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October 5, 2025 - **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Luke 17:5-10

Wisdom from the Pews

The scriptures this week are not Sunday picnic small talk. They are not for the faint of heart. They remind me of being on a team and the game isn't going well. The players are grumbling, tired, and want some reassurance. The coaches, patient and wise, are not sugar coating things: "Here's the game plan (again)." Or, as one of my high school teachers often said

in his raised Irish brogue, "I'm just after tellin' you."

First, Habakkuk laments to God that there is a ton of turmoil, violence, and injustice happening. Judah has been invaded again and Jerusalem destroyed. And you, God, aren't doing anything. Being honest, I feel the same way about these times we're in. There is destruction and injustice all around us. Do you see what I see, O Lord? But the Lord answered Habakkuk: "Here is the plan: the vision will be fulfilled. You won't be disappointed. You must wait for it. You must be patient." Darn, there is that patience virtue again. Time and again, God says, "Your ways are not my ways," and "A thousand years for the Lord is but a day." That is hard to accept. But God lays it out there: you must have faith, you must be just, you must work the plan.

Paul continues today's blunt assessment. You are not cowards. But you must stir your gifts into flame. Continuing the analogy, you have to bear the hardships of the game. You must appreciate, guard, and use your gifts. Your gifts from God. You must guard, i.e., have faith in this rich trust. You must work on the plan.

Luke in his gospel tells us one way of working on the plan. The apostles want their faith increased. Perhaps they hadn't heard of the prophet Habakkuk's vision from God imploring patience and personal maintenance of justice. Besides, they have Jesus, the head coach in their midst, ready to explain the plan with yet another parable.

The servant (representing us) has just come in from a hard day of plowing

and tending sheep. Hard, sweaty jobs as they were then, and still are. The servant is tired and hungry and wants to eat, drink, and relax. But the landlord says, not so fast; you have to fix me dinner first. And then you can eat when I'm finished. Really? I can imagine the servant is more than a bit ticked. You mean I have more work to do? Well, yes you do. You have to work, and then work more, serving the landlord (and others.) That will increase your faith. I'm guessing that is not the answer the apostles were neither looking for nor expecting. No sugar-coating.



My take on the entirety of today's scriptures is that we have been blessed with faith in, and love for, Christ Jesus. But this faith must be nourished to grow, and that requires hard work. Frequently it's repetitious and unglamorous. We have gifts of the Spirit to sustain us. We need patience, to trust and to do justice. The work is hard, but the vision will be fulfilled.

Leo Mellon is a retired public school teacher and administrator, and has been a member of St Ignatius since 2020, usually attending the 8:00am Mass.

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM
10:30 AM
7:00 PM

Adoration 6:15 - 6:45 PM
before 7:00 PM Sunday Mass

Weekday (M-F) 8:00 AM
at LJC - La Storta Chapel

Reconciliation

Saturdays, 3:30-4:30 PM, or
by appointment 503 -777-1491

Giving



PARISH PROGRAMMING

Have you enjoyed reading the weekly Wisdom from the Pews? Then this is a your chance to join other parishioners who have shared their faith journey as it relates to the weekend readings.

Contact Joseph Byrd with any questions at jbyrd@sipdx.org or please consider registering to write your Wisdom from the Pews at: <https://bit.ly/wisdomfromthepews>



Do you want to become Catholic? At St. Ignatius, OCIA classes, run from September through May. Rooted in Ignatian Spirituality, these classes support each individual's unique journey of faith. Visit our website at: <https://www.sipdx.org/adult-confirmation>. If you would like to learn more, contact Grace Byrd: gbyrd@sipdx.org

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)



We invite all children to join us for a special time of learning and reflection on the Word of God, held every Sunday at the 10:30 AM Mass.

