



# ST. IGNATIUS PARISH CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL UNDER THE CARE OF THE JESUITS

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## Welcome to Lent

Dear Parishioners:

*I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation. Ps. 32*

"In time of trouble . . . ." Lent 2021 is already a desert of troubles -- what with the pandemic and roiling political world and renewed call for racial justice. No need for a special desert season this year to call you back to God. When Jesus experienced his sojourn in the desert of the first Lent, the Spirit helped him. Are you ready to bring your troubles to the Lord -- to experience the Spirit helping you?

Everyone experiences losses. Perhaps a family member has died, or a dear friend has moved out of town, or that job you've had for ten years has suddenly been eliminated. Does the Spirit meet you in your grief and sadness and mourning?

Everyone experiences disappointments. Perhaps you were counting on a promotion that went to somebody else. Or you didn't get accepted into that school with just the program you wanted. Or your reliably good health suddenly went south for the winter. Does the Spirit urge you to fast from discouragement and feast on hope?

Everyone experiences conflicts and frustration. Maybe some in your household think they are not only always right, but constantly feel entitled to point out when you are wrong. Maybe the mantra runs through your mind, "I wish I

were as sure about *anything* as they are about *everything*!" Does the Spirit pray in you for patience and forbearance?

## MASS SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY 10:30 AM Mass:** *Mid-Morning Service* -- Sign up online at [sipdx.org](http://sipdx.org) (button on opening page,) or call leaving Name, Number in group, phone, & date. You will get a confirmation number before attending Mass. (Thank you!)

**TUESDAY & THURSDAY:** 12:00 PM weekday Mass in the church, *no sign up needed*

**SATURDAY:** Recorded Mass available online, the link is on our website: [sipdx.org](http://sipdx.org)

**RECONCILIATION,** by appointment 503-777-1491

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Lent is the beginning of the Catholic church's annual retreat. Especially during these troubled times, it's good to recall Lent's purpose, which is *conversion*. Conversion is God's gift to us singly and communally -- the gift of closer intimacy with the Holy One and with one another. Conversion focuses on what we need change *from* and change *to*. This Lent I'd like to invite us to consider a change from *isolation*.

*Isolation* is not the same as being solitary or separated from your dear ones. You can be surrounded by people and yet still be isolated from connecting with others. Isolation comes from secret brokenness, from fear, and from recurrent sin -- from self-imposed barriers of shame, guilt, or dread of being found out. And I'd like us also to consider what we want to move toward this Lent: *caring for one another*.

Lent can be a season of healing, and of honoring your deepest desire for acceptance.

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

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Everyone needs bonds of belonging. Everyone needs ties of familiarity and companionship and mutual regard. This is the stuff of conversion.

During Lent, the Spirit takes the blinders from your eyes. You see how sin is the refusal to let your life be a gift for others. Sin means using your talents and energies as if you were the only one with a life in the world. The specifics of how this refusal plays out is as unique as everyone's fingerprints. This is where Jesus helps -- to manifest the mystery of your refusals, then to give courage, light, and energy to countervail them.

Jesus helps to show your sources of isolation, and reveals how to embrace your gifts to bless others. The annual Lenten practice helps you claim your best aspirations, acknowledge your darkest selfishness, and take courage in companionship with Jesus on your journey home to God.

If you go to Lenten confession, tell the priest not only your weakness, but your dreams as well as your desire for healing. And the priest will speak words of patience and encouragement, both as representative of the faith community and as embodiment of the healing presence of Christ. Instead of a weekly list of sins and no change, this once yearly encounter to diagnose the roots of your light and darkness can actually promote conversion.

My prayer this year is that your Lent can be about conversion – letting the Spirit work in you. *May you turn to the Lord in times of trouble, and experience the joy of salvation.*

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

## LIVING LENT DAILY E-MAIL SERIES FOR 2021

Take time each day for *Living Lent Daily*, and prepare your heart for a new appreciation of the journey to Easter.

