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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Happy Advent

Dear Parishioners:



As Advent 2021 begins, I'm reminded of the story of a village blacksmith who found an apprentice willing to work hard at low pay. *The smith immediately began his instructions to the lad. "When I take the metal out of the fire," he said, "I'll lay it on the anvil. When I nod my head, you hit it with the hammer." The apprentice did precisely what he thought he was told. Next day, he was the village blacksmith.*

During Advent, hear the prayer at Mass once again – **"as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ."** Like the apprentice, is it possible to misunderstand what this prayer means?

The gospels from Luke during Advent invite us "to read the signs of the times." At first blush, our "signs of the times" do not seem joyful. On the macro level, some of the signs are sources of distress. One distressful sign is the growing disparity between haves and have nots, between north and south, between first world and developing world. Notice how these tensions played out in the recent global gathering on climate change. As the prophet says, "For those who live on an island of prosperity, the rising tide of want and poverty of course will cause anxiety."



Another sign of our times is the crisis in the church of America. There is the fragmentation of church society – self-identity seems to arise more from what divides than what unites us. There is the privatization of religion. It is now taken for granted that religion is purely a personal affair, a matter between "me and God." This leads to the conclusion that religion is irrelevant to the resolution of society's problems, whether to get vaccinated and wear a mask, or whether to follow social media of misinformation that question the legitimacy of our electoral process.

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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

Weekdays
At 8:00 AM
At LJC La Storta Chapel

Must be:
Fully Vaccinated & wear a
mask. Thank you!

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Saturdays -
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PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE:

Another sign of our times is that morality and religious truth are increasingly viewed as only relative and subjective. This means there is no basis for discussion of objective life values. Without a basis in objectivity for what we hold to be true, there is no foundation for community. Another sign of our times is that the church is seen by some as exclusively a place for aesthetically pleasing worship in Latin – notwithstanding the Vatican Council's call for liturgy in one's native tongue to promote understanding of the rituals and Scriptures. As Archbishop Sample says, evangelization is our mission. To attract others to follow Christ means living with integrity the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. It means listening to the Spirit who is guiding us to new ways of participating in the life of the church, as Pope Francis invites everyone to the next Synod.

To celebrate Advent in a fresh way this year, here are some questions. What darkness in your life and in your world would you like to see illuminated? What breakthrough do you want for this New Year? What sun, moon, and stars need to fall before you can be free enough to sense your acquittal from the shame of sin? What new models of church governance will promote a communication feedback loop between the hierarchy and the People of God?

There is a story of five people who froze to death around a campfire on a bitterly cold night. All had a wooden log they might have added to the fire, but for their own reasons, each person refused to give what he or she had.

One woman would not give up her log because there were males in the circle. A homeless man refused to give his wood because there was a rich man there. The rich man would not give because his log would warm someone who was obviously lazy and irresponsible. Another would not give up her log because others in the circle did not practice her religious faith. A lonely man withheld his wood to show his resentment for everyone who had someone who loved them. The fire died as each person withheld their piece of fuel for reasons that made sense to them. The story was originally told as a poem that ended with these sad lines:

***Five logs held fast in death's still hand
was proof of human sin.
They did not die from the cold without,
they died from the cold within.***

This season celebrates three advents of Christ. The first Advent was his original coming to the world as a human person in Bethlehem. The second Advent was his return to dwell in our hearts and to shine through us to establish God's reign on earth. The third Advent will be his future coming as judge to complete the human project when all creation becomes one with God.

The words of Jesus in today's gospel urge us once again to be Advent people: expectant, hope-filled and watchful, eager to meet Christ's light in every now. Most everybody knows that they will die someday, but do not expect it to happen any time soon. People make plans, think that someday they will put more energy into eating well, exercising, or spending time in prayer. Today's Gospel warns you to be prepared for your end at all times.

Today as we start the new ecclesiastical year, my prayer is that this Advent will be a joyful season -- of preparing a home for the Lord Jesus to dwell in our hearts.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.
Pastor

MASS READINGS

Mass Readings for Nov. 28, 2021

Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Mass Readings for Dec 5, 2021

Baruch 5:1-9
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Luke 3:1-6

ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL



We would like to invite you to read about an update to our playground project and to consider donation to the [project for Giving Tuesday](#) on November 30th. Many companies will match gifts made to nonprofit corporations on Giving Tuesday.



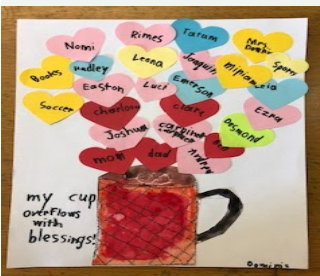
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Our students continue to learn and grow. Our pre-K students are exploring the growth cycle of plants and comparing weights of items in science. Our kindergarten and first grade students are exploring the properties of matter through making slime. The second graders are counting money and filling their cup of blessings. The third grade students are making snowmen out of wood rounds from a tree cut down on campus in 2019. The snowmen will be sold at the *Feaste of the Nativity* with proceeds benefiting our playground renovation. Our fourth graders are studying character traits through classic novels such as Island of the Blue Dolphins and Hatchet. The fifth graders are learning to simplify fractions. The sixth grade students are studying cell theory and microscopes. Our seventh graders are presenting the geography of their chosen country and will make an historical timeline. The eighth graders are studying the classic novel, The Outsiders, as they study literary elements in action.

We are searching for a middle school math teacher. In the interim, if you know of a retired math teacher or another person qualified to teach or tutor in math, that might be available to provide additional math support for this school year, please direct them to our school office.



May we take time to thank our Lord for all of the many blessings in our lives. As we hear in the first book of Colossians 3:15, "And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful."
Carol Pausz
Principal

Donations can be made online at: <https://onrealm.org/sipdx/-/form/give/now>

(select Fund: "Church-Giving Tuesday" or "School-Giving Tuesday")

Checks may be mailed or dropped off at the parish office.

Any questions, call Patty at 503-777-1491

Giving Tuesday - November 30

300,000

250,000

200,000

150,000

100,000

50,000

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Playground

Church Electric

■ Funds Collected

■ Funds Needed

■ Completed Project

This year for giving Tuesday we are inviting you to help with two ongoing projects:

- 1) The school will break ground on a new playground in June. \$146,000 has been collected already, only \$94,000 more is needed.
- 2) There is an electric box in the church that is very much in need of repair. A generous donor has already contributed \$40,000 for this project. Only \$25,000 more is needed.

On Giving Tuesday, for one day only, many companies will match donations given to non-profits. Please check with your employer to see if they will match your gift!

FEASTE OF THE NATIVITY

Please come join us for the
Feaste of the Nativity

PAGEANT, CONCERT & FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, DEC. 11, 2021 || 10AM-4PM



CHURCH PAGEANT PERFORMANCES || 1:00PM & 3:00PM

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The Feaste of the Nativity needs your help!

Sign up using the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c4caea82da2f49-feaste>

You'll find opportunities to help us set up, tear down, and help with everything from jousting to King Craig's Cafe to keeping our bathrooms clean. The Feaste runs from 10am to 4pm on Saturday, Dec. 11, and we have half shifts available for every activity during the day.

- The timeline for the day: 10am -- The Feaste of the Nativity begins
- 1pm -- Pageant in front of the church, on the plaza
- 1:45 -- Ye Royal Ceremony of Hail and Farewell at the Kings' Table, featuring King Craig and King Mike
- 2:15 -- Costume Contest in the The Royal Courtyard, King Craig and King Mike to judge
- 2:45 -- The Royal Raffle
- 3pm -- Pageant in front of the church, on the plaza
- Peace and all good, Joseph Byrd jbyrd@sipdx.org

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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

WEEKLY JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION

December 1 World Aids Day: Why It's Important: "In observance of World AIDS Day, we stand in unity with all people around the world that are waiting—waiting for a vaccine, a cure, a compassionate word of encouragement and judicious distribution of health care and medicine. In the faces of those with HIV and AIDS, we see the face of Christ in a distressing disguise." USCCB

7:30PM MASS ~ SERENADE

Serenade to Our Lady of Guadalupe On Sunday **December 12th**, our 7:30pm Contemplative Mass will be featuring traditional music for Our Lady of Guadalupe to celebrate this special feast. Please join us!



IGNITE NEXT ON DECEMBER 12TH

This year in IGNITE we will explore Christ's invitation to receive and experience God's love as expressed in the Beatitudes. 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. Come to one class, come to all - as you desire

All classes will take place from 6-7:15PM

We will begin the year on Zoom. Meeting ID: 833 9062 2228 Passcode:

IGNITE To get updates for location details for all our meetings, get on our mailing list, contact Grace (gbyrd@sipdx.org)



TITHING

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

Needed for the month of November \$39,900.00

Amount received through 11-7-2021 \$17,655.15

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

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021 at Loyola Jesuit Center from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Presenters: Tara Ludwig (Faber Institute) & Ana Guizado Cost: \$25* We are delighted to offer a retreat in person at the Loyola Jesuit Center this Advent. Please note that proof of vaccination is required and masks must be worn indoors. Spots are limited to 30 women. Register online by clicking <https://www.sipdx.org/retreat-sign-up-arise>

Questions? Contact Beth Schaller at bschaller@sipdx.org

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS 8:00AM MASS



Please keep in your prayers

Monday Nov 29

Tuesday Nov 30

Wednesday Dec 1

Thursday Dec 2

Friday Dec 3

† Lisa Johnson

† Hoang Tran

† Alice Walsh

† Jim Emig

† Linda Weber

Advent 2021 St. Ignatius Parish



-  **November 28** **First Sunday of Advent**
(8:00AM , 10:30AM & 7:30 PM Masses)
-  **December 5** **Second Sunday of Advent**
(8:00AM , 10:30AM & 7:30 PM Masses)
- December 8** **Immaculate Conception (Holy Day)** 8:00AM & 7:00 PM in the church
- December 11** **Feaste of the Nativity 10AM—4PM Celebration!** (with Farewell to Fr.Craig Boly at 1:45PM)
-  **December 12** **Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday=8:00AM , 10:30AM & traditional music for Our Lady of Guadalupe at 7:30PM Mass**
- December 13** **Advent Reconciliation Service in the Church 7:00 PM**
- December 17** **School Program** (available to watch online you will find a link on our website opening page on December 17th.)
-  **December 19** **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
(8:00AM , 10:30AM & 7:30 PM Masses)

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2021

4:00 PM Children's Mass
Craig Boly, S.J. Presiding
(Crib blessing)

7:30 PM Evening Family Mass
Mike Moynahan, S.J. Presiding
(Christmas music beginning at 7:00 PM)

10:30 PM Traditional Mass in the Night,
led by our Parish Choir
Pat Couture, S.J. Presiding
(Caroling at 10:00 PM)

December 25, 2021

Christmas Day

10:00 AM (only) - Family Mass
Mike Moynahan, S.J. presiding
(no confession this day)

December 26, 2021

Feast of the Holy Family
Craig Boly, S.J. presiding
(8:00AM , 10:30 AM & 7:30 PM Masses)

January 1, 2022

New Year's Day 5:00 PM Peace Mass
Mike Moynahan, S.J. presiding





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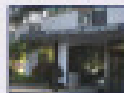
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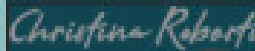
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