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Mother's Day 2019

Within our celebration of Mother's Day, there lies a deep religious reality. It is summed up in Jesus' new commandment: "As I have loved you, so should you love one another." Jesus was wise enough to know that he couldn't just say something abstract about love. "As I have loved you" is utterly specific and historically concrete. The love that Jesus means is washing his disciples' feet and his crucifixion.

Love has to express actual human behavior for it to be real. The saying is true: "You learn how to love from being loved." It's as simple and profound as that. Behind Mother's Day lies a deep religious reality: we honor our mothers because their love gets to us first, and is the first concrete lesson we have in love.

Mother's Day is a celebration of all those, parents or not, who nourish or cherish others and teach them the meaning of love. It's just that mothers are the most visible, most endearing teachers – and that's why we honor them, remember them and their zillions of examples of love.

In our parish, motherhood has many faces. We have adoptive mothers, single mothers, stepmothers, godmothers, and grandmothers who are the primary caregivers of their grandchildren. We have women who have given birth, not to children, but in other creative ways. And there are men among us who have taken on the mothering role in their families.

For some in our community, the celebration of Mother's Day is a painful reminder. For we have women in our midst who would like to have had children but did not. And we have some mothers and children who are out of touch with each other. In our community, there are persons who miss mothers who have recently died. There are mothers among us who have felt the painful loss of a child.

Recall the story of a teacher who observed that one of the little boys in her class was pensive and withdrawn. "What are you worried about?" she asked. "My mom," the child replied. ""Mom works at a job to keep me in nice clothes and send me to a good school. Then she comes home and cooks and cleans, drives me to Little League, and helps me with my homework, so *I* have nothing to worry about."

"Then why are you worried?" the teacher questioned.

"Well," the boy answered, "I'm afraid she might try to escape."

The author and marvelous mom, Erma Bombeck, wrote about the sounds of Mother's Day. I'd like to conclude with her reflection.

On Mother's Day all over the country, children push grateful moms back into their pillows as the little ones prepare breakfast in bed. First, the flower from your bird-of-paradise plant (which blooms every other year for fifteen minutes) is snipped and put in a shot glass. And a strange assortment of food comes out of a completely destroyed kitchen.

A mixer whirls out of control, then stops abruptly as a voice cries, "I'm telling." A dog barks and another voice says, "Get his paws out of there. Mom has to eat that." Minutes pass and finally, "Dad! Where's the chili sauce?" Then, "Don't you dare bleed on Mom's breakfast."

The rest is a blur of banging doors, running water, rapid footsteps and a high-pitched, "You started the fire! You put it out!" When the breakfast finally arrives, it is fairly standard: a water glass of juice, five pieces of black bacon that disintegrates when you breathe on it, a mound of eggs that would feed a Marine division, and four pieces of cold whole wheat toast.

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Today's Readings:

Acts	13:14, 43-52
Revelation	7:9, 14b-17
John	10:27-30

Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts	14:21-27
Revelation	21:1-5a
John	13:31-33a, 34-35

Preaching Next Sunday:
Fr. Craig Boly, 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

The kids line up by the bed to watch you eat, and from time to time ask why you're not drinking your Kool-Aid or touching the cantaloupe with black olives on top, spelling M-O-M.

Later in the day, after you have decided that it's easier to move to a new house than clean the kitchen, you return to bed where, if you are wise, you will reflect on this day. For the first time, your children have given instead of received. They have offered to you the sincerest form of flattery – trying to imitate what you do for them. And they have presented you with the greatest gift people can give – themselves.

There will be other Mother's Days and other gifts to amaze and astound you. But not one of them will ever measure up to the sound of your children on Mother's Day whispering, "Don't you dare bleed on Mom's breakfast."

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.
Pastor

ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL

GRATITUDE…. all week we have been the grateful and astounded recipients of your overwhelming kindness and generosity. Thank you for the meals, coffees, treats, flowers, and notes for Teacher and Staff Appreciation week. Particular shout out to Ericka Skeldon and Michelle McKay who coordinated, decorated and celebrated with us every day. Truly, we are humbled. Thank you.

The Jog-A-Thon collection due date has been extended to Friday, May 17. We have one more week to honor our super heroes and their super jogging– so, please get your pledges in!

