



# ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Breaking the Cycle of Resentment

Dear Parishioners:

During these summer Sundays in Ordinary Time, Jesus focuses on discipleship. Today's gospel speaks of the steadfast commitment that is essential to the denial of self. The reading from Galatians characterizes this commitment as a standing fast in freedom. It means refusing to submit to any form of slavery – to idols of phony satisfactions, resentments or regrets.

I'd like to focus on resentment for a moment. It's well known that Jews and Samaritans resented one another. The animosity between these two peoples flowed both ways. The grievances were so ingrained, no one cares much where or how or when the ill-will began. That no longer mattered. Each generation had their own reasons for bitterness and mutual hatred.

In today's story, Jesus and his disciples were on the receiving-end of that resentment. They were on their way from Galilee to Jerusalem, and their itinerary called for a rest stop in Samaria. But the people of the town would not let them stop there because they were Jews.

James and John, the sons of thunder, were furious – and wanted to call down fire from heaven to destroy the town. Jesus, of course, would have none of it. His only reaction was to caution his two hot-headed friends. Then he calmly if perhaps sadly walked away from the bigoted little community, and went on another way.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus had said: "When a person strikes you on the right cheek, turn and offer him the other as well." That day in Samaria, when he accepted insult without retaliation, he showed the disciples the meaning of that principle.

Jesus knew that the only way to break the toxic cycle of resentment was for someone to refuse to strike back, and he chose to be that someone.

What about you? When someone cuts you off in traffic or refuses to let you in line, what do you do? When someone calls you by a belittling name, or insults you with sarcasm, how do you respond? When someone is gratuitously critical, correcting you without being asked, or when someone talks all of the time and never shows interest in what you've got to say, how do you feel? Do you translate that disappointment and irritation into retaliation? Remember the last time you saw a movie where in the end, the bully got beat up – didn't the audience make a spontaneous cheer of approval? That's the resentment that Jesus refuses to exercise.

Remember in 1959 how the Premier of Russia, Nikita Krushchev, was visiting the United States and famously said, "In our country, we do not believe in turning the other cheek. If someone strikes us on one cheek, we strike back hard enough to knock his head off." Right, the whole culture of the cold war was to put enough fear in your adversary that retaliation was unthinkable. The trouble is, resentment breeds resentment in an endless cycle of enmity and broken relationships.

Jesus did not respond to personal abuse with retaliation. His whole identity was to break the cycle of bitterness, hatred, and resentment. How did he do it? By absorbing the evil in his own body. *The cross* says that in the self-surrendering death of Jesus, resentment dies. *Resurrection* means a new way of being alive as a human person – alive with patience in the face of criticism, kindness in the face of rudeness, and joy in the face of hostility.

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### Today's Readings:

Genesis 14:18-20  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
Luke 9:11b-17

### Next Sunday's Readings:

1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21  
Galatians 5:1, 13-18  
Luke 9:51-62

*Preaching Next Sunday:*  
*Fr. Dan Sullivan, SJ*

### Mass Schedule:

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00PM  
**Sunday:** 8:00AM & 10:30AM  
**Sunday Contemplative:** 7:30PM  
**Daily:** Monday 8:00AM in church  
Tuesday - Friday 8:00AM La Storta Chapel  
**Centering Prayer:** Friday 7:00AM  
**Anointing Mass:** First Friday 8:00AM  
**First Saturday Mass:** 8:00AM  
**Reconciliation:** Saturday 3:30-4:30PM  
or by appointment with a priest

To be in companionship with Jesus means no less.

In the first reading, Elisha was out plowing his field one day. The prophet Elijah came along and threw his cloak over him as a gesture that meant, "I choose you." Like Elijah, Jesus is passing by. He throws his cloak over us, claims us, calls us by name and invites us to follow him – even to Jerusalem and to our own being "taken up" into the mystery of his suffering, death, and resurrection.

What is the prayer that wells up in you in response? **Lord, I want to be with you. I have many concerns about my other duties in life. Help me to see in your eyes the future you want for me.**

**Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.**  
**Pastor**

**St. Ignatius Church Financial Stewardship**

The "actual" numbers are income the church received and expenses the church realized for May, while "3 year average" allows a comparison of what the church experienced from July 2015 – June 2018. Good news year to date is that expenses continue below our 3 year average. Overall planned income is below the 3 year average thru May, primarily due to not having launched an appeal for parish needs this year as was done in previous years. The balance of funds in savings continues to be at a healthy level.

Monthly Summary for Church	Actual	3-year Average
Income for May	\$87,736.28	\$52,453.73
Expense for May	\$65,281.90	\$67,925.37
% of yearly planned income thru May	78%	92%
% of yearly planned expense thru May	86%	92%

**Peter’s Pence Collection, Be a Witness of Charity**

Next week, we will take up the Peter’s Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit

[www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).

