

# St. Ignatius Catholic Church

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#### **Mass Times**

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 PM Sunday at 8:00 AM Sunday at 10:30 AM Sunday at 7:00 PM

Weekdays (M-F) at 8:00 AM At LJC—**La Storta Chapel** 

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays -3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

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February 25, 2024

#### A Message from the Pastor

On this second Sunday of Lent, we find ourselves on mountain tops. Now mountains are

places of revelation in the scriptures. The prophet Elisha experienced the presence of God in a gentle breeze on the face of a mountain. Peter, James and John experienced their Teacher transfigured on a mountain. Mountains are important places of change, of vision and perspective, and of response to the presence and call of God.

Even the beloved Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. talked about such a transfiguring and transforming mountain experience in a speech he delivered April 3, 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee. Towards the end of that speech he proclaimed: "Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land!"

On the second Sunday of Lent, we get a glimpse of the glory we are destined to share. It is meant to strengthen us, encourage us and remind us of our glorious destination (Easter) when our Lenten journey and practices become demanding and difficult. Poet Mary Oliver captures our goal and our destination in her poem *When I Am Among the Trees*.

When I am among the trees, especially the willows and the honey locust, equally the beech, the oaks and the pines, they give off such hints of gladness.

I would almost say that they save me, and daily.



I am so distant from the hope of myself, in which I have goodness, and discernment, and never hurry through the world But walk slowly, and bow often.

Around me the trees stir in their leaves and call out, "Stay awhile." The light flows from their branches.

And they call again, "It's simple," they say, "and you too have come into the world to do this, to go easy, to be filled with light, and to shine."

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## Pastor's Message continued from page one:

As Megan McKenna reminds us, on this Sunday, "The transfiguration story is a way of life that we are called to imitate. We are meant to transfigure the earth, our relationships, and the church, and to be transfigured by others. We are to bring life out of suffering and death; liberation and freedom out of injustice, persecution, and resistance to the gospel; light out of darkness; and hope out of despair and



discouragement. This is resurrection now, shared with us in baptism and in Jesus present in the world. When we listen to Jesus and the scriptures, we learn how to obey and how to live with this seed of glory and shining grace.

There he was transfigured before them...



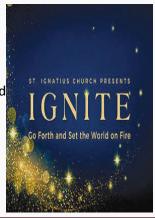
May our praying, fasting and almsgiving teach us again how "to go easy, to be filled with light, and to shine."

Fr. Mike

### IGNITE - Feb 25, 2024 TONIGHT at: 5:30PM

- COME with an open heart to see what it is all about
- ◆ CONTEMPLATE the presence of the Holy Spirit in your own life and experience
- ◆ CONNECT to the Mass, to the Saints, to the people of St. Ignatius, and to your heart IGNITE offers participants the opportunity to explore the Church, the Saints, and various sacred writings in a meditative way, inviting a personal experience of faith and spirituality. Each session includes teaching segments interrupted by breakout groups where members reflect and listen to each other. IGNITE includes faith sharing, sacred listening, study, and journeying with others. Information and/or zoom link & password:

IGNITE | St. Ignatius Catholic Church | Oregon's Jesuit Parish | Portland (sipdx.org)
Or https://www.sipdx.org/ignite





Penance Service
is at 7:00 PM
March 4. 2024
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#### Mass Readings

Mass Readings for Feb. 25, 2024 Genesis 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18 Romans 8:31b-34 Mark 9:2-10 Mass Readings for Mar. 3, 2024 Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 John 2:13-25



#### St Ignatius School

For our Lenten service, we decorated 'rice boxes' to collect spare change for <u>Our Giving Ta-</u> <u>ble</u>, a local non-profit serving foster children and families experiencing food insecurity and



our Transition Project lunches.

Our Dick's Primal Burger Dine Out last month raised \$660 for our school. Thank you to all able to attend and support our school.

Our students are learning and growing every day! The preschool students are learning about types of snowflakes. The kindergarteners and first graders celebrated 100 days of school with various kid-made collections of 100 items such as hearts or beads or pennies. Our 2nd graders are learning adding and subtracting with regrouping. Our third graders

are studying space and preparing to make board games about space and phases of the moon. Our fourth grade students have been learning long division.

The fifth grade students have been reading various novels in literature circles and learning to add and subtract fractions.

