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September 24, 2023

A Message from the Pastor

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil
at 5:00 PM

Sunday at 8:00 AM
Sunday at 10:30 AM
Sunday at 7:30 PM

Weekdays (M-F)
at 8:00 AM
At LIC—La Storta Chapel

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays -
3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

OR by appointment
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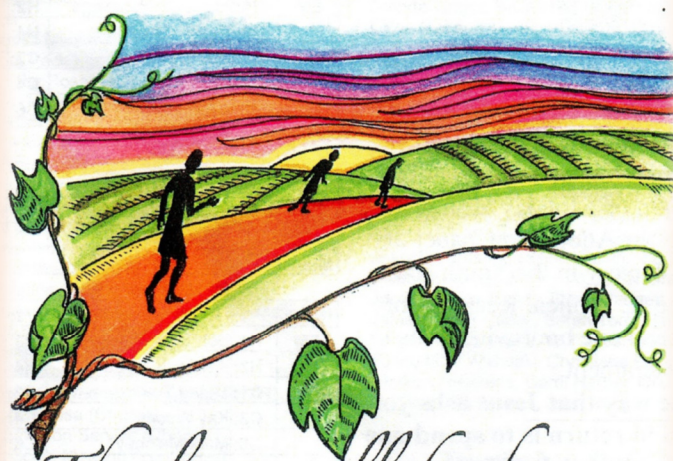
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The British have an innate sense of what is proper and improper. They have a fierce sense of justice and fairness. This manifests itself regularly in their reverence for and adherence to “the *queue*.” For those unfamiliar with the term *queue*, it means a line in which one waits one’s turn. For example, waiting in line for movie tickets or waiting in line to be seated in a restaurant or waiting in line to pay for your merchandise in a department store. You don’t “break the *queue*.” That is unfair and unjust. You observe it and honor it. Justice demands it.

One summer, after arriving in London, I was waiting in line in a British Post Office to buy some stamps. It was a very long line. A young Brazilian mother with a baby in a stroller came into the Post Office, saw the long line, and immediately went to the front of the line. The other fifty people began grumbling and told her to “Get to the back of the *queue*.” She pretended that she didn’t hear the people. But the attendant had seen what she did, and when she came up to his window, he simply told her, “You will have to go to the back of the *queue*. You cannot jump in front of all of these people who have been waiting to be served.” She left the Post Office in a Brazilian huff, but “right order” had been restored.



*The last will be first,
and the first will be last*

In this weekend’s gospel parable, Jesus turns things upside down. Frederick Buechner once wrote this piece of advice about reading scripture: “Don’t start looking in the Bible for the answers it gives. Start by listening for the questions it asks.” Then he goes on to say, “When you hear the question that is your question, then you have already begun to hear much.”

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The question that found me this week is this—"Are you envious because I am generous?" If my/our parents had a "Three Strikes Rule" when we were growing up, I would not be writing this reflection and, in all likelihood, you would not be reading it. We like to tell ourselves that everything we get or have in life, we worked for. That's a comforting and reassuring thought, even if it is untrue. Look at your belly button. Did you deserve the gift of life? Did you work hard for it or was it simply freely given to you and to me. If it is a case of the latter, welcome to the amazing world of God's grace.

We are perhaps at our most righteous when we get into discussions about welfare and entitlements and immigration reform and overturning DACA. The problem with all of this righteous talking and unmerciful behavior is captured by the prophet Isaiah—"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord." Thank God that we get not what we deserve but what we need. Thank God not for our "just desserts" but for his mercy."

The vineyard owner deliberately pays those hired last first. Why does he do this? I believe he does it to demonstrate that he is about love and compassion and mercy. Here's hoping that the next time any of us are tempted to apply our sense of justice to all those other people we are observing and judging, that we remember the haunting question of this parable—"Are you envious because I am generous?" And so, we pray in the words of Jay Cormier:

God of all good things,
transform our hearts into vessels of gratitude,
that we may find joy in your blessings to everyone.
Do not let jealousy or envy, anger or resentment,
be a wedge between us and others,
but let their success and happiness help us to realize
your countless blessings to us, as well

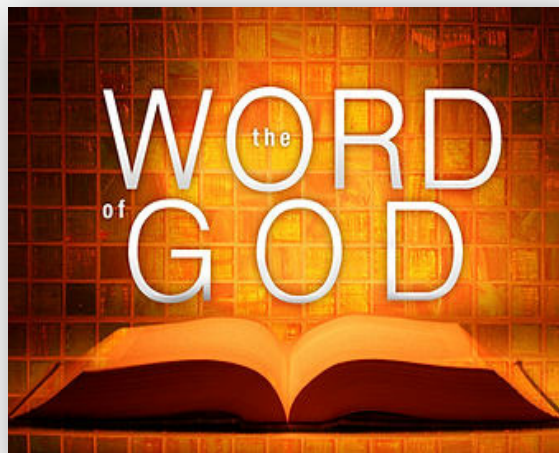
Fr Mike



"The Word of God" Bible Study Tuesdays, October 3-24, 2023

The Lord would like a word with you. With all of us, in fact. Nothing so distinguishes us as humans as our capacity for language. The incredible power lying within words leads John the Evangelist to claim that Jesus Christ is the Word of God!

