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CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL
UNDER THE CARE OF THE JESUITS

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

What's the Best Way to Live?

Dear Parishioners:

Jesus speaks to us today about the suffering that is likely to befall a person for being his follower. He calls this suffering the cross, and recommends taking it up daily. Illness or disease is not "the cross" in the sense in which Jesus speaks of it today. There is nothing uniquely Christian about suffering from sickness or accident – it can happen to anyone. At the same time, it helps to be a believer when afflicted by sickness or accident – the limits that divine Providence allows in your life can be redemptive when embraced as Jesus embraced his destiny.

Nor is suffering that comes from abuse or injustice something that people should seek out. Jesus confronted and tried to stop that kind of suffering whenever he saw it. The cross Jesus means are the frequently painful consequences that are the cost of loving him.

The main element in taking up the cross is denial of self. This does not refer to ascetical practices, like giving up Oreos or a beverage you enjoy for Lent. Jesus means a spirituality that chooses daily to place the common good and Christ at the center, not one's own preferences. It is a free choice to live a life of self-surrender to love.

The second reading gives some examples of this kind of costly love. If you meet someone without adequate clothing or shelter, to deny yourself and take up your cross demands using your time and resources to share your blessings.

There's an old adage that says, "Survival is the first law of nature." For example, put a drycleaner bag over someone's head and they'll instinctively struggle for air. The adage about survival is only correct up to a point. Because there is a more fundamental value than even survival – the value that people willingly give their lives for someone they love.



MASS SCHEDULE

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

Noon on Tuesday & Thursday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays -3:30 PM to 4:30 PM
OR by appointment 503-777-1491

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What are some examples of this willingness to imitate Jesus in laying down one's life? Take those thirteen brave American service members at the Abbey Gate of the airport in Afghanistan when an Isis-K zealot blew himself up, killing our soldiers and over 190 innocent civilians. Or the adult who jumped in the swollen stream to rescue a little girl swept away by flood waters in Tennessee – even though he couldn't swim. Or the fire fighter who pulled the motorist from a car engulfed in flames even when the car was about to explode.

And the examples do not have to be spectacular. What about the police officers who simply brave harm's way every time they leave home? Or the medical personnel caring for Covid patients in the ICUs? Or parents who get up in the middle of the night to give a child a drink of water? Taking up the cross can be the habit of ordinary generosity. Think of the Jesuit Volunteers who come from across the country to dedicate a year to battered women or the homeless on the streets. Or our seminarians and Jesuit novices studying to nourish the faith of our church communities. From teachers in the classrooms to the check-out clerks at Safeway to big brothers and sisters helping little siblings, the dynamic holds true: ". . . whoever loses their life for my sake will save it." Survival may be the first law of nature, but there is a higher law – the law of love that leads to Christ-life.

If you would find life, you must do the same. You may never be called upon to demonstrate your belonging to Christ in a dramatic fashion. But in the day-to-day routine of living, you are either creating worthwhile life or losing it.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.

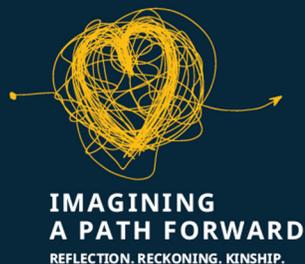
Pastor

WEEKLY JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION

Virtual Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice 2021: Imagining a Path Forward

Imagine together a path forward that better "reflects the values of God's Kingdom." A path not confined by the way things have always been and which exclaims the common good as central to all that we do, promoting the flourishing of all people. This **October 16**, be a part of the largest annual Catholic, social justice conference in the U.S., where you will hear from 30+ dynamic speakers, breakouts, prayer, and virtual advocacy opportunities.

<https://ignatiansolidarity.net/iftj/virtual-conference/>



CUB SCOUT PACK 351

You're Invited! To come check out Cub Scout Pack 351!

