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**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

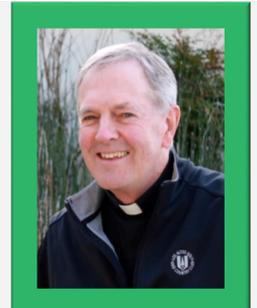
**MAY 9, 2021**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

## **Mother's Day 2021**

Dear Parishioners:

Giving the reflection this weekend is one of our moms, Lisa Chambers, the sixth grade home room teacher at St. Ignatius School. Lisa and her husband Dominic have three boys, so she knows the joys of motherhood. Lisa's own mother, Sue, died in early spring, and Lisa gave the eulogy at her mother's funeral. She honored her mother by passing on Sue's favorite teaching: *It's the little things*. Lisa learned from her mom that when you do the little things well, the big things are no big deal. I hope you can tune in to hear Lisa's wisdom and humor.



On this first Mother's Day for me since my mom died, I have been reflecting on her legacy. I think one of her big joys is to join her dear ones in the life of God, especially my dad. They made a good team – they were pretty united in raising their six sons. As much as we boys tried to play one against the other, they backed one another's priorities. I also think that in the life of God, people see one another through God's eyes. In other words, any misunderstandings or hurts or disappointments receive healing clarity in heaven. I get the sense that they are both rejoicing in what God has worked through them.

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY 10:30 AM Mass: Mid-Morning Service** – Sign up online at [sipdx.org](http://sipdx.org) (button on opening page,) or call leaving Name, Number in group, phone, & date. You will get a confirmation before attending Mass. (Thank you!)

**TUESDAY & THURSDAY: 12:00 PM** weekday Mass in the church, *no sign up needed*

**SATURDAY:** Recorded Mass available online, the link is on our website: [sipdx.org](http://sipdx.org)

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Today's gospel for our celebration of Mother's Day sums up the fabulous love that moms bring to their children. The gospel also expresses a deep religious reality. It is summed up in Jesus' new commandment about love – when he adds his own spin on the Jewish teaching about love. Jesus says, "*As I have loved you, so should you love one another.*" This specifies what he means by "love." Jesus was wise enough to know that he couldn't just say something abstract about love. "*As I have loved you*" is utterly specific and historically concrete. The love that Jesus means is washing his disciples' feet, and giving over his life for us in his crucifixion.

Love has to express actual human behavior for it to be real. This saying is true: "You learn how to love from being loved." It's as simple and profound as that. Behind Mother's Day lies a deep human reality: we honor our mothers because their love gets to us first, and is the first concrete lesson we have in love. Mothers show us how to love like Jesus.

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

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Mother's Day, then, is a celebration of all those, parents or not, who nourish or cherish others, and teach by example the meaning of love. It's just that mothers are the first, most visible, most endearing of teachers – and that's why we honor them, remember them, and celebrate their zillions of examples of love.

In our St. Ignatius parish, motherhood has many faces. We have adoptive mothers, single mothers, stepmothers, godmothers, and grandmothers who are the primary caregivers of their grandchildren. We have women who have given birth, not to children, but in other creative ways. And there are men among us who have taken on the mothering role in their families.

For some in our community, the celebration of Mother's Day is a painful reminder. For we have women in our midst who would like to have had children but did not. And we have some mothers and children who are out of touch with each other. In our community, there are persons who miss mothers who have recently died. And there are mothers among us who have felt the painful loss of a child. All this we hold on Mother's Day.

Recall the story of a teacher who observed that one of the little boys in her class was pensive and withdrawn. "What are you worried about?" she asked. "My mom," the child replied. "Mom works at a job to keep me in nice clothes and send me to a good school. Then she comes home and cooks and cleans, drives me to Little League, and helps me with my homework, so that I will have nothing to worry about."

"Why then are you worried?" the teacher questioned.

"Well," the boy answered, "I'm afraid she might try to escape."

**Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.**  
Pastor

## WOMEN'S RETREAT



"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (Galatians 5:22-23a)

### Women's Pentecost Retreat

**Saturday, May 22nd at 10 AM – Noon** (via Zoom)

Join us for prayer, reflection, sharing and friendship as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives. **Presenters:** Tara Ludwig (Faber Institute) & Ana Guizado

**Register now:** [sipdx.org](http://sipdx.org)

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 "Women's Retreat" in the memo line.

Questions? Contact [bschaller@sipdx.org](mailto:bschaller@sipdx.org)

## MASS READINGS

### Mass Readings for May 9, 2021

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

1 John 4:7-10

John 15:9-17

### Mass Readings for May 16, 2021

Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26

1 John 4:11-16

John 17:11b-19

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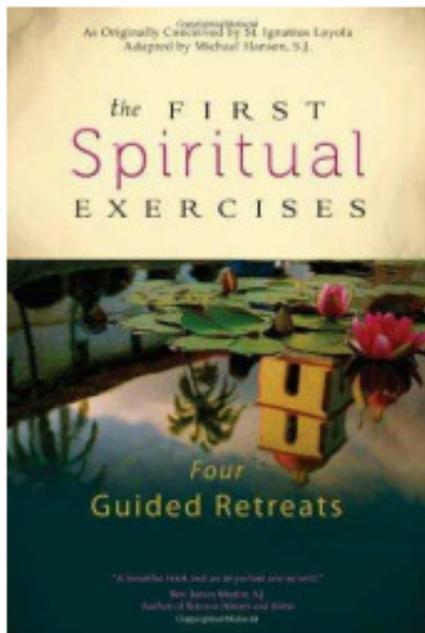
This past week our teachers were spoiled for Teacher Appreciation Week. The school staff also recognizes just how lucky we are to have such supportive families. Our parents really go all out for us, and the staff felt the love all week long. Led by our Parent's Association, teachers had lunch, coffee, and treats brought to them during the week. Students were encouraged to write notes of appreciation as well. We have an incredible group of educators who have gone above and beyond this year to make things work for all of their students, at home, and on campus. They certainly deserve all of this and more.



Kathleen Downing  
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## THE FIRST SPIRITUAL EXERCISES—AN ONLINE RETREAT

SEEL Portland invites you to a retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. Using the innovative book written by Australian Jesuit retreat director Michael Hansen, SJ entitled *The First Spiritual Exercises*, SEEL Portland offers Inner Peace in Friendship with Jesus. This retreat combines spiritual conversation and spiritual exercises, similar to the form of the Spiritual Exercises given by Saint Ignatius and the early Jesuits.



*The retreat in daily life involves a commitment to 40-50 minutes a day of structured prayer from Monday to Thursday and a weekend exercise.* Retreatants meet via Zoom weekly during the retreat to receive guidance from the retreat givers and to share the fruits of prayer in small group spiritual conversation with facilitators. This retreat is an opportunity to experience one long conversation with Jesus and to accept the invitation of God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit to abide in their love.

***Come deepen your relationship with God!***

Each retreat is 6 weeks long (includes orientation meeting and a closing meeting).  
6 Sundays in 2021:

May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 20, and 27 \* 4:00-6:00 pm (PST) \* Online via Zoom \*  
Marty Studivant and Jeanette Grimaldi, Retreat Givers

The retreat is free; but space is limited so register as soon as possible. To register, or for more information please visit: <https://seelportland.org/> \* <https://seelportland.org/additional-offerings/the-first-spiritual-exercises/> or call Jeanette Grimaldi at 503-730-8870

**Retreatants need to purchase the book to participate.**

<https://www.avemariapress.com/products/the-first-spiritual-exercises-pdf>

Please have your book no later than May 23, 2021.

## DAILY PRAYER INTENTIONS



*Please keep in your prayers*

Monday	May 10	All Mother's
Tuesday	May 11	† Mildred Dover
Wednesday	May 12	† Molly Benson
Thursday	May 13	† Larry Flynn
Friday	May 14	† Ray & Billie Dahl

## WEEKLY JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION

### Call to Action to Care for Our Common Home

Citizens' Climate Lobby's Catholic Action Team invites you to their very first virtual CCL Catholic Conference! The sixth anniversary of the release of Pope Francis' encyclical letter "Laudato Si' On Care for our Common Home" inspired CCL to hold its conference, entitled "Call to Action to Care for Our Common Home." The purpose is to explore the tools you'll need to effectively reach Catholics and activate the Catholic voice to Care for Creation and promote the [Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act](#).