In four sessions, beginning Tuesday, October 3, and every Tuesday through October 24, we will explore with Clifford Yeary the richness of the biblical claims for the power of the word to bring us into communion with God: the Spoken Word; the Written Word; the Gospel; and the Eternal Word. Choose either morning or evening sessions. Come for all four sessions or for any one you are able. All sessions in the parish office dining room. Morning sessions will be from 10:30AM-12:00PM. Evening sessions will take place from 7:00-8:30PM.



Mass Readings

Mass Readings for Sep 24, 2023

Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
Matthew 20:1-16a

Mass Readings for Oct 1, 2023

Ezekiel 18:25-28
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32



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We are proud of our large 8th grade class as they step up to be our school student leaders. Our 8th graders led us in a beautiful first school Mass of the year celebrating the gifts of the Holy Spirit. During this Mass, we commission our 8th graders into their role as our school leaders bestowing each of them with a dove pin they will wear when they are leading Family Group activities and during other student leadership opportunities. We are blessed to have amazing young people to positively impact our school community and assist in building a welcoming school culture for all.



We have officially kicked off fundraising for this year's Jog-a-thon. Thank you for spreading the word to your friends and family in helping us **Groove Our Way to \$50K!**

Our Jog-a-thon assists our school in maintaining and adding programs such as STEM, novel studies, Mystery Science, math manipulatives, updated technology, PE equipment, and tuition assistance.

Click to donate: <https://app.99pledges.com/fund/gatorgroov/donate> Or scan this QR code:



We are in full swing with learning this week. Our 7th grade science class took part in frog dissection which they missed last spring due to a backorder on the frogs. Hands-on, active learning takes place in all of our grade levels throughout the school year.

There's still time to volunteer to assist with Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10:30 AM Sunday Masses. The materials for teaching the Gospel to the children during the twenty minute homily at the Mass are fully prepared for the volunteers. Please email [Sarah Cunningham](mailto:Sarah.Cunningham) if you are able to assist in this ministry.



Students in 5th-8th grade interested in being altar servers this year may reach out to Karen Ortiz, one of our parents at ajkaortiz@yahoo.com. Karen will be coordinating the training and scheduling. If your student has already been trained as an altar server, you may reach out to Karen to let her know dates your student is available to altar serve.

We welcomed Nurse Daniel and Nurse Abigail to our school on Tuesday. Through our partnership with the University of Portland's School of Nursing, our two nurses will spend Tuesdays at our school site during their fall semester. While they are here with us, they will conduct a vision screening for our students in October, teach students lessons on handwashing, nutrition, and other health topics, and teach our staff more in-depth lessons on health related content. We are blessed to have this wonderful opportunity to work with future nurses.

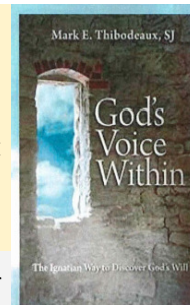
Our School Advisory Council (SAC) met this past week. The School Advisory Council is an important service for our school. The purpose of the School Advisory Council is to provide input and recommendations to the principal for achieving goals set forth in the school's master plan. I am thankful for their efforts and assistance. We are blessed by the many gifts and talents our members share as we work together to continue the legacy of St. Ignatius School as a welcoming community building a just and compassionate world.

May we reflect in gratitude for our time together this week, *"Until now you have not asked anything in my name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete."* John 16:24.

Carol Pausz
Principal

IGNITE.... TODAY!!

We are looking forward to a new season of IGNITE this fall! This year at IGNITE will dive into Ignatian Spirituality! If you are interested in participating and would like to supplement your experience with a book, we will be using *God's Voice Within* by Mark E. Thibodeaux, SJ. Any questions? Contact Grace at gbyrd@sipdx.org More information online at: <https://www.sipdx.org/ignite> Dates: Sept 24, Oct 8, Oct 22, Nov 12, Nov 26, Dec 10th 6:00PM—7:15PM on Zoom!