Play It Forward! If you haven't heard, the Tree Frogs are coming! Please plan on joining this iconic Portland band for a free benefit concert to kick off the greening of our campus on **Saturday, June 1 from 1-4 right here in our parking lot!** Come and see the concept drawings for a safer, greener play space for St. Ignatius Parish. Bring ideas, a fun spirit and a generous heart for the paddle raise. We are still seeking sponsors if you would like your business highlighted. Please contact Rose Malouf at rmalouf@sipdx.org

Let's Play It Forward together for our children today…and tomorrow!

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

Blessings –

Kelli Clark
Principal

Mass Intentions

Monday	May 13	† Joseph Geosits
Tuesday	May 14	† Cordelia Odilo
Wednesday	May 15	† Christiana Offorneke
Thursday	May 16	† Santiago Gayomali Sr.
Friday	May 17	† Jim Emig

In thanksgiving for the life of Nancy Payne.

Night School for Deeper Learning with the Faber Institute

The Faber Institute invites you to join the Night School for Deeper Learning on Tuesday, May 21st on the eastside at the Loyola Jesuit Center, or on Thursday, May 23rd on the westside at Valley Community Presbyterian Church, both from 5:30 - 7:00PM. The Night School is an adventurous exercise of depth and reflectivity. This month's classes will be on Teresa of Avila, lead by Joel Kibler of the Brotherhood of the People of Praise. For more information and to RSVP, visit www.faberinstitute.com/events.

We're Hiring!

St. Ignatius is hiring a part-time facilities manager to assist the business manager in maintaining, repairing and servicing all facilities systems on the St. Ignatius Parish campus. Visit our website, www.sipdx.org, for a full job description. Contact Matt Wangler, mwangler@sipdx.org or 503-777-1491 ext.

Learn About SEEL

Would you like to know more about the *Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL)?* If so, please join the SEEL team in the Bradley Room of the Parish Center on May 13, 7 PM. If you have questions, please call Janet Buck at 503-951-8682.

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Rummage Sale Time at St. Jude Catholic Church!

4330 Willamette Street, Eugene, Oregon 97405
Saturday, May 18th from 9:00 am to 6:30 pm
Sunday, May 19th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Contact parishstjude@comcast.net for more information.

We have so much stuff that the parish hall and classrooms will not hold everything. We have to have items outside! Come and join the fun while supporting your Catholic Church family.

Inviting all 20s and 30 year olds

The month of May is a time for celebration of our holy mother and all other mother's in our life. Join the young adult crew for the *final pub theology* until September. We'll celebrate Mary and other women of the Catholic church with bingo, beer, and snacks. Mt. Tabor Brewing, Thursday, May 23rd at 7 PM. Contact Gretchen Schissel, gschissel@sipdx.org, for more information.

History Heroes

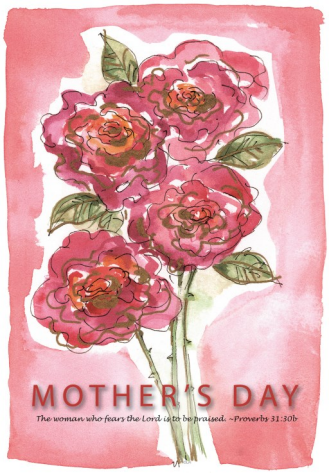
Come Join this fine group of fun people as we enjoy chicken alfredo from Sckavone's and a salad pot luck (bring a good size to share). Mass at 12:15 PM and lunch and some fun readings after. All welcome, but *PLEASE RSVP* asap to Judi, 503-234-1147 or judi_vc@yahoo.com. Our last event until September. Tuesday, May 14th. Loyola Jesuit Center.

A Partner in Jesuit Works, St. Andrew's Nativity School, in Need of Volunteers

The Graduate Support office at St. Andrew's Nativity is looking for volunteers to be a part of the **Nativity Scholars College & Career Coaching Program**. We are looking for "Coaches" to support a Nativity graduate in the process of planning and preparing for future success, from high school through post-secondary transitions. Ideally, Coaches will be educators or former educators with experience working with high school- or college-aged students. Right now we are just asking for anyone interested to email Brianna Hennessy at bhennessy@nativityportland.org for more information or call at 503-335-9600.

St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank Girl Scout Daisies Troop 10094 headed by Michele Becker for their generous donation of 72 girl scout cookies as well as Cub Scouts Pack 351 headed by Jennifer Merrill Long for their bountiful donation of approximately 70 lbs of food.

Gratitude and blessings for all mothers!



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