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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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## 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](mailto:pastoralcouncil@sipdx.org)

April 27, 2025

## Wisdom from the Pews

The focus of this week's gospel is the Apostle Thomas... Or is it?

Oddly, as politics and technological "advances" provoke *uncertainty* about the world and its future, people seem increasingly *certain* about what they think is good, right, and true. I have taught Theology in Jesuit high schools for a decade. Educating is my vocation. But I make no bones about it: faith education is no easy task in this age. One of the challenges is contending with a bent toward *my truth* over the pursuit of *the Truth*. Another is the rise of artificial intelligence, powerful machines that can create the illusion of absolute knowledge despite deeper questions remaining unexplored. These phenomena are not challenges unique to adolescents or in Catholic, Jesuit schools; we are all swimming in certainty in uncertain times.

The weeks and months following Jesus' death must have deeply affected the Twelve, turning their world upside down. When the disciples declare, "We have seen the Lord," Thomas demands cold, hard evidence over hope-filled stories: "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and my hand into his side, I will not believe." When I pray about this passage, I see myself in Thomas, particularly when I have thought, felt, or acted under the assumption that *someone must be wrong for me to be right*. Like everyone, I impulsively seek comfort in "knowing" and become uneasy when I sense what I thought was right might actually be wrong. As a result, anxiety builds and sometimes sends me spiraling.

What do the disciples have that Thomas lacks? Most exclaim "proof!", which is not wrong. But when I look harder at the passage, my focus shifts from Thomas to Jesus. The first time Christ enters the room where his disciples hide, He says, "*Peace be with you...* showed them his hands and his side" and "the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord." For good measure, Jesus says, "*Peace be with you,*" to the disciples a

second time before imparting the gifts of the Holy Spirit upon them. Fast forward a week later and again it is not until Jesus says, "*Peace be with you,*" and instructs Thomas to "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe," that he exclaims, "My Lord and my God!"



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## Wisdom from the Pews continued from page one:

I believe the wisdom in this week's gospel is not found by plunging our finger into Christ's side. Rather wisdom lies in treating Jesus' greeting—"Peace be with you"—as an invitation to *let go* of our inclination for certainty and reflect on our tolerance for the *mystery* of our faith, to ask whether we grant ourselves the inner *freedom* to believe without seeing in the everyday.

**Russell Fiorella** is a Theology teacher at Jesuit High School and attends 8:00 and 10:30 AM mass with his wife, Anna.



**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](mailto:jbyrd@sipdx.org)) or Please consider writing your Wisdom from the Pews

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**It's the Year of Jubilee!** In May, our Jubilee focus will be *Care for the Sick*. We will be collecting needed items for Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Day Center, which supports those suffering from HIV. Here are the items they need: **Needed items**

- |                            |                               |                                      |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| o Travel-sized shampoo     | o Travel-sized bar of soap    | o Mildly used adult clothing         |
| o Travel-sized conditioner | o Razors                      | o Belts                              |
| o Travel-sized toothpaste  | o Travel-sized shaving cream  | o Variety of men's shoes             |
| o Toothbrush               | o Travel-sized sunblock       | o Socks                              |
| o Travel-sized deodorant   | o Travel-sized lotion         | o Backpacks and bags                 |
| o Comb                     | o Travel-sized hand sanitizer | o Creamer (for coffee)               |
|                            |                               | o Clothes detergent and dryer sheets |



Thank you for embracing these corporal works of mercy during this Year of Jubilee!

## Mass Readings

### Mass Readings for April 27, 2025

[Acts 5:12-16](#)

[Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19](#)

[John 20:19-31](#)

### Mass Readings for May 4, 2025

[Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41](#)

[Revelation 5:11-14](#)

[John 21:1-19](#)





Top row: Johanna, Fr. James, Drew, Chris, Emma  
Bottom Row: Toni, Louis, Nia, Drew, Angelica, Nancy, Susan (O.C.I.A April 2025)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR FIRST COMMUNION & OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

*Please continue to pray for our Catechumens and Candidates who were received into our Community at the Easter Vigil on April 19, 2025*

*Continue to pray for our young friends that are preparing to make their First Communion on May 3rd at the 5pm Mass.*

**History Heroes** The beautiful Season of Springtime is in full bloom and we are being afforded Gods' Love & Grace through this Holy Season. Our last "History Heroes" lunch before a "summer-break" will be Thursday, May 8th at **EL TAPATIO RESTAURANT** at **2627 SE 82nd Ave.** [ 82nd & Division area]. Noonish, private room, Please bring a friend who would enjoy our casual, fun group. REMEMBER - We are "heroes of Our History!" ALL WELCOME. **RSVP, please, to Judi via email or 971-3444-3055.**