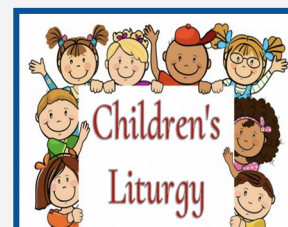


Baptism for infant –7yr. Parents prepare by registering in parish and attending Mass for at least six months, after that time parents participate in Infant Baptism Preparation Sessions. If your child is seven or older, there will be an additional session for you and your child. We seek to provide a hospitable, small group setting for our sessions, so class size is limited. **Vist our Baptism information page at:** <https://www.sipdx.org/baptism>

Children's Liturgy of the Word is back! When: **Every Sunday at the 10:30am Mass** during the Gospel and Homily
Who: **All children ages 3-12** What: A kid-friendly activity during the Gospel and Homily to parallel the teachings, **materials provided** Where: Children will be walked over to the Parish Office in the Bradley room (I will send a video next week of how to enter the Parish office, get to the Bradley room, and access the materials)
Details: The children will be accompanied by two CASE trained adults and after their activity they will be walked back over to the church Ask:
Sign up to co-lead a Sunday if you can! Each session will need two adults, and if you're a St. Ignatius Parish School parent, each session you co-lead would count for 1 hour of service (30 minutes of actual kiddo-time, and 30 minutes of prep). Let me know if you have any questions! **SignUp Genius Link:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ba4ad2da2f5cf8-childrens#/>

Thank you all for your time, Sarah Cunningham 608-320-5186



Thank
You!

Tibbetts House Leadership ~

Thank you to Kerri Babin for year's of leadership at the Tibbetts Refugee house and for her generosity of time in organizing!

Also, thank you to Le Tran and Jim Gradoville for volunteering to take over the leadership for our parish, which will make it a seamless transition. Again, Thank you!

PLEASE COME JOIN US FOR THE

St. Ignatius Renaissance Festival

Sunday, October 15, 2023
9am - 3pm

St. Ignatius Parish
3400 SE 43rd Ave. • Portland, Oregon
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Exhibitor Booths
Silent Auction
Food, Beer & Wine
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Sherwood Forest (Kids Activities)

Seeking Volunteers—

The St. Ignatius Renaissance Festival needs volunteers! Please follow this link to sign up to help us set up, work the event, clean up, and more! Looking forward to an amazing festival on Sunday, October 15 from 9am to 3pm. There is a link on our website!

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St Vincent de Paul Do you know someone who might be food insecure or needs help paying rent or utility bills? The St. Vincent de Paul Portland Council accepts requests for assistance at 503-235-8431. Requests from our neighborhood are then forwarded to our SVdP pantry that delivers food to those in need on Saturday mornings. You can help by bringing non-perishable food donations to the 8am and 10:30am Masses or making a cash donation through Realm Connect. Your support is much appreciated. Contact us at svdp@sipdx.org if you have any questions.



CYO is hiring officials for Basketball and Volleyball! [Click here](#) or <https://cyocampoward.org/> for more info.



High School open house schedule:-

- Sunday, October 1 | Central Catholic
- Sunday, October 8 – De La Salle North Catholic
- Sunday, October 8 – Valley Catholic
- Sunday, October 15 – St. Mary’s Academy
- Sunday, October 22 – La Salle Catholic College Prep
- Sunday, October 29 – Jesuit

Catholic Social Action—

Ed Langlois Communications Director for Catholic Charities will be exploring the agency’s origins as well as the profound legacy of Catholic social teaching and action in this state.

The history makes one feel proud but also imposes a happy obligation to carry on. Wednesday Sept. 27th 7:00-8:30PM please register using the QR code by scanning it with your phone.

<http://catholiccharitiesoregon-9460343.hs-sites.com/free-lecture>



Planned Giving

For several decades, St. Ignatius has been here in SE Portland serving people in faith, educating the young with hope, and engaging the world with the love of the Christ and the Good News of the Gospel in the Jesuit tradition. Please prayerfully consider including the parish in your estate plans to help us sustain this mission for future generations. If you are interested in learning more about planned giving options at St. Ignatius Parish, please see the “Ways to Give” page on our website or contact Fr. Mike.



Church tithing Financial report (July 1, 2023—June 30, 2024) 2023-2024 Budget \$560,000.00

Sunday Tithe received through 9-10-2023 \$89,090.30

Thank you, for also supporting other funds like our Campus renewal/Bldg., St. Vincent de Paul, School, Novena and more!

8:00AM Weekday Mass Intentions

Please keep in your prayers

Monday	Sep 25	†	Millie Emig
Tuesday	Sep 26	†	Therese Bach Kim Nguyen
Wednesday	Sep 27	†	Pierre Baures
Thursday	Sep 28	†	Tin Hoang
Friday	Sep 29	†	Souls in Purgatory



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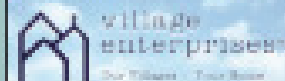
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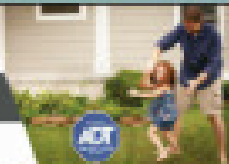
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