



*Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

St. Ignatius Catholic Church
OREGON'S JESUIT PARISH



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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 PM

Sunday at 8:00 AM

Sunday at 10:30 AM

Sunday at 7:00 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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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 :

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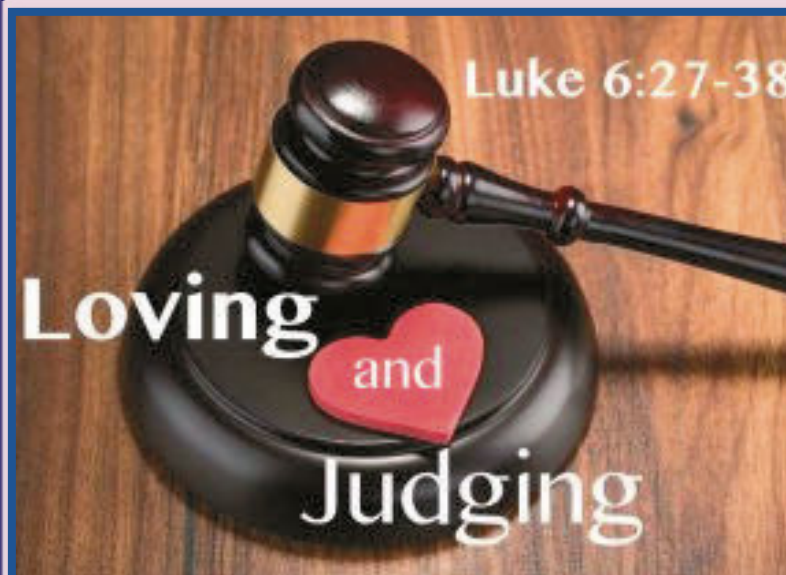
February 23, 2025

Wisdom from the Pews

Well, it's my week to provide some insight for this week's scripture reading. When Father San made this request of parishioners, I thought it was an interesting change of pace to the weekly bulletin. A week or so after this request, Father San asked me to sign up while I was performing my Sacristan duties before the Sunday 8 am Mass. I nervously said yes. I didn't look at what the scripture was for the week that I signed up. When my calendar reminder went off earlier this week, I was pleasantly surprised at the scripture reading that I had chosen.

In my faith journey today's scripture is the very essence of Christianity. This scripture contains the instructions from Jesus "To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well," and the golden rule of "Do to others as you would have them do to you." I think about these verses nearly every day and do my best to apply them. In my work, I try to apply these teachings when interacting with the teams that I manage and the various departments we deal with.

I am a firm believer in treating people the way you would like to be treated. Some of the teams that I manage interact directly with the public on a daily basis. As anyone who has been in that role can attest, it is often not an easy thing to do. We sometimes see people not on their best day. We do not know what other people are going through, so reserving judgement and turning the other cheek can be so helpful in calming a situation down. I also know, from being in a leadership position, it starts with the example of how I conduct myself. There have been times I may have not turned the other cheek, but I try to keep those times to a minimum and do my best to apologize whenever I fail to live up to this part of scripture.



The other part of today's scripture that resonates with me is where Jesus says, "Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap."

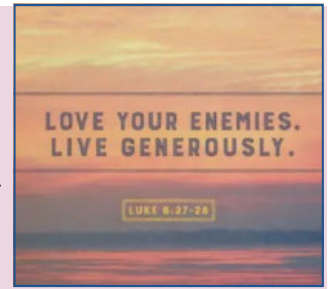
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Wisdom from the Pews continued from page one:

For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.” When I was younger, there were times I would give a gift and expect something in return. I’ve long since changed my views on this. When I give gifts today, I have no expectations of anything in return and so often I have been blessed in other areas of my life. The blessing is often indirectly related, and always happens in God’s timing, but it is present.

