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**UNDER THE CARE OF THE JESUITS**

**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

**DECEMBER 6, 2020**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

## Console Us, Lord

Dear Parishioners:

In 1741, George Frederick Handel and his librettist, Charles Jennens, chose today's words from the prophet Isaiah as the opening lines of their great oratorio "Messiah." In only 24 days, after a period of intensive creative isolation, Handel composed an artistic work that proclaimed anew the comfort his world needed to hear—and a message our world likewise longs to hear: the Risen Jesus is the answer to our longing. He is our hope.

It's 18 days until Christmas eve. Remember that the new Church Year ("B") will feature Mark's Gospel. His is the earliest of the Gospels, written in about 70 A.D. in Rome, and during the first century persecutions. He is writing to a suffering community, and he wants them to stay together and faithful to the teachings of Peter and the rest of the apostles. His primary themes are the Kingdom of God, the identity of Jesus, and the call to discipleship.

Mark begins his Gospel with Jesus on the move, already in his public ministry. There is no annunciation, no nativity, no wise-men, and no exile into Egypt. Those are reserved for Matthew and Luke. After his baptism, Jesus discovers his divine powers and sense of urgency. Hence, exorcisms, healings, and other miracles will accompany Mark's Jesus. The power of the Kingdom of God lies in redemptive service. The parables of Chapter 4 describe the Kingdom's characteristics. Nothing stops its relentless coming; not sin, disease, calamity, or demonic forces. It is God who makes the kingdom possible, not us.

Eight hundred years before John the Baptist was born, God called the prophet Isaiah to console and reassure a demoralized people that their exile would soon be over. Isaiah announced that a Savior was coming. In our own day, Isaiah speaks to us in troubled times: "Comfort, comfort my people, says our God."



John the Baptist spoke in the same prophetic tradition. He proclaimed the good news of the impending arrival of the one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's message: In order to receive the one who is coming, you need to have a change of heart.

In Mark's understanding, Jesus is the anointed of God, yet Jesus abandons his power as God. He fulfills his mission by submitting to suffering and death. Only slowly is the necessity of suffering made clear to those first witnesses of Jesus' words and deeds.

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*The link is on our website  
[www.sipdx.org](http://www.sipdx.org)*

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

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The disciples realize that the price of faithfulness to the requirements of any human life is the price of love – a painful self-surrender that blessing others requires. The disciples not only admire the teaching and sacrifice of Jesus, they feel impelled to become witnesses of the Lord's martyrdom for others to imitate.

Advent is the yearly reminder that the Lord will indeed return in glory. Our times cry out for the comfort that Jesus wants to bring. Our own times experience exile and hardship. The corona virus has isolated us from loved ones. The pandemic has taken many lives and altered our way of life, a reminder how vulnerable we are as a human race. A tiny, unseen adversary can threaten our very existence.

Think of the worldwide alienation. National, ethnic, and religious divisions have resurfaced. Everyone witnessed an unjust death on live television. The rich and the poor grow farther apart. The recent election in our country laid bare serious differences among us. Forces of division even roil our families, our neighborhoods, and our Church.

The Letter of Peter comforts hearers with the assurance of "a new heaven and a new earth where righteousness dwells." The letter's apocalyptic language describes God's ultimate triumph. The letter also says that God does not work according to our timetable. What seems to us like neglectful delay reflects God's patience so that we can get our act together.

Tragic deaths among our African-American fellow citizens have challenged some entitled attitudes and flaws in social institutions. Jesus invites believers to let him change the way they think, feel, and act. Thousands who demonstrated peacefully chose his way. The heroic acts of medical personnel and other service providers during the pandemic also give reason to hope. People risked their lives -- some gave their lives -- to care for the sick and to provide necessities to the rest of us. And effective vaccines on the horizon are another sign of hope.

Tuesday celebrates the patron Saint of the United States – no less than the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Immaculate Conception. Our tradition believes that Mary was conceived by her parents free from original sin from the first moment of her existence. That's why December 8 is a Holy Day, a day of opportunity to thank God for preparing the mother of Jesus for her role in salvation history.

