



St. Ignatius Catholic Church

OREGON'S JESUIT PARISH

Fourth Sunday of Lent



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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 PM

Sunday at 8:00 AM

Sunday at 10:30 AM

Adoration 6:15-6:45 PM

before 7:00 PM Mass.

Sunday at 7:00 PM

Weekdays (M-F) 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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March 30, 2025

Wisdom from the Pews

You okay getting dirty?

Hope so, because today's Gospel goes there: "[Jesus] spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on [the blind man's] eyes." The story goes on, careening between belief, disbelief, and mistrust, as the reactions of those to Jesus healing the blind man ricochet in incredibly messy ways.

One of the things I love about our parish is that it isn't afraid to go there, too; into the muck of what it can mean to get down and dirty when it comes to what's important, and why we're all here. To sum it up in one word: healing.

Healing is a word related to health, a word related to holy, hailing (another word related to all of these!) from the Germanic *hailjan* and the Old English *haelan*. And I'm only telling you this so that you might get a taste of the long, living line of what words are, and can do. And that takes us to the very beginning of everything, as we hear in the Gospel of John: In the beginning was the Word.

In Genesis 1, that other scriptural beginning, we read that "there was darkness over the deep, and God's spirit hovered over the water." Now, I'm going to tie all of this together. Partly because what I've already written could be termed as messy or muddy. And honestly, I hope it is! Here's why:

The folks in our OCIA class this year are preparing to enter the church. This Gospel reading is their lodestar, functioning as both their path forward, and a summation of what they'll be experiencing at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 19 (I hope to see you there!) Because, scientifically speaking, the same water used to baptize them is the very same water over which God's spirit hovered in Genesis 1. What's more, it's the same stuff that Jesus used to heal the blind man when he spat on the ground to make clay with his saliva.

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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@sipdx.org



Wisdom from the Pews continued:

Think about that for a moment: the Word, which was there in the beginning, is the same one who is here now, the same one who will be there with our Catechumens and Candidates as they hear the sacred words of the liturgy spoken over them when they enter the church. And the water poured over them from the font is the same stuff that's been here since the beginning of time.

If that doesn't open your eyes to the absolute manifestation of a living God that is here and now, always and forever, then make a point to connect with someone in OCIA and ask them how they got here. Ask them what brought them to this moment of water and the word, and if their journey here was completely clean and tidy. Bet they'll laugh.

Here's to the way that Jesus makes things clear, using some of the messiest parts of our lives.

Joseph Byrd has been a member of the parish since 2018, married to Grace for over 30 years, and plays and sings at the 8 and 10:30am Masses.

Have you enjoyed reading the weekly **Wisdom from the Pews**? Then this is a your chance to join other parishioners who have shared their faith journey as it relates to the weekend readings. Contact Joseph Byrd with any questions (jbyrd@sipdx.org) or Please consider writing your Wisdom from the Pews <https://bit.ly/wisdomfromthepews>

Leaning into Lent at St. Ignatius

Stations of the Cross

This year's Stations of the Cross journey invites you to discern your call as a Catholic in a wounded world through music, scripture, and a series of reflections.

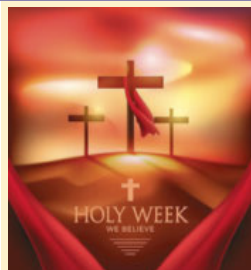
Wednesday, 3/26 - noon
Wednesday, 4/2 - 7PM
Wednesday, 4/16- noon

Adoration

During lent, every Sunday from 6:15-6:45, you are invited to be with Christ through the intimate prayer of Adoration. This time of prayer will culminate with the celebration of Mass at 7PM.

Spirituality of Aging

This series, meant for parishioners over the age of 55, explores the newness of growing older, from relationship to self-perception, from our experience of world to our spiritual growth. Meets Thursdays at 10AM in the parish office dining room from 3/6-4/10.



Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025 7PM
Good Friday, April 18, 2025 7PM
Easter Vigil, April 19, 2025 8:30PM

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025
8:00AM and 10:30AM Masses

(no 7PM mass)

Mass Readings

Mass Readings for Mar 30, 2025

[1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a](#)
[Ephesians 5:8-14](#)
[John 9:1-41](#)

Mass Readings for April 6, 2025

[Ezekiel 37:12-14](#)
[Romans 8:8-11](#)
[John 11:1-45](#)

So often we talk about or pray for the "common good." It might seem intuitive to know what that means, but there is a precise definition whenever it is invoked in Catholic Social Ethics. Here is an excerpt from Laudato Si where Pope Francis defines the "common good."

