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September 17, 2023

A Message from the Pastor

Our gospel this weekend is alternately called “the parable of the unmerciful servant” or “the parable of the unforgiving debtor.” It is a story Jesus tells in answer to Peter’s question, “How many times must I forgive?” It comes in Matthew’s gospel in that section where Jesus is talking about community and what helps build up and strengthen the ties that bind us as a healthy community. Mercy and forgiveness are simply indispensable for any authentic Christian community.

This gospel prompted me to watch an early short silent film by Laurel and Hardy. It’s called Big Business. In it, they are Christmas tree salesmen trying to make a living by going door to door selling Christmas trees. One of the great antagonists in this and other films is James Finlayson—a short, bald Scotsman with sideburns, who is an Olympic scowler at our two salesmen.

Finlayson doesn’t want a Christmas tree but Laurel and Hardy keep ringing his doorbell because either the tree or Stan Laurel’s coat gets caught in the door jam every time Finlayson tells them to “beat it” and slams the door in their

faces. Finally, the infuriated Finlayson takes some branch cutters and surgically cuts their Christmas tree in pieces. Retaliation after retaliation leaves Laurel and Hardy’s car and Finlayson’s house, furniture, trees and gardens utterly destroyed. This is the world of tit for tat. This is the land of the Hatfields and McCoys. This is a preview of a community and world without forgiveness or mercy.



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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Pastor's Message continued from page one:

Pastor and poet, Steve Garnaas-Holmes, describes what forgiving is all about.

***Forgiving is not forgetting bad behavior,
not condoning or excusing or minimizing it,
not pretending that it didn't hurt, that "it was nothing."***

***Forgiving is accepting what is—
that they have wronged you—
without desire to amend that,
to get even, exact payment
or get them to see your hurt.
It is accepting that the hurt is real,
and yet your love for them, and yourself, remains.***

***Forgiving is letting go of the past,
letting the hurt be in the past instead of the present,
choosing to stop hanging on to it, stop being chained up
in it.***

Forgiving is getting free.

***We choose to be in the heaven of infinite forgiving
rather than the hell of unfinished and never-ending
resentment.***

***Forgiving is coming alive,
and entering into eternal life.***

Forgiving is not a chore or obligation.

***Forgiving is joy, freedom, compassion, and peace.
Seven times seventy times.***

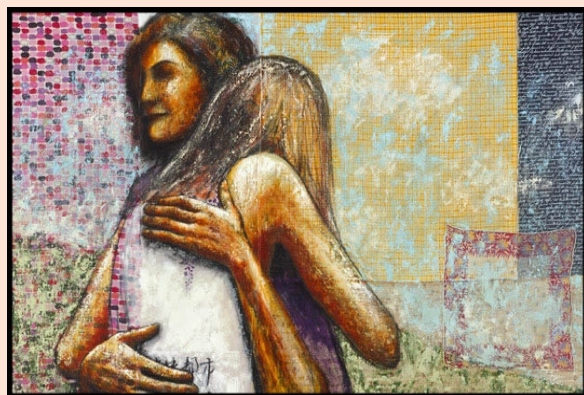
Jan Richardson reminds us that forgiveness is the hardest blessing. The heart of forgiveness is not to be found in excusing harm or allowing it to go unchecked. It is to be found, rather, in choosing to say that although our wounds will change us, we will not allow them to forever define us. Forgiveness does not ask us to forget the wrong done to us but instead to resist the ways it seeks to get its poisonous hooks in us. Forgiveness asks us to acknowledge and reckon with the damage so that we will not live forever in its grip.

Sometimes we are given the grace to forgive quickly. Sometimes the grace to forgive takes a long, long time to receive. And so forgiveness often requires practice. It takes choosing to work at it. We might have to chip away at it again and again and again. Seventy-seven times, at least, as Jesus says in this passage.

Forgiveness might well be the hardest blessing we will ever offer—or receive. As with any difficult practice, it's important to ask not only for the strength we will need for it, but also the grace: the grace that will, as we practice again and again, begin to shimmer through our wounds, drawing us toward the healing and freedom we could hardly have imagined at the outset.



Fr Mike



Mass Readings

Mass Readings for Sep 17, 2023

Sirach 27:30—28:7

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35

Mass Readings for Sep 24, 2023

Isaiah 55:6-9

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Matthew 20:1-16a



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What a joy it has been to have our students and families back to school! Our 8th grade leaders have heeded the call to serve by leading our school in the morning announcements and assisting with our Welcome Back student assembly. During our Welcome Back assembly, we heard about our school year theme and reviewed expectations for uniforms, recess, and the cafeteria. Our students are enjoying learning about their new teachers and making new friends as we welcomed 28 new students to our school this year.