It is from this unbroken communion with God that Mary came to live passionately her response to God's ever-more-demanding invitations. Our joy is to celebrate God's lovely gift of Mary as the mother of Jesus and our mother.

**Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.**  
Pastor

## ADVENT OFFERING FROM LOYOLA PRESS



**Advent A to Z E-Mail Series** | Loyola Press suggested Advent link for your Advent:

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## MASS READINGS

### Mass Readings for Dec 6, 2020

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11  
2 Peter 3:8-14  
Mark 1:1-8

### Mass Readings for Dec 13, 2020

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11  
1Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8, 19-28



*In Thanksgiving for the life of  
Fr Jim Conyard, SJ  
James William Yeary (brother of Cliff Yeary)  
Roxann Asp (Teacher at Jesuit HS)*



*Immaculate Conception of the  
Blessed virgin Mary Mass  
will be recorded and available on  
December 8, 2020 at 1:30PM.  
Check our website for the link [www.sipdx.org](http://www.sipdx.org)*

## FAITH AND RACIAL HEALING: EMBRACING TRUTH, JUSTICE, AND RESTORATION

**Description:** This program helps participants tell the truth about our collective history of racism and violence, that we might seek real restoration with God and one another. This program explains the historical context behind the wide racial inequalities we face today. Though this program focuses specifically on African slaves and their descendants, this program will open participants' eyes to patterns of injustice that affect other people of color across the nation as well.

### Goals:

1. Learn about the history of racial injustice in the U.S., so that we might better understand and more effectively eradicate modern-day racial injustice
2. Learn how faith communities responded to racial injustice in the past, so that we might learn from their mistakes and successes
3. Learn from the faith and spiritual wisdom of those who endured injustice and stood for freedom
4. Develop practical tools for seeking racial justice in our local communities our nation

### Sessions Include

Prayer and Reflection, Discussion of Reading, Faith Integration, Videos and Group Activities, Spiritual Practices,

Guest Speaker.

Cost: Registration has already been paid with a donation.

Books: (Approximately \$37 + shipping; e-books are less)

1. Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome: American's Legacy of Enduring Injury & Healing by Dr. Joy Degruy
2. The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism by Jemar Tisby
3. 40 Days of Prayer by Cheri Mills

### Pertinent Dates:

December 3rd, 7:30PM: Informational meeting. Please contact Jack Patrizio [jackpatrizio@aol.com](mailto:jackpatrizio@aol.com)  
(The Dec 3 meeting and the program meetings are all virtual via ZOOM)

### Session Dates:

Week of January 4 - Week of March 8, 2021. Exact time and date will be determined by group consensus.

Link to the Faith & Racial Healing Program for additional information.

<https://justfaith.org/faith-and-racial-healing-embracing-truth-justice-and-restoration/>

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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](mailto:prayerchain@sipdx.org)

In the subject line please include either:

*Asking for prayers*

OR

*Add me to the Email list to pray*

## I G N I T E

Last in this Series, Sunday **December 13th 2020 at 6pm** Come and join in as we discuss St. Martin de Porres/Pray Always. Check the IGNITE webpage at [www.sipdx.org/ignite](http://www.sipdx.org/ignite)

Email Grace to join the Ignite email list at [gbyrd@sipdx.org](mailto:gbyrd@sipdx.org)

## WEEKLY RACIAL JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION

### **Cultivating the Vineyard of the Lord - Parish Engagement with the Dignity of Work**

The social doctrine of the Church has its foundation in labor and the dignity of working people, and the rights of workers to organize for safe and dignified working conditions. Parish engagement and outreach, however, often skips over this focus on work and the dignity of workers.

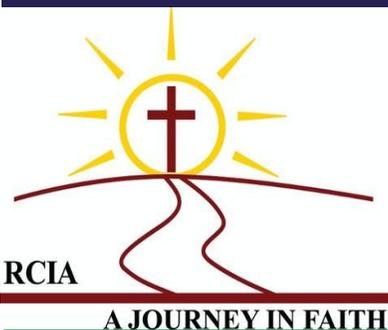
As our Church celebrates Advent by cultivating a place in our hearts and homes for Christ anew, you're invited to come learn about and discuss how parishes can better cultivate the vineyard of the Lord by their outreach to protect the dignity and rights of workers through Church-Labor partnership. Aimee Shelide Mayer of the national Catholic Labor Network will guide us in this thought-provoking discussion.

