day. Do you know what this group is? If we have the International Group Meeting that meets to plan and think of better ways to serve English-speaking migrants who come to the church, this group is much larger. It coordinates more than sixty groups in the parish and executes all activities all year round. In their meeting, they said that, for this year, their focus will be on "International Exchange." They asked the English community (represented by Jessie Buendia and the leaders of the SIYM Group) to answer the following questions: ① From an English-speaking perspective, what kind of help and friendship do you seek from Japanese people? Also, in what ways would you like to help or interact with Japanese people? ② What kind of action do you think English-speaking countries should take to achieve ①? Also, what kind of action would you like the Japanese people to take?

Indeed, the Holy Spirit is working overtime in the hearts of the faithful of St. Ignatius Church! We look forward to getting to know their group more and sharing with them about how "to walk together." Come and join us in our meetings! Translators are around.

## Advent Activity of Sunday School

With Advent hardly noticed and with advertisements of Christmas cakes and glittering presents and Santa Claus everywhere, the children in their catechism classes were taught about the importance of preparing their hearts for the coming of Jesus, "the God who became man for us." They were taught this year on how to make an "Advent clock" in which they are encouraged to "spend time with Jesus" for the coming weeks, e.g. Pray, Read God's WORD, Sing, Do something good to others. They have also begun practicing Advent and Christmas songs for their Caroling this Dec. 24 on the church lawn before the 10 a.m. Japanese Mass and after the 12 noon English Mass. It will be their first time. Come and see their joyful faces. Proceeds of the caroling will be used to fund the many activities of the Sunday School the whole year round, especially the Summer Camp.



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## Nov. 23, Advent Retreat of the Japanese Group

Fr. Juan Carlos Haidar, SJ, facilitated it. The theme was, "I have something to say to you..." (Pope Francis' aim for a Synodal Church) and was attended by 117 participants. Instead of the usual sharing, it was conducted in the form of "Spiritual Conversations."

Fr. Haidar said that in the words of Pope Francis, a Synodal Church is a Church that "walks the path together" and "listens well." The Church today is not "walking," so let us start! Let us "Listen" to God, the members of the Church and the world in order to find God's will, and then, "you will be given a mission and you will start walking!"

We were divided into small groups and had "Spiritual Conversation." Motivated by Father's points, we shared our respective hearts and listened to each other to find out what the Holy Spirit is saying to "me" and to "us." I felt the Holy Spirit working and it was a very moving time. It also gave me courage and confidence to walk in line with God's will the "path of the Synod" towards the future. (Takako Kuwatta)

Note: The same topic will be given by Fr. Haidar when he facilitates the Advent Retreat for the Spanish Community on December 10 and the End-of-the-Year Retreat of the English-Speaking Group on December 31. During the Year-End Retreat, there will be time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession.



## Nov. 26, Church Bazaar

It drizzled that day and yet many came. It was held in the church corridors and Joseph Hall. There was a rich variety of goods sold – hand-crafted Christmas decors, bags, cookies, accessories, Church calendars, etc. This year, the beneficiaries are the Jesuit Social Center, Osaka and the Jesuit Refugee Service. The energy of being united for a cause was palpable, especially with the participation of the youth animating the event with their singing on December 3, the 2nd part of the Bazaar.



## Disaster Prevention Drill



Have you noticed that in front of your seats in the Main Church there are white folded helmets placed side by side with the hymn books? For the second time, a short drill was held at all the Sunday Masses, beginning Nov. 26. This time, the focus was on how to use the helmets in the event of an earthquake. Yes, St. Ignatius spent quite a large part of its budget for the safety of its Mass-goers. It also prepared printouts in different languages explaining the details of what

to do. **Please get one in the church foyer or open the church websites and read. It can save your life!**

## Nov. 26, EMHC Formation Program

A Refresher Course was held for eight Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) serving in the English Mass. Three new candidates also joined, to provide a more enriching formation. The first of a series, it will be held once a month until May, with the commissioning, hopefully, by June 2024.



Using Scriptural passages, videos, and a Training Manual, the team composed of Fr. Bony James, SJ, Sr. Flor Florece, F.I. and Adelfa Armentia, TA, helped us know one another better, be more deeply rooted in our call to Christian service,

be clear about our mission and its exigencies, and most especially have a deeper understanding of the Eucharist. (Raymond Gasu)



## Christmas Mangers

What is Christmas in St. Ignatius without the big manger in front of the Main Church? And the unique one in Teresia Hall designed by the Vietnamese? Many volunteers, together with the Parish Council, came together and put them up on November 26. You will never find these mangers displayed anywhere except at the church. A great means for evangelization!

