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February 4, 2024

A Message from the Pastor

A story, a question, and the lyrics of a song have helped me appreciate what is going on in this weekend's gospel. The story is found in many different traditions.

Once there was a woman who suffered the loss of her son. Her sorrow was so great that she finally went to a wise teacher to ask for guidance in her healing. The teacher told her to go from house to house until she found a family that had never experienced grief. She did as the teacher asked and discovered there was no such family. Every family had experienced grief in some way. This did not take away her grief, but it relieved her sense of being alone in her suffering—and it caused great compassion to rise up in her spirit. Her love for others softened her grief.

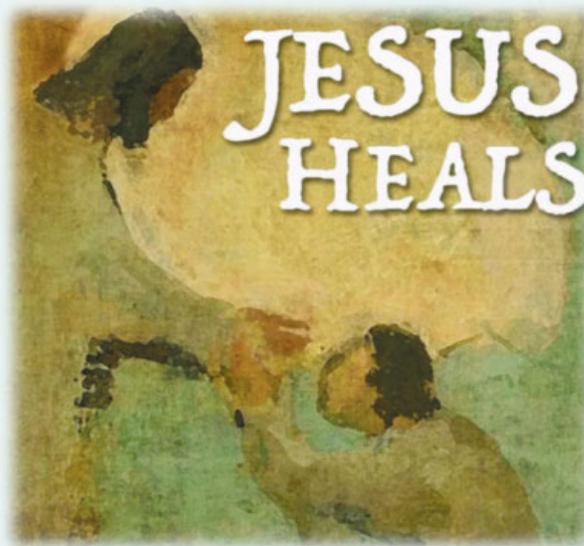
The quote comes from a Maria Shriver's essay entitled "I've Been Thinking." Each week Maria writes a column entitled "I've Been Thinking." I strongly encourage you to take a look at these reflective gems that this committed Catholic woman offers each week. Leave her your e-mail address and they will come to your mailbox each week.

In this particular reflective essay, Maria pondered on a question that Dr. Tererai Trent asked her (Maria) at the end of an interview session. The question was, "What breaks your heart? What does your soul long for? And, how is that connected to how you are living your life now?"

As Maria Shriver pointed out:

I deeply believe that each of us is here to move humanity forward. I deeply believe that each and every one of us longs to be of service to others, and also to live our lives in a way that matters. 'What breaks your heart?' is about the best question I've heard to help you get closer to your soul's longing and closer to your life's passion and purpose. But, I think before you can even answer that question, you must first acknowledge that your heart is broken, or has been broken.

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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil
at 5:00 PM

Sunday at 8:00 AM
Sunday at 10:30 AM
Sunday at 7:30 PM

Weekdays (M-F)
at 8:00 AM

At LIC—La Storta Chapel

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays -
3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

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I think that when what we value isn't valued by society, our community, or others—it breaks our heart. I think when we see the growing number of homeless on our streets and really let this reality in—it breaks our heart. I think when we have children or grandchildren with serious health challenges—it breaks our heart. I think that when we watch our parents or grandparents experience diminished memory and health—it breaks our heart. I think that when we see how divided our nation is, how mean we can be to one another, how judgmental and angry we can become with one another, how lonely we all seem to be—it breaks our heart. I know it breaks God's heart.

When Jesus walks into the house of Simon and Andrew and see's Simon's mother-in-law sick from a fever—I think it broke his heart. And so, with a touch, not a word, Jesus healed her. And her grateful response was to act like a deaconess and serve those in the house. Hospitality was her special gift and Jesus freed her to exercise that gift for all who had gathered. As Jesuit John Donahue reminds is, "The story also reminds us that the healing power of Jesus can be a liberation leading to greater service of others."



The song that helps me to appreciate this weekend's gospel was written by Marty Haugen and entitled *Healer of Our Every Ill*.

Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear and hope beyond our sorrow.
You who know each thought and feeling,
Teach us all your way of healing.
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.

Fr. Mike

Contemplative Mass is changing starting time-permanently!