**Wednesday December 9 at 9:00 a.m. PST. Register here: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/9059265939558573584>**

## ST VINCENT ~ THANK YOU

St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank the staff and families of St. Ignatius School. Their generous donation of 718 lbs. of food could not have come at a more needed time. The community and volunteers really appreciate it.

## RITE OF WELCOME AND ACCEPTANCE



*On November 29th we celebrated the Rite of Welcome and Acceptance with three candidates and two catechumens. Please hold Raz, Naomi, Stephen, Meghan, and Amber in your prayers as they explore their faith through the RCIA program at St. Ignatius this year!*

## DID YOU KNOW?

**Did you know** that World AIDS Day was Dec. 1, 2020

**And so we pray ...** God of Promise, today we are mindful of our sisters and brothers suffering with HIV and AIDS. We ask your healing presence on millions of people living with the disease today; particularly the children who are infected or who have been orphaned by the disease. Make of us a safe haven for those who are abandoned, discriminated against and rejected on account of their illness. Inspire us to speak out for a just distribution of health care and medical aid in this country and for generosity in sharing our resources with those struggling under the weight of this epidemic overseas. As we begin our Advent celebration of waiting in hope for the birth of your Son, let us remember those across the world who wait in hope for a cure. Amen.

## FAMILY LIFE

### Children's Liturgy – Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

*\*Special request - If you can change the name of the Zoom screen to your child/children's names, it helps our leaders!*

Check out website for the zoom link and password! <https://www.sipdx.org/family-life>

### Mom's Groups meets every Sunday during Advent from 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Dec. 6, 13, 20 – Advent – we will meet weekly for a reflection from The Living Nativity by Larry Peacock.

To join the meeting or our email list, contact [bschaller@sipdx.org](mailto:bschaller@sipdx.org). All are welcome!

## GIVING TREE 2020–THROUGHOUT ADVENT

**Advent Giving Tree** This year, to enable our families to give safely during COVID we are offering a few great causes. Please consider being generous with one or both as part of your Advent season:

1) "Tens for Teens" provides gift cards to teens in foster care. This is part of the same initiative as Welcome Boxes (our typical Advent project). **Teens are one of the most neglected groups when it comes to community holiday giving.** Teens in foster care rarely have their own spending money. Making their own spending choices is a simple thing many children take for granted but for those in foster care, it's a luxury — whether it's getting a drink at Starbucks or purchasing their own socks. We are asking for gift cards specifically in the amount of \$10 to better the odds that all teens in the Portland Metro area will receive one. ***Please know that this isn't just something that will be used as a stocking stuffer to go along with a heap of presents.***

*Stick the gift card inside the greeting card/note and put it in an UNSEALED, UNMARKED envelope. If you seal it, we will have to open it, so please don't seal it.*

*This step is optional. You are absolutely welcome to send gift cards without messages.*

**Drop your gift card(s) and message(s) into the parish office mailbox by December 12, 2020.**

We will collect the gift cards and deliver them to the folks at Every Child PDX, who will then distribute them to the caseworkers at the DHS offices in the Portland Metro area.

This deadline is so we can get as many cards to DHS offices in time for their holiday parties. Cards received after the date will still be used by Every Child PDX to give to teens in foster care in Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington counties. Late gifts are more than welcome!