A big thank you to all of our families for attending our Back-to-School Night the first week of school. The teachers appreciate the opportunity to partner with our families in educating our students. We are tremendously grateful for our St. Ignatius School Foundation's annual distribution which they gave us at our Back-to-School Night. We are able to provide tuition assistance to many families in need because of their support.

As we head into this new school year, we are looking for parent volunteers 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.

We are excited to share that we are partnering with the University of Portland's School of Nursing. During this fall trimester, we will have two nursing students on our campus two days a week. During their time 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 look forward to welcoming Nurse Daniel and Nurse Abigail to our school two days a week during the fall trimester.

We are once again taking up the call to provide 80 sack lunches for Transition Projects. We need donations of granola bars, chips, and fruit cups too. Please send donations through Amazon to our school or bring them to the school office. Thank you for supporting our whole school service learning.

As we reflect in gratitude for these first weeks of school, *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the holy Spirit."* Romans 15:13

Carol Pausz
Principal



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
In Dillon Hall

**FREE ADMISSION
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- Exhibitor Booths
- Silent Auction
- Food, Beer & Wine
- Puppet Shows
- Sherwood Forest (Kids Activities)

Seeking items—

gift baskets, gift cards, gift certificates, services provided—for the **St. Ignatius Renaissance Festival's Silent Auction**. Your support will make this free, community event a time of joy for the parish, and for the whole community. Contact Joseph Byrd (jbyrd@sispdx.org) if you have something you'd like to donate.

Interested in just making a cash donation to support the Festival? That's great, too! Donations of any size are welcome. Come join us on Sunday, October 15, in Dillon Hall, for an unforgettable day of family fun!

First Reconciliation & Communion sign up
STARTS TODAY

Classes begin in Sept:
September 17 – 9:15-10:15 –
Students and Parents - Dillon
Hall

Oct. 1 – 9:15-10:15 – School
Oct. 8 - 9:15-10:15 – school
Oct. 15 - 9:15-10:15 – school
Oct. 29 - 9:15-10:15 – **Students and parents** – Dillon Hall
Saturday, November 18 at **10AM**– church reconciliation service
(*First Communion begins in January, until after Easter!*)



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. **Visit 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 3-8** 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)

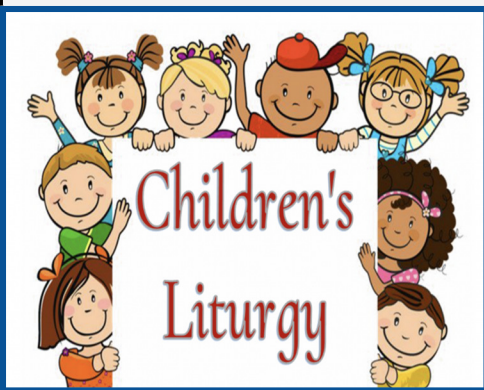
Details: The children will be accompanied by two CASE trained adults and after their activity they will be walked back over to the church

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:**

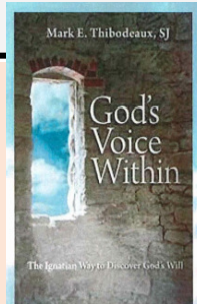
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Thank you all for your time, Sarah Cunningham 608-320-5186



IGNITE.... Starts next week!

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!



It's time to register for St. Ignatius' '23-'24 Confirmation Class
For students in grades 7-12

This year's class will be a hybrid model of at-home modules and six in-person sessions including a Saturday retreat.

Schedule

October 1st 12-3 Prayer: Talking and Listening to God Session for Parents and Students	October 29th, 12-2 What is Mine to Do? Discerning your walk in Christ
December 2nd. 9-6 Retreat at Fr. Bernard Youth Center	January 21st, 12-2 Doing What I Believe: What Does Love Look Like?
March 3rd, 12-2 Stations of Mercy: Increasing Awareness Through Christ's Passion	April 7th, 12-2 This is My Church Too

Students will attend all sessions and the retreat. Also, ten at-home modules and service requirements will be completed during the year.

A \$100 registration fee can be paid online through Realm or mailed in to our Parish Office.

Register for Confirmation on our website (sipdx.org) by September 24th. Contact Grace (gbyrd@sipdx.org) with any questions.



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.

Neighboring Parish event –OKTOBERFEST, Holy Family 7425 SE Cesar E. Chavez Blvd, Saturday, Sept 23 1PM-8PM Free admission –Music Food Fames Beer Garden & Fun



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 8-20-2023 \$63,926.14

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 18	†	Elizabeth Nguyen
Tuesday	Sep 19	†	Ed Gustafson
Wednesday	Sep 20	†	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	Sep 21	†	Gayle Jimenez
Friday	Sep 22	†	Tristan Jimenez



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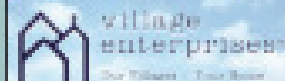
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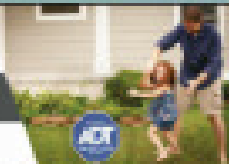
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