Sign up to receive the daily messages via e-mail from Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021, through Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021. The messages will come from the Year in Our Church from Loyola Press.

[https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/lent/living-lent-daily/?utm\\_source=ignsp&utm\\_medium=blog&utm\\_content=lld&utm\\_campaign=lent2021](https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/lent/living-lent-daily/?utm_source=ignsp&utm_medium=blog&utm_content=lld&utm_campaign=lent2021)



## WEEKLY JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION



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**Office of International Justice and Peace**

**Background on International Assistance and Diplomacy**  
**February 2021**

Read the full document on our website: [sipdx.org](https://www.sipdx.org)

## MASS READINGS

### Mass Readings for Feb 21, 2021

Genesis 9:8-15  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:12-15

### Mass Readings for Feb 28, 2021

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18  
Romans 8:31b-34  
Mark 9:2-10

## ST IGNATIUS SUNDAY MASS SIGN UP

# Limited Attendance at Mass Beginning Feb 21st

We are very excited to offer in-person Mass to St. Ignatius parishioners! We are working with guidance from the Archdiocese and honoring the recommendations of health officials. The pandemic situation continues to change, so it's possible the system we are developing may also change in the coming weeks. Thank you so much for your patience and cooperation during this time.

- Please wear a mask, this is required for entry.
- Don't attend Mass if you're sick or believe you've been exposed to COVID-19.
- Families from the same household may sit together as a group.
- Please maintain social distancing and keep your group at least 6 feet from others while at Mass.
- The faithful are still dispensed from their Holy Day obligation, so attendance is not required.

**(Sign up must be received the Thursday before the Mass date by NOON. Thank you!)**

- 1) Sign up button may be found on our website, there is a link on the opening page at the TOP. >>

SUNDAY MASS SIGN UP

You will be asked to fill in your:  
Name, Number of family to attend, email and phone.  
And choose a Sunday Mass date (10:30 AM)  
OR

- 2) You may call 503-777-1491 x 221 and leave a message with your  
Name, Number of family, and phone.  
And choose a Sunday Mass date (10:30 AM)

(You will be contacted with a confirmation number before attending Sunday Mass)

**WE'RE GLAD TO HAVE YOU BACK!**

**Thank you for your patience and support as we continue to work to bring the Mass to as many people as possible. We are looking forward to seeing you!**

**WEEKDAY MASS WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY & THURSDAY AT 12:00 PM,  
no sign up required.**

## NOVENA OF GRACE MARCH 4-12, 2021

### Beauty and Brokenness: Blessed by a Novena of Grace March 4-12

Join us for the Novena of Grace during this most unusual year. Billy Biegler, SJ will pre-side and present, with additional reflections throughout the nine days from Joseph and Grace Byrd, Jeanette Grimaldi, Dan Beseau, Kevin Jeans-Gail and Sue Brent, Beth Schaller, Jim Peck, and Fernando Serna.

In-person Masses every day at Noon, except Sunday, March 7 at 10:30am  
Video recording will be available at 7:00pm each evening for virtual attendees via the St. Ignatius YouTube channel, and through [www.novenaofgrace.com](http://www.novenaofgrace.com)



Sign up to attend: **(Use the Mass sign up button at [sipdx.org](http://sipdx.org) on the opening page or call the office 503-777-1491)**

Due to the pandemic, we won't have a blessing ritual with crosses at the conclusion of Mass. Rather, an alternative blessing prayer will be given by Fr. Billy as he sends us forth each day.



## SCHOOL



Students had a true snow day during our storm last week. Every year we have snow days built into our calendar, but with distance learning, many thought snow days were a thing of the past. However, we felt strongly that our children have lost so much this year, it was important that they not lose the magic of a snow day. We heard many stories of sledding and snowmen being built. We saw pictures of students bundled up and having more fun than they have in months. We are so grateful that they were able to feel so much joy on this day.

