

# St. Ignatius Catholic Church

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## **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 LJC—**La Storta Chapel** 

# Sacrament of Reconciliation

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October 15, 2023

A Message from the Pastor

One of my favorite humorous films is *Start the Revolution Without Me*. Set during the time of the French Revolution, Gene Wilder and Donald Sutherland each play a set of twins who are separated at birth.

During the film there is a delightful scene in which the palace ballroom is filled with gentlemen in military uniforms and women in beautiful gowns. The camera pans to the top of the staircase where King Louis XVI descends dressed as a large rooster. He mumbles apologetically, "I thought it was a costume ball."

There are at least two major shocks in this parable found in Matthew's gospel. The first is that the people on the "A" Guest List refuse the King's invitation. What in the world were they thinking? The second shock is that one of the masses forced into the party is inappropriately dressed.

I have a friend in the Central Valley who is regularly invited to be one of the guests in attendance at the Academy Awards. They don't want empty seats in that auditorium when the cameras pan the audience. He has a tuxedo for just such occasions. He wouldn't dream of showing up in a dirty t-shirt, cutoffs and sneakers. He wouldn't be admitted or appear on camera, if he did.



Jesuit scripture scholar John Donahue points out that "Since clothing can be a symbol of new identification with Christ, the wedding garment evokes the good deeds or quality of life that one must show at the time of the eschatological banquet. To be dressed inappropriately symbolizes a lack of change or conversion on the part of the guest.

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So what are we to wear? St. Paul wrote to the Colossians about this when he said, "Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony." (Col. 3:12-14)

So, on this Sunday in October, as we head towards the end of another liturgical year, let us pray in the words of Jay Cormier:





Fr. Mike

With gratitude for your generosity, with humility at our unworthiness, we make our way to your wedding feast, O gracious God.

May our struggle to forgive, our commitment to establish peace through justice, our work to mirror the selfless spirit of service of your Son, the Bridegroom, become our wedding garment to wear when we join all our brothers and sisters at your great banquet of eternity.

FirePit-PDX ministry is a young adult ministry under the care of St. Ignatius parish meant to serve young adults in their 20s and 30s. We aim to connect Young Adults to one another and cultivate a friendship with Christ. FirePit-PDX strives to awaken, focus, and inspire single and married people to the beauty and vitality of God's active presence in their lives.

Please join us for the first meeting of FirePit-PDX on Sunday, October 22, 2023, at 6:00 PM in the parish office of St. Ignatius Parish. This will be an opportunity for you to meet other young adults and share ideas on what you want FirePit-PDX to be. Food and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided. We will attend the 7:30 PM Mass after this meeting. Please RSVP by email

firepitpdx@gmail.com



"The Word of God" Bible Study continues -Tuesdays 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 Oct 15, 2023 Isaiah 25:6-10a Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 Matthew 22:1-14 Mass Readings for Oct 22, 2023
Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Matthew 22:15-21

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We continued our tradition of having our 8th grade leaders accompany our 1st grade class to Plumper Pumpkin Patch on Thursday. During their time on the farm, the students learn about several kinds of farm animals in the petting barn and the different types of pumpkins grown there. Finally, they go on a hayride and pick out their own pumpkins to take home. The 8th graders spend some time learning about pumpkins and farm animals before the adventure to further assist in the learning process for the first graders.



Our teachers spent their statewide in-service day attending webinars and conventions for professional development. Teachers were able to choose their area of study. Teachers from preschool through 8th grade and specialist teachers attended

conferences on various topics focused on enhancing teaching strategies for music, PE, handwriting, phonics, reading, math, social studies and science units across grade levels, and standards-based planning with proficiency assessments. Teachers will share with the whole staff some of the wonderful strategies they learned and will incorporate into their teaching practice.

There's still time to volunteer to assist with the Children's Liturgy of the Word at the Sunday 10:30 AM 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 <u>Sarah Cunningham</u> if you are able to assist in this ministry.

