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UNDER THE CARE OF THE JESUITS

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

AUGUST 16, 2020

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lord, Save My Child, Save Me

Dear Parishioners:

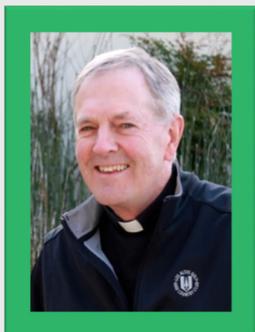
When I attended school at Jesuit High in the early '60s, there were only "preached" retreats. The retreat masters would focus on the dire consequences of serious sin. They would say, "If you can't be good for the sake of virtue, be good to avoid the eternal flames of hell." I remember being really afraid of damnation, and earnestly praying for salvation. Today's gospel explores the meaning of "salvation."

The Canaanite mother wants Jesus to save her sick daughter. What begins as a story of healing one person turns into Jesus recognizing that his mission is to save everyone.

If you have never particularly felt in danger of permanent spiritual death, it may be difficult for you to appreciate the salvation Jesus won for you. "Salvation" here means preservation from all spiritual harm and enrollment in the limitless joy of life in God. Sin kills your spirit. Jesus forgives sin – "saves" you from ultimate destruction.

At first blush, today's gospel story depicts Jesus as apparently truculent and rude. He seems to come off as a reluctant healer, a bigot about Canaanites, and a misogynist. What lesson does Matthew want to teach about salvation by including this scene in his gospel?

Remember, Jesus throughout the rest of the gospel is an amazingly generous person. He healed sickness at random, befriended sinners, ate with outcasts, touched lepers, fasted and prayed, tirelessly spoke what God inspired him to say. So why would this man who loved children not heal this child? Why would he hesitate to heal?



To answer the question of his reluctance to heal, remember the context. He was fresh from a confrontation with the Jewish authorities, the scribes and Pharisees who questioned him about his alleged breaches of the law. He withdrew to pray and reflect about his role as God's prophet. He felt sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel – but he was increasingly aware that they did not want him, were not listening and were growing more resistant by the day.

**ST IGNATIUS
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FOR AUGUST 16, 2020

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WWW.SIPDX.ORG**

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POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE)**

PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

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Jesus withdrew to the foreign territory of Tyre and Sidon to pray. This was hostile territory for a Jew. Jesus would go there for a vacation as likely as you would go to Iraq or Syria for a break. He clearly went there for another purpose besides quiet reflection. If his purpose were part of his mission to spread God's kingdom, you would think he would try to get on the woman's good side and make friends.

When the woman insists on getting Jesus' attention, he inflames the situation by insisting that his work is only for the benefit of Israel. The woman could not care less for geopolitics or inter-religious quarrels. She cares only about her sick daughter.

Imagine for Jesus the contrast between the unbelief of the Jewish authorities and the persistent faith of the Canaanite woman. No doubt her faith helped him realize that not only the Israelites, but all who believe are to be welcomed as God's own.

It is this moment in the story when Jesus wants to expand the notion of "salvation" – not only for the mother seeking healing for her daughter, but for everyone afterward who ponders the meaning of salvation.

The bottom line is that Jesus wants his hearers to realize that salvation is not simply healing from sickness, or safety from danger, or freedom in this life from suffering. Jesus uses the acerbic dialogue to emphasize his purpose – to include not only the daughter but also her mother in his sphere of salvation.

At first it seems insulting that Jesus uses a maxim that compares the Canaanite woman and her daughter to dogs. But the maxim refers not to scavenger street dogs but to household dogs – family pets. The meaning of the maxim is "It is not fair to feed pets instead of children." Or in the religious context, "Children of Israel should be healed before children of Canaan."

The problem with maxims is that they accurately fit only according to context. For example, "Haste makes waste" applies in some situations, while the opposite maxim "Strike while the iron is hot" makes more sense in others. In this story, the woman re-interprets the general proverb Jesus used by her own particular version. Jesus readily agrees and immediately cures her daughter. It is as if Jesus had purposely set her up – like delivering a slow pitch in softball that the woman knocked out of the park.