### 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 our 1st & 6th grade Hosts &  
**Sunday, May 18th**, 11:30 AM our preschool, 2nd, & 5th grade hosts

**FirePit Young Adult Ministry** Sunday, May 4 2025 at 5PM Fire Pit will meet behind the Parish Office building, **meet us around the Fire!!** FirePit is a ministry for people in their 20's/30's. We meet the first Sunday of each month for dinner, fellowship and s'mores around the firepit. ALL are welcome! Please reach out to us for more info: [firepitpdx@gmail.com](mailto:firepitpdx@gmail.com) website: <https://www.sipdx.org/firepit-pdx-young-adults>



### Baptism for infant -up to age 7.

Parents that are registered in parish and attend Mass, prepare by participating in one of the 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. Sign up on our website:

[sipdx.org/baptism](https://www.sipdx.org/baptism)  
Next dates:

**May 10, 2025** at 11AM,  
**June 14, 2025** at 5PM Mass





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**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 continuing to develop their eager minds throughout the Easter season. Our preschoolers have created unique spring flowers for their hallway bulletin board. The kindergarteners are studying patterns in math. The first graders have painted beautiful spring flowers for hallway display. The second graders are studying the prefixes re & un and created cherry blossom trees using chalk and paint. Our third graders made cat toys for the Oregon Humane Society as their service partner. The fourth graders have been writing about the importance of



bees in our environment. Our fifth graders studied art perspective drawing. The sixth graders are studying volume, surface area, and inequalities in math. Our seventh graders are studying history and church history during the time of England's King Henry the VIII. The eighth graders painted beautiful spring lilies for their hallway display and are learning about the court system's role in government, including taking a field trip to the Oregon Supreme Court and talking with one of the judges. Our students' enthusiasm for learning is inspiring!

We are currently accepting applications for **kindergarten** through 5th grade for the 2025-2026 school year. Families

within our school can earn a \$1,000 tuition credit for bringing in a new family. Spread the word about our wonderful school educating students in the Jesuit tradition for well over a century!

As we arrive at the end of April, may we remember the wise words of Pope John Paul II, *"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."*

Peace be with you always,  
Carol Pausz  
Principal



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*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.*

**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 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!



**Adoration continues** 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.

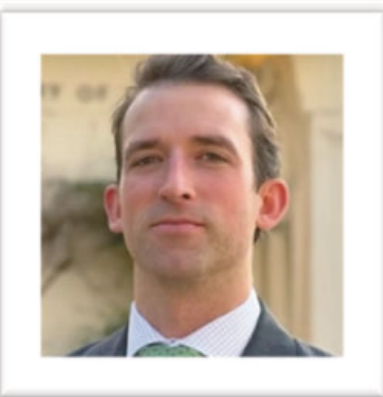


## SOUNDS FROM THE GROUNDS

On **Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>** the Eco-Team will be hosting a plant sale in honor of Mother's Day. Time to be determined, but it will coordinate with the morning mass times.

The **new candle holders** in the windowsill are made from the salvaged wood from the former Maple tree that once stood tall where the turf now resides by the school.

The **new planter boxes** will be constructed from Juniper, a wood sourced from grassland and watershed restoration projects in Central-Eastern Oregon, primarily in the John Day, Blue Basin area. Juniper is rugged and enduring, like the land it comes from. Cheaper and more durable than cedar Juniper is a great exterior wood for eco-conscience choices. The wood was procured from Sustainable Northwest Woods located in SE Portland. Fun fact they provided all of the wood used for the finished ceilings at the recent PDX International Airport remodel.



Hi, St. Ignatius! My name is John Mannebach, and I am St. Ignatius Parish's business manager. I am so grateful I can apply my professional skill-set to better serve our parish and you. If you have any thoughts on how our parish can be more welcoming, inclusive, environmentally friendly, or philanthropic, I invite you to contact me at my email address. I hope to meet you soon!



**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
Apr 7-13, 2025		11,493	12,500	92%
Month of Apr		26,731	50,000	53%
YTD		428,841	560,000	77%

*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	Apr 28	† Peter Linh Nguyen
Tuesday	Apr 29	† Anthony Hoang Ngoc
Wednesday	Apr 30	† Maria Vu Thi Dau
Thursday	May 1	† Vince Obradovich
Friday	May 2	† Judy Earnest



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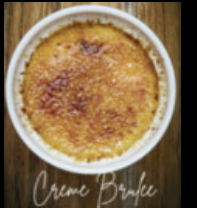
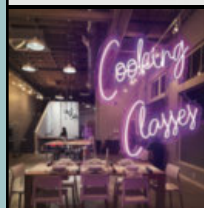
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