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September 15, 2019

Christ Came to Save Souls

Dear Parishioners:

This Sunday is designated in the United States as Catechetical Sunday, a day to acknowledge the importance of the church's teaching ministry, and to honor those who serve the Christian community as catechists. The theme this year is "Stay with us," a reference to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus who asked Jesus to stay with them.

Last Wednesday was the 18th anniversary of the terrorist attack of 9/11. It is good for us to continue praying for an end to violence as a way of settling our differences.

Today's scriptures proclaim the familiar story of the prodigal son. If you were asked the main point of the parable, what would you say? Some believe the basic point is that everyone is a prodigal who at one time or another runs away from God. Others hold that the story's primary teaching is that God's very identity is to love and to forgive. My belief is that an important meaning of this popular parable is that the easiest place to get lost is at home.

I believe a significant focus of the parable is on the elder brother. The elder brother represents the religious people of Judaism – the practicing believers who criticized Jesus for welcoming sinners and eating with them. The younger brother stands for the sinners Jesus received. Jesus told the parable so that the scribes and Pharisees might see themselves in the attitude of the elder brother. Instead of rejoicing with his father over the younger brother's return, the older brother reacted in self-righteous indignation.

The easiest place to get lost is at home – because when you are at home all the time, it is easy to forget how good home is. Home may not look like much when you leave on vacation. But when you are returning home, it looks like heaven on earth. It's your own bed, your own shower, your own pillow.

The elder brother felt he deserved to be home. He was earning his keep. But home is where you live by grace. Home is not a business arrangement where you earn your place. In a similar way, there is no seniority in the kingdom of God. Everyone comes in a sinner, and everyone stays by grace.

Even though the elder brother was home all the time, he confused physical proximity with spiritual intimacy. The striking implication of the parable is that you can be physically close to others and not be with them at all. Isn't it true that the world can be a kaleidoscope of attractions and unrelenting adrenalin while people simultaneously feel lonely and estranged from one another?

All three readings today form a unified whole with one message: repentance and conversion. In the reading from Exodus, the people are given yet one more chance to turn to the Lord, thanks to the prayer of Moses. In the letter to Timothy, Paul thanks God for the mercy he received – recognizing that "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." All three Gospel parables urge people to embrace God's saving mercy.

Think of people you know who are alienated from the church. Suppose someone returned after a long absence. Would they find a caring community? Would they feel that things had changed? The challenge is for everyone to feel welcome at church as at home.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.
Pastor

Today's Readings:

Wisdom	9:13-18b
Philemon	9-10, 12-17
Luke	14:25-33

Next Sunday's Readings:

Exodus	32:7-11, 13-14
1 Timothy	1:12-17
Luke	15:1-32

Preaching Next Sunday:
Fr. Craig Boly, 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

IGNITE—Coming this Fall FAQ about IGNITE:



- ◆ *What if I can't make every class?*
That is no problem! IGNITE is set up so that you can go to as many sessions as you would like.
- ◆ *How do I sign up for IGNITE?*
No need to sign up, just show up.
- ◆ *Is IGNITE only for RCIA members and Parish Companions?*
IGNITE is for everybody.
- ◆ *Where is the Bradley Room?*
IGNITE meets in the basement of the Parish Office building. There will be signs to point the way.
- ◆ *I'd like to bring my friend who is not part of this parish and is not Catholic, is that OK?*
Again, IGNITE is for EVERYBODY!
- ◆ *Do I have to do anything to prepare for the first class?*
Nope! Any extra reading is optional.
- ◆ If you have any other questions, check out the posters in the vestibule, or contact Grace gbyrd@sipdx.org or Joseph jbyrd@sipdx.org.

CLASSES start this coming Sunday, SEPT. 22, FROM 6-7:15PM.

Jesuit High School's OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 6, 2019 | 1-4 pm

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Jesuit High offers a program of academic and co-curricular excellence in a values-oriented environment for young men and women in grades 9-12. All interested students and families are welcome to attend Open House. Don't miss this opportunity to tour campus, meet faculty members, coaches and students!

More information at www.jesuitportland.org/admissions

Marriage Enrichment This year we will be using the Christian Family Movement guide: Our Marriage ...A Work in Progress. This method is based on the "Observe/Judge/Act" model developed by Cardinal Cardijn. Our gatherings will include time for partners to dialogue and for small group sharing.

