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November 19, 2023

A Message from the Pastor

Let me begin with two quotes that touch on the essence of this weekend's gospel parable.

"Your greatness is not what you have, it's what you give." (Alice Hocker)

"You will be remembered not for what you have amassed but for what you have given away." (Fr. Mike)

There's going to be a reckoning. There always is a reckoning. Whether it's your annual Income Tax, the cashier when you check out at your local supermarket, the final exam in a course you were taking, renewal of your Driver's License or the Final Judgment at the end of time—There is going to be a reckoning.

This fact can strike fear in the hearts of the lazy, the procrastinators, the easily intimidated and frightened. However, for those who know what is on the final exam and have prepared for it, there is cause for confidence and calmness as you approach that reckoning.

Commentator William Barclay contends that this Parable of the Talents tells us four important things. First, it tells us that God gives us differing gifts. We are not equal in talent, but we can be equal in effort. Whatever talent we have, little or great, we must use it in the service of God and God's people. Second, it tells us that the reward

of work well done is still more work to do. The two commended servants are given more work and greater responsibilities. Third, it tells us that those who are punished are the people who will not try. The servant with one talent did not lose it; he simply did nothing with it. Even if he had risked it and lost it, it would have been better than doing nothing at all. Fourth, it lays down a rule of life which is universally true. If you have a talent and exercise it, you are progressively able to do more with it. But, if you have a talent and fail to exercise it, you will inevitably lose it. That is true of muscles. That is true of fluency in a foreign language. That is true in the spiritual life.

Today I shall behave
as if this is the day
for which I will
be remembered.

~ Dr. Seuss

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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 -
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Pastor's Message continued from page one:

The most frequent command in the Bible is "Have no fear." The command that Jesus uttered most in the resurrection accounts was "Do not be afraid" or variants of this. What prevents the third servant in this weekend's parable from returning a dividend to his Master on the talent left to him? Fear. I wonder how many of us still find fear an obstacle from getting involved, from offering the little we think that we have, from using the gifts God has given us? Steve Garnaas-Holmes comments on this "fear" in this way:



Have no fear,
Jesus Christ
is here!

Fear makes us cling rather than letting go. But clinging only binds us to our fear. It does not set us free. Practice letting go. Fear inhibits our willingness to be fully, lovingly present each moment. Afraid of the responsibility and uncertainty of investing ourselves in the present moment, we withhold ourselves. Afraid of what might be demanded of us, we do not engage in what is before us. Wishing things were otherwise, we bury ourselves elsewhere. But life is this, not something else. Practice being present. All that you are and all that you have is God's. You have nothing to lose. Practice giving yourself away.



As the weather outside grows colder, what about going through your closets and drawers and donating those clothes you haven't worn in years to people who would be warmed by them? And the same could be said of our pantries and how our surplus could meet the need of the hungry all around us. Whether you have been given ten talents, five talents or one, ponder this: "You will be remembered not by how much you have amassed but by how much you have given away." The clock is ticking! Students, you may open your exams!

Fr. Mike



FirePit-PDX

"We had our first FirePit-PDX Young Adult Ministry gathering in October and look forward to growing together as a community. We gathered around the fire, shared a meal and began getting to know each other. We will continue to meet the first Sunday of each month at 5:30pm in the parish office dining room. We will incorporate prayer and opportunities to grow in our faith as we build community and connection together.



Join us **Sunday, December 3rd** to explore the season of Advent together. We will begin with a meal at 5:30 and begin our FirePit PDX program at 6:00."



Go with Gratitude - An Advent Retreat still time to sign up!

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

Mass Readings

Mass Readings for Nov. 19, 2023

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30

Mass Readings for Nov. 26, 2023

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Matthew 25:31-46

St Ignatius School

Our next community builder and fundraising opportunity is [Turkey Bingo](#) on Saturday, November 18th. In addition to playing Bingo to win a turkey at this *adults only* event, \$10 raffle tickets are available for purchase. Bingo cards and food are included in the price of admission. *Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.* We hope you will join us for this fun event!

We recently celebrated our first Schoolwide Learning Expectations awards assembly for Eager Minds. We are so proud of the many ways all of our students are learning and growing in developing Eager Minds. Now we are focusing on our Passionate Hearts Schoolwide Learning Expectation along with the virtues of kindness, hope, responsibility, self-control, affability, and courtesy.

We are learning and growing in amazing ways with each and every day. Our preschoolers are developing their number sense through hands-on exploration with dice and toy insects. The kindergarteners are learning about the saints. The first graders are reading about animals and their needs. The second graders are building arrays in math. The third graders have begun learning about salmon as they await the hatching of their salmon eggs. The fourth graders are writing exquisitely descriptive sentences complete with action verbs. The fifth graders are learning double-digit long division. The sixth graders are studying fractions in math. The seventh graders are studying Greek and Roman governments. The eighth graders are studying early colonization of the Americas.

As we prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday, may we remember Paul's words in the first letter to the Thessalonians, "*In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.*"



Peace be with you,
Carol Pausz, Principal



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Lessons and Carols

Join us for the Festival of Lessons and Carols, Tues.,
December 19 at 7pm in the church.

Musicians from the St. Ignatius Masses will be sharing a variety of music, and invite you to bask in the splendor of the season, in word and in song, as we enjoy the waning days of Advent together. This is a free event, and your donations toward our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry will be most welcome.

