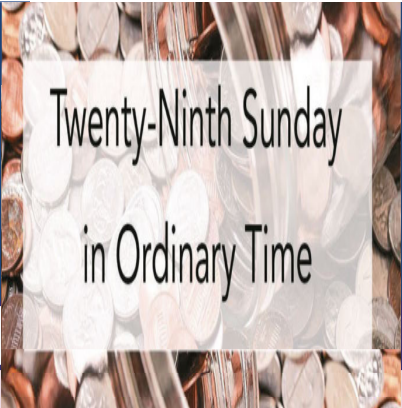




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OREGON'S JESUIT PARISH



Twenty-Ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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October 22, 2023

A Message from the Pastor

A Jesuit friend of mine from the Northwest, now some sixty years of age, once shared with me an experience he had as a Novice. He was sent to live and work with the poor on Skid Row in downtown Portland. While there, he was offered a ticket to the opera. He felt torn. He felt guilty. Would going to the opera be turning his back on the poor? Upon reflection, he believed he was called to have one foot solidly planted in both worlds. This was an experience of a “false dichotomy” for him. This was not an “either/or” but a “both/and” life experience.

In this weekend’s gospel, two traditional enemies—the Pharisees and the Herodians—join forces to try and trap Jesus with a question. “Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?” How is this question a trap? Well, if Jesus says “No, don’t pay the census tax to Caesar,” he would be guilty of sedition and would be arrested. If he says, “Yes, by all means, pay the census tax,” he would lose his popular following who found this tax abhorrent and oppressive.

We know that neither of these things happened. At the end of this scene Jesus hasn’t been arrested or lost his popular following. The only people with egg on their faces are the Pharisees and Herodians. Their trap didn’t work. Back to the drawing board.

Walter Brueggemann, in his *Prayer for Income Tax Day*, writes:

We render to Caesar. . .
to some it feels like a grab,
to some it is clearly a war tax,
to some—some few—
it is a way to contribute to the common good.

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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I AM THE LORD
THERE IS NO OTHER

Isaiah 45:6

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Pastor's Message continued from page one:

A third world theologian, Tissa Balisuriya, once wrote this about the Eucharist. "Unless there is this twofold dimension of personal love and societal action, Eucharist can be a sacrilege." What we believe, what we celebrate when we gather for Eucharist, is to be taken with us when we are sent forth so that we can transform our homes, our workplaces and our world into more just and more compassionate places. What we believe must color the type of citizens we become.

St. Ignatius of Loyola invited people "to find God in all things." So, my friends, we are invited to find God in the temple and in the market place. Let's keep one foot solidly planted in God's world and the other solidly planted in Caesar's. In the words of Jay Cormier, let us pray:

In the many complexities and challenges of our lives, O God,
may your Spirit of wisdom and compassion
be the light by which we make our way,
the measure by which we weigh our choices,
and the star by which we set our course.



Fr. Mike



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.

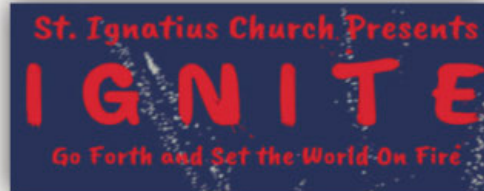
Please join us for the first meeting of FirePit-PDX on Sunday, October 22, 2023, at 6:00 PM in the parish office of St. Ignatius Parish. This will be an opportunity for you to meet other young adults and share ideas on what you want FirePit-PDX to be. Food and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided. We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

IGNITE.... Next class, Oct 22, 2023

More information online at: <https://www.sipdx.org/ignite>

Dates: Oct 22, Nov 12, Nov 26, Dec 10th

6:00PM—7:15PM on Zoom or in person at the parish office.



Mass Readings

Mass Readings for Oct 22, 2023

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Matthew 22:15-21

Mass Readings for Oct 29, 2023

Exodus 22:20-26
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Matthew 22:34-40



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Our group of amazing 8th grade volunteers led our **Groove Our Way to \$50k Jog-a-thon Spirit Assembly** on Wednesday. The sea of class colors in the student body audience really ramped up the spirit of our time together as we celebrated making 98% of our \$50k goal. In addition to



celebrating our successful first fundraiser of the year, we talked about our Gator Goodness progress, recognized the students on CYO fall teams, in 1st Communion or Confirmation classes, and altar servers. Lastly, we had our prize drawings for our **Groove Our Way to \$50k Jog-a-thon**.



