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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

DECEMBER 12, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Rejoice in the Lord

Dear Parishioners:

Today is *Gaudete* Sunday, the third Sunday in Advent named after the imperative in the opening antiphon: *Rejoice!* It is a moment to pause in our longing for the Lord's return. It is a time to feel the joy of his imminent arrival. The candle on the Advent wreath is rose-colored – to signal the special joy that when Christ returns in glory, the world will treat everyone with respect and everywhere there will be peace.

One way to celebrate how tenderly God loves us is to go to confession tomorrow on Monday night, December 13 starting at 7:00 p.m. As my old Mom used to say, "you're only as healthy as your deepest secrets." Unburden your heart. Ask the Risen Lord to help you grow from your deception or disappointment to the freedom of a joyful spirit.

Luke's gospel is a continuation from last Sunday in which there were various classes of people asking John the Baptist what they are to do in repentance. He tells them exactly where their chief temptations dwell. Extortion, greed, possessiveness and lack of concern for the poor top the list of indictments. John the Baptist is beginning to acquaint his hearers with the scalpel-like rhetorical style of the "Someone" who is coming.

Then there is Paul's letter to the Philippians. In our fast-paced and dangerous world, a message to have no anxiety can stop us in our tracks. No anxiety, you say? What about job, family, politics, pandemic, or environmental depredation? How can you not be anxious? Today's second reading gives us a bit of a game plan for reducing anxiety, a map to help us find our way as we prepare for the birth of Christ.

First, Rejoice. And then rejoice again. Rejoice always. That's what often eludes you when you get caught up in life. You lose the joy of knowing that God loves you and watches over you. Find joy in prayer. Find joy in God's creation. Find joy in the people God puts on your path.



Second, be kind. Sometimes in the rush of life, it's possible to forget the power of a smile, a helpful hand, or a kind word. The power of a small act of kindness can reverberate, sending out ripples of kindness. Life's frustrations can make you want to lash out at people, sometimes not the people who frustrate you. Perhaps things aren't going as you planned. Embrace a new plan. Find joy and kindness where you didn't expect to find it.

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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 LIC La Storta Chapel
Must be:**

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wear a mask. Thank you!**

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE:

Third, be thankful. The rush of everyday life can drag you into a vortex of busy-ness. Of course, you need to accomplish your goals: to create a good family life, to bless fragile and helpless ones. And don't lose sight of God. A deep breath, a whispered thanks can help ease that anxiety.

Pray. Find the peace of God to "guard your hearts and minds."

Today's Gospel offers more directions on your life-map to help find your way. In the reading from Luke, John the Baptist tells the crowd if they have two cloaks, to give away one. John tells them to be fair and honest and to wait for the one who is coming.

What about us? Let's rejoice, be kind, be thankful -- and pray that we find our way to the peace of Jesus Christ.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.
Pastor



RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION



Help aging religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today's second collection.

INFANT BAPTISM

If you are wishing to have your child baptized, please register for the next available class listed on our website/baptism page.

<https://www.sipdx.org/baptism>



ST VINCENT DE PAUL



Your St. Vincent de Paul pantry is looking for volunteers to deliver Christmas food boxes on Saturday, December 18th at 9am. Deliveries require two adults to deliver 3-4 Christmas food boxes to families that have requested them in our neighborhood. If interested, please contact the pantry at svdp@sipdx.org. Many thanks and happy holidays.



CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER



Our marriage preparation ministry is still going strong here in the greater Portland and SW Washington area. In preparation for 2022, we'd like to once again ask for your help with spreading the word about Catholic Engaged Encounter. Registration & Information: 503-267-3605 <https://portland.engagedencounter.com>
2022 weekend dates: February 25-27 (virtual/Zoom) May 13-15, June 24-26, September 16 - 18

MASS READINGS

Mass Readings for Dec 12, 2021

Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18

Mass Readings for Dec 19, 2021

Micah 5:1-4a
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 1:39-45

ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL



Our students are actively learning about the wonderful season of Advent. Students are making Advent wreaths and Jesse Tree

symbols as they learn about the birth of Jesus through the scriptures. With the Immaculate Conception last week and Our Lady of Guadalupe today, we have had many opportunities to learn about Mother Mary across all grade levels. Many of our families participated in our whole school service project to fill gift bags for families at the Community Transition School.



