



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

NOVEMBER 15, 2020

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Learning to Enjoy Holland

Dear Parishioners:

The parable in today's Gospel reminds hearers that life gives gifts for people to use, develop, and share. Not all gifts are identical, but all are valuable – because the Giver is in the gift.

In order to get a fresh perspective on the parable, let me suggest an imaginary version. Once upon a time, a rich man gave three people some money. To the first he gave ten thousand dollars. This woman went and invested it, and with the profit she made, took a long-desired trip to Italy and had a wonderful time. To the second he gave five thousand dollars, and this man invested the money as well. He, too, went off to sunny Italy to enjoy the wonderful sights and food.

To the third person, the rich man gave two thousand dollars. The third one looked at it, knew it was far less than what the others had received, felt bad that he didn't get as much as they did, and knew it wouldn't be enough to get him to Italy for any length of time. But a friend suggested that it would at least get him to Holland. It wasn't Italy, said the friend, but it was a nice country, and he would enjoy it. But the third man felt too disappointed and hurt, so he hid the money in a cookie jar and let it stay there. He then went about his life with sadness as a constant companion, grieving his misfortune, and wondering why the rich man seemed to love the others more than him.

It's hard not to feel a little pang of the third person's suffering. It's understandable to feel sorry for him. Nevertheless, his friend was right: even though it isn't Italy, Holland really is a lovely country, and he should have gone there, for he would have found treasures and joys he didn't expect.



You might be wondering what's the point of this imaginary story – but hold that question while you read carefully another story. When I taught the theology of marriage at Gonzaga University, some of the students kept in touch over the years. One of them was a woman who gave birth to her third child, who had Down Syndrome. What follows is a letter she received from the National Disabilities Association:

When you are going to have a baby, it's like you're planning a vacation to Italy. You are all excited about seeing the Coliseum, the Michelangelos, the gondolas of Venice.

ST IGNATIUS MASS SCHEDULE Nov. 16–20, 2020

Monday -	Noon in the church
Tuesday-	Noon in the church
Wednesday-	Recorded-Noon in church
Thursday-	Noon in the church
Friday-	Noon in the church

Saturday/Sunday- Weekend Mass is recorded and posted at: WWW.SIPDX.ORG

Confession on Friday following Mass
Or by appointment 503-777-1491.

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

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You get a whole bunch of guidebooks. You learn a few phrases in Italian so you can order in restaurants and get around. When it comes time, you excitedly pack your bags, head for the airport, and take off for Italy . . . only when you land, the flight attendant announces, "Welcome to Holland." You look at one another in disbelief and shock and say, "Holland! What are you talking about – Holland? I signed up for Italy." But they explain that there has been a change of plans, and the plane has landed in Holland – and there you must stay. "But I don't know anything about Holland. And I don't want to learn!"

But you do stay. You go out and buy some new guidebooks. You learn some new phrases in a whole new language, and you meet people you never new existed. But the important thing is that you are not in a warzone or desert full of famine. You are simply in another place, a different place than you had planned. It's slower paced than Italy, but after you have been there awhile and have half a chance to catch your breath, you begin to discover that Holland has windmills . . . Holland has tulips . . . Holland even has Rembrandts.

But everyone you know is busy coming and going from Italy. And they're bragging about what a great time they had there. And for the rest of your life you will say, "Yes, that was where I was going, that's where I was supposed to go, that is what I had planned." And the pain of that will never go away. And you have to accept that pain because the loss of that dream, the loss of that plan, is a very significant loss. But if you spend your life mourning that you didn't go to Italy, you will never be free to enjoy the very special, the very lovely things about Holland.

The point of the parable, then, is that the gospel really is about love, that God so deeply loves you, that even when things don't turn out the way you wanted, there are hidden treasures of grace and avenues of growth you never expected. The gospel says to everyone who only received two thousand dollars – to all whose life did not quite turn out as you had hoped, whose plans went awry, whose lost dreams never will be retrieved, whose children are less than perfect – that you still have chances, you still have gifts, and you are still wrapped tightly in the Father's love.

In your very disappointment, in your own Holland you can find Rembrandts – which as you know, they don't have in Italy. As William Bausch says in his essay on this parable, you can often find spiritual depth and a richer love than you ever could have found if everything turned out as you wished. The message of today's gospel is not to dwell in your sad misfortune and fractured dreams, not bury your hopes, not to keep looking over your shoulder longing for Italy. "You're in Holland now," offers the gospel. Invest. Enjoy. There is a unique and wonderful God-love there not to be found anywhere else.

Twenty-nine years ago tomorrow, in the early hours of November 16th, six Jesuit priests, their cook and her young daughter, were killed by Salvadoran death squads. On this weekend when we remember the sacrifice of our Jesuit colleagues and their companions, continue to animate our Jesuit mission at St. Ignatius by pledging your own sacrificial giving. Stretch your generosity to pay for all our parish wants to accomplish in these difficult times.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.