**Tens for Teens In Foster care:** <https://www.frugallivingnw.com/ten-for-teens-foster-care-gift-card-drive/>

2) **Kino Border Initiative:** The Kino Border Initiative (KBI) is a binational organization that works in the area of migration and is located in Nogales, Arizona and Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. The KBI was inaugurated in January of 2009 by six organizations from the United States and Mexico: The California Province of the Society of Jesus, Jesuit Refugee Service/USA, the Missionary Sisters of the Eucharist, the Mexican Province of the Society of Jesus, the Diocese of Tucson and the Diocese of Nogales. The KBI's vision is to help make humane, just, workable migration between the U.S. and Mexico a reality. Its mission is to promote US/Mexico border and immigration policies that affirm the dignity of the human person and a spirit of bi-national solidarity through:

- Direct humanitarian assistance and accompaniment with migrants;
- Social and pastoral education with communities on both sides of the border;
- Participation in collaborative networks that engage in research and advocacy to transform local, regional, and national immigration policies.

The KBI relies on the generosity of our benefactors in order to provide direct humanitarian relief services to deported migrants, to offer educational programs and talks to visiting delegations, and to sponsor our innovative research and advocacy efforts. You can donate directly here: **Kino Border Initiative:** <https://www.kinoborderinitiative.org/give/>

3) **School Operating expenses during pandemic:** <https://onrealm.org/sipdx/-/give/now>

4) **Parish Ministry during pandemic:** <https://onrealm.org/sipdx/-/give/now>



## DAILY PRAYER INTENTIONS



*Please keep in your prayers*

Monday	Dec 07	†	RoseAngela D'Ambrosia
Tuesday	Dec 08	†	Immaculate Conception
Wednesday	Dec 09	†	James William Yeary
Thursday	Dec 10	†	Roxann Asp
Friday	Dec 11	†	Jim Emig

## ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL



Each month, as we do our teaching and learning mostly in a digital environment, we highlight being kids for others to the community. Every other week we have a supply pick-up. Families drive through in masks and hand in assignments and library books. Teachers, also in masks and gloves, hand them supplies they will need for the coming weeks. This system has also supported our all-school service work, designed by Julie Frangipani.

In September, school children **collected food for the Grotto's food drive for wildfire victims**. Hats, gloves, scarves, socks and other **cold weather gear** came in **for our houseless friends** at Transition Projects in October. A big push to support our own parish's **St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry** was the focus in November. And now, one of our very favorites: supplying **Christmas gift boxes to the Community Transition School students**.

The Community Transitional School, now in its 31st school year, teaches children in Pre-K – 8th grades. Known as the “hidden homeless,” these students live with their homeless and transient families throughout Multnomah County. They live in homeless and domestic violence shelters, cheap motels, on the floor of a friend's home and even inside of their cars. Some are from families that are on the brink of losing their housing. Others have just recently managed to move into permanent housing. All are in situations where poverty and uncertainty dominate much of their young lives.

For over 20 years, families at St. Ignatius School have filled shoe boxes with small gifts, gift cards, school materials, art supplies and other requested items. This year, under the leadership of Stephen Brobeck, PE teacher, **97 boxes will be filled to remind these children of our love and care**.

I often tell prospective families that while we are an excellent academic school, we are truly a community of formation and that if we do our jobs well, our students will see the world with a lens of compassion, faith and justice. This is the difference our parish school makes in the world: empowering children to act and being confident in the difference we can make to each other.



*Kaiden and Kennedy Harris, parishioners, collect cold weather gear for Transition Projects*

Blessings during Advent!  
Stay safe, take care of each other; it's what we do!

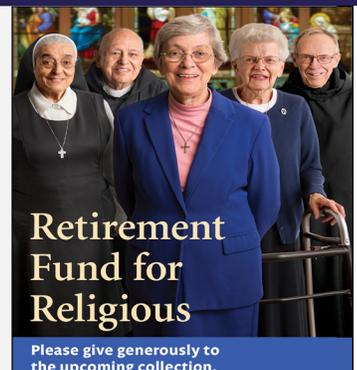
Kelli Clark, Principal



## RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION DEC. 13TH

In good times and bad, Sister Theresa and the senior religious shown here have dedicated themselves to God's work. Together with nearly 30,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests in the United States, they educated the young, tended the sick, and ministered to the needy. Today, they pray for a world that is hurting. Yet many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Your tax-deductible gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

<https://onrealm.org/sipdx/-/give/now> (use fund named Religious Retirement)





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