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A Message from the Pastor

What is the image you get of Jesus' character from this weekend's gospel? What four words would you use to describe him in Mark's account of the healing of the man with leprosy? Here are my four—*compassion, willing, touch, community*. There is no correct or identifiable four words. These just happen to be the ones that stick out to me this time and this year.

Jesus hears the plea of the man with leprosy. I read a poem recently that starkly challenged the reader, "Wage peace with your listening." What an idea! We can actually engage in the work of peace by genuinely listening. Jesus listens to the plea of this man. It brings the leper both peace and healing.

Mark says that Jesus had pity on him. Jesus demonstrated compassion. The word compassion describes the ability of someone to "cry out with the suffering or joy of another." The man didn't just suffer from a painful skin affliction but also the consequences of being recognized as a leper. He was cut off from community.

Think of all of those who are, in fact, cut off from us or who we cut off through our attitudes and behaviors. Pastor and poet Steve Garnaas-Holmes asks, "Who are the lepers who beg for our compassion, whom no one will touch? Are they the prisoners, who frighten us, or nursing home folks? Those who are depressed, or transgendered or angry, the drunk mumbling in the doorway, the guy with the cardboard sign at the stoplight, the dying, before whom we stutter and stall? The mentally ill, kidnapped from their own minds, that we are afraid to speak to? The kid with piercings, tattoos and blue hair, immigrants who any moment will be hauled off, people who are chronically poor and grumpy about it? Who are we afraid to touch, to be touched by?"



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

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Jesus' reply to the man's plea, "If you will . . ." is emphatically, "I do will it. Be made clean." It fills me with great hope to know that Jesus desires my healing. Not only that, Jesus touches me. We don't just touch people with our hands, although our hands can wound or heal. Our eyes and looks can heal or wound. Our words can wound or heal. Our minds and hearts, if they are closed, can wound deeply. If open, they can heal old wounds.

By touching the man with leprosy, Jesus not only heals his affliction. Jesus heals the deeper wound by welcoming him back into community. Jean Vanier, the founder of *L'Arche* communities and Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ, the founder of *Homeboy Industries*, both talk about the healing power of kinship and community.

Lent begins this coming week on Valentine's Day/Ash Wednesday. What an unusual but fortuitous convergence of celebrations. Valentine's Day celebrating the love between people. Ash Wednesday beginning a forty-day period when love is on retreat and deepening its ability to imitate the love of the Teacher through the time-honored practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. May our observance of these days transform us and open our minds, our eyes and our hearts to the God who dwells deeply in those we dismiss all too easily. And so, we pray, in the words of Jay Cormier:



Fr. Mike

Saving God,
in your compassion we are made whole;
in your mercy we are restored to joy.
Illuminate our hearts
that we may not see others as lepers
but welcome them as sisters and brothers in you.
In the love and care we extend to others,
let others see your love and care
through which we have been made
"clean" and "whole."



ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2024

Please join us
for Ash Wednesday on February 14th at
8:00 AM,
or (with school) at 1:10 PM
or in the evening at 7:00 PM
in the church

Mass Readings

Mass Readings for Feb. 11, 2024

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Mark 1:40-45

Mass Readings for Feb. 18, 2024

Genesis 9:8-15
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15

St Ignatius School

Some of our amazing 8th graders recently led our assembly to celebrate students that have gone above and beyond in demonstrating the schoolwide learning expectation of having a Passionate Heart. Having a Passionate Heart means to:

- *Show respect, kindness, and empathy for all of God's diverse creation.*
- *Accept responsibility for our actions.*
- *Lead and support members of our community*



Our 8th graders recently spent time identifying virtues in novels. As a whole school we focus on various virtues throughout the year. The virtues we have focused on recently include: *kindness, hope, responsibility, self-control, affability, courtesy, prayerfulness, and justice.*



We are learning about the important contributions of Black Indigenous People of Color during the month of February. After hearing the story of Rosa Parks, one of our kindergarten students decided to portray Rosa Parks calming explaining that she wasn't going to move out of her seat. Her outstanding creation of Rosa Parks is shown here.