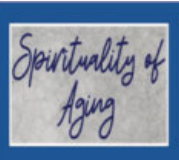
Greg LaRowe serves as a Sacristan at the Saturday and Sunday 8 am Masses and has been attending St. Ignatius since 2022. He works at TriMet as the Director of Fare Revenue and is responsible for all aspects of fare collection (Hop Fastpass system, TVMs, Fareboxes, Inspection, etc).

*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>*



Ash Wednesday Join us MARCH 5, 2025 for Ash Wednesday, at 8:00 AM or 7:00 PM in the church.

Adoration During lent, every Sunday from 6:15-6:45pm, 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 relationships to self-perception, from our experience of world to our spiritual growth. Meets Thursdays at 10AM in the parish office dining room from March 6 through April 10th.

Lenten Penance Service Join us on March 17, 2025 for a Lenten Penance Service at 7:00PM in the church.



Women's Group Kickoff — **TODAY**



Join us for the **first meeting of the St Ignatius Women's Group** on February 23 after the 10:30 Mass. We will meet in the Bradley Room for fellowship, snacks, and discussing ideas for group activities. All women are welcome.

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. **TODAY Sunday, February 23rd**, 11:30 AM = Kinder & 3rd gr. Hosts, **Sunday, April 27th**, 11:30 AM = 1st & 5th gr. Hosts, **Sunday, May 18th**, 11:30 AM = preschool, 2nd, & 6th gr. hosts



Mass Readings

Mass Readings for Feb 23, 2025

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Luke 6:27-38

Mass Readings for Mar 2, 2025

Sirach 27:4-7
1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Luke 6:39-45

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich



Setting the record straight

FEBRUARY 5, 2025

This week I want to respond to the criticism some political leaders have leveled against the Catholic Church, charging that we are misusing federal funding for refugee settlement and that such ministries prove that the church is more concerned with its “bottom line” rather than the humanitarian service mandated by the Gospel.

I share the disappointment of Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York, who called these attacks both baseless and “scurrilous.”

Here are the facts. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops receives federal grants to assist in refugee resettlement. This partnership between church and government has been in place since Congress enacted the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program in 1980. The U.S. government invited us then to partner with them in this work and, over this half-century, we have done so effectively and efficiently.

Annual audited statements show that these funds are exclusively used to resettle and serve migrants and refugees. Special attention is given to the vulnerable, particularly minors and those at risk of human trafficking.

When a Catholic agency accepts such a grant, it agrees to carry out services on behalf of the government. The same goes for any charity that receives federal, state or municipal dollars to help the underserved. It’s not unusual for government disbursements to cover only part of the total cost of the service provided, in which case the charity makes up the difference from donor funds. The claim that the church is engaged in charitable work to accrue revenue, as has been suggested (recently and many years ago, by nativists who sought to exclude Catholics from public life), is simply false. Moreover, it belies basic understanding of a key mission of the Catholic Church. Christ himself commanded us to serve those in need, regardless of their proximity or national origin.

We take up this work, serving people of any race, creed or color, because it is the Gospel. In a word, we serve those coming to us not because they are Catholic, but because we are Catholic, with eyes and ears open to what Jesus reminded us about how we will be judged: “I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me” (Matthew 25).

The truth matters, and that is why I feel it is important to set the record straight. No one who serves those in need has any interest in getting into a back and forth with public figures who make demonstrably false statements about why the church serves. They are too busy feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, giving shelter to the homeless. They would rather use the limited time God grants each of us to pursue the demands of the Gospel.

[Setting the record straight - Cardinal Blase J. Cupich - Chicago Catholic](#)

IGNITE This winter at IGNITE< we will explore our God-given gift of connection: to ourselves, to others, and to God. The invitation is simple:

**NEXT IGNITE is on Feb 23, 2025
at 5:30pm on zoom.....
Details: www.sipdx.org/ignite**

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, the saints, the people of St. Ignatius and your heart.