# SPECIAL FEATURE

## Called to Serve: SIIYM 2023 Retreat Diary

By Beryll Justin Montano

### November 3, 2023 (First Day)

This was the day of my first retreat in 8 years and my first in Japan as a member of the St. Ignatius International Youth Ministry (SIIYM). This year's retreat was held at Yama no Ie, in Susono, Shizuoka Prefecture. The theme, "Called to Serve," aimed at deepening our faith and discerning God's call to service in our lives, introducing the different works of the SIIYM, and preparing members for future leadership roles. 28 young men and women from 11 nationalities gathered for this 3-day holiday weekend. The retreat team was composed of Fr. Irinel Doboş, Franciscan Conventual, Fr. Bony James, S.J. and Jessie Buendia, NDV, the Adviser of the SIIYM.



The Opening Mass was held at the shrine of "Our Lady of Mt. Fuji." In the homily, Fr. Bony reminded us to put our trust in God and take care of the "seeds" that we will receive from the retreat, and that they may bear fruits to be shared to others.

In the 1st session, Fr. Irinel emphasized the importance of disconnecting ourselves from our usual routine and focusing on our reasons for participating in this retreat. He also shared well-known prayers from Sts. Ignatius of Loyola and Francis of Assisi to help us in our reflections.

In the evening, we had a bonfire. We had a brief program to reflect and to marvel at God's blessings in our lives while singing songs of praise and worship. While roasting marshmallows, we had a chance to connect with one another by sharing stories and chatting.

### November 4, 2023 (Second Day)

On the spacious grounds of the venue, with Mt. Fuji watching over us, the Japanese members led the radio calisthenics to help us warm up for the long day ahead. Then we had Mass.

The 2nd session highlighted different scripture passages that illustrated how God called people from different backgrounds and capabilities to be part of the story of our redemption. We also had a workshop led by Ms. Jessie to help us to identify our gifts and charisms that we can use to respond better to the call to service

After lunch, we had fun through team sports and games. The theme was, "A Sound Mind, A Sound Body." It consisted of two categories: physical and intellectual. For the physical games, we played two traditional games from Indonesia and the Philippines. Under the intellectual category, we had the SIIYM Catechism Quiz, where our knowledge of the Scriptures, Catechism, and the lives of the Saints were tested. The activity reminded us of the importance of taking care of our physical and intellectual well-being in order to respond efficiently to the call to serve.

In the 3rd session, Fr. Irinel shared the importance of getting in touch with our woundedness, imperfect human beings as we are. He shared a thought-provoking video about the fallacies of the "rat-race" at which society and the world operate, so as to direct our attention to God and to the things that truly matter.



He said that there are things that can keep us from hearing God: wrong attitudes, resentment, or unconfessed sins that can create a distance in our relationship with God. He emphasized that through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we are brought back into a close and personal relationship with God.

The highlights of the day were the Eucharistic Adoration and celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It was a solemn encounter with the Lord. Many of us took the opportunity to receive God's grace and forgiveness.

### November 5, 2023 (Final Day)

We started the day with stretching exercises led by one of the retreatants from France.

The Final Session focused on sharing how we have personally heard God's call to service. It was a very friendly and open session which also served as an opportunity to further deepen the bonds that we have formed among ourselves. Fr. Irinel's closing message was the image of Jesus washing the feet of the apostles as the ultimate form of service.

In celebrating the closing Mass, Fr. Bony in his homily emphasized the importance of sharing the gifts we received so that others may also hear, discern, and respond to God's call to service.

For safe travel back to Tokyo, we prayed the rosary in English, Japanese, French, Spanish, Indonesian, Tagalog, and Cebuano. It was a quick journey and in no time, we were back to St. Ignatius Church.

For me, the three days were definitely well spent in the company of fellow young people who share the same passion and zeal to answer God's call to serve despite our brokenness, iniquities, and anxieties. The experience gave me the opportunity to pause and reconnect with myself and God.

