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October 6, 2019

What Do You Do When Life Is Hard?

Dear Parishioners:

With the church throughout the whole world, St. Ignatius parish dedicates the month of October to the rosary and to respect for the sacredness of life in all its stages. We joyfully pledge our support for the unborn, the terminally ill, the developmentally disabled – all those considered disposable in a utilitarian world.

Our readings this weekend support our vision of the sanctity of human life. Life is holy because it comes from God and is destined to return to God. In our increasingly faithless world, there are many competing voices that dismiss God's vision for us. Conflicts abound. Even when life is hard, God promises rescue.

Even in the face of political turmoil and broken trust, the prophet Habakkuk insists that God's "vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint." The psalmist likewise encourages us to be faithful to the promptings of God's Spirit. St. Paul urges us to bear our share of "hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God."

What is the way to respond to conflicts? With faith. Jesus reminds his hearers that even a little faith can work wonders. Our call is to serve the Lord and one another – especially when all seems lost. Our duty is to do what God commands us, even if that involves embracing the cross of opposition.

A famous quote illustrates this point. Anyone who has attended an AA meeting knows the prayer first written by Reinhold Neibuhr: "Lord, give me the courage to change the things I can, the patience to accept the things I cannot, and the wisdom to know the difference." But did you know how that prayer ends? "Help me take, as Christ did, this sinful world as it is, and not as I would have it – trusting that He will make all things right, if I surrender to his will."

Faith can move mountains, but not without our cooperation. If first you and I do our part, however small, then God will do the rest.

The problem is that life is not easy. The Gospel recounts the story about the master and the slave. After the poor slave had worked all day, the master still expected him to get him dinner before the slave got dinner for himself. And then don't expect praise. "You were only doing your duty." And notice the ones Jesus was addressing – the *apostles*, the inner circle. Then as now, church leaders especially are to be the servants of all.

Life is essentially hard. Think of all the things children have to learn before they are ready to raise children themselves. Life is for striving. Realistically speaking, life gets ever more complicated for adults – and can become quite difficult for elders from the infirmities of old age. Expecting that life is going to get easier is an exercise in futility. This is where faith comes in.

You recall that today's gospel began with a request: "Lord, increase our faith." In response, Jesus recounted the unfair and even callous situation of duties upon duties, about appalling inequity of ceaseless demands from master over slave. What is the connection? Jesus was teaching that faith would not make life easier. It did not make his life easier. Why should it be different for us? The purpose of faith is to make people stronger – so they become equal to the ever-increasing demands of life.

Today's Readings:

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| Habakkuk | 1:2-3; 2:204 |
| 2 Timothy | 1:6-8, 13-14 |
| Luke | 17:5-10 |

Next Sunday's Readings:

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| 2 Kings | 5:14-17 |
| 2 Timothy | 2:8-13 |
| Luke | 17:11-19 |

Preaching Next Sunday:
Fr. Dan Sullivan, 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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In conclusion, October is traditionally dedicated to Mary and the rosary. October 7 is the usual date of the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. As we remember the joy of Mary's visit to Elizabeth, our share in that joy means celebrating Respect Life month and honoring Mary with the rosary.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.
Pastor

SAVE THE DATE: Sat, Dec. 7th – Women's Advent Retreat



All women are welcome! Spend the day entering into this holy season of darkness and light. This retreat is led by women for women. 9am-3pm at the Loyola Jesuit Center. \$20 includes lunch (don't let cost be a deterrent – we will find a way). To register, contact bschaller@sipdx.org or call the parish office.


St Vincent de Paul conference is requesting donations of soup.



Thank you ❤️


Thank you for your generous donations to the Bahamas Relief \$2,919.00 has been sent to date!

Mother and Child Education Center

 Please help our parish offer support, hope and guidance, to the "Mother and Child Education Center", open to all, (formerly Birthright starting in 1971), by filling baby bottles to take home with a donation of any amount, coins/dollars/check, which are at all the entrances of the church, for this Campaign for Change, from Oct. 6th thru Nov. 23rd. More info is available in the bottle baskets, or you can go to motherchildpdx.org. Only place to return bottles, is thru the parish office mail slot. Thanks so much in advance for your generosity, to support parents/children within the community of God's family, for this greatest of all causes, to preserve the sanctity/gift of life itself, in the womb during pregnancy and beyond!

