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**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

**AUGUST 23, 2020**

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## It Matters What You Think

Dear Parishioners:

This weekend Jesus wrestles with the age-old issue of *identity*. Psychologist Erik Erikson lists “identity” as among the key life-stage challenges leading to adulthood. Unless you know who you are, you are not ready to share yourself with another or to decide on your vocation in life.

What is an identity? An identity is the unique response each person makes to the question, “What are the values I choose to live by?” For example, make a list of any ten adjectives that contain values. Such a list might contain values such as *truthful, reliable, generous, patient, ambitious, hardworking, loving, compassionate, forgiving, persevering*. Then on a scale of one to ten, with one designating “not at all,” and ten designating “crucial,” rate your commitment to these values. What results is your unique identity.

Notice, you do not “discover” your identity, you *create it* by having life experiences that enable you to judge which values are important to you and how much you commit yourself to live those values. Creating your identity is hard work – and it takes time, trial and error, and what St. Paul calls the “patient endurance” that builds character.

The usual way that young people form their identities is through the mentoring of wise adults. When people do not have wise guides, it is difficult for them fully to form their identity. People who have not wrestled with conflicting values and chosen “who they are when they are alone” end up endlessly

immature. Mature people know who they are because they have chosen their values. They become their values not to please others, but because they are committed to what is right and good whether others applaud or oppose them.

Remember when Jesus went back to the Temple when he was 12 and his distraught parents were looking for him? This was his identity work. He told Mary and Joseph that he was where his values led him, to his Father’s house.



## ST IGNATIUS RECORDED MASS

FOR AUGUST 23, 2020

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WEBSITE: **SATURDAY AT 4:00PM**  
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### Continued from front page:

In today's Gospel, Jesus quizzes his closest friends, first about the general opinion of who he is, and then about their own personal views. This is the same question each of us is asked to answer. The Risen Lord is asking, in effect, not what you have heard others say about him – preachers, theologians, saints – or any other witnesses to his identity. “Who do **you** say that I am?”

Your answer to this question is vital because your own identity and vocation depend upon it. If you are still undecided on who the Risen Jesus is for you, then your own life of faith does not yet have a reliable foundation. Muslims think that he was a great prophet. Hindus concede that he was a great saint. The Christian wisdom tradition believes that through his death on the cross and resurrection to glory, the identity of Jesus is as Messiah and Son of God, Lord and Giver of Life through baptism, and food for life's journey as the Bread of Life.

Coming to faith in Christ is not automatic just because you were born with a Christian spoon in your mouth. Nor is belief in Christ a matter of knowing the catechism. A great example of coming to faith in Christ is Peter. He spent time with Jesus in a human way first, sharing his company, watching what he did, and reflecting on his teaching. Yet on his own, he did not fully grasp the full meaning of Jesus of Nazareth.

When the time came for Peter to answer the question posed to him directly, he still had not figured it out by himself – but he was open to the gift of faith. Jesus tells him, “Flesh and blood (human evidence) have not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.”

Believers come to know Jesus first in a human way. They pray the scriptures, hear the homilies, and see how other believers respond to him. They let the story of his life take root in their imaginations: ask questions, face difficulties about paradoxes and challenges about the problem of evil, and seek the wisdom of mentors in community. That is the way people open their hearts to receive the gift of faith. Like Peter, they are already hanging out with Jesus when the question is posed for them intimately and decisively – “Who do you say that I am?”

Of course, just because you know who Jesus is doesn't make authentic relating to him any easier. As Mark Twain humorously remarked, “Good judgment comes from experience. And most experience comes from bad judgment.” Believing in the Risen Lord does not inoculate people from immature choices. Even though Peter made a magnificent profession of faith, he still betrayed him.

Those who confess belief in the Risen Lord as the core value of their identity are called Christians. They don't simply know *about* Jesus, they *relate to him as companion and friend*. You can tell what people actually believe about Jesus. They are the ones eager “*to become the eyes and hands and heart of the Risen Jesus*” for the world.

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

Pastor

## MASS READINGS

### Mass Readings for Aug 23, 2020

Isaiah 22:19-23  
Romans 11:33-36  
Matthew 16:13-20

### Mass Readings for Aug 30, 2020

Jeremiah 20:7-19  
Romans 12:1-2  
Matthew 16:21-27

## FAMILY LIFE



**Women, Arise!** Saturday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. our Women's Ministry group will offer a virtual retreat (via Zoom) coordinated by Ana Guizado, Tara Ludwig, Beth Schaller, and Antoinette Toku. You can also save the date for an Advent event on Saturday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> Save the dates!

**Fall 2020 Sacramental Preparation:** Reconciliation Schedule:

- Sun, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> - supply pick-up and socially distant or virtual family orientation
- Weekly home-study lessons provided via email
- Parent Reflection and check-in via Zoom in late Sept/early Oct
- First Reconciliation ceremony will be scheduled when practical – probably in winter/spring

### 2020-2021 Sacramental Preparation: two options

- A) Home-study model with parish support – In the fall we will prepare for First Reconciliation together through three virtual sessions while families complete five weekly lessons at home. The parish will provide the textbook and weekly emails to guide preparation. Plans for First Communion classes will be communicated in December when we have more information about the COVID situation at that time.
- B) Defer for one year and prepare in a traditional class setting.