**IGNITE—Coming this Fall**

Is the Holy Spirit calling you to a deeper Catholic Faith experience? This fall we invite you to a Sunday night series: "IGNITE," where we will explore what it means to "find God in all things" as we dive into the lives of the Saints and the mystics while reveling in the music and the history of the mass. Facilitated by Joseph and Grace Byrd, this class will meet you where you are, whether you are new to the Catholic faith or a seasoned traveler. Contact [gbyrd@sipdx.org](mailto:gbyrd@sipdx.org) or [jbyrd@sipdx.org](mailto:jbyrd@sipdx.org) for information.

**High School Students...**

Thanks for all of you who came out to hike Powell Butte! Stay tuned for next month’s summer fun event!

**A warm  
welcome  
to all our guests.**

**We are so happy you are here  
to celebrate with us!**

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**Mass Intentions**

Monday	July 1	† Jim Emig & Joseph Louise Markovic
Tuesday	July 2	† Mattha Thu Thi Nguyen
Wednesday	July 3	† Joseph Duc Minh Truong
Thursday	July 4	† Dominic Tung Ngoc Truong
Friday	July 5	Bona Ventura Oh & Family

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### Arts & Environment Ministry Seeking Volunteers

Do you like to create a peaceful, prayerful and welcoming space using flowers, greenery, and other materials? If so, we need a coordinator to work with a group of talented people who enjoy decorating our church space. Please contact Joseph Byrd (503) 777-1491 ext. 238 or Dorothy Rollins (503) 777-1491 ext. 226 if interested or if you have recommendations for who might be fit for the job!

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### Loyola Jesuit Center is Hiring a Facilities Manager

The LJC Manager oversees the Loyola Jesuit Center facilities, grounds and conference center, including two leased facilities: the US Tertian House and Tibbetts Residential House. Serves as main point of contact for external/internal users of the conference center, chapel and Rodriguez guest rooms. Ensures compliance with Conditional Use Permit (CUP). You can find a full job description online at

[www.sipdx.org](http://www.sipdx.org).

Applicants must submit a cover letter and resume to [UWEjobs@jesuits.org](mailto:UWEjobs@jesuits.org) by July 7, 2019. Review of applicants for employment will immediately.

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### Application Open for SEEL

Do you desire to deepen your prayer life and grow in your relationship with God? Consider making the *Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL)*. Applications are now being accepted for 2019-20. The deadline for applications is August 1. Please visit our website: <http://seelportland.org> for more information or call Janet Buck at (503) 951-8682.

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### Register Now for Sacramental Preparation 2019-2020

Sacramental Preparation starts in the fall with preparation for First Reconciliation and continues in the winter and spring with preparation for First Communion. Classes meet from 9:15-10:15 AM, Sunday mornings. Children entering 2<sup>nd</sup> grade or older this fall are eligible to participate. Find registration forms in vestibule or online at <https://www.sipdx.org/first-reconciliation-and-eucharist>

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### Last Chance to Register for Vacation Bible School!

Registration for VBS closes July 1st. Visit <https://parish.holyfamilyportland.org/vbs>. Our pre-4 class is full. Thank you to those who registered! Contact Amanda Wade with any questions: [reassistant@holymfamilyportland.com](mailto:reassistant@holymfamilyportland.com)

Also...if you have **Cardboard TP and Paper Towel Rolls**, we will use them for arts & crafts! They be dropped at the parish office by July 1. We appreciate your support!

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### Seeking Parish Sponsors

One of the blessings of our faith is witnessing those who are choosing to dive into it for the first time. The RCIA process is a time where candidates are invited into a deeper awareness of the presence of the Holy Spirit in their daily lives. Please prayerfully consider accompanying these RCIA candidates as they discern their call into the Catholic Church as a parish sponsor. Your role as a parish sponsor would be to: 1) Attend all IGNITE classes on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays from 6-7:15 PM. 2) Share your own faith experience within the class during times of reflection. 3) Possibly pair up with one particular candidate as spiritual companions. 4) Attend masses that involve the RCIA candidates, e.g. the rites, the scrutinies, and the Easter Vigil. 5) Pray for all RCIA candidates throughout the RCIA process. Please talk to Grace if you are interested in participating in this ministry. [gbyrd@sipdx.org](mailto:gbyrd@sipdx.org)

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### Register for a Weekday Retreat at Rachel's Vineyard

A weekday Rachel's Vineyard Retreat in the Eugene area will be held Tuesday October 22 to Thursday October 24. The retreat is for anyone impacted by abortion. The mercy and compassion of God and the group brings healing and restoration in unexpected, unimaginable ways by supporting you to identify and heal from the various ways involvement in abortion experiences have knowingly and unknowingly altered your life and relationships. Lodging, meals, and materials are included for the cost of \$200. Financial assistance is available! Contact Project Aurora 541-942-2861 or [projectaurora@aol.com](mailto:projectaurora@aol.com). Websites: [www.Project-Aurora.org](http://www.Project-Aurora.org) and [www.RachelsVineyard.org](http://www.RachelsVineyard.org).

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