- Sunday October 20th, make conversation a priority**
- Sunday, Jan. 12: Make Time for Your Marriage**
- Sunday, Mar. 15: The Business of Marriage (Money Management)**
- Sunday, Jun. 7: Energize Your Relationship**

4:30-5:30pm Family dinner
5:30-7:30 Marriage Enrichment and Child care/open gym for children
For information or to RSVP, email bschaller@sipdx.org



Volunteer for Children's Liturgy of the Word

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.



contact: eskelds@gmail.com or
bschaller@sipdx.org.

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Mass Intentions

Monday	Sep 16	† Phil Henry
Tuesday	Sep 17	† Jim Emig
Wednesday	Sep 18	† Roseline Amalu
Thursday	Sep 19	Souls in Purgatory
Friday	Sep 20	† Mary & Vince Barnes



In Thanksgiving for the life of Allen Pliska (brother of Laura Pliska)



ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL

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

Kids for Love looks like this: When Roxy and Derek, 8th grade, finished their lunch this week, they went over to the kindergarten table, introduced themselves and walked their new friends to the playground. It is poignant to see this connection at the start of each year as our junior high students take pride in shepherding the littlest members in the K-8 program and the kindergartners behold their big friends with awe. This is Ignatian and Holy Names. This is Kids for Love...and already the kids are living it beautifully.

Thank you to all of those who joined us for the commissioning mass on Wednesday and Back to School Night last Thursday. Thank you, especially, to JoAnn Grubb and the St. Ignatius School Foundation who presented a check for \$105,000 to support tuition assistance, preschool expansion and our new playground fund. We are so grateful for your on-going commitment. Thank you!

We are excited to welcome representatives from all of our **Catholic High Schools next week.** Over the last 10 years, an average of 87% of St. Ignatius graduates go on to Catholic High School. Truly, they are our future. Blessings on your week!

Kelli Clark
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www.sipdx.org/parish-staff**

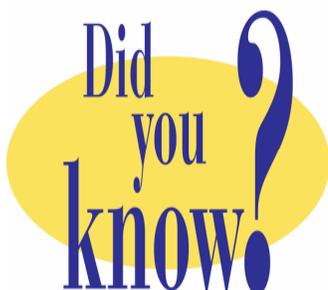
Come join us for the **Second Annual John Scott Memorial golf Tournament** on Saturday September 21, 2019 beginning at 1: pm at Mountain View Golf Club. Cost is \$50 for 9 holes of golf, dinner, camaraderie and remarkable prizes. Don't have any one to golf with just sign up and we will put you on a team. If you would like to have dinner only the cost is \$15. All proceeds go to the John Scott Scholarship Fund at St. Ignatius. Can't make golf or dinner but would like make a donation to the scholarship fund in John's name just send your check to the parish office payable to St. Ignatius with the notation it is for the John Scott Memorial Fund. Sign up forms will be in back of the church. Questions call Tim Welch 503-492 4733, Doug Solazzo 503-777-5537 or Mike Baker 503-236-6011.



Women's club meeting, Sept. 14th, (we usually meet the 2nd Friday of each month), 7PM, in the parish center. Please bring a snack to share, and your choice of drink. We will have an off campus activity for the 4th Sat. of the month. We welcome all women to join us for some fun! Nancy DeAngeles: 503-659-9473, cell: 971-806-0222 Sharon Nicola: 503-775-1060, cell: 971-340-7525

The Parish Choir starts rehearsing again on Sunday, September 8 at 9:15am in the church, and sings at the 10:30 Mass throughout the academic year. Interested in joining us? Come be a "Choir Tryer" for a Sunday (or more) in September, to get a feel for what goes on during rehearsal. See Joseph Byrd jbyrd@sipdx.org for more information.

40 Days of Life From September 25th through November 3rd, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Lovejoy Surgicenter, 933 NW 25th Ave. in Portland, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Julie McConnell 40dayswithjulie@gmail.com and visit the website 40daysforlife/



- ◆ *That today is a workshop that Pastoral Council, staff and other leaders in the parish will be attending –pray for them!*
- ◆ *You can donate from your phone!! Text sipdx Chu \$50 to 73256 to give to Sunday Tithing using your text messaging. Standard text message rates do apply.*
- ◆ *Cameras have been installed on campus.*

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