Pastor

MASS READINGS

Mass Readings for Nov 15, 2020

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30

Mass Readings for Nov 22, 2020

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Matthew 25:31-46

ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL

St. Ignatius Got Talent!

Have a talent to share?
Seeking 1-3 minute
videos of singers,
jugglers,
dancers, jokers!



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SATURDAY, November 21 | 7-8 PM!

DID YOU KNOW:

- That St. Ignatius Parish School is one of only 25 surviving K-8 schools in Jesuit parishes across the country that forms students with Ignatian identity?
- That our Distance Learning program just earned 98.3% satisfied or very satisfied with the quality of academic standards from our families?
- That we have been hugely impacted by COVID and need your help?



St. Ignatius Parish School is an incredible place that is being financially challenged by the current pandemic. On Nov. 21, we are hosting a **virtual talent show-fundraiser** and asking everyone to **raise their paddles to \$150K to help us close the general fund gap**. We are gathering challenge matches and sponsorships: contact Michele McKay at michele.mckay@me.com if you can help!

We know this is a big ask. We've never done this before, but we haven't been here before either. If there is one thing this community has – it's talent and the incredible capacity to dream and make things happen. Our other fundraisers in 2020 were cancelled: this is it. **Please consider being part of the solution and help St. Ignatius Parish School rise to continue formation and education in our faith.**



And please join us on November 21 at 7 pm to share in the fun and energy of watching us raise this roof! Check out our fundraising page: <https://sispdx.ejoinme.org/123>

The link to the event will be posted next week!

Stay safe, take care of each other, it's what we do!
Kelli Clark, Principal
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ST IGNATIUS PARISH STEWARDSHIP VIDEO— WWW.SIPDX.ORG

Check out our new Stewardship video
available on our website and included in
Nov 15th recorded Mass.
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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

Everyone is invited to join IGNITE!

Sunday November 22, 2020 at 6pm

There is a handout on our website:

www.sipdx.org/ignite

Email Grace to join the Ignite email list at gbyrd@sipdx.org

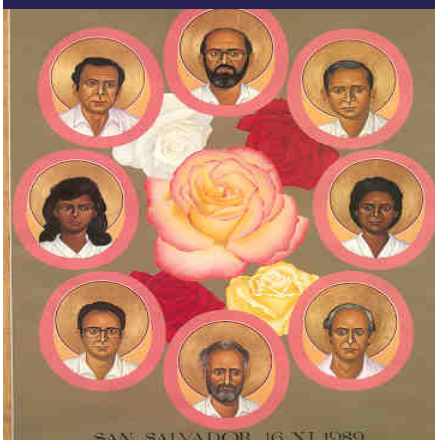
WEEKLY RACIAL JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION

<https://ignatiansolidarity.net/novena-for-racial-justice/> Novena for Racial Justice

<https://ignatiansolidarity.net/ignatian-racial-equity-challenge/> Racial Equity Challenge

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/young-voices/health-care-not-equal-its-racial-justice-issue> NCR on healthcare "a racial justice issue"

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KUDOS & DID YOU KNOW?



⇒ To A & E for beautifying the church for November and for printing of the names of our departed loved ones.

⇒ Did you know? Join us on our **YouTube channel** for Thanksgiving Day Mass, which will be available at **10am on Thanksgiving Day**.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL6GMqYI3YZIDr39IjRVi8w>

A GROUP FORMATION—FRATELLI TUTTI

Pope Francis reviews "the symptoms of an unhealthy society" in this encyclical. His meditation on the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25-37) leads to an examination of who is my neighbor. Pope Francis suggests respectful dialogue and proposes that we answer with "a new vision of fraternity and social friendship." He says that "everyone has a fundamental role to play" in writing "a new page of history, a page full of hope."

Our discussion will be led by Matthew Pearl and Richard Silva on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. **beginning on November 15, 2020 for eight weeks**. Meetings will be held via the Zoom conferencing software. November classes: 11/15, 11/29

Details are on our website: <https://www.sipdx.org>

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN

REDCROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Nov. 22, 2020 9AM-2PM Blood drive. Sign up at:
<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>
Or contact Jim Mumby for information mums.the.word@centurylink.net



FAMILY LIFE

Advent Candles?? Preparing for Advent at home...

Do you need a set of Advent taper candles or an Advent ring for your home this year? Normally we sell them at the Advent Festival...but with things a little different this year you can contact bschaller@sipdx.org and I will order accordingly. Deadline is Nov. 18th to place your order. Cost: \$4/set. A limited number of Advent rings are also available (\$5/ring).