**Saturday May 15 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. PDT.**

Schedule includes:

- Bishop John Stowe from the Diocese of Lexington will be speaking live
- Hear from Bishop Robert McElroy from the Diocese of San Diego
- Jose Aguto from Catholic Climate Covenant will be a keynote speaker

Celebrate Pope Francis' encyclical letter together

[View the full conference schedule here.](https://sites.grenadine.co/sites/citizensclimate/en/ccl-virtual-catholic-conference) <https://sites.grenadine.co/sites/citizensclimate/en/ccl-virtual-catholic-conference>

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### Bread for the World: A Story of Strength: The migrant journey

A few months ago, I introduced Bread for the World to two leaders of Adelante Mujeres for a story/video project on a female farmer/organization to interview for a 3-part series that covers migration to food systems. (Adelante Mujeres has received local and national CCHD grants as early as 1993!)

They connected Bread with Mago Reyes and their first video is about Mago's migration story.

Here is the 6-minute video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dL9\\_Dk1gjoQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dL9_Dk1gjoQ)

There is also an accompanying story: <https://bread.org/blog/dignity-growing-food>

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<https://www.jewishportland.org/summit> (A Community Call to Confront Hate, May 26, 2021)

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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](mailto:prayerchain@sipdx.org)

In the subject line please include either:

*Asking for prayers*

OR

*Add me to the Email list to pray*

## FAMILY LIFE

### Children's Liturgy – through Pentecost (end of May)

Our Children's Liturgy program has creatively persevered this year and we are so grateful to our leaders, Nathan Williams, Michele Becker, and Angela & Nick Kockler. The program will continue through May, you will find the link on our website Family life page.

### "Finding God in All Things: St. Ignatius Family Faith Summer Adventures"

Plans are in the works for a family-based summer program which will take place on weekday evenings. Dates, times and details coming soon. In the meantime, we welcome youth or adults to collaborate in our planning. Interest or talent in art, drama, cooking, service or outdoor activities is especially helpful. Contact Beth at [bschaller@sipdx.org](mailto:bschaller@sipdx.org) to learn more or to volunteer.

### "Job Board" for St. Ignatius Families

Thank you to Le Tran, for offering to manage our job board! More information will be coming soon about how to share your need or skill with our community.

### Mom's Group Zoom Schedule – Sundays 9:00-10:00 a.m. during April & May

The Mom's group meets on Sundays via Zoom. Please note that our meeting time is adjusted to 9:00 a.m. the next two months. We welcome anyone for a one time visit or a regular presence. If you want to receive our regular Zoom links and updates, email Beth at [bschaller@sipdx.org](mailto:bschaller@sipdx.org).

Our focus for the next series of meetings will be how parents can support faith formation at various ages and stages of life. Join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays for friendly conversation and practical tips for your own family's faith development.

May 9 – Preschool years, May 25 – Primary School,  
June – Middle and High School years

There will be some short material provided each session to prompt discussion, but we can all contribute from our experience as parents and/or from our own childhood experiences, too.

### Sacramental Preparation for First Communion – LAST YEAR & THIS YEAR

It's time to celebrate!! *Please pray for the 50 children celebrating their First Communion during the Easter season. Each week a group of children will celebrate this Sacrament at the 10:30 mass.*

### First Communion celebrations – May 9, 2021

*Kevin Bizimana, Cadel Douville,  
Aoife Hoecker-Gaynor, Katie Jost,  
Aric Wong, Cormac Vu, Elena Vu  
and Reese Hilterbrand*



## KUDOS & DID YOU KNOW?

- Kudos this week for all of the Mother's, may your day be blessed! Thank you to Lisa Chambers for giving the reflection on Mother's Day.
- Did you know our own Joseph Byrd turned 50 this past week!  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOSEPH!!



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