Starting on the 1st Sunday of Lent
February 18, 2024 Start time is now 7:00PM



Mass Readings

Mass Readings for Feb. 4, 2024

Job 7:1-4, 6-7
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
Mark 1:29-39

Mass Readings for Feb. 11, 2024

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Mark 1:40-45

St Ignatius School



We welcomed 24 families to our school for our Open House on Sunday! Our 8th grade tour leaders did an amazing job of showing prospective families and students our wonderful school. One aspect our tour guides highlight are family groups which build community and belonging across all of our students.

We celebrated Catholic Schools Week with fun buddy-class activities, Catholic school facts in our morning announcements, and two themed dress days- one for our class color shirts and one for red, white, and blue to celebrate Catholic education across our country. A group of 6th grade students shared over the morning announcements the path for religious vocations of becoming a Holy Names Sister or Jesuit priest. Our students were recognized for their Passionate Hearts during an assembly this week too. Students graduating from Catholic schools have a 98.9% graduation rate with 82.4% of those students moving on to a four year college. We love our Catholic school!



Our 2nd grade students recently read a biography of Helen Keller and then made their names in Braille. In science, the second graders studied which materials had conducting or insulating properties. The 2nd graders tested out materials to see if they could tell the difference between cold and hot water bottles.

A senior communication's director from the Oregon Senate and former graduate of La Salle Prep came to speak to the 8th grade class. She shared her path to the Oregon Capitol and talked about all the skills she used from her high school and college days. She encouraged the students to read, write, and remember there are many ways to work in Salem.



We need your help in procuring great items and **securing business procurements and sponsors** for our **Night of Pure Imagination!** auction on **Saturday, April 20**. If you would like to make a procurement donation, ask businesses for donations, or become an event sponsor, please contact Caitlin Dickinson, caitlindickinson@gmail.com.

May we heed the words of St. Teresa of Calcutta, known as Mother Teresa, "*Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier,*" as we spread the love of God throughout the month of February.

Peace be with you.

Carol Pausz, Principal



Yarn If you always wanted to learn how to knit or crochet but never find the time. If you already know how to knit or crochet but don't have even an hour weekly to do so. Or- If you would be willing to teach someone the finer points of either skill.

Please join us for an hour after the 10:30 mass on **February 11th (11:30-12:30)** in the dining room in the Parish Office. 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!

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.



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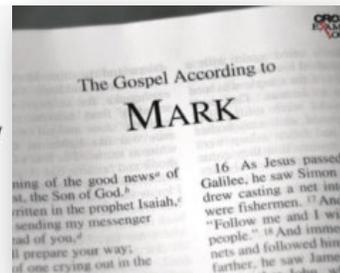
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On your Mark! FEBRUARY 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2024 We are currently in the liturgical year B, which is the year of Mark. [Our Sunday Gospel readings will be from this](#) book. Join us for our next bible study series, led by parishioner Cliff Yeary, to discover why our shortest Gospel has such a big influence on our knowledge of Jesus Christ. This once neglected treasure of Christian faith has many unique surprises hidden within its pages. We will meet at 10:30AM in the parish office on the four Tuesdays in February -- February 6, 13, 20, and 27. Please join us!



Lenten Retreat Do you desire to foster a deeper space of inner peace within yourself wrapped in God's Divine Love this Lent? Please consider joining fellow adult parishioners of all ages this Lent for an Ignatian Spiritual Exercises retreat beginning Sunday February 25th and ending Sunday March 24th. During the four weeks of the retreat, we invite you to spend approximately 30-45 minutes four days per week in prayer/ reading/reflection/journaling from the comfort of your home as well as five Sunday small group 'Spiritual Conversation' meetings (**Feb. 25th, March 3, March 10, March 17, March 24**) from 12pm-1pm on the parish campus following the 10:30am Sunday Mass. The retreat will be led by Deacon Mac and Katherine Radeka (SEEL). Cost is approximately \$20 to cover the purchase of your retreat book online. Please email Deacon Mac for more details or to RSVP a spot in the retreat: mac.a.chester@gmail.com

Cost: Purchase your copy of the retreat book online (approx. \$20 on Amazon: <https://a.co/d/dQmltW3>) + any cash donations to the parish are gratefully accepted for future retreats. If you can afford purchasing multiple retreat books we would gladly accept extra copies of "The First Spiritual Exercises: Four Guided Retreats" by Michael Hansen, S.J. to distribute to retreatants who may not be able to afford Hansen, S.J. to distribute to retreatants who may not be able to afford the retreat book and for future retreats. Hansen, S.J. to distribute to retreatants who may not be able to afford the retreat book and for future retreats.