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.

The dates for the 2019 High School Open Houses are as follows:

October 13 – Central Catholic * October 20 – Valley Catholic and De La Salle North Catholic * October 27 – St. Mary's Academy * November 3 – La Salle Prep

Please consider volunteering

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 Theresa King at 503-730-9759.



Mass Intentions

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| Monday | Oct 7 | † Dominic Tung Ngoc Truong |
| Tuesday | Oct 8 | † Therese Karen Lee Cook Love |
| Wednesday | Oct 9 | † Ana Dvorak |
| Thursday | Oct 10 | † Roseline Amalu |
| Friday | Oct 11 | † Jim Emig |

**A warm
welcome
to all our guests.**

**We are so happy you are here
to celebrate with us!**

**New to St. Ignatius Parish?
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your information, or visit
us online at
<http://www.sipdx.org/about>**



IGNITE—Classes continue Sunday, Oct. 13, from 6-7:15pm.



ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL

*Love consists in sharing what one has
and what one is with those one loves.
- St. Ignatius of Loyola*

SPECIAL INVITATION: Please join us after morning masses on Sunday, October 6, 9-noon to see the expanded Eulalie's Garden, Child Development Center at St. Ignatius School. Eulalie's Garden honors Blessed Mother Marie Rose, the foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. Her birthday and feast day are Oct. 6.

Mother Marie Rose was born Eulalie Durocher in 1811 to a well-respected family in Saint-Antoine-sur-Richelieu (Québec). Despite her frailty, she was a lively and joyous child. As a teenager, Eulalie proudly rode her beautiful horse Caesar to visit friends, the sick, and the less fortunate in her village. After many obstacles, she became the foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. According to her vision, each child must receive a well-rounded education: spiritually, academically, artistically and socially. On the occasion of her beatification in Rome on May 23, 1982, the Church declared Marie-Rose Durocher an apostolic woman and a herald of new times. In naming the new Child Development Center at our parish school, "Eulalie's Garden", we honor the spirit of who she was as a child and who she became. Learn more about the vital work of the Sisters today at www.snjm.org.

In further celebration, please join us for the **Mother Marie Rose Mass** on Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 1:20 p.m.. **Special Invitation:** We would like to especially invite all Srs. of the Holy Names for a rose ceremony at the mass. We are so grateful for your legacy: you co-founded our parish school and put the spirit of joy and excellence strongly in place: yours are the shoulders on which we stand.

Blessings on your week!

Kelli Clark



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Women's Club

- *Oct. 25th- -regular meeting, playing Halloween Bingo BYO drinks, snack to share, 7PM parish center dining room
- *Oct. 26th- -school auction
- *Nov. 8th- -regular meeting
- *No Nov. end of the month activity due to Thanksgiving -and a good and wonderful Thanksgiving to all
- *We will likely be helping with soups for the Advent Event
- *Dec. -Nancy is checking, but our service project this year might be the Tibbetts street refugee house, not the Women's shelter



ALL VOLUNTEERS IN OUR PARISH & SCHOOL:

Archdiocese Mandatory Training. Each year the Archdiocese of Portland has training requirements for keeping our children and youth safe and to educate adults on "red flags" that can put themselves and others at risk. This years training is **C.A.S.E.: Creating A Safe Environment**, an **IN-PERSON training** (rather than online) which will take about 1 & ½ hours. **Who needs this training?** All Clergy, All Employees, Current Volunteers who work with minors...even just once, New Volunteers who wish to work with minors...even just once.

Two additional CASE Trainings will be offered at St. Ignatius: Tuesday, **October 22nd @ 5:30PM** Both classes will be held in the school library and will be **capped at 30 people**. **Call the office to get on the list**, drop-ins will not be admitted. This class is a requirement of the Archdiocese of Portland and needs to be completed by October 31st to volunteer on our campus for the rest of this school year.



- ◆ We want your empty cans and bottles. We have partnered with BottleDrop to fundraise for our Tech Program. Follow these 4 easy steps:
 - Stop by the **school** office and pick up your blue bags. (or in back of church)
 - Fill the blue bag—plastic, aluminum and glass all go in the same bag.
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