Many families within our community were dealing with the loss of power. We are so thankful to all of the brave people who worked tirelessly to get the power back on. The school building lost power for a while, and lost internet for a few days. With the vast majority of our students in distance learning, having school without the internet these days is not possible. We had to take another day Wednesday while we waited for the internet to be restored.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders were disappointed to miss out on the Ash Wednesday Mass, but they are looking forward to rejoining us on campus in less than a month! Students received their Transition Project boxes this week. During Lent, our students collect money in these boxes and then return them on Good Friday. The money collected is used to provide meals for Transition Projects. The school has been working with Transition Projects for decades now, and it is a privilege to be a part of such a wonderful organization.

Looking ahead, we have fourth graders returning to campus this week. We have been in the "pause" phase of our reopening. We are happy with the safety measures and protocols in place, and we have had no transmission of COVID-19 in the school. This is also because our families are doing their part to keep everyone safe. This is truly a community effort to keep our school open and safe for all.



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## ASH WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

**Thank you to Fr. Billy and Breese Watson for all of their shoveling to help clear some walkways to the parish office.**

There was a line down in the driveway and the Parish and school have been missing the convenience of phones and internet.

Ash Wednesday was canceled for the safety of all, thank you all for your patience.

We are hoping all line services will be restored by next week!



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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*

## FAMILY LIFE

### **Children's Liturgy – Sunday, 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!

The information to join the weekly Zoom is at: <https://www.sipdx.org/family-life>

### **Mom's Groups Zoom Schedule – Sundays during Lent from 9:15-10:15 a.m.**

The Mom's group meets weekly during Lent from 9:15-10:15 a.m. on Sundays via Zoom. We welcome anyone for a one time visit or a regular presence. If you want to receive our regular Zoom links and updates, email Beth at [bschaller@sipdx.org](mailto:bschaller@sipdx.org). Feb. 21, 28, Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28 - during LENT we will use LTP's "Give us this Day" booklet to pray the morning liturgy of the hours

### **Sacramental Preparation for First Communion – LAST YEAR & THIS YEAR**

This week home-study students will cover Chapter 6. Please read the chapter and use the activities as needed. Students from last year are welcome to use our home-study schedule to review the material at home, too.

Here is our upcoming schedule:

- Feb 21 – Session 6 home-study
- Feb 28 – Session 7 home-study
- Mar 7 – Prep for First Reconciliation (home-study group only)
- Mar 13 – First Reconciliation Celebration – 10am at St. Ignatius Church (home study group only)
- Mar 21 – banners and cards for prayer partners are due at the Church (2020 & 2021 classes)
- Apr 10 – "Breaking Bread" shared ritual (2020 & 2021 classes)

First Communion celebrations – April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16

IMPORTANT: Be sure that you have signed up your child for a First Communion mass in April or May. May 16<sup>th</sup> is already filled. We want to make sure that all our families are signed up before the masses are filled with other guests. You can use this link if you have not yet signed up: <https://www.sipdx.org/mass-sign-up> Masses will be removed from the sign-up when they become filled. If you are having trouble signing up or have other questions or concerns preventing you at this time, please let me know.

## IGNITE

### ***Go Forth and Set the World on Fire ~ Mar 14th***

This year in IGNITE we will explore prayer in the Catholic Tradition through music and the lives of Saints and Mystics. The invitation is simple:

**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, the saints, the people of St. Ignatius, and your heart.

**DATES:** Mar 14, Mar 28, Apr 11, Apr 25

Come to one class, come to all - as you desire All classes will take place from 6 - 7:15PM on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 882 2844 4763 \* Passcode: 1491

## DAILY PRAYER INTENTIONS

*Please keep in your prayers*

Monday	Feb 22	†Roger VanDyke
Tuesday	Feb 23	Theresa Obradovich Stankovik Family
Wednesday	Feb 24	†Sam & Susan Bernunzio
Thursday	Feb 25	†Darwin Purvis
Friday	Feb 26	†Jim Emig







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