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Everyone's Heart Needs a Little Martha and Mary

Dear Parishioners:

This weekend's gospel remembers how Martha and Mary provided hospitality for Jesus. While enjoying the women's warm welcome, Jesus uses the moment to continue teaching what he is all about. Mary joins in the session while Martha keeps busy attending to the household tasks.

In first-century Palestinian Jewish society, gender roles were segregated. There was "women's work" and "men's work." In today's story, Martha dutifully performs "women's work" by caring for her guests.

Mary enters the realm of "men's work." Including Mary in a teaching session would have been unusual. This kind of religious discourse was generally limited to men in patriarchal societies. Martha becomes annoyed that Mary fails to help her because she is with the men listening to Jesus.

Instead of urging Mary to help Martha, Jesus seems to criticize Martha for being overly concerned with household matters. He states that Mary has chosen "the better part." Usually this story is interpreted to emphasize the value of contemplation over practical service. Yet both are needed. What Jesus actually recommends is *balance*. If practical service is going to have any joy, it needs to arise out of a connection of personal intimacy with the Risen One.

When Jesus dines with Martha and her sister Mary in today's gospel, the elements of hospitality come into sharp focus. You can't have a dinner party unless the food is prepared, so cooking is important. Your guest not only needs food but also company. So celebrating your guest by showing interest in him and listening to him is also important. Both are important. Is one more important?

Jesus tells Martha that some things are more important than the details of the dinner. Then he praises Mary because she has chosen to make the most of her time with Jesus. This can be interpreted as Jesus saying that contemplation is more important than action. But in his own life he showed a balance of the two. The key to understand his balance is the last line he says to Martha, "she has chosen the one thing necessary."

What is "the one thing necessary" – listening to him, or preparing the food? The "one thing necessary" is seeking the kingdom of God. The "one thing necessary" for Jesus was always to do what his instinct for God's preferences taught him. In this situation, Jesus praised Mary because her seeking God's kingdom led her in this moment to sit at Jesus' feet. Jesus does not tell Martha to stop preparing the dinner. He simply supports Mary's choice in this instance to enter God's kingdom by enjoying his company.

In the nineteenth century, author George Eliot wrote a novel she called *Silas Marner*. It is the story of a man who lost his faith in humanity and then found it again. The transformation began one cold winter night when he opened the door of his house to a homeless child. Little by little, the simple trust and honest affection of that child melted the cold heart of Silas Marner.

Today's Readings:

Genesis 18:1-10A
Colossians 1:24-28
Luke 10:38-42

Next Sunday's Readings:

Genesis 18:20-32
Colossians 2:12-14
Luke 11:1-13

Preaching Next Sunday:
Fr. Chris Weekly, SJ

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM
Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:30AM
Sunday Contemplative: 7:30PM
Daily: Monday 8:00AM in church
Tuesday - Friday 8:00AM La Storta Chapel
Centering Prayer: Friday 7:00AM
Anointing Mass: First Friday 8:00AM
First Saturday Mass: 8:00AM
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30-4:30PM
or by appointment with a priest

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And he became a new man. It all started the night when he opened the door and said, "Welcome." Think about it. The finest things in life, the deepest human values, have come to you not so much through hard work as through hospitality. I think that is what Jesus had in mind when he said, "Mary has chosen the better part, and it shall not be taken from her."

Both guest and host, Jesus is the feast that nourishes and strengthens everyone who comes to his table. The "one thing necessary" is the sincere desire to seek the kingdom of God before all else. Mary expressed her desire in her attentiveness to Jesus. Discipleship begins in careful listening to the word of God who is Jesus. The natural response to the nurture of Jesus is to translate that blessing into loving service of others.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.
Pastor

Realm Connect

We are beginning to introduce the online platform "Realm" for use on smartphones, laptops, tablets and desktop computers to keep you connected to all that is happening at St. Ignatius Church and School.

The application, "**Connect - Our Church Community**" is available for smartphones for free download in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store and online at <https://onrealm.org/sipdx> . A few of the benefits of using this application include instant notifications to your mobile phone, access to information for specific parish and school groups and events and the ability to set up secure online giving with receipts of all donations. Questions?...call Patty at 503-777-1491 or email office@sipdx.org. If you are not a user of smartphone or computer applications, not to worry, we will continue to publish and plan to enhance the information available in our weekly paper bulletin.



Our New Facilities Manager at St. Ignatius ~

Steve Scopelleti grew up in a family business, working as a carpenter in a commercial interior design company, in Newport Beach, California. He has worked as a General Contractor, Project Manager and Facilities Director, for over 40 years, in California, Colorado, Montana, Missouri and Oregon. Always looking for a new challenge, he has worked as Facilities Director for a university, community hospital, and a faith-based charitable organization that operates skilled nursing facilities and multi-family housing developments throughout the country.