Children's Liturgy of the Word– Sunday, Nov. 15 at 10:30 a.m.

***Special request - If you can change the name of the Zoom screen to your child/children's names, it helps our leaders!**

Topic: Michele Becker's Zoom Meeting for CLW

Time: Nov 15, 2020 10:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6890921349?pwd=M2ZxczhoYUJlKVZDd1FoMU1QaWVhUT09>

Meeting ID: 689 092 1349 * Passcode: GodsLove

Our Children's Liturgy program is being offered this fall by Nathan Williams, Michele Becker and Angela & Nick Kockler each Sunday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. It's recommended for ages 5-10, but all are welcome. We will do our best to share the link in the parish bulletin each week so be sure to look for it there if you don't receive your family life newsletter.

2020-2021 Sacramental Preparation Home-study Program

Please pray for the 20 children preparing for the sacraments. Our First Reconciliation has been **temporarily postponed** but we will be re-grouping in January to begin First Communion preparation!

Mom's Groups meets 2nd & 4th Sundays

Our next gathering will be on Sunday, Nov. 22nd to discuss ideas for celebrating Advent and Christmas at home. To join the meeting or our email list, contact bschaller@sipdx.org. All are welcome!



Nov. 22 – Ideas for celebrating Advent and Christmas at home

Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20 – Advent – we will meet weekly for a reflection from The Living Nativity by Larry Peacock.

Warmly,

Beth Schaller

Family Life Coordinator, bschaller@sipdx.org

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS



Please keep in your prayers

Monday	Nov 16	† Ana Dvorak
Tuesday	Nov 17	† Don Wolf
Wednesday	Nov 18	† Frances Boly
Thursday	Nov 19	† Sharry Smull
Friday	Nov 20	† Patricia Obradovich

WOMEN'S ARISE! RETREAT



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"Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, saying, 'I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire.'" – Luke 3:15-16

Let your heart be filled with expectation this Advent as you give yourself a morning to pray and reflect in the company of other women.

Reflections offered by Antoinette Toku and

Tara Ludwig, followed by personal reflection and group sharing.

Register at: <https://www.sipdx.org/retreat-sign-up-arise>

Donations gratefully accepted. Please send them to: St. Ignatius Catholic Church, c/o Beth Schaller, 3400 SE 43rd Ave, Portland, OR 97206 or pay via the St. Ignatius "Realm" app with "Advent Retreat" in the memo line. Questions? Contact bschaller@sipdx.org

FAITH AND RACIAL HEALING: EMBRACING TRUTH, JUSTICE, AND RESTORATION

Description: This program helps participants tell the truth about our collective history of racism and violence, that we might seek real restoration with God and one another. This program explains the historical context behind the wide racial inequalities we face today. Though this program focuses specifically on African slaves and their descendants, this program will open participants' eyes to patterns of injustice that affect other people of color across the nation as well.

Goals:

1. Learn about the history of racial injustice in the U.S., so that we might better understand and more effectively eradicate modern-day racial injustice
2. Learn how faith communities responded to racial injustice in the past, so that we might learn from their mistakes and successes
3. Learn from the faith and spiritual wisdom of those who endured injustice and stood for freedom
4. Develop practical tools for seeking racial justice in our local communities our nation

Sessions:

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| 1. Retreat: Community-Building & Self-Reflection | 6. Session 5: Confessing Our History of Lynching |
| 2. Session 1: Review of History of Racial Injustice | 7. Session 6: Civil Rights and the Struggle for Equal Education |
| 3. Session 2: The Middle Passage | 8. Immersion Experience (to be determined by the group) |
| 4. Session 3: Reading and Discussion of Slave Narratives | 9. Session 7: Theology of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. |
| 5. Session 4: Convict Leasing | 10. Session 8: Guest Speaker and Discerning Next (Action) Steps |

Sessions Include

Prayer and Reflection, Discussion of Reading, Faith Integration, Videos and Group Activities, Spiritual Practices, Guest Speaker.

Cost: Registration has already been paid with a donation.

Books: (Approximately \$37 + shipping; e-books are less)

1. Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome: American's Legacy of Enduring Injury & Healing by Dr. Joy Degruy
2. The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism by Jemar Tisby
3. 40 Days of Prayer by Cheri Mills

Pertinent Dates:

December 3rd, 7:30PM: Informational meeting. Please contact Jack Patrizio jackpatrizio@aol.com
(The Dec 3 meeting and the program meetings are all virtual via ZOOM)

Session Dates:

Week of January 4 - Week of March 8, 2021. Exact time and date will be determined by group consensus.

Link to the Faith & Racial Healing Program for additional information.

<https://justfaith.org/faith-and-racial-healing-embracing-truth-justice-and-restoration/>



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