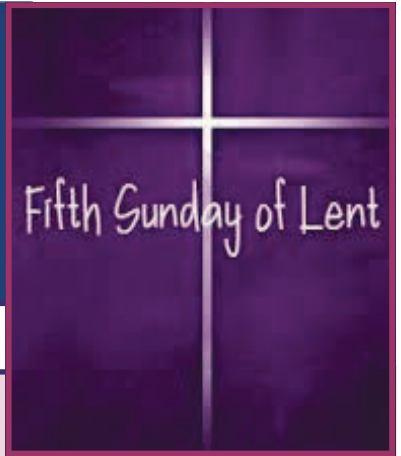




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Mass Times
Saturday Vigil at 5:00 PM
Sunday at 8:00 AM
Sunday at 10:30 AM
Adoration 6:15-6:45 PM
before 7:00 PM Mass.
Sunday at 7:00 PM

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

April 6, 2025

Wisdom from the Pews

You Guys Need to See This to Understand

In John's account of Lazarus' resurrection, I'm noticing that there are a couple of instances where Jesus first speaks in parable form, but when he is met with incomprehension, he speaks more plainly. (To me, this implies a need for expediency.)

"Are there not twelve hours in a day?
If one walks during the day, he does not stumble,
because he sees the light of this world.
But if one walks at night, he stumbles,
because the light is not in him."
[Pause for a beat.]
He said this, and then told them,
"Our friend Lazarus is asleep,
but I am going to awaken him."

So the disciples said to him,
"Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved."
[my *Great Adventure* bible has this as, "he will recover".
This sounds like an expression borne from a layperson's
medical experience, perhaps from observing a relative.]
But Jesus was talking about his death,
while they thought that he
meant ordinary sleep.

So then Jesus said to them
clearly,
"Lazarus has died.
And I am glad for you that I
was not there,
that you may believe.
Let us go to him."
[because, oh boy, you guys
need to see this in order to
understand what's going
on here]
So Thomas, called Didymus,
said to his fellow disciples,
"Let us also go to die with
him."



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Wisdom from the Pews continued:

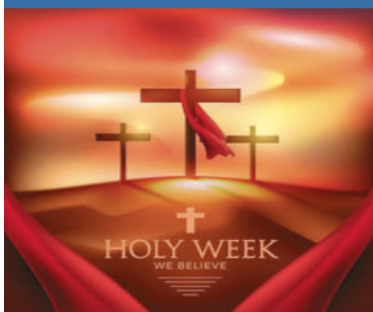
All this talk of resurrection, and Thomas makes a martyr's statement. In his words here, there is love and loyalty and courage - but he hasn't yet witnessed Lazarus stumbling in his grave clothes.

Possibly calling back to Ezekiel's word in chapter 37, Martha says, "I know he [Lazarus] will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus' reply spells it out for her: "I am the resurrection and the life".

This Lenten season, I'm noticing how many times in the Gospels Jesus tells and shows what's happening, and as each successive part of the narrative unfolds someone in the party around him expresses a new level of understanding (for example, when Martha says "I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God").

The Gospels remain the same, but each year we bring to them a different set of eyes, a whole year's worth of experience. For me this year, I'm noticing the progress of understanding amongst Jesus' followers and I see the same mental throughline in us now. The clothes and environments are different but the reactions remain consistent because we share the same longing in our souls and questions in our brains.

Elisa Carlson, Bus Dispatcher, with St. Ignatius since 2023



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
(egg hunt to follow the 10:30AM Mass)
(no 7PM mass)

Leaning into Lent

at St. Ignatius

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.

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

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>

FirePit Young Adult Ministry Sunday, April 6



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 website: <https://www.sipdx.org/firepit-pdx-young-adults>

TODAY IS THE DAY!



Mass Readings

Mass Readings for April 6, 2025

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

Mass Readings for April 13, 2025

[Isaiah 50:4-7](#)
[Philippians 2:6-11](#)
[Luke 22:14-23:56](#)

Last year, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith (DDF) released a declaration called *Dignitas Infinita* in which the Church re-affirmed its position on human dignity and to clarify its positions on contemporary issues which can be best answered in terms of its position on human dignity. Not shying away from controversial topics such as migration, human trafficking, and gender, the DDF sought to address these topics from the perspective of the long-held belief that all people, without exception, have intrinsic dignity, “which is rooted in God’s infinite love for each person.” These topics are still very controversial and highly charged in all directions. I would encourage you all to read and pray on the Church’s response to these issues in the full document. What follows is an excerpt from it.