Throughout his working career, Steve has taken time off to explore the world and enjoys meeting new people and learning about other cultures. He lives in Portland with his wife, Kate and dog, Paco.



IGNITE—Coming this Fall

Is the Holy Spirit calling you to a deeper Catholic Faith experience? This fall we invite you to a Sunday night series: "IGNITE," where we will explore what it means to "find God in all things" as we dive into the lives of the Saints and the mystics while reveling in the music and the history of the mass. Facilitated by Joseph and Grace Byrd, this class will meet you where you are, whether you are new to the Catholic faith or a seasoned traveler. Contact gbyrd@sipdx.org or jbyrd@sipdx.org for information.



Application Open for SEEL Do you desire to deepen your prayer life and grow in your relationship with God? Consider making the *Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL)*. Applications are now being accepted for 2019-20. The deadline for applications is August 1. Please visit our website: <http://seelportland.org> for more information or call Janet Buck at (503) 951-8682.



Mass Intentions

Monday	July 22	† Joseph Louise Markovic
Tuesday	July 23	Bona Venture Oh & family
Wednesday	July 24	† John Leary
Thursday	July 25	Theresa Donna Oh
Friday	July 26	† Jim Emig

Fr. Chris Weekly, SJ will be preaching at the Masses next weekend.

Registration is now open for “A Family of Faith” 2019-2020

Join us for family faith education next year and find community, education and support from other families as we focus on the Creed (our beliefs as Catholics) over the course of 9 months. You can find registration forms in the vestibule of the Church. All families and ages can participate! For more information, visit our website: www.sipdx.org

Caring Discipline Series – July 28, Aug 11, and Aug 25

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Space is limited for our parenting series this summer. Please RSVP if you plan to attend. Sessions will be held in the Bradley Room (lower level of the parish office) from 9:15-10:15 a.m. Nursery care is available and supervised open gym playtime for older kids. Both parents are encouraged to attend. All attendees must be pre-registered by emailing bschaller@sipdx.org.

Volunteers are needed to help deliver bread from the Grand Central Bakery to the Women’s Transition Shelter. Take about two hours, and one Friday a month. We need volunteer on the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th weeks of the months. If you like to help contact Jim Mumby at 503-519-8991, or email mums.the.word@centurylink.net

Volunteer Sunday

Do you have some time on Sundays? Consider helping with **Coffee & Donuts** or the **information desk**, both are a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners! Volunteer as a family, couples or singles—all are welcome.

Volunteer for Children’s Liturgy

Are you interested in this vibrant ministry? Join next year’s Children’s Liturgy team for a rewarding way to share the gospel. The commitment is one Sunday per month during the 10:30 a.m. mass from Sept-May. For more information contact: eskelds@gmail.com or bschaller@sipdx.org.

Volunteers for Arts & Environment Ministry

Do you like to create a peaceful, prayerful and welcoming space using flowers, greenery, and other materials? If so, we need a coordinator to work with a group of talented people who enjoy decorating our church space. Please contact Joseph Byrd (503) 777-1491 ext. 238 or Dorothy Rollins (503) 777-1491 ext. 226 or if you have recommendations for who might be fit for the job!

Volunteers Urgently Needed

for Communion Visitors - to homebound individuals and for Communion Service to various Senior Living communities. No experience needed as training will be offered and requires minimal time each month. If you are interested in being trained for this important ministry please call the office. 503-777-1491.



Seeking Parish Sponsors

One of the blessings of our faith is witnessing those who are choosing to dive into it for the first time. The RCIA process is a time where candidates are invited into a deeper awareness of the presence of the Holy Spirit in their daily lives. Please prayerfully consider accompanying these RCIA candidates as they discern their call into the Catholic Church as a parish sponsor. Your role as a parish sponsor would be to: 1) Attend all IGNITE classes on 2nd and 4th Sundays from 6-7:15 PM. 2) Share your own faith experience within the class during times of reflection. 3) Possibly pair up with one particular candidate as spiritual companions. 4) Attend masses that involve the RCIA candidates, e.g. the rites, the scrutinies, and the Easter Vigil. 5) Pray for all RCIA candidates throughout the RCIA process. Please talk to Grace if you are interested in participating in this ministry. gbyrd@sipdx.org

The 26th Annual St. Vincent de Paul/Jim Altenhofen Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, August 16th, at Glendoveer Golf Course, 14015 NE Glisan St., Portland, OR. Proceeds will go toward the Portland Council’s Emergency Services Program—helping the needy with rent and/or utility assistance, and food boxes. Entry fee of \$100 includes 18 holes of golf with cart, box lunch, BBQ dinner, prizes and more. Shotgun start at 12:30. Have fun and help others! Registration and sponsor forms are on our Website at www.svdppdx.org. For more information, contact Brian Ferschweiler at brian.f@svdppdx.org or 503-234-5287.

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