We are learning and growing in so many ways! Our 3rd graders recently made animal toys for their service partner, the Oregon Humane Society. Our 5th graders decorated paper bags and packed the Transition lunches this week. The students are continuing to develop their eager minds through active listening and expressing ideas with confidence. Students develop confidence through the virtues of circumspection and perseverance in the face of challenges.



Our Monday manner this week was, "Don't Interrupt." Students were asked to practice listening and asking themselves whether anyone else is talking before talking to other students or adults. Thank you for your support of our school!



In trusting the slow work of God, may we rejoice in discerning God's path for us as we hear in Jeremiah 29:11- *"For I know well the plans I have in mind for you—oracle of the LORD—plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope."*

Peace be with you.

Carol Pausz
Principal

Creation Care Team " When we can see God reflected in all that exists, our hearts are moved to praise the Lord for all his creatures and to worship Him in union with them.

This sentiment finds magnificent expression in the hymn of Saint Francis of Assisi..." page 60 Laudato Si' encyclical letter from Pope Francis

You can find part of this 'Canticle of the creatures' in Laudato Si' page 60. Has God's creation moved you to praise God this week? In what way? The changing of the leaves, the coolness of the breeze, the brightness of the sun?



https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

St. Ignatius Parish
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JULY 28 - AUGUST 4, 2024
ALL RESERVATION FORMS AND PAYMENTS NEED TO BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024!

Questions? Please email: sicampout@gmail.com



Renaissance Festival ~ Thank you for joining in the fun and to all the wonderful volunteers!

Send pictures to share: office@sipdx.org



SCAM EMAILS: Scam emails are being sent out in the Pastor's name!!

A few clues indicate this request is not from me. First, check the e-mail address (they use all different emails, just not mine)

Second, I don't solicit donations via e-mail. The perpetrators of these scams love to prey upon the loyal, the committed, the generous, and the elderly of our community.

Whenever in doubt, please call the Parish Office. 503-777-1491

Report Scams and Fraud If you get a suspicious call, text or email (for example, requesting your bank account number, instructing you to buy a gift card or promising an expensive prize), or if you, a relative or a friend has given money or financial information to someone you now suspect was a scammer, call 877-908-3360. Fr. Mike Moynahan or other Parish staff will never ask for money in an email.



Synodality Team On October 4 Pope Francis published a new apostolic letter *Laudate Deum* (Praise God) focusing on climate change and urging all to respond to this crisis immediately. Recognizing the disruptive impact of the climate challenges facing our world, he urges all of us as individuals to take direct actions to reverse the progression of climate change. Pope Francis stresses that the poor are most often disproportionately affected by climate disasters. His letter reminds us: "there are no lasting changes without cultural changes, without a maturing of lifestyles and convictions within societies, and there are no cultural changes without personal changes." https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html

Make a year-end donation to St. Ignatius.

If you are age 72 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 2022 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.





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, proceeds for St. Ignatius parish.

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**.



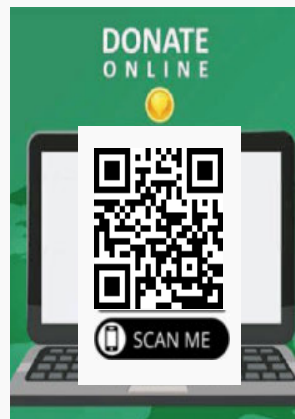
In November, we remember.... Make a donation in honor of your deceased loved one, whose name will be displayed in the church alcoves during the month of November. **Envelopes can be found at the doors.**

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 Tithes 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!*



8:00AM Weekday Mass Intentions

Please keep in your prayers

Monday	Oct 23	† Kenny Bibles
Tuesday	Oct 24	† Therese Bach Kim Nguyen
Wednesday	Oct 25	† Elizabeth Nguyen
Thursday	Oct 26	† Millie Emig
Friday	Oct 27	† Souls in Purgatory



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