The St. Vincent de Paul Portland

Council fields food, rent and utility assistance requests for our parish as well as participating parishes in Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas and the Lower Columbia River and North Coast areas. If you know someone who is food insecure or needs utility or rent assistance, refer them to the SVdP Portland Council at 503-235-8431 and their requests will be forwarded to our pantry. If you know someone who is food insecure or needs utility or rent assistance, refer them to the **SVdP Portland Council at 503-235-8431** and their requests will be forwarded to the pantry. Food May be brought to each Mass and put in the bin in the vestibule!

St Vincent de Paul party is in need of volunteers to deliver food boxes on the 4th and 5th Saturday mornings monthly. These are two separate commitments. Also need someone to pre-pack perishables on the 1st Saturday morning of the month. If interested or for further information contact us at svdp@sispdx.com



In Thanksgiving for the life of Dominic Dulcich

FIFTH SUNDAY PRESENTS
Silent Night
Your offerings of canned or packaged food will be donated to a local food bank
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FREE ADMISSION

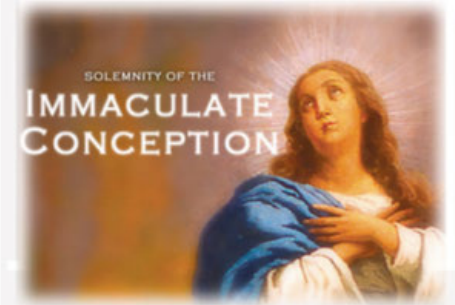
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH
7:30 P.M.

St. Ignatius Catholic Church
3400 SE 43rd Ave

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day is on DECEMBER 8, 2023, Mass will be celebrated in the church.

Immaculate Conception—**Friday, December 8, 2023**
(Holy Day of Obligation) 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM (in the Church)



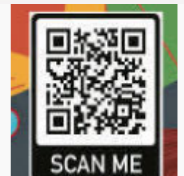
Advent Reconciliation

Penance Service is at 7:00 PM on **December 11, 2023** in the church

St. Ignatius Camping Trip –

July 28th - Aug. 4th, 2024 @ Ft. Stevens State Park. All reservation forms and payments need to be received by **Monday, January 15, 2024**.

Email sicampout@gmail.com with any questions. For more info or to sign up scan QR code >>>>>



IGNITE.... Next class, Nov 26, 2023

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

Dates: Nov 26, Dec 10th 6:00PM—7:15PM

on Zoom or in person at the parish office.

Support St. Ignatius on Giving Tuesday NOVEMBER 28, 2023.

St. Ignatius Parish is participating in [#GivingTuesday](https://www.givingtuesday.com/) on November 28th and we need your help! On this day, people of goodwill everywhere are coming together to support their communities and make the world a better place. Here are the ways you can help our parish:

Make a cash gift now: Last year Giving Tuesday helped us raise funds for our two new bathrooms! This year we are asking for your help again. Your gift toward the Building and Maintenance fund will help us keep our facilities strong and relevant for generations to come. Projects on the horizon include a new HVAC heating/cooling system for the church, as well as much needed upkeep for all of our facilities.

Donate a non-cash gift: There are many ways to give back that can benefit you as well! Consider giving a gift from your IRA, transferring stocks, or giving from a Donor Advised Fund. To learn more about these options, reach out to

Create a legacy: We know that cash donations might not be right for everyone, but giving a gift in your will to create a legacy with St. Ignatius Parish is a powerful commitment to mission of our parish and to ensure that it will remain vibrant for generations to come.

Spread the word: Not everyone is in a position to make a financial commitment this year, and there are many other fulfilling opportunities to share your gifts in support of St. Ignatius. Share what our parish means to you and why this is your spiritual home.

[Give Now \(onrealm.org\)](https://www.giveonrealm.org/) Please use the Building fund! Thank you!

Unleash Generosity

GIVING TUESDAY

Let's reimagine a world built upon shared humanity and generosity.



Thanksgiving Day Mass

*Please join us for
Thanksgiving Day Mass
at 10:00 AM on
November 23, 2023
in the church*

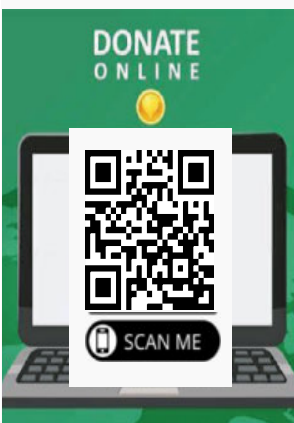
Make a year-end donation to St. Ignatius. If you are age 72 or older, the IRS requires you to take required minimum distributions each year from your tax-deferred retirement accounts. A qualified charitable donation (QCD) is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA, payable directly to a qualified charity such as St. Ignatius Parish. As 2023 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. Mike.



Church tithing **Financial report (July 1, 2023—June 30, 2024)**

2023-2024 Budget \$560,000.00

Sunday Tithe received through 11-05-2023 \$163,673.12

*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	Nov 20	† Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	Nov 21	† Therese Bach Kim Nguyen
Wednesday	Nov 22	† Jim Emig
Thursday	Nov 23	† THANKSGIVING
Friday	Nov 24	† Dominic Dulcich



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