Retreat journal (aka: "Listening Book") - any journal/notebook will do!

1. Sunday February 25th: 12pm-1pm Parish Office - Retreat introduction in large group
2. Sunday March 3rd: 12pm-1pm Parish Office - 1st guided Spiritual Conversation in small groups
3. Sunday March 10th: 12pm-1pm Parish Office - 2nd guided Spiritual Conversation in small groups
4. Sunday March 17th: 12pm-1pm Parish Office - 3rd guided Spiritual Conversation in small groups
5. Sunday March 24th (Palm Sunday): 12pm-1pm Dillon Hall (school cafeteria) - 4th guided Spiritual Conversation in small groups + retreat closure in large group

FirePit Young Adult Ministry - Meeting Sunday Feb. 4th (NOT Super Bowl Sunday) - 5:30pm-7:30pm in parish office kitchen/dining room. Our meal will be 'breakfast for dinner'. The evening's topic is 'Faith in Action'.

FirePit Young Adult Ministry is a ministry for those in their 20's/30's that meets 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



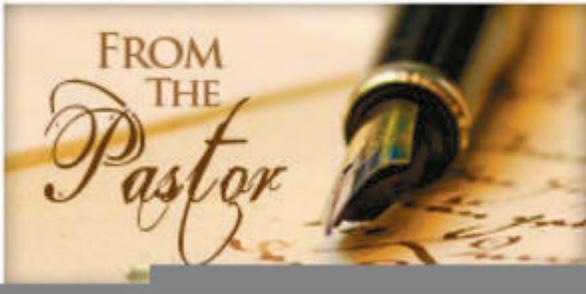
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If it's your first time logging in, use the *Register Now* link on the log in page or click here: <https://onrealm.org/sipdx/Register> **On Feb. 1, 2024 your 2023 Giving statement will be available on REALM, look for the 2023 Giving statement button on the giving tab.** If I may be of any assistance or you have any questions, please call Patty at 503-777-1491 extension 221 during office hours Mon.-Thurs. 9AM-3PM.



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Dear Friends,

I write to you with news about the annual **Novena of Grace**. I first want to thank the Planning Team for the Novena. Mike Buck, Katie Hennessy, Barb Scharff, Brittany Wilmes, Sarah Faux, and Joseph Byrd have devoted tremendous time and energy to discover a theme and realize it over our nine days of prayer to St. Francis Xavier. And they have been doing this for many years.

This year, the group met with me and discerned that they needed a break. Additionally, they wanted to devote some of that time and energy to create three gatherings that would take place in Lent, during Easter season, and after Pentecost. These gatherings would focus on *Our Call to listen in faith, to discern in hope, and to journey together in love*. These three 90-minute sessions would hopefully help us become more of a “listening Church.”

Consequently, we will not be offering a Novena of Grace here at St. Ignatius Parish in Portland this year. Instead, we will be providing links to some of our sister Jesuit parishes that will be conducting a Novena of Grace.

We thank you, in advance, for your continued understanding and support.

Grateful for our Past and Hopeful in our Future,

Fr. Mike

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. Mike.



Church tithing Financial report (July 1, 2023—June 30, 2024) **2023-2024 Budget** \$560,000.00
Sunday Tithe received through 12-31-2023 \$264,749.66

*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 5	†	Millie Emig
Tuesday	Feb 6	†	Dominic Dulcich
Wednesday	Feb 7	†	Tom Geren
Thursday	Feb 8	†	Souls in Purgatory
Friday	Feb 9	†	Joseph Charles D’Ambrosia



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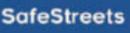



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