The sixth graders are studying the novel *Look Both Ways* along with literary elements. Our seventh graders are studying earthquakes and how to prepare for earthquakes in our region. The eighth graders are learning about the United States Revolutionary battles in social studies. Finally, our OBOB (*Oregon Battle of the Books*) teams are battling each other to see who will move onto the final competition.

Will you please <u>sponsor</u> our **Night of Pure Imagination!** auction on **Saturday, April 20?** Several levels of sponsorship are available and come with a reserved table for eight. If you are able to be an event sponsor,

please submit the sponsor form to our school office. Thank you for your support!



As we head into the second Sunday of Lent, may we reflect on the words of the responsorial psalm- "Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise." May this season of Lent provide us rich opportunities to deepen our faith.

Peace be with you. Carol Pausz, Principal

Care of Creation Team From Laudato Si: 'The human environment and the natural environment deteriorate together; we cannot adequately combat environmental degradation unless we attend to causes related to human and social degradation. Both everyday experiences and scientific research show that the gravest effects of all attacks on the environ-

ment are suffered by the poorest. Today, however we have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach: it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor." International aid agencies address poverty, health, hunger and other issues that affect the poorest of the poor in the world. When choosing to donate

to agencies what do you look for assurance that your funds are used carefully and for the purposes that are most needed? Charitynavigator.org can be of assistance to align your passions and values to charities.



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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 <a href="mailto:pastoralcouncil@sipdx.org">pastoralcouncil@sipdx.org</a>.



Lent 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: <a href="https://a.co/d/dQmltW3">https://a.co/d/dQmltW3</a>) + 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

St Vincent de Paul Do you know someone who might be food insecure or needs help paying rent or utility bills? The St. Vincent de Paul Portland Council accepts requests for assistance at 503-235-8431. Requests from our neighborhood are then forwarded to our SVdP pantry that delivers food to those in need on Saturday mornings.

You can help by **bringing non-perishable food donations to the 8am and 10:30am Masses** or making a cash donation through Realm Connect. Your support is much appreciated.

Contact us at <a href="mailto:svdp@sipdx.org">svdp@sipdx.org</a> if you have any questions.

NATIVITY SCHOOL

St. Andrew Nativity School is excited to begin the search for our next Middle **School Principal**. Please see the link at: <a href="www.nativityportland.org/job-openings">www.nativityportland.org/job-openings</a> The deadline for applications is March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024.



#### Novena of Grace offered online at:



Novena: Missoula February 26th thru March 5th

St. Aloysius

97th Annual

Novena of Grace -

SAVE THE DATES

Monday, March 4th -

Tuesday, March 12th

2024

5:30 pm - Novena Mass

Presenters: Deacon Bill Eckert

intly at St. Pat's in Tacoma)

Barbara Eckert

Schedule: 8:00 am - Novena Prayers (no presenters)

sulting for Dioceses and Archdioceses all over US)

Aloysius Gonzaga

(stalschurch.org)

Weekdays -

12:15pm & 5:30pm

Saturday -

12:15pm & 5pm

Sunday -

8:30am, 11am & 7pm

Weekday Novena at Noon & 6:00 pm, Saturday & Sunday at Noon with a livestream planned for Noon: St.

#### Francis Xavier - (sfxmissoula.org)

We are delighted that Father Victor Cancino, S.J. and Mayra Martinez will be our co-presenters Theme: "What Are You Looking For?": An Invitation to Wholeness by Praying with the Psalms



#### Novena of Grace: I Am the Beloved!

DAILY: THURSDAY, MARCH 7 -FRIDAY, MARCH 15

WEEKDAYS: 12:30-1:30 PM SATURDAY AND SUNDAY: 11 AM-12 PM CHAPEL OF ST. IGNATIUS, SE-

ATTLE UNIVERSITY

MALCOLM NELSON, SARAH PERICICH-LOPEZ, AND FR. MATTHEW PYRC, SJ, PRESENTERS

In-person and online. Livestream available each day. Novena of Grace 2024 — Ignatian Spirituality Center (ignatiancenter.org)

Praying with St Francis Xavier (Novena).pdf (jesuitinstitute.org)

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, 2023-2024 Budget \$560,000.00 2024)

Sunday Tithe received through 2-4-2024 \$310,968.14

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 26 Olga Neuhause Tuesday Feb 27 Maura Hawkins Wednesday Souls in Purgatory Feb 28 **Daisy Limpsot** Thursday Feb 29 Friday Mar 1 Millie Emig



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