Back to School 3.0

(Adult Education)

The Book of Isaiah

Deepen your understanding of the Bible. This class offered by Cliff Yearly meets weekly in the Dining Room of the Parish Office Sundays from 9-10:15 10/5- 11/9

Contact Cliff - cliffyearly1@gmail.com

Spiritual Exercises Short Retreat

Sundays from October 12th- November 9th- 12-1:30 Deacon Mac will guide you through "Inner Peace in Divine Love".

Contact Mac
mac.a.chester@gmail.com

Great Choral Masterworks

Come learn from, and listen to, music that has lasted through generations, and why it still speaks to, and strengthens, one's life of faith. Including Handel's Messiah, the Bach Magnificat, the Faure Requiem, and more. 10/12, 11/9, 12/14 from 9:15-10:15

Contact Joseph - jbyrd@sipdx.org

Spirituality of Aging

This group, meant for parishioners over the age of 60, explores the newness of growing older, from relationship to self-perception, from our experience of the world to our personal spiritual growth. Meets every Third Thursday, beginning in September, from 10-11 (followed by a time for coffee and snacks.)

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Retreat With St. Joseph

What wisdom do we glean from St. Joseph, who has not one spoken word in Scripture? Explore this and other ponderings during our Advent Morning of Reflection.

12/6 - 9-3 at Loyola Jesuit Center
\$20 fee - stay tuned for registration details

Contact Grace
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IGNITE

A space for learning and for faith sharing, IGNITE will feature 2 series this fall: 10/12, 10/19, and 10/25 - "Learning From the Women Saints How to Live", and 11/30, 12/7, and 12/14 - "Utilizing Catholic Moral Thinking in Today's World."

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New Program starting soon...

Learn to listen to other's sacred stories. **Insight**, the St. Ignatius Spiritual Direction Practicum, will begin in January 2026, offering opportunities for you to invest in the art of spiritual learning, spiritual companioning, and spiritual direction. Stay tuned for more details!

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Baptism for infant up to age 7

Parents who are registered in the parish and attend Mass are asked to prepare by participating in one of the Infant Baptism Preparation Sessions. If your child is seven years of age or older, an additional session will be required for both you and your child.

To foster a hospitable and supportive environment, sessions are conducted in small group settings; therefore, class sizes are limited.

Sign up at: sipdx.org/baptism

Next dates: January 10, 2026

February 14, 2026



PARISH LIFE

Mass Readings

Mon, October 6
Jonah 1:1-2:1-2, 11
Luke 10:25-37

Tue, October 7
Jonah 3:1-10
Luke 10:38-42

Wed, October 8
Jonah 4:1-11
Luke 11:1-4

Thu, October 9
Malachi 3:13-20b
Luke 11:5-13

Fri, October 10
Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2
Luke 11:15-26

Sat, October 11
Joel 4:12-21
Luke 11:27-28

Sun, October 12
2 Kings 5:14-17
2 Timothy 2:8-13
Luke 17:11-19

Mass Intensions

Mon, October 6
† Sr. Marie Rose Durocher

Tue, October 7
† Peter Linh Nguyen

Wed, October 8
† Victor Rodriguez

Thu, October 9
All Souls

Fri, October 10
† Herb Emig



A ministry for Adults in their 20s/30s

Fall schedule

- Sunday October 5th, 5-7pm
Intro to Jesuit spirituality
and spiritual exercises
- Sunday November 2nd, 5-7pm
Spiritual exercise:
Loving friendships
- Sunday December 7th, 5-7pm
Spiritual exercise:
Advent reflection - dwelling
in God's Love made Incarnate

For more information or to join our
mailing list, please contact Deacon
Mac at firepitpdx@gmail.com

Find ways to help???

Do you know someone who might
be food insecure or needs help
paying rent or utility bills? The St.
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accepts requests for assistance at
503-235-8431. Requests from our
neighborhood are then forwarded
to our SVdP pantry that delivers
food to those in need on Saturday
mornings.

You can help by bringing non-
perishable food donations to the
vestibule before Masses or making
a cash donation through [Realm
Connect](https://realmconnect.org). Your support is much
appreciated.