Monday, September 13th: Ready, Set, Scout Pizza Party; Monday, September 20th: Join Scouting Night; Monday, September 27th: Den Meetings begin for all ages. ;We meet in the Courtyard at St. Ignatius from 7pm-8:15pm.; We welcome boys and girls in K-5th grades.

Come join us for some Scouting fun!!; Questions? Contact Cubmaster Deb at

pdxpack351@gmail.com or 503-957-9489 (call or text).



MASS READINGS

Mass Readings for Sep 12, 2021

Isaiah 50:5-9a
James 2:14-18
Mark 8:27-35

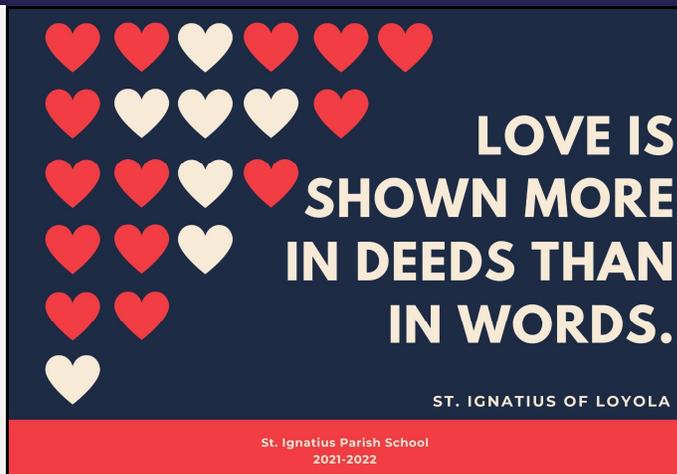
Mass Readings for Sep 19, 2021

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
James 3:16—4:3
Mark 9:30-37

ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL

Students have returned for another wonderful year of spiritual growth and academic excellence to St. Ignatius School. On Thursday, September 9th, we invited families to a virtual Back-to-School Night to learn about their new grade level and many of the exciting projects to come.

We are honored to welcome 33 new families to St. Ignatius Parish School this year across all of our grade levels bringing our enrollment to 234 students in pre K-8th grade this year.. Our middle school and several other grade levels are nearly full to capacity. However, we still have room in our pre-K program as well as our first and second grade classes. Spread the word to those you know looking for a faith-filled, loving, supportive, academically rich learning environment.



Even though we have returned to school in masks with social distancing and lots of hand sanitizing, we are blessed to be able to gather safely while we learn and grow together. We begin this school year with a new theme.

This year's theme is a quote from St. Ignatius of Loyola, "Love is shown more in deeds than in words." Our theme will guide and inspire our whole school community throughout this new school year.



Peace be with you.
Carol Pausz
Principal

ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021 * MOUNTAIN VIEW GOLF CLUB 1:00 PM

Hosted by: St. Ignatius School Foundation Tax ID:93-0853414

For Additional Information and Sponsor details:

Email: Stignatiusfoundation@outlook.com Website: Stignatiuschoolfoundation.org

MOM'S GROUP

Mom's Group:

Are you looking for a place to share the joys and struggles of parenting in a context of faith? Our topics range widely, including such themes as celebrating the liturgical seasons at home, parenting, spirituality, scripture, food...even laundry. If you need a smile and a listening ear, you've found your group. We meet twice monthly on Sundays from 9:15-10:15 a.m. Presently we are meeting outdoors on the parish lawn, with masks. Come once or come often; all moms are welcome. Contact Beth Schaller at bschaller@sipdx.org for more information or to join the email list.

NEIGHBORING PARISH

Calling all Vendors!!! St. Joseph the Worker is having a Fall Holiday Bazaar on **November 6/7**. We would love to have you join us. The table cost is \$30. No commercial items. Please contact Susan Johnson @ randjohnson76@aol.com. or call me at 503-706-4762.