156. *An integral ecology is inseparable from the notion of the common good, a central and unifying principle of social ethics. The common good is "the sum of those conditions of social life which allow social groups and their individual members relatively thorough and ready access to their own fulfilment". [122]*

157. *Underlying the principle of the common good is respect for the human person as such, endowed with basic and inalienable rights ordered to his or her integral development. It has also to do with the overall welfare of society and the development of a variety of intermediate groups, applying the principle of subsidiarity. Outstanding among those groups is the family, as the basic cell of society. Finally, the common good calls for social peace, the stability and security provided by a certain order which cannot be achieved without particular concern for distributive justice; whenever this is violated, violence always ensues. Society as a whole, and the state in particular, are obliged to defend and promote the common good.*

158. *In the present condition of global society, where injustices abound and growing numbers of people are deprived of basic human rights and considered expendable, the principle of the common good immediately becomes, logically and inevitably, a summons to solidarity and a preferential option for the poorest of our brothers and sisters. This option entails recognizing the implications of the universal destination of the world's goods, but, as I mentioned in the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, [123] it demands before all else an appreciation of the immense dignity of the poor in the light of our deepest convictions as believers. We need only look around us to see that, today, this option is in fact an ethical imperative essential for effectively attaining the common good.*

-Fr. James, SJ



Yarn Please join us for an hour after the 10:30 mass 11:30-12:30)

in the Upstairs, Fireplace room in the Parish Office. **Mark your calendar:** April 13, 2025, May 11, 2025, Jun 8, 2025 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... all skill levels welcome!



Are you engaged? Congratulations! Preparing for a marriage in the Catholic Church is a six month process which hopefully offers some tools to help you navigate this wonderful transition in your life. If you're ready to get that process started, contact Grace Byrd for more information.

gbyrd@sipdx.org

Pancake Breakfast: Once a month, after the 10:30 AM Family Mass, we will host a Pancake Breakfast in Dillion hall for all school families and parishioners starting at 11:30 AM. Each month a different school group will assist in hosting the Pancake Breakfast.

Sunday, April 27th, 11:30 AM = 1st & 6th gr. Hosts & **Sunday, May 18th**, 11:30 AM = preschool, 2nd, & 5th gr. hosts



St Ignatius School will
resume on March 31!



We are excited to announce

An important update regarding our journey in faith together. Beginning last September, our parish, and parishes throughout the United States, transitioned from the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) to the new translation Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). This new translation is a continuation of the translation updates that began with the Roman Missal for Mass in 2012. Since then, the Vatican has promulgated updated translations of the Rites for Infant Baptism and Reconciliation. Coming up in 2026 we will also see an updated English translation of the Order of the Anointing of the Sick.

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults reflects a renewed emphasis on the orderly and intentional process by which individuals are welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church. Through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, we will continue to uphold the rich traditions that guide us on our path to spiritual growth and understanding. We look forward to embarking on this journey with our Inquirers, Candidates, and Catechumens, embracing their unique stories and deepening our shared commitment to Christ.

Together, let us pray for ongoing formation and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all that we do.

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please contact me at any time: gbyrd@sipdx.org

Please pray for all of our Candidates and Catechumens as they prepare to be fully initiated into the Church this Easter.



Top row: Johanna, Fr. James, Drew, Chris, Emma
Bottom Row: Toni, Louis, Nia, Drew, Angelica, Nancy, Susan

It's the Year of Jubilee! In the month of **March**, Pope Francis has missioned churches to clothe the needy, we will be having a **Children's Clothing and Supply Drive** following items:



diapers, wipes, Pull-Ups, strollers, car seats, new or gently used maternity or children's clothes. LAST WEEKEND FOR COLLECTION!!





Looking for Ways

to Serve Our Community?

Are you interested in discovering a vibrant faith group that serves our local community in meaningful ways? Jesuit Volunteer EnCorps will support you in your commitment! Jesuit Volunteer (JV) EnCorps, a program of JVC Northwest, engages people 40+ in a rewarding experience of service, community, and spiritual formation. JV EnCorps Members (JVEs) commit to 10 months of flexible, self-directed, part-time service in their local communities and to the exploration of, in monthly in-person meetings with other JV EnCorps members, JVC Northwest's core values: community, simple living, social and ecological justice, and spirituality/reflection. If interested, email Sarah Thompson: jvencorps@jvcnorthwest or apply at www.jvencorps.org. Program begins in September. Applications are accepted throughout the program year, depending on space, but apply by August 31 to be included in the opening retreats.

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Care for Creation 'God created the world, writing into it an order and a dynamism that human beings have no right to ignore. We read in the Gospel that Jesus says of the birds of the air that "not one of them is forgotten by God". How can we possibly mistreat them or cause them harm." Laudato Si, Pope Francis Chapter 6. V221

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. San.



Church tithing	July 1, 2024 — June 30, 2025		
	Actual	Budget	% of Goal
Mar 10-16, 2025	16,193	11,000	147%
Month of Mar	41,284	55,000	75%
YTD	387,997	560,000	69%

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	Mar 31	† Vincent Son Hoang
Tuesday	Apr 01	† Anthony Hoang Ngoc
Wednesday	Apr 02	† Judy Earnest
Thursday	Apr 03	† Maria Hoang Thi Diep
Friday	Apr 04	† Joseph Anh Mai



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