### Catechists (teachers) are needed for Sacramental Preparation in 2021-2022.

After more than 30 years of preparing children for the sacraments here at St. Ignatius, Mary Kay Baker has announced that she will be retiring from this ministry in June of 2021. Cecelia Russell, co-leader, will be moving out of the area and stepping down from this ministry as well. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to prepare children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion. Two adults are needed to lead this ministry. Fair-share hours or a stipend is available. If you would like to "shadow" the program this year you are most welcome to do so while discerning this call. This ministry provided a rich opportunity to form children and families in their faith, develop community and relationships and use your creative teaching gifts.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word.** Are you interested in offering a short 20-30 minute lesson this fall for children about the Sunday gospel this fall (via Zoom)? I will be creating a schedule for our families and I welcome those who want to participate as leaders – you can choose your frequency, for instance 1x/month on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday. Youth and young adults are also welcome to lead these lessons. Please contact bschaller@sipdx.org for more details or to volunteer.

## KUDOS & DID YOU KNOW?

⇒ To Fr Billy for a wonderful Baptism on the plaza last weekend!



⇒ Next week you will find instructions for week-day Mass sign-ups in the bulletin and on our website!



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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*

## HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION

### High School Confirmation

Are you in high school, or will you be entering high school in the fall? If so, then you are invited to register for St. Ignatius High School Confirmation. The program will start this September and will be a hybrid model of digital learning combined with 6 in-person group gatherings including sessions, activities and a retreat. Registration is open now! Just follow this link:

[sipdx.org/high-school-confirmation](http://sipdx.org/high-school-confirmation)  
(gbyrd@sipdx.org)

*If you have a heart for working with youth and accompanying people on their unique faith journeys, please contact Grace about joining our High School Confirmation leadership team.*



## RCIA, (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS.)

**Classes for adults wishing to learn more about becoming Catholic begin in September.**

### RCIA

- Do you feel drawn to learn more about the Catholic faith?
- Have you considered whether you might like to become Catholic yourself?

RCIA is a class that allows you to explore your own faith journey and discern if the Catholic faith is one that you would like to be a part of. Please join our 20/21 class by registering on our website. If you have any questions, please contact Grace Byrd (gbyrd@sipdx.org)



## I G N I T E

You are invited to join us via Zoom this fall to IGNITE where we will explore prayer through the Saints, Mystics, and music.

If you would like to deepen your IGNITE experience, please consider purchasing a copy of "Prayer in the Catholic Tradition" by Robert J. Wicks

[sipdx.org/ignite](http://sipdx.org/ignite)

## RACIAL JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION

Read the recent Catholic Sentinel articles about the history and experiences of Black Catholics in Oregon:

<https://catholicsentinel.org/Content/News/Local/Article/Racism-and-resilience-An-overview-of-Catholic-African-American-history/2/35/40513>

<https://catholicsentinel.org/Content/News/Local/Article/Black-Portland-Catholic-reflects-on-race-anguish-love/2/35/40085>

• How will Catholic Schools teach Black Catholic history? <https://lasentinel.net/black-catholics-history-will-us-catholic-schools-teach-it.html>

## PACK 351'S ANNUAL JOIN NIGHT VIA ZOOM

You are invited to Pack 351's annual Join Night via Zoom! Come to see what Cub Scouting is all about and see how we are Scouting On! during the Pandemic! **Sep 14, 2020 07:00 PM** Pacific Time (US and Canada) Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZAuf-itpjwqHNUtjeqLkt40lpmWcJZkEqz4>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



## PERSONAL PRAYER TIME

Church is open **Tuesday and Thursday**, from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM for Personal prayer time. **THROUGH AUGUST** (Seating is Socially distanced, masks are required as well as signing in and taking your temperature as you enter.)

## CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER FRIDAY MORNINGS

Join us via Zoom for Friday morning Contemplative Prayer at 7am followed by fellowship.

No experience needed! We gather at 6:55am, sit in silence for half an hour, then check in about any subject of interest. For further information and the Zoom link, contact George Veomett at [gveomett@gmail.com](mailto:gveomett@gmail.com).

A reminder that October 12 is the final day Oregonians can register to vote in the Nov 3 Presidential Election. Check here to register online, or to see if you are registered, to vote-  
<https://sos.oregon.gov/voting/Pages/registration.aspx?lang=en>



## DAILY INTENTIONS FOR PRAYER



*Please keep in your prayers*

Monday	Aug 24	† Tiz Dalla Gasperina
Tuesday	Aug 25	† Frank & Tonka Dulcich
Wednesday	Aug 26	† Fredrick L. Sheets
Thursday	Aug 27	† Loretta Allen
Friday	Aug 28	† Jim Emig



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