DAILY PRAYER INTENTIONS



Please keep in your prayers

Monday	Sep 13	†	Ernie Casciato
Tuesday	Sep 14	†	Sara Hernandez
Wednesday	Sep 15	†	Alison Bylsma
Thursday	Sep 16	†	Phil Henry
Friday	Sep 17	†	Jim Emig

FEASTE OF THE NATIVITY

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Sponsor a Candle or a King! --

Supporting the Feaste of the Nativity 2021

The Feaste of the Nativity Saturday, December
11 from 10am to 4pm

Pageants in the Church at 1pm and
3pm

This is your Feaste, St. Ignatius! We can't do this without you.
Would you be willing to sponsor a candle? A king? Or more? Can
you help us as we start from scratch, and try to make this a yearly
tradition?

Part of our celebration will include:

Saying thank you and farewell to Fr. Craig Boly, SJ, as he
leaves for his sabbatical, and

Saying welcome to Fr. Mike Moynahan, SJ, as he begins his
work here as Pastor

Here are ways you can give:

Write a check, payable to St. Ignatius Church, with "Feaste of
the Nativity" in the memo line.

Donate online through Realm. <https://onrealm.org/sipdx/-/give/now>
is the link you can use. Just press the "down ar-
row" to the right of *Sunday tithing* and you will see "**Feaste of
the Nativity**" fund.

Sponsor Categories

Sponsor one (or more!) of the following, and we'll print your
name in our pageant program, as well as posting your name on
our "WANTED: for EXCESSIVE GENEROSITY!" posters for all to see
as they roam the grounds during the Feaste.

Candle	\$20
Angel	\$100
Donkey	\$150
Jester	\$200
Shepherdess	\$250
Wise Man	\$300
Wise Woman	\$500
King	\$1000
The Holy Family	\$5000
The Star of Bethlehem	\$7500

The Feaste of the Nativity

Saturday, December 11 from 10am to 4pm Pageants in the Church at 1pm and 3pm

Calling all exhibitors, and food vendors!

COME SHARE YOUR GOODS AND YOUR WARES AT THE FEASTE OF THE
NATIVITY ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11.

VENDOR APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE, IN OFFICE OR
CHURCH VESTIBULE AND FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT JOSEPH BYRD AT
JBYRD@SIPDX.ORG OR 503-777-1491, EXT 238



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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

FAITH FORMATION

Infant Baptism: Our next class is Sept 23rd (via zoom) and our Baptism date for those attending the class is Sunday September 25th at the 5PM Mass. If you are considering Baptism for your 0-7 yr old! The link is:

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



Marriage: Are you engaged? Congratulations! Preparing for a marriage in the Catholic Church is a six month process which hopefully offers some tools to help you navigate this wonderful transition in your life. If you're ready to get that process started, contact Grace Byrd for more information.

RCIA: Registration for this year's RCIA class is **due by September 22nd**. Who should register?

- Anyone who want to explore their own faith journey, and discern whether joining the Catholic Church might be part of that faith journey.
- Anyone who has a spouse or family member who is Catholic and has a desire to learn more about the faith of a loved one. Anyone who has a child in a Catholic school and would like to have more insight into the spiritual teachings of that school



Classes will begin on Sunday September 26th. If you are still uncertain, if you have questions, or if you would just like to have a conversation before registering, contact Grace. gbyrd@sipdx.org or 503-777-1491, ext. 245

Starting Today!!!

2021 Sacramental Preparation Fall Schedule: **Reconciliation**

1. Sun, Sept. 12 – Session 1 – Parents/Students (Shared Ritual)
2. Sun, Sept. 19 – Session 2
3. Sun, Sept. 26 – Session 3
4. Sun, Oct. 3 – Session 4
5. Sun, Oct. 10 – No class
6. Sun, Oct. 17 – Session 5 – Parents/Students (Preparing for First Reconciliation Ritual)
7. Sat, Oct. 23 – First Reconciliation Service – 10 am in the Church

This schedule is subject to change. **Classes will begin in the cafeteria in Dillon Hall**

Grace Byrd, gbyrd@sipdx.org
Faith Formation Coordinator * 503-777-1491, ext. 245

TITHING

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

Needed for the month of August

\$37,000.00

Amount received through 8-29-2021

46,348.51

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