7. There is widespread agreement today on the importance and normative scope of human dignity and on the unique and transcendent value of every human being. However, the phrase “the dignity of the human person” risks lending itself to a variety of interpretations that can yield potential ambiguities and “contradictions that lead us to wonder whether the equal dignity of all human beings [...] is truly recognized, respected, protected and promoted in every situation.” This brings us to recognize the possibility of a fourfold distinction of the concept of dignity: ontological dignity, moral dignity, social dignity, and existential dignity. The most important among these is the ontological dignity that belongs to the person as such simply because he or she exists and is willed, created, and loved by God. Ontological dignity is indelible and remains valid beyond any circumstances in which the person may find themselves. When we speak of moral dignity, we refer to how people exercise their freedom. While people are endowed with conscience, they can always act against it. However, were they to do so, they would behave in a way that is “not dignified” with respect to their nature as creatures who are loved by God and called to love others. Yet, this possibility always exists for human freedom, and history illustrates how individuals—when exercising their freedom against the law of love revealed by the Gospel—can commit inestimably profound acts of evil against others. Those who act this way seem to have lost any trace of humanity and dignity. This is where the present distinction can help us discern between the moral dignity that de facto can be “lost” and the ontological dignity that can never be annulled. And it is precisely because of this latter point that we must work with all our might so that all those who have done evil may repent and convert.

8. There are still two other possible aspects of dignity to consider: social and existential. When we speak of social dignity, we refer to the quality of a person’s living conditions. For example, in cases of extreme poverty, where individuals do not even have what is minimally necessary to live according to their ontological dignity, it is said that those poor people are living in an “undignified” manner. This expression does not imply a judgment on those individuals but highlights how the situation in which they are forced to live contradicts their inalienable dignity. The last meaning is that of existential dignity, which is the type of dignity implied in the ever-increasing discussion about a “dignified” life and one that is “not dignified.” For instance, while some people may appear to lack nothing essential for life, for various reasons, they may still struggle to live with peace, joy, and hope. In other situations, the presence of serious illnesses, violent family environments, pathological addictions, and other hardships may drive people to experience their life conditions as “undignified” vis-à-vis their perception of that ontological dignity that can never be obscured. These distinctions remind us of the inalienable value of the ontological dignity that is rooted in the very being of the human person in all circumstances.

-Fr. James, SJ

O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

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 Catechumen 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



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.*



We celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation this week. We are blessed to have four Jesuit priests to assist the students in preparing their hearts for Easter.



Our kindergarten and first grade classes participated in a special time learning about the parts of Mass at the Loyola chapel this week. Our kindergarten class continues to build pre-reading skills with word dominoes too. The third graders have been learning division patterns. The seventh graders made collages showing how they see God in all things. The 7th graders created geometric art as well. Our 8th graders are traveling the Examen road this Lenten season. We recently



celebrated International Neurodiversity Week by hearing facts about Neurodiverse brains in our morning announcements. Our students had so much fun this week learning together!



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May we take time this Lenten season to trust in the slow work of God. *"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."* John 3:17.



Peace be with you always,

Carol Pausz
 Principal



It's the Year of Jubilee! In the month of **April**, Pope Francis has missioned churches to This month, we're collecting adult-sized essential items for **Blanchet House** of Hospitality.

- Pants (Jeans and sweatpants, men's S-L, sizes 30-36) * Reusable grocery bags and backpacks (No paper) * Rainproof jackets * Blankets (No bed linens) * Poncho-shirts (Tees, long sleeves, sweatshirts) * Underwear (Men's S-M, Women's M)

Your donations make a difference. Thank you!





Easter Flower donations! Envelopes are available at the door. Make a donation in honor or memory of your loved one. Fill out an envelope and the name will be placed in one of the Easter flowers on display in the church.

Love Listens: Lifting Up Stories of the Signs of our Time
Apr 9, 2025 09:00 AM on zoom

In this moment of political tension, the stories of how every day communities are being impacted is getting lost in the noise. Join this session to explore how everyday Catholics can lift up stories of how the current moment is impacting the people we love, reach across political divides, and engage our leadership in standing with us as we advocate for human dignity. Register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/r0yt5mqAS5-FOaOoW0zwAg#/>

Care for Creation A constant flood of new consumer goods can baffle the heart and prevent us from cherishing each thing and each moment. To be serenely present to each reality, however small it may be, opens us to much greater horizons of understanding and personal fulfillment. Christian spirituality proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little. It is a return to that simplicity.

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 17-23, 2025	6,848	11,000	62%
Month of Mar	48,132	55,000	88%
YTD	394,845	560,000	71%

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 07 † Wayne Crouch
- Tuesday Apr 08 † Vince Obradovich
- Wednesday Apr 09 † Herb & Millie Emig
- Thursday Apr 10 † Anthony Hoang Ngoc
- Friday Apr 11 † Maria Lien Nguyen



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