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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

OCTOBER 31, 2021

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Welcoming God's Blessings

Dear Parishioners:

Happy Halloween – and may all your neighborhood ghosts and goblins find treats tonight at your door.

Have you heard of the renowned professional basketball player LeBron Jordan? How about the famous president Abraham Washington? Surely you're familiar with the fabulously popular singer Elvis Sinatra and the artist Leonardo Van Gogh. Wait! What is going on here? Well, it's having some fun with what's called a "GOAT debate." The acronym stands for "greatest of all time," -- or endless arguments about who deserves the exalted GOAT designation. As is often the case, debaters feel compelled to denigrate the entertainer or athlete whose supremacy others claim over their favorite. Yet these arguments persist. Sure, if you could somehow manage to combine LeBron James and Michael Jordan, you would have a peerless basketball star, but that would be ducking the question, right? It's a cop-out to come up with a "hybrid" GOAT. That's why you rarely see both parties to this kind of debate walk away feeling satisfied.

GOAT debates were apparently a fixture of Jewish religious life at the time of Jesus, specifically, the question of which among the 613 precepts of the Mosaic law should be considered "the greatest." Rabbi Hillel, who died around the time Jesus was a child, sought to identify the "parent commandment" —the one from which all others flowed. When Jesus is asked to be part of a "GOAT debate," he offers a kind of hybrid commandment that seems to satisfy at least one member of the audience, a young scribe, who even offers a worthwhile addendum to what Jesus has proposed.

The appropriate response to God's communication of love through the law might be summarized as a threefold process: internalize, externalize, and prioritize. To be effective, God's law must be internalized. If a law is effective only because people fear a punishment, there clearly is no "change of heart" occurring. The scriptural verse that Jesus quotes challenges the perception that the Jewish faith was overly legalistic, relying on the coercive force of external rules. Those who love God with "heart, soul, and mind" have clearly made God's law a part of their very being; they have internalized it. When the law is embraced this way, it becomes less burdensome.

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WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil
at 5:00 PM

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

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday & Thursday
At 12:00 PM



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays -
3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

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Indeed, living under this law can be truly liberating.

Perhaps going outside the rules of the debate, Jesus adds a second commandment that requires love to be directed outward to others. The hinge word here is love, which prompts Jesus to expand the law by insisting that one's love of God must also embrace one's neighbor. This is a significant proviso, for Jesus is ruling out a kind of private religious attitude that exclusively emphasizes the believer and God. Love of God, by definition, must be somewhat intangible, given the invisible divine nature. Love of neighbor is tangible, messy, and difficult because the "other" -- unlike God -- you can easily deem unworthy of your love.

The scribe puts the finishing touches on this discussion by adding a scriptural reference that meets Jesus' approval. The scribe's allusion to Hosea suggests that the command to know and love God and neighbor has a higher priority than ritualistic observance. Not surprisingly, Jesus endorses this scribe's "finishing touch," for it reinforces a critique that Jesus has often leveled at religious leaders. It is hypocritical to engage in ritual worship that professes complete love of God while at the same time ignoring the neighbor in need. It is probably an exercise in futility to try to take something as complex as religious faith and boil it down to the one most important element. But you would be hard pressed to come up with a better summation than "love God completely and love your neighbor as yourself."

November is the month when the church focuses on the communion of saints. The gospel for All Saints is the Beatitudes. Those twelve verses constitute the core of Jesus' message. If these few verses were all the teachings that we had from Jesus, they would be enough to count him among the wisest teachers who ever lived. The beatitudes are not a prescription for getting to heaven, but a description of where God meets people. The beatitudes, then, are not so much a recipe for happiness as an invitation to present blessings. Saints are holy because they listen to God's holy promptings. Here are eight suggestions for modern day beatitudes:

1. **Count your blessings.** Keep a journal about everything you're grateful for, from the mundane to the magnificent.
2. **Practice acts of kindness.** Remind yourself that you are capable of generosity, compassion, patience, and forgiveness.
3. **Savor life's joys.** Relish these crisp fall mornings. Enjoy a family dinner, great music and art, humorous friends.
4. **Thank a mentor.** Somewhere along the road, someone helped you at significant turns in your life. Don't wait until their funeral to let them know how much that meant.
5. **Practice forgiveness.** Everyone has been hurt and "trespassed upon." Think of all the people killing themselves with buried resentment. Get past it. Move on.
6. **Invest in your family and friends and faith community.** Use some of that energy and health you have in people you love.
7. **Take care of your body.** Rest, exercise, stretch, laugh, play. Walk, run, swim, dance, golf, bowl, do yoga. Stir up those endorphins.
8. **Devise a strategy for facing stress and hardship.** Life is hard and losses will come. Ask the Spirit to surround you with God's protective Light, God's wonderful Light.

As we celebrate the many saints of our tradition during November, seek a communion with them in your prayer. Ask them to help us to live in the present moment the blessings of welcoming God's Spirit in every now.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.

Pastor



MASS READINGS

Mass Readings for Oct 31, 2021

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 12: 28-34

Mass Readings for Nov. 7, 2021

1 Kings 17:10-16

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12: 38-44

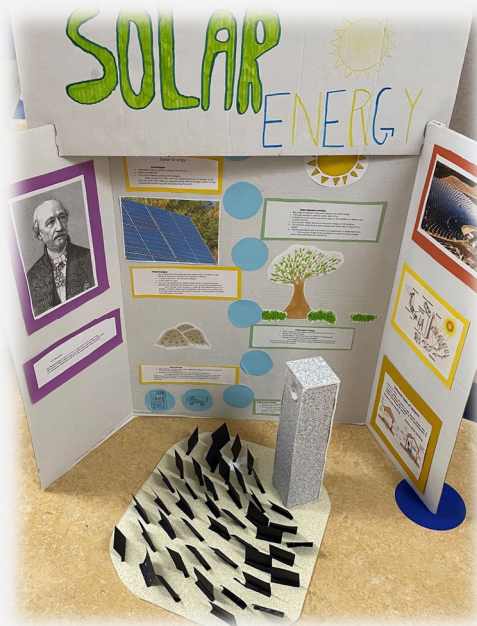
ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL



On Monday, October 25th, we had our first ever Halloween Festival. Since we couldn't take our traditional trip to the pumpkin patch with our 8th graders and first graders, we brought the pumpkin patch and some Halloween games to school. Every class in the school participated in fun Halloween games, socially distanced and by class.

Our first and second grade classes were able to pick donated pumpkins from our own pumpkin patch. Many thanks to Zora and Gavin Sharkey, John and Char Sharkey, Francine Morgan, Dan Dulley, Joey Dulley, Tom Trapold at Trapold Farms, the Lloyd family and the Collins family for donations to this special event. On Friday, October 29th, we celebrated Halloween by dressing in our costumes and parading by class in front of other classes outside and socially distanced. While we couldn't invite families to participate in this year's Halloween parade, we took many photos to share with them.

Students at St. Ignatius School continue to grow in faith and knowledge. Our pre-K students are busy sponge painting their shapes, exploring pumpkins and experimenting with marble slides. The kindergarten students are exploring using their five senses and studying word sounds and parts with hand movements. The first grade students are learning the preamble of our United States Constitution and learning to pray the Hail Mary as they study about St. Dominic and the Rosary. In second grade, students are studying plural nouns and learning how to make "wow" pictures. A "wow" picture includes a fully colored scene causing the viewer to exclaim- "Wow!" The third grade students are studying the plight of the Monarch butterfly and graphing with pictures. Our fourth grade students are learning about inferences in reading and the order of operations in math. The fifth grade students are learning long division and led a beautiful prayer service about the Rosary. In sixth grade, students are studying Bible stories about Jesus and figurative language. Our seventh graders are giving informative presentations on renewable energy such as Solar Energy. The eighth graders are making slideshows for their literary elements.



We are searching for a middle school math teacher and before school and after school care assistants. If you or someone you know might be interested in one of those jobs, please reach out to our school office at sispdx.org

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TITHING

Financial report (July 1, 2021—June 30, 2022):

Needed for the month of October

\$41,400 .00

Amount received through 10-17-2021

38,741.14

Thank you, may you be blessed abundantly for your generosity!

DAILY PRAYER INTENTIONS



Please keep in your prayers

Monday	Nov 1
Tuesday	Nov 2
Wednesday	Nov 3
Thursday	Nov 4
Friday	Nov 5

† Leo Patrick O'Brien
† Sam Scopacasa
† Tom Williams
† Mike Merriman
† Jim Emig

FEASTE OF THE NATIVITY



Wes Hale and huzzah! A few new items for your consideration, my dear Feasters!

• Anyone interested in singing in the pageant at the Feaste, we'll be rehearsing on Tuesday, November 16 and 30 at 7pm, as well as on Saturday, Dec. 4 at 10am. There are five songs (three of which I can almost guarantee you already know, as in "Deck the Halls" but with slightly different words). You will have music in your hands! In other words, no memorizing needed. Let me know if you're interested in joining us for this. There are two pageant performances on the day of the Feaste -- Saturday,

December 11, at 1 and 3pm.

• Your generosity is astonishing, and most welcome! I'm afraid we will have quite a few warrants out for your arrest at the Feaste, as so many of you are guilty of Overwhelming Generosity. Truly -- thank you. And if you'd still like to give, we will be most grateful. See our sponsor categories below.

• We still need pop-up tents! As one of the lyrics in our pageant song goes, "Dark and dull night, fly hence away, And give the honour to this day, That sees December turned to May." That is our prayer, and we have lots of people praying it. And, we'll be ready for whatever the Lord blesses us with, so if you've a tent we can borrow, I'd be much obliged.

• We'll need help setting up that morning prior, on Friday, Dec. 10 at 9am. I have some folks who've said they can be here, and will gladly welcome more!

As I mentioned in my Realm e-mail, we'll be honoring Fr. Craig with a goodbye and Fr. Mike with a hello at the Feaste, with a Kings' Table along with ceremonial blessings and fun. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Here are ways you can give:

• Write a check, payable to St. Ignatius Church, with "Feaste of the Nativity" in the memo line. Donate online through Realm. <https://onrealm.org/sipdx/-/give/now> is the link you can use. Just press the "down arrow" to the right of *Sunday tithing* and you will see "**Feaste of the Nativity**" fund. **Sponsor Categories**

Sponsor one (or more!) of the following, and we'll print your name in our pageant program, as well as posting your name on our "WANTED: for EXCESSIVE GENEROSITY!" posters for all to see as they roam the grounds during the Feaste.



sponsors

Candle	\$20	Wise Man	\$300
Angel	\$100	Wise Woman	\$500
Donkey	\$150	King	\$1000
Jester	\$200	The Holy Family	\$5000
Shepherdess	\$250	The Star of Bethlehem	\$7500

PARISH CHOIR

The Parish Choir will start singing again!



Sunday, November 7. We'll be fully masked, and spread out, and will rehearse at

9:15am, singing

at the 10:30am Mass.



Come join us, and talk to Joseph Byrd if you have questions.

jbyrd@sipdx.org or 503-777-1491 x 238



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Our parish has an email based prayer chain you can submit prayers or sign up to pray for other's intentions, just email to prayerchain@sipdx.org

In the subject line please include either:

Asking for prayers
OR

Add me to the Email list to pray

MEMORIAL MASS NOVEMBER 6TH AT 5PM

You are invited to come to the Memorial Mass on **Saturday, November 6 at 5PM**. We will pray for dear ones that have passed away this year.

WEEKLY JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION

November 3 St. Martin de Porres: Patron Saint for Social Justice

Why It's Important: "My grandmother always said that cleanliness was next to godliness. St. Martin de Porres taught us that compassion was preferable to cleanliness (and therefore closer to godliness) and that charity was preferable to the rules. And social justice was preferable to rules created by those with access, influence, wealth, and power that marginalized the poor and vulnerable."

November 11 Veterans Day

Why It's Important: "In a world marked by a violence justified by lack of understanding, individual desire, or any desire to break through barriers with love and understanding, we are invited to look at our veterans and honor their witness to love. These men and women are no lovers of violence but rather of courage, people with 'a strong desire to love taking the form of a readiness to die' (G.K. Chesterton.)"



STILL LOOKING FOR MASS VOLUNTEERS

Ushers/Sacristans/Lectors needed:

We are currently looking for ushers for our 5pm Vigil Mass. We are also looking for ushers, sacristans and lectors for our 7:30pm Contemplative Mass. .

Sacristans – Unlocking doors, turning on lights, lighting candles, preparing vessels before Mass, and ringing the bells at the beginning of Mass.

Lector: Read the 1st and 2nd reading, and the Prayers of the Faithful during Mass. Contact Sarah Faux, Coordinator of Liturgy, at sfaux@sipdx.org if you are interested or need further information.

LENDING YOUR EXPERTISE

Looking for some coaching from a Mechanical Engineer as we walk through our facilities here at the church and the school, and think how to best proceed with care and/or upgrading our boilers in particular. If you have a heart for systems, and some time you could spare, please contact Joseph Byrd at jbyrd@sipdx.org or 503-777-1491, ext 238. Would love to explore how to look toward the future in saving energy, controlling costs, and helping to make our systems more green and earth friendly.

IGNITE – CONTINUES, NOV 14TH AT 6PM

November 14th-Contemplative Conversation; Nov 28th-Action Activity—Love Thy Neighbor; December 12th -Blessed are Those Who Hunger and Thirst For Righteousness—Contemplating the Incarnation ***Come to one class, come to all—as you desire***, contact Grace to get on the mailing list gbyrd@sipdx.org or go to sipdx.org/ignite for details Zoom meeting ID: 833 9062 2228, passcode: IGNITE



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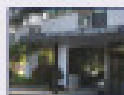
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