Contact us at [svdp@
sipdx.org](mailto:svdp@sipdx.org) if you have
any questions.



Yarn

Please join us for an hour after the 10:30 mass on October
12th (11:30-12:30) at the Upstairs, Fireplace room in the
Parish Office. Bring your own project or contact Maureen at
(206) 889-7820 about materials.

O.C.I.A. Sponsors Needed

Are you interested in accompanying someone in their
discernment to enter the Catholic Church? We are expecting
a large OCIA class this year and would love for parishioners
to step forward to volunteer to serve as parish sponsors. You
would be committing to attend Mass with your sponsee, pray
for them, connect a couple times for a meal, coffee, or phone
call, and attend the important rites:

- * Rite of Welcome - November 23, 2025 at 10:30AM
- * Rite of Sending/Rite of Election - February 2, 2026 from 10:30AM to 3PM
- * Easter Vigil Mass - April 4, 2026 at 8:30PM

If interested, please apply by following this link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/
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Souls from the Grounds, a Facilities update

Fall is coming, so get your hoodies ready. We will be having a campus work
party (rain or shine) on Saturday, November 1st from 10 AM to 2 PM. If you
have time, please join us as we ready grounds for winter.

Behind the Scenes:

Shout out to Girls Scout's Troop 10094 for the new Rainwater collection barrel that they recently installed. As part of
their Bronze Award project spear headed by Miriam and Leia the Parish office now has one downspout disconnected from
the city sewer system. If you see Miriam or Leia, please ask them about their project.



COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION

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Office Hours

Monday to Thursday
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM



For several decades, St. Ignatius has been here in SE Portland serving people in faith, educating the young with hope, and engaging the world with the love of Christ and the Good News of the Gospel in the Jesuit tradition.

Please prayerfully consider including the parish in your estate plans to help us sustain this mission for future generations.

If you are interested in learning more about planned giving options at St. Ignatius Parish, please see the "[Ways to Give](#)" page on our website or [contact Fr. San](#). Thank you.

July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

Church tithing	Actual	Budget	% of Goal
September 15-21, 2025	7,088	9,356	76%
Month of September	29,921	37,424	80%
Year-to-Date	113,275	585,000	19%

Make a Year-end Donation to St. Ignatius Parish!

If you are age 73 or older, the IRS requires you to take required minimum distributions each year from your tax-deferred retirement accounts. A qualified charitable donation (QCD) is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA, payable directly to a qualified charity such as St. Ignatius Parish. As 2025 draws to a close, please consider making a year-end donation to help us maintain and care for our beautiful church. A charitable IRA rollover is an easy way to make a gift to St. Ignatius Parish to help us grow our endowment.

You can directly transfer any amount up to \$100,000 from your IRA and pay no income tax on the distribution, while making a charitable donation to our parish.

* You must be 70½ or older.

* The transfer must go directly from your IRA to St. Ignatius.

Please check with your tax or financial advisor to see if this type of gift is right for you. If you need help with this transfer or have any questions, please call the parish office.

Thank you for your generosity.

Concert in December



SUNDAY DECEMBER 7TH, 2025

Doors: 1:30p.m.

Concert: 3:00p.m. – 4:30p.m.

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ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL

Our 8th grade leaders led our first Family Groups! The students enjoyed getting to know one another during this community building time together talking about our school year theme and what it means to be a "Companion on the Journey". In preparation for Family Groups, our 7th graders spent time getting to know our preschoolers this week.



Several of our local Catholic high schools brought student teams to talk with our 7th & 8th grade students about their high schools. The local Catholic high schools hold Open House events in October and the admission process begins in November. Of course, we hope all of our families will consider partnering with our amazing Catholic high schools for their students' education beyond 8th grade.



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"May the LORD reward what you have done! May you receive a full reward from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge." Ruth 2:12

Carol Pausz
Principal



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