We need your help in procuring great items and **securing business procurements and sponsors** for our **Night of Pure Imagination!** auction on **Saturday, April 20**. If you would like to make a procurement donation, ask businesses for donations, or become an event sponsor, please contact Caitlin Dickinson, caitlindickinson@gmail.com.

Throughout February, may we find ways to follow our hearts living by the teachings of Christ. *"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus,"* Philippians 4:7.

Peace be with you.
Carol Pausz, Principal

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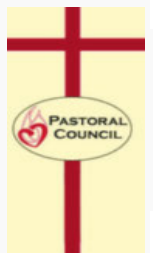
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Our St. Ignatius Girl Scout troop #10094 is selling cookies again! We use our cookie money to help fund our troop adventures (like overnights or learning to cross country ski) and to give to charities that are important to us. Please support our troop and enjoy some delicious cookies. You can also choose to donate the cookies to Meals on Wheels if you prefer not to eat them yourself. Follow this link to buy your cookies: <https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/troop10094-664?fpkp=1>

Pastoral Council The goal of the Pastoral Council is to enhance the quality of parish life. We aid the pastor in identifying the pastoral needs of the community, develop a plan for the parish's programs and services and evaluate their effectiveness. If you have feedback or ideas to share, please contact any of the Pastoral Council members directly or email pastoralcouncil@sispdx.org.



Yarn TODAY If you always wanted to learn how to knit or crochet but never find the time. If you already know how to knit or crochet but don't have even an hour weekly to do so. Or- If you would be willing to teach someone the finer points of either skill. Please join us for an hour after the 10:30 mass on **February 11th (11:30-12:30)** in the dining room in the Parish Office. Bring your own project or contact Maureen at (206) 889-7820 about materials. Masks are welcome but not required. Any age, any level of skill welcome!

C H A N G E

Contemplative Mass is changing
starting time-permanently!

Starting on the 1st Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024-NEXT WEEK

Start time is now

7:00PM



Lenten Retreat Do you desire to foster a deeper space of inner peace within yourself wrapped in God's Divine Love this Lent? Please consider joining fellow adult parishioners of all ages this Lent for an Ignatian Spiritual Exercises retreat beginning Sunday February 25th and ending Sunday March 24th. During the four weeks of the retreat, we invite you to spend approximately 30-45 minutes four days per week in prayer/ reading/reflection/journaling from the comfort of your home as well as five Sunday small group 'Spiritual Conversation' meetings (**Feb. 25th, March 3, March 10, March 17, March 24**) from 12pm-1pm on the parish campus following the 10:30am Sunday Mass. The retreat will be led by Deacon Mac and Katherine Radeka (SEEL). Cost is approximately \$20 to cover the purchase of your retreat book online. Please email Deacon Mac for more details or to RSVP a spot in the retreat:

mac.a.chester@gmail.com

Cost: Purchase your copy of the retreat book online (approx. \$20 on Amazon: <https://a.co/d/dQmltW3>) + any cash donations to the parish are gratefully accepted for future retreats. If you can afford purchasing multiple retreat books we would gladly accept extra copies of "The First Spiritual Exercises: Four Guided Retreats" by Michael Hansen, S.J. to distribute to retreatants who may not be able to afford Hansen, S.J. to distribute to retreatants who may not be able to afford the retreat book and for future retreats. Hansen, S.J. to distribute to retreatants who may not be able to afford the retreat book and for future retreats.

Retreat journal (aka: "Listening Book") - any journal/notebook will do!