What is the teaching about salvation? It is not just for a chosen few but for all. Salvation is available but needs to be sought. There are this-world anticipations of human salvation in cures from illness, deliverance from resentments, grudges, addictions, any hostilities or aggravations that bedevil the human spirit. These moments of grace pre-figure the ultimate salvation that Jesus promises awaits everyone in the life of God.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.

Pastor

MASS READINGS

Mass Readings for Aug 16, 2020

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Matthew 15:21-28

Mass Readings for Aug 23, 2020

Isaiah 22:19-23

Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20

FIRST RECONCILIATION & COMMUNION ~ FAMILY LIFE

Students waiting for their celebration of First Holy Communion – we have not forgotten you! The staff and parish continues to pray for you during this waiting period and while we have brainstormed several options for celebrating, with COVID cases still on the rise, none of these are currently practical. We will continue to hold you in prayer and we look forward to joyfully celebrating with you in the future.

2020-2021 Sacramental Preparation. If your child will begin 2nd grade (or higher) this fall, registration is open for Sacramental Preparation. Please sign up here: <https://www.sipdx.org/first-reconciliation-and-eucharist> There are two options:



1. 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.
2. Defer for one year and prepare in a traditional class setting in 2021-2022.

Catechists (leaders) 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. Cecilia Russell, co-leader, will be 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. A minimum of 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 provides a rich opportunity to form children and families in their faith while building community and using 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 1st Sunday. Youth and young adults are also welcome to lead these lessons. Please contact bschaller@sipdx.org for more details or to volunteer.

Fall programs for family life: Mom’s group – meets 2nd and 4th Sundays from 9:15-10:15 a.m. via Zoom. We will be diving into the Wisdom Literature books of the Bible this fall. Join us! All are welcome. **Sacramental Preparation** – begins September 13th.
Children’s Liturgy of the Word - schedule TBD

CONGRATULATIONS

*Congratulations to
George and Marilyn Veomett
They will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary
August 14, 2020
Many Blessings to George and Marilyn!*



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In the subject line please include either:
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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

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:

<https://www.sipdx.org/high-school-confirmation>

Contact Grace Byrd with any questions.

(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.



A PRAYER FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

For our young people this fall undertaking college and other activities such as JVC volunteers or Ameri-Corp:

Dear Lord, in this season of pandemic, surround our young people with your wonderful light -- to wrap them in your care, to illumine their path, and to shine for everyone they meet with the radiance of your presence. Give them joyful adventures, faithful companions, and challenges to build their courage and competence. Remind them how much we love them, and how much we place our hope for the future in their dedication and dreams. Bless all our young people as they launch into the deep waters ahead. Keep them in your care. Keep them in your care. Amen.

DAILY INTENTIONS FOR PRAYER



Please keep in your prayers

Monday	Aug 17	† Noma & Ruth Riley
Tuesday	Aug 18	† Ray Van Heake
Wednesday	Aug 19	† Fr Thomas Royce, SJ
Thursday	Aug 20	† Suzanne Dillard
Friday	Aug 21	† Jim Emig

RACIAL JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION

· Learn about Black saints, priests, nuns, and leaders in the Catholic tradition (i.e. St. Martin de Porres, Sr. Thea Bowman, Fr. Augustus Toulon, Mother Mary Lange, St. Monica, and many more)

<https://www.nbccongress.org/black-saints-and-martyrs.html>

...then ask your favorite Catholic bookstore to carry prayer cards and art designed by and/or featuring Black Catholics

· Watch the video: View Sr. Thea Bowman's passionate 1989 address to U.S. bishops on the state of Black Catholics.

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.



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>

PERSONAL PRAYER TIME

Church is open Tuesday and Thursday, from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM for Personal prayer time. (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.

FOOD FAMILY FAITH

A Work of Mercy: Food boxes to those in need Who may receive a free USDA Food Box? Anyone.

There is no requirement to prove need. This USDA Food Box program ensures that lack of transportation, isolation and grocery store scarcity do not create a barrier to fresh food. **How do I arrange to pick up a Food Box for my family?** Simply find the closest Public Distribution location listed. No appointment necessary.

Please arrive between the distribution times listed for each location. Quantities are limited, so arrive early.

For more information and locations: <https://evangelization.archdpx.org/usda-food-box>

DID YOU KNOW?

⇒ Did you know...Confirmed Catholics can still be a part of RCIA/IGNITE?

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