St Ignatius School *We, the community of St. Ignatius School, in the tradition of Mother Marie Rose and St. Ignatius of Loyola, provide a faith-centered Catholic education guiding God's children toward building a just and compassionate world.*

Our students are learning and growing deeply in faith and knowledge each and every day. Our kindergarten students enjoyed story time with Fr. James. Our first graders have celebrated St. Baise with a throat blessing and created a mobile for the Bible story from Luke when Jesus sent the fisherman Andrew and Simon back out to catch fish in the sea after they had caught nothing all day! They reluctantly trolled their boat back out and caught so many fish their nets were bursting. They decided to become followers of Jesus. The second graders created beautiful watercolor sleeping bear paintings. The third graders made cat toys from recycled materials for their service partner, the Oregon Humane Society. In fourth grade, students are learning about landslides in science. The fifth graders are studying about the first American colonies. The 6th graders are learning about the Aztec people. Our 7th graders are learning about Joan of Arc and Knights in Medieval Europe. The 8th graders are studying about battles of the American Revolutionary War. We are so proud of our students' growth as kind, intelligent, faith-filled, compassionate young people.

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Join us for our *Aspire, Believe, Celebrate* school auction on Saturday,



March 1, 2025 during *Mardi Gras* season. You can purchase tickets to attend or you can buy raffle tickets online or through our school office. Only 500 raffle tickets are sold and the prize is \$3,000! You need not be present to win.

In addition to beautiful collaborative student projects, we have many silent auction baskets and live auction items. Maybe you'd like your student to be **Principal for the Day**? Maybe a family **fishing trip with Grant Putnam**, our auctioneer this year, suits you? Perhaps you'd like to **golf with friends at Pumpkin Ridge** this summer? We have so much fun in store for you! Thank you for supporting our school in providing rich learning opportunities including activities such as dissecting frogs in middle school science, hatching salmon eggs in 3rd grade and taking field trips to the Pumpkin Patch or Portland Center Stage.

May we take time this weekend to revel in God's many blessings for us with thankful hearts. . "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17.

Peace be with you always.
Carol Pausz
Principal

Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon, exist to give witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As an apostolate of the Church, Catholic Schools minister the salvation of Jesus Christ, exercising His mission to teach (Mt. 28:19-20) by providing Mission Passionate Catholic Education.



It's the Year of Jubilee! In the month of February, Pope Francis has missioned Catholics to feed the hungry.

In celebration and gratitude, St. Ignatius is hosting:
ST VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD DRIVE
Bring your non-perishable, unexpired, unopened food to church during the month of February.



Interfaith Earth Summit

Climate Safety & Health

Sunday, March 16, 2025
1-4 p.m. at local hubs across Oregon

Presented by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
and Oregon Interfaith Power & Light

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Make a year-end donation to St. Ignatius.

If you are age 73 or older, the IRS requires you to take required minimum distributions each year from your tax-deferred retirement accounts. A qualified charitable donation (QCD) is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA, payable directly to a qualified charity such as St. Ignatius Parish. As 2024 draws to a close, please consider making a year-end donation to help us take care of our beautiful church. A charitable IRA rollover is an easy way to make a gift to St. Ignatius Parish to help us grow our endowment.

You can directly transfer any amount up to \$100,000 from your IRA and pay no income tax on the distribution, while making a charitable donation to our parish.

- ◆ You must be 70½ or older
- ◆ The transfer must go directly from your IRA to St. Ignatius Please check with your tax or financial advisor to see if this type of gift is right for you. If you need help with this transfer or have any questions, please call the parish office. Thank you for your consideration.

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
Feb 3- 9, 2025	22,832	10,000	228%
Month of Feb	31,762	40,000	79%
YTD	331,937	560,000	59%

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 24	† Joseph Lich Mai
Tuesday	Feb 25	† Joseph Dinh Thinh
Wednesday	Feb 26	† Maria Vu Thi Dau
Thursday	Feb 27	† Anthony Hoang Nhung
Friday	Feb 28	† Peter Linh Nguyen



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