1. Sunday February 25th: 12pm-1pm Parish Office - Retreat introduction in large group
2. Sunday March 3rd: 12pm-1pm Parish Office - 1st guided Spiritual Conversation in small groups
3. Sunday March 10th: 12pm-1pm Parish Office - 2nd guided Spiritual Conversation in small groups
4. Sunday March 17th: 12pm-1pm Parish Office - 3rd guided Spiritual Conversation in small groups
5. Sunday March 24th (Palm Sunday): 12pm-1pm Dillon Hall (school cafeteria) - 4th guided Spiritual Conversation in small groups + retreat closure in large group

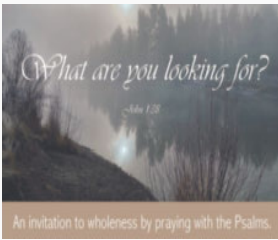
IGNITE is TONIGHT- Feb 11, 2024 6:00PM—7:15PM

- ◆ COME with an open heart to see what it is all about
- ◆ CONTEMPLATE the presence of the Holy Spirit in your own life and experience
- ◆ CONNECT to the Mass, to the Saints, to the people of St. Ignatius, and to your heart

IGNITE offers participants the opportunity to explore the Church, the Saints, and various sacred writings in a meditative way, inviting a personal experience of faith and spirituality. Each session includes teaching segments interrupted by breakout groups where members reflect and listen to each other. IGNITE includes faith sharing, sacred listening, study, and journeying with others.

Information and/or zoom link & password: [IGNITE | St. Ignatius Catholic Church | Oregon's Jesuit Parish | Portland \(sipdx.org\)](#)
Or <https://www.sipdx.org/ignite>

Novena of Grace offered online at:



Novena: Missoula

February 26th thru March 5th

Weekday Novena at Noon & 6:00 pm, Saturday & Sunday at Noon with a livestream planned for Noon: [St. Francis Xavier - \(sfxmissoula.org\)](http://St.FrancisXavier-sfxmissoula.org)

We are delighted that Father Victor Cancino, S.J. and Mayra Martinez will be our co-presenters

Theme: "What Are You Looking For?": *An Invitation to Wholeness by Praying with the Psalms*

Novena: St Al's Spokane

the 96th Novena of Grace at St. Aloysius Parish. Spiritual Director, Therapist and St. Al's Parishioner Kathy Finley and St. Al's Associate Pastor Dan Nevares, S.J. will partner together to address "Re-Engaging the Sacraments".

Details found online at: [Novena of Grace - St. Aloysius Gonzaga \(stalschurch.org\)](http://Novena of Grace - St. Aloysius Gonzaga (stalschurch.org))



Novena of Grace: I Am the Beloved!

DAILY: THURSDAY, MARCH 7 - FRIDAY, MARCH 15
WEEKDAYS: 12:30-1:30 PM SATURDAY AND SUNDAY: 11 AM-12 PM

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MALCOLM NELSON, SARAH PERICICH-LOPEZ, AND FR. MATTHEW PYRC, SJ, PRESENTERS

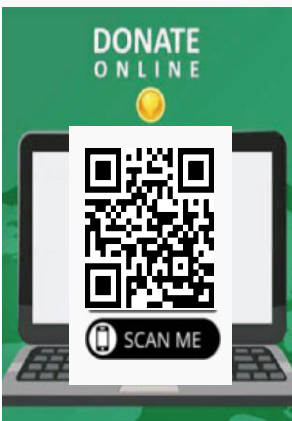
In-person and online. Livestream available on this page each day.

[Novena of Grace 2024 - Ignatian Spirituality Center \(ignatiancenter.org\)](http://Novena of Grace 2024 - Ignatian Spirituality Center (ignatiancenter.org))

[Praying with St Francis Xavier \(Novena\).pdf \(jesuitinstitute.org\)](http://Praying with St Francis Xavier (Novena).pdf (jesuitinstitute.org))



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 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 Tithes received through 1-28-2024 \$300,222.98

*Thank you, for also supporting other funds like our Campus renewal/Bldg., St. Vincent de Paul, School, Novena and more!
May you be blessed abundantly for your generosity!*

8:00AM Weekday Mass Intentions

Please keep in your prayers

Monday	Feb 12	†	Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	Feb 13	†	Bob Secolo
Wednesday	Feb 14	†	ASH WEDNESDAY
Thursday	Feb 15	†	Jim Emig
Friday	Feb 16	†	Judy Earnest



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