### Voices from other Participants

Spending some time, disconnected from our daily lives, in the presence of God was nice and peaceful. The theme reminded me that we are all called by name to accomplish a particular mission in the kingdom of God irrespective of our weaknesses and circumstances **Tomin Joseph (India)**

Surrounded by loving people, and immersed in nature, I felt the manifestation of God's presence through them. Spending my days in insightful sessions and cherished moments with everyone was truly fulfilling. The positive energy of the retreat continues to resonate in my daily life, even now. **Charisse Joy David (Philippines)**

Isolated from the hectic daily routine, I naturally became calm. I felt a little space in the corner of my cluttered mind was carved out. I had the opportunity to reconsider my faith, thought about my own talents and charisma. I imagined each of our ministry members and the Sunday School children in our church and asked myself what I truly need to serve others, and what I am lacking. Then I prayed to our Lord, "Lord, could you please lend me your talent just a little bit?" **Naobumi Sasaki (Japan)**



# WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO

## December

### December 17th (Sun.)

JdBEC Christmas Program (2-3:30 p.m., St. Joseph Hall)

### December 23rd (Sat.)

14:00 Christmas Mass for children and families (Japanese)

19:30 (anticipated Mass, Vietnamese)

### December 24th (Sun., 4th Sunday of Advent)

**A.M.** (is 4th Sunday of Advent, follows the regular Sunday schedule)

**P.M.**

#### Christmas Masses

15:00 (Japanese), 17:00 (Japanese), 19:00 (Japanese, Candle Service), 21:00 (English, Christmas Eve Mass)\*

Vietnamese Christmas Masses will be held at 17:00 and

20:00 at Sophia University Building No. 10

**\*Carolling in-between Masses** (Church lawn)

**Sunday School Children** 11:10-11:45 a.m.( after the Japanese Mass); 1:00-1:45 (after the 12 noon English Mass, in the church lawn)

**SIYM Youth Ministry** (in-between 15:00, 17:00.19:00, 21:00 Christmas Masses, Church lawn)

**Mixed Group of Parishioners** (early evening, in front of Yotsuya Train Station, JR, Marunouchi line)

### December 25th (Mon., Nativity Mass)

Same schedule as regular Sunday

### December 31st (Sun., Holy Family)

Same schedule as regular Sunday

End-of-the Year Retreat (1:30-5:00 p.m. , St. Joseph Hall)



## January/February

### January

**January 1** New Year Mass (Japanese) at 12 AM (midnight).

**January 7** New Year's Celebration (10:00-1:30 p.m., St. Joseph Hall)

**Jan 21** Sto. Nino Feastday (12:00 p.m. English Mass,

Main Church)

### February

**February 4** John de Britto Feastday (celebrated in the 12 p.m. English Mass)



## Pope's Prayer Intentions

### December: For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

### January: 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 of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

## Schedule of Masses, etc.

**WEEKDAYS:** All in Japanese, Main Church

7:00 AM Weekday Masses

12:00 NN / 6:00 PM Weekday Masses

12:00 NN Saturday Mass

6:00 PM Anticipated Sunday Mass

**SUNDAYS:**

### Main Church

7:00 AM / 8:30 AM / 10:00 AM / 6:00 PM Japanese Mass

12:00 NN English Mass 1:30 PM Spanish Mass

3:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

### Masses at Our Lady's Chapel

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: 12:30 PM (Portuguese) 4:00 PM (Polish)

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: 4:30 PM (Indonesian)

CHURCH WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE



<http://www.stignatius.jp/>



<https://www.facebook.com/stignatius/>

English Website: <http://stignatius.jp/en/>

There will be no Confessions from December 25th to January 5th. Those who need Confession may personally approach a priest.

### CONFESSION

Weekday/Saturday 17:30-18:30

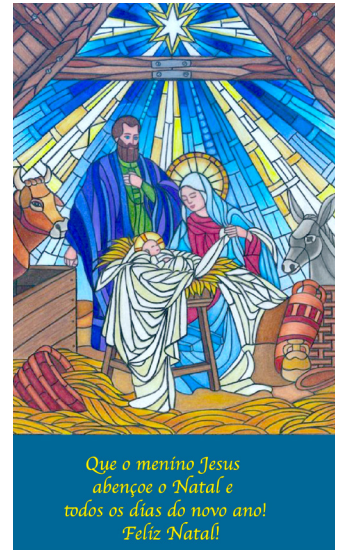
Sunday (Japanese) 9:30-10:30

17:30-18:30

(English) 11:30-12:30

(Spanish) 13:00-14:30

# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE FAMILY OF ST. IGNATIUS



**Waiting for the Messiah as a Synodal Church**  
Year-end Holy Retreat

2023 **12/31** SUN

PM2:00~5:00

Retreat Master: **Fr. Juan Carlos Haidar, S.J.**

Place: **St. IGNATIUS Church Yotsuya, Tokyo**

community | participation | mission

**2:00~4:00**  
Talk, personal prayer, spiritual conversation sharing...

**4:00~5:00**  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament / Confession

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Don't forget to join our End-of-the Year Retreat on December 31st (1:30-5:00 p.m., St. Joseph Hall)!

For all those who made this Bi-monthly Bulletin possible, we express our deepest gratitude. THANK YOU VERY MUCH and GOD BLESS!