



ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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June 16, 2019

Father's Day and Trinity

Dear Parishioner:

The Church honors God as Trinity on the Sunday after Pentecost. Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit in power after the ascension of Jesus. Trinity Sunday acknowledges that because of Pentecost, God is understood as having a three-fold nature.

Can you think of another doctrine of the faith that causes more misunderstanding than the teaching about the Trinity? For modern minds, Three in One defies logic – it seems like a flat out contradiction, a rational impossibility.

In the missionary expansion of Christianity, theologians used to ponder the challenge of converting Muslims to Christianity. It was jokingly asked how Christians were expected to compete with Muslims, when Muslims offered one God and many wives, while Christianity offered one wife and three Gods.

It would be a mistake to try to bring God out of the realm of mystery. “God explained,” it is said, “is God explained away.” Yet a better understanding of what can be known about the Trinity can lead to a worthier concept of God.

The term “Trinity” does not appear in the Bible. It comes from the third century, and the classical formulations of the doctrine come from the fourth century. The Hebrew Testament as well as the gospels proclaim the multifaceted nature of God. The New Testament speaks of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. What does the “Trinity” mean?

The first Christians were Jewish believers who experienced God as One. Remember that biblical faith was born in an ancient world characterized by animism and polytheism, both of which believed in multiple deities. Recall as well that the three “biblical” religions – Judaism, Christianity, and Islam – share in common the belief that God is one.

The followers of Jesus believed that God was the Creator of all and the Deliverer of Israel. Then they encountered the presence of God in Christ. Then they experienced the presence of God before and after Pentecost. These experiences brought them to an expanded understanding of God’s different ways of being God.

The first disciples found themselves returning again and again to three distinct manifestations of God. Clearly no one can penetrate the mysteries of God’s own being. From the human side, however, the three unique ways people encounter the one and only God are as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The one reality that certifies the “oneness” of the Trinity is the consistency of God’s manifestations. What God does in the present is consistent with what God has done in the past, and with what God will reliably do in the future. God is not one deity in the Old Testament and another divinity in the New Testament, or something else today. Therefore, God is trustworthy.

The early Greek councils of the Church formulated the teaching about the Trinity by using the word “persons.” This has been especially confusing to modern minds. When the theologians were explaining their understanding of God, they knew nothing of modern psychology and contemporary understanding of personhood.

The word “*persona*” in the New Testament is taken from theater terminology. It refers to the different **masks** that a single actor might wear in playing different parts. The masks, or “*personae*,” were different, but the actor was the same. The same God is revealed to believers in the three “*personae*” of God, Jesus Christ,

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Today's Readings:

Proverbs	8:22-31
Romans	5:1-5
John	16:12-15

Next Sunday's Readings:

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

Preaching Next Sunday:
Fr. Dan Sullivan S.J.

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

and Holy Spirit.

What does today’s celebration mean? First, the Trinity does not mean that there are three gods, but three primary ways the Christian community experiences God. Second, it means that there is only one God, even if other religions experience the Divinity in other ways than the Christian way. Last, it means that God is faithful. You can count on God to be like parents at their best who are consistent, reliable, and fair.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J., Pastor



ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL

“Laugh and grow strong.”

— Ignatius of Loyola

Last Thursday night we said goodbye to the 26 students in the Class of 2019. In the school display case there is a quote from each student with their picture. All of them are heartfelt and poignant about their experience in our parish school. Max says he now “has the knowledge to be a successful person.” Finbar, Nicholas N. and Gabriel spoke of increased confidence. Many shared Emma’s feeling that she’s had “the chance to grow into a better person.” Raphael, Megan, Sam and Abbey talked about how the chance to serve has changed them or helped them see the world differently.

This is the core work of the school. I strongly believe that when we do our work well, with love, focus and intention, that our students get to live a different kind of life. A life that values community and is open to possibility and challenge. We are proud that they are going forward in the footsteps of St. Ignatius and Mother Marie Rose, with compassion and hearts ablaze. We are grateful for all your care and support.

Next Tuesday, June 18th, the 2018-9 school year will come to a close with mass at 10:45. The office will close for one month on June 28. In next week’s bulletin, please look for a summation of the year and some exciting news for next fall.

Blessings -

Kelli Clark, Principal

Caring Discipline Series

This class is based on JoAnne Nordling’s book, Caring Discipline, which offers practical tools for a variety of misbehaviors and which is fitting for a wide variety of parenting styles. It’s suitable for parents of children ages 2 and up. If you are genuinely interested in attending and adding some practical tools to your parenting repertoire, please respond to bschaller@sipdx.org and let me know which of the two options below fits your schedule best and we will plan accordingly. If neither works for you, but you’re still interested, I highly recommend the classes offered during the school year through The Parenting Support Center, and the book is always an option, too! The value of the class is the exercises and problem-solving dialogues. Class would be presented by Jennifer Corpus & Beth Schaller

Option A: Five Tuesday evenings, 6:00-7:30 p.m. - June 4, 11, 18, July 16 & Aug 13

This would offer us the chance to share all the class material in a similar format to how we learned it and with the time lag between the two final meetings it would allow time to try the tools and then re-gather for more parenting solutions. (You would need to arrange your own childcare for this Tuesday evening time.)

Option B: Three Sunday morning meetings (both moms & dads could attend during regularly scheduled mom’s group meetings) 9:15-10:15 a.m. – July 28, Aug. 11, Aug. 25—Within three shorter sessions we could offer a general overview of the material and point parents towards the golden nuggets. (Limited childcare would be available in the nursery as long as we don’t overload it.)

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

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

New to St. Ignatius Parish?
Register by dropping a “Welcome”
card in the offering basket with your
information, or visit us online at
<http://www.sipdx.org/about>

Mass Intentions

Monday	June 17	† Joseph Louise Markovic
Tuesday	June 18	† Marie & Cestmir Vaskova
Wednesday	June 19	Grace Erskine
Thursday	June 20	† Patricia Obradovich
Friday	June 21	† Jim Emig

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!

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.

High School Hike

Any student currently in high school or entering high school next year is invited to hike, Sunday, June 23rd from 4-6 PM at Powell Butte. Parents, please feel free to join or volunteer to bring food to the park at 5:30 PM. Contact Grace at gburd@sipdx.org with questions.

Registration is now open for Sacramental Preparation 2019-2020

Our program for 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 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Children entering 2nd grade or higher next fall are eligible to participate. You can find registration forms in the church vestibule or on our website at: <https://www.sipdx.org/first-reconciliation-and-eucharist>



Vacation Bible School July 8th-12th

Holy Family Catholic Parish
on the corner of Cesar E. Chavez and Flavel

Registration Closes July 1st

<https://parish.holyfamilyportland.org/vbs>
Our Pre-4 class is full. Thank you to those who registered!

Big News - we are now accepting 6th grade helpers!!

All teen helpers must attend a training

Wednesday, June 26th @ 10 AM
Wednesday, June 26th @ 7 PM
or, Sunday, June 30 @ 11:30 AM

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Consider donating or loaning your African themed decorations. We need items to decorate our week of fun!

Some of our crafts and activities need supplies. Please consider donating an item or two from our supplies list on our website (below).

Most importantly, **WE NEED YOU!** VBS cannot happen without great volunteers like yourself. Please consider giving your time to volunteer during the week of VBS.

If you can't make it the week of, we also need help preparing our materials on Saturday, June 29th @ 11 AM and the whole week before VBS.

<https://hollyfamilyportland.org/vacationbibleschool>

Contact Amanda Wade with any questions:
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A full list of staff & council members is located on our webpage at www.sipdx.org/parish-staff

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