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UNDER THE CARE OF THE JESUITS

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

NOVEMBER 21, 2021

CHRIST THE KING

Christ the King as the Ultimate Realist

Dear Parishioners:

“If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.” That is to say, if a telemarketer offers you 100% return on your investment, it should set off warning bells in your head. Nothing that good can possibly be true. At least not for very long. It is not realistic to expect any investment to double in value year after year. If it seems too good to be true, it probably is.

Some people feel that way about the Christian faith. It proclaims a loving God who is the Father of all. It says that all are brothers and sisters, regardless of our differences. It teaches that service is the true test of greatness. It asserts that love is stronger than selfishness. It promises forgiveness for our sins, no matter how heinous they may be. And it looks forward to a day when God’s will is done on earth as it is in heaven.

Isn’t that a lovely view of life? And some people would like to believe it, but simply cannot. For them, it sounds too good to be true. They feel compelled to face facts, however unpleasant those facts may be. They say that to live in a beautiful dream would be comforting. But in their suspicious view, it is better to be realistic and deal with life as it is, not as you might wish it to be.

On this celebration of Christ the King, I cannot argue with their conclusion: it is better to be realistic than to live

in a dream world. And I think Jesus would agree. Sure, some have called him an idealist, who thought of life in terms of what it could be. But Jesus considered himself to be a realist. In today’s Gospel, he said: “The reason I was born, the reason I came into the world, is to testify to the truth.” There’s the rub. What he called truth and what the world says is true are not always the same.



NOTICE: Our Daily Mass Monday- Friday:
Daily Mass at 8:00 A.M. at the La Storta Chapel
at the Loyola Jesuit Center
(Property just North of St. Ignatius)

Participants are required to wear a mask
be fully vaccinated and socially distant

Communion: Bread only



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<p><u>WEEKEND MASS</u> Saturday Vigil at 5:00 PM</p> <p>Sunday at 8:00 AM Sunday at 10:30 AM Sunday at 7:30 PM</p>	<p><u>WEEKDAY MASS</u> Weekdays At 8:00 AM At LJC La Storta Chapel</p> <p>Must be: Fully Vaccinated & wear a mask. Thank you!</p>	<p><u>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION</u> Saturdays - 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM</p> <p>OR by appointment 503-777-1491</p>	<p><u>CONTACT US:</u></p> <p>St Ignatius Parish 3400 SE 43rd Avenue Portland, OR 97206</p> <p>Phone: 503-777-1491 office@sipdx.org</p> <p>www.sipdx.org</p>
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Part of the problem comes from identifying “realism” with ugliness. When you see a movie advertised as “a realistic look at life,” you can almost count on it focusing on crime and violence. Judas Iscariot was real, as were Pilate, Caiaphas, and the Roman soldiers who took part in Calvary. They did real, terrible things. Yet the central figure in that event was Jesus of Nazareth. He is no less real than the rest. In fact, history would have forgotten most of the others by now had it not been for their association with Christ. Beneath the microscope of history, it turns out that he was the really real, the ultimate realist.

The other part of the problem is associating realism with cynicism. It is easy for a comedian like Bill Maher to interview naïve believers and ridicule them. A cynic can easily expose wishful thinking and make himself sound like an honest facer of facts.

Pilate was a cynic. You can almost hear the sneer in his voice when he asked Jesus, “What is truth?” Pilate doubted any meaning outside of his own making as having any claim on him. That is the classic position of a cynic. While others search for what is true with a degree of openness and humility, cynics assume that they are the judge of what is authentic. For them, what is reliably genuine is what confirms their experience and values. The spirit of wonