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November 17, 2019

Keep On Keeping On

Dear Parishioners:

This weekend is the 30th anniversary of the martyrdom of six Jesuits and their housekeepers, Elba and Celina Ramos in El Salvador in the early morning of November 16 1989. During the Salvadoran civil war, the Jesuits were advocates for a negotiated settlement between the government and the rebels. The murders attracted international attention to the ten-year-old civil war, and precipitated eventual peace. The politicians who planned the killings and the soldiers who carried them out were brought to justice in May 2011.

As the church concludes the liturgical year, the readings are about the end of the world. While you may not believe that the end of the world is near, neither do you and I know the day nor the hour when the end will come for each of us. Our prayer is to live our lives as well as we can so that when our last day comes, we are ready.

The Old Testament reading from Malachi pictures the day of reckoning as destruction for evildoers and vindication for the holy ones.

On the journey to Jerusalem in Luke, Jesus has been teaching his disciples about the requirements for following him. Now in Jerusalem, as he gazes upon the beauty of the Temple, he gives a final exhortation.

As God's prophet, Jesus warns against false prophets who pretend to know the details of God's plan, gives hints about the events that will accompany the coming of God's kingdom, and warns about impending persecutions and even divisions within families.

Jesus promises trying times but ends with this encouragement: "By your perseverance you will secure your lives." This perseverance is not an invitation to apathy or timidity much less laziness. The biblical concept of perseverance is active resistance in the face of opposition. What inspires this kind of active resistance to evil is hope – trust in God's promises.

Hope and perseverance are two sides of the same coin. Hope without perseverance is anxiety and ends in madness. Perseverance without hope leads to resignation, fatalism and bland indifference.

Regarding the end of the world, Christians hope for the full coming of God's kingdom. This means resurrection of the dead, a final judgment where everyone's motives and intentions are revealed, and entry into complete communion with God. Christians expect these events to come about in God's time and way.

In the meantime, what characterizes Christian life is patient perseverance. This is the biblical disposition of living gratefully in the present. At each Mass in the preparation of the gifts, we place the tensions and dreams of our broken world on the plate and in the cup. We offer our lives to God in the bread and the wine. And in the transformation of the gifts into the presence of Christ, God gradually animates us and our world into a new creation.

Jesus' final teaching on discipleship is how to respond to hatred and enmity. First, trust that you will know how to respond to your accusers. Second, you can withstand your trials with an endurance born of hope.

Today's Readings:

Malachi	3:19-20a
2 Thessalonians	3:7-12
Luke	21:5-19

Next Sunday's Readings:

2 Samuel	5:1-3
Colossians	1:12-20
Luke	23:35-43

Preaching Next Sunday:
Fr Craig Boly, SJ

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM
Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:30AM
Sunday Contemplative: 7:30PM
Daily: Monday 8:00AM in church
 Tuesday - Friday 8:00AM La Storta Chapel
Centering Prayer: Friday 7:00AM
Anointing Mass: First Friday 8:00AM
First Saturday Mass: 8:00AM
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30-4:30PM
 or by appointment with a priest

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Next weekend we will celebrate the end of the liturgical year and the solemnity of Christ the King.

We remember this Thursday November 21st how Mary’s parents, Ann and Joakim, brought her to the temple at the age of three to dedicate and consecrate her to God’s service. “Now that you are here, we need you” is how one prayer describes this moment. It is our joy to recognize and welcome the new members presented in our community.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.
Pastor

Realm Connect

We are beginning to introduce the online platform “Realm” for use on smartphones, laptops, tablets and desktop computers to keep you connected to all that is happening at St. Ignatius Church and School.

 The application, "**Connect - Our Church Community**" is available for smartphones for free download in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store and online at <https://onrealm.org/sipdx>. A few of the benefits of using this application include instant notifications to your mobile phone, access to information for specific parish and school groups and events and the ability to set up secure online giving with receipts of all donations. Questions?...call Patty at 503-777-1491 or email office@sipdx.org. If you are not a user of smartphone or computer applications, not to worry, we will continue to publish and plan to enhance the information available in our weekly paper bulletin.

Please join us for a Thanksgiving Day Mass
On November 28th at 10:00 AM in the Church

Justice for Immigrants: We are one family under God

The Catholic Bishops’ Justice for Immigrants campaign seeks to educate the Catholic community about Church teaching on migration, To create political will for just and humane immigration reform, and To advocate for dignified and fair reforms in immigration and refugee law. Join Catholics from the Archdiocese to **pray the rosary** in solidarity with the campaign, immigrant families and to create Catholic awareness of our inhumane immigration policies. **Saturday, November 23 at 11 am at St. Mary’s Cathedral 1716 NW Davis in Portland.**

Advent Festival – Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019

Enjoy soup, wreath-making, and gingerbread houses as we kick off the Advent season together from 11:45-1:00 p.m. It’s fun for the whole family! Advent wreath candles and rings will be available for purchase and greenery will be provided. If you would like to bring a soup to share or supplies for our gingerbread houses, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DAFAA28A1FA7-2019>

St. Vincent de Paul

Requesting canned meals - chili, ravioli, etc;

To volunteer, contact us at svdp@sipdx.org or call the parish office and leave your contact information.

ECOJUSTICE—I invite you to bring your family and friends to plant trees – neighborhood street trees and natural area seedlings -- on a Saturday morning (8:30 AM to 12:30 PM) between October and April . No experience is necessary. Just come prepared for the weather. Then share a hot and hearty soup potluck at the end. Over several seasons, this has proven to be a **St. Ignatius eco-justice activity** that no one has ever regretted. Check out the website with calendar dates for various tree plantings. February 1st and February 8th are SE neighborhood tree plantings to consider joining. <https://friendsoftrees.org/event-calendar/>



MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Nov 25	Joseph King Family
Tuesday	Nov 26	† Hickey-Knisley
Wednesday	Nov 27	† Roger Van Dyke
Thursday	Nov 28	Thanksgiving
Friday	Nov 29	† Jim Emig

Get your Turkey Bingo Flyer in the vestibule!

SCHOOL NEWS

Class jobs are a critical part of our K-2 classroom program. During our recent conference week, one second grader was deeply concerned that she would have a shorter experiences as Teacher’s Assistant. When her teacher reassured her that due to the short week, she would get the next week as too she swelled with enthusiasm and declared, “That’s wonderful because I JUST LOVE THIS JOB!”

And we are so grateful that the kids are happy and the staff concurs: we love this work. Thank you for your support.

The One and Only TURKEY BINGO is here! Please join us next Saturday, Nov. 23, for an opportunity to win your holiday bird (including vegetarian options)! Nearly \$2000 is available in raffle prizes and chances are just \$10 each. Reserve tickets are \$30 and include food, beer and wine. Come have fun with us (adults only) and do a great thing for St. Ignatius School! More information at www.sispdx.org or in the school office.

Blessings on your week –
Kelli Clark
Principal

*“Teach us to give and not count the cost.”
St. Ignatius of Loyola*

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IGNITE—Classes continue

Sunday, Nov. 24- from 6:00-7:15pm.

Come and join in, Credo/Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Next IGNITE dates: December 8th & December 22nd

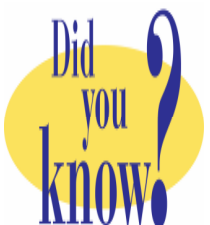
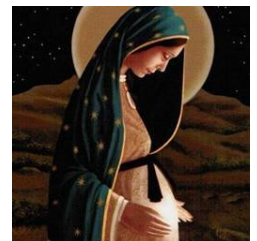
LOOKING AHEAD:

CALL 503-777-1491 FOR DETAILS

Turkey Bingo	Nov 23	6:30PM (doors open 5:30PM)
Thanksgiving Day Mass	Nov 28	10:00AM
Advent Festival	Dec 01	11:45AM—1:00PM
Advent Penance Service	Dec 09	7:00PM
Christmas Program-School	Dec 19	10:00AM (rehearsal-open) & 7PM
CHRISTMAS EVE	Dec 24	4:00PM, 7:30PM & 10:30PM
CHRISTMAS DAY	Dec 25	10:00AM (only)

Women’s Advent Retreat –

Dec. 7, 2019 Join us for a day of reflection during Advent. This is a retreat *for women, led by women*. All women are welcome. Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019 *** Loyola Jesuit Center from 9am-4pm \$20 suggested donation, includes lunch
REGISTRATION FORM IN VESTIBULE—deadline Nov 20th.



- ◆ Did you know that due to a new review from a parishioner the school just hit a perfect 5.0 on FB reviews for the first time? Whoop!
- ◆ DID YOU KNOW we are installing a new boiler and radiant baseboard heat system in the church. This system will be replacing the old 1950's boiler and terminating the existing radiant floor heat system. As you all know, the original radiant floor heat system has been failing for years causing water to leak up through the floor. This new system is 70% installed but we are waiting for the baseboard units to arrive so it can be complete the work. We should have the new system up and running and heating up the church before Thanksgiving.

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