May we embrace the blessing of the beautiful fall weather and enjoy God's majestic creation throughout the month of October. "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up," Galatians 6:9.

Peace be with you. Carol Pausz Principal

Creation Care Team "we have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach: it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor." Laudato Si' page 35

Reflection: How can we both individually and collectively respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor? Are we able to respond both locally and internationally? Let us pray to increase our awareness and responses to these issues.

Laudate Deum (Praise God): Pope Francis' new Apostolic Exhortation on the urgency of climate crisis. Read

it https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html







#### Please welcome

Deacon Mac Chester and his family to St. Ignatius Parish! Mac and his wife Debbie moved from Boise Idaho to Hillsboro in 2021 along with their youngest daughter Marah, who's an 8th grader at Holy Trinity School. They have two additional children, Bri and Alex, who still live in Idaho. Mac and Debbie have been married since 2005. Mac has been a permanent deacon since 2013 and has served alongside the Jesuits at the Catholic student center on the campus of Boise State University. They love the beauty of Oregon, especially the Coast. Mac works full-time for Intel as an engineer. In the coming months, Mac will concelebrate at our weekend liturgies, administer the Sacraments, and help lead a young adult ministry. We are grateful and excited to have him join our ministry team. Please introduce yourself to Mac, Debbie, and Marah.



Please join The Senior History Heroes group for a delicious lunch at the FJ Buffet at 11930 SE Division Street; next door to the Rite Aide. Thursday, October 19th; noon We will have a private room and will be discussing plans for the Holiday season, places we can meet & any groups/activities we can support. As most of you know the food was delicious and such a bargain; Senior I lunch is \$13.00 - tip is extra; inludes a drink. Please invite others who would like to be a part of our fun group & PLEASE help me in ideas for places to meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month. ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR A FUN MEET & GREET In December we will have our Holiday Party Potluck a week earier; December 14th at the club house where Mary & Bruce live. MARK YOUR CALENDARS, please. RSVP or questions -- Judi Van Cleave, 971-344-3055 or judi vc@yahoo.com.



# Go with Gratitude - An Advent Retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola

"Go with Gratitude - An Advent Retreat" Please join us for a four week retreat during Advent. This Advent retreat will focus on creation, salvation, the Incarnation, and God-with -us. These retreat weeks are based on the 18th Annotation of Saint Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises. We invite you to come pray with us as we prepare for Emanuel.

Lord, grant that I may see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly. -Spiritual Exercises 104

Choose either morning or evening retreat meetings. All meetings will take place in the parish office dining room. **Morning sessions** will take place weekly on (Nov. 30, Dec. 7,14,21) Thursdays from 10:30AM–12:00PM. **Evening sessions** will take place weekly (Nov. 28th, Dec. 5,12,19) on Tuesdays from 6:30–8:00PM.

Free will donations, <u>proceeds for St. Ignatius parish</u>. Facilitated by Katherine Radeka and Jeanette Grimaldi

Questions? Email Jeanette at SEEL Portland - spiritualexercises.seelpdx@gmail.com

**November Memorial Mass Nov. 4th at 5pm** Have you lost a loved one this past year? You are invited to bring a picture of loved ones you want our community to remember in their prayers as we approach All Souls Day. Please be sure to put your **name** on each item and bring them over the weekend Masses— Oct 28th & 29th. We will have a basket for them and then place them for viewing for the Memorial Mass on **Saturday**, **November 4th at 5PM.** 

· *In November, we remember....* Make a donation in honor of your deceased loved one, whose name will be displayed in the church alcoves during the month of November. Envelopes can be found at the doors.

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 10-1-2023 \$107,541.96

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!

# DONATE ONLINE

## 8:00AM Weekday Mass Intentions

Please keep in your prayers

Monday Oct 16 † Richard Floyd Grubb Sr.
Tuesday Oct 17 † Gayle Jimenez
Wednesday Oct 18 † Louie Pieretti
Thursday Oct 19 † Souls in Purgatory
Friday Oct 20 † Tomas Pham



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