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We celebrated the Feast of St. Nicholas on December 6th, and our students were delighted to find a treat bag filled with a gold coin, St. Nicholas prayer card, candy cane and orange in their shoes they set out in the hallway.

Our students continue to learn and grow during the month of December. Our preschoolers are painting snowflakes, filling Christmas stockings, and writing or drawing Christmas cards. In kindergarten, our students are coloring Advent candles for their wreaths and working on their letter sounds. The first graders continued a long tradition as they tied a small bell to one shoe this week plus crafted their Advent chains. Our second grade students studied *The Legend of the Poinsettia* by Tomie dePaola and made poinsettia art in addition to their Advent wreaths. The third graders are learning their multiplication tables through familiar tunes such as *Jingle Bell 3's* and *Old MacDonald 4's*. In fourth grade, our students are making billboard advertisements for the High Desert region of Oregon as they study the regions of Oregon. The fifth graders are computing and comparing decimals. Our sixth grade students are creating silly stories based on a family or school rule modeling their writing off of the book *The Secret Knowledge of Grown-Ups*. The seventh graders are writing a reflection about their own saints. Our eighth graders are studying about the Vatican and ecumenical councils.



May we experience tremendous joy this third week of Advent. *"Shout for joy, daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, daughter Jerusalem!"* Zephaniah 3:14

Carol Pausz
Principal



Christmas Masses~ 2021 St. Ignatius

December 24, 2021 Christmas Eve

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,

Pat Couture, S.J. Presiding
led by our Parish Choir (Caroling at 10:00 PM)

December 25, 2021 Christmas Day 10:00 AM (only) - Family Mas

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



WELCOME FR PAT

Fr. Pat was born and raised in the small town of Quincy, WA. The third of four children, Fr. Pat attended Carroll College the former Oregon Province of He spent the majority of his land, OR where he attended St. vows. Fr. Pat then moved to where he attended Regis Col-studies, Fr. Pat returned to Freshman Faith Formation for School. Following his regency Berkeley, CA for three years diaconate before his priestly zaga Parish in Spokane, WA on niation, Fr. Pat returned to Berkeley for one year and then made his way back to Portland where he worked at Jesuit High School before being missioned to St. Ignatius Parish. He is very excited to be returning to what he considers "the home parish of his Jesuit life," and is looking forward to his new mission of serving and celebrating with people of St. Ignatius.



in Helena, MT before entering the Society of Jesus in 2007. novitiate experience in Port-Ignatius and took his first Toronto for first studies lege for two years. After first Portland where he taught two years at Jesuit High assignment at Jesuit High Jesuit School of Theology in where he was ordained to the ordination at St. Aloysius Gon-June 11, 2016. After his ordi-

TITHING

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

Needed for the month of November \$39,900.00

Amount received through 11-29-2021 \$56,929.97

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

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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

IGNITE — TONIGHT!



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 our mailing list, contact Grace (gbyrd@sipdx.org)

YOU CAN STILL JOIN IN!

WEEKLY JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION

POSADAS: >From December 16-24, join *Posadas*

for a daily virtual experience of music, prayer, reflection, and action as we

journey with the Holy Family and migrants around the world. Each day,

you'll receive a short video with a *Posadas* song, prayer, migrant story, and

an opportunity for action to end Title 42. Learn about the reality on the U.S.-

Mexico border and root causes of migration, engage in interactive activities,

and more! *(Also available in Spanish)* [Register](#) | [Learn More](#)



ADVEN SIMPLICITY CHALLENGE: This Advent, commit to simplicity. We're re-

-releasing our 2020 Advent Simplicity Challenge in the spirit of simplicity, re-

use, and Ignatian repetition! In a season that can mistakenly be focused on

consumption, explore ways to live simply as we prepare for the coming of

Jesus and the restoration of the earth. Sign up for the challenge to receive

reminder emails to check the advent calendar which will be filled with daily

inspiration to live abundantly while healing the earth this Advent. [Register](#) |

[Learn More](#)

[Advent Simplicity Challenge - Ignatian Solidarity Network](#)

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS 8:00AM MASS



Please keep in your prayers

Monday Dec 13

Tuesday Dec 14

Wednesday Dec 15

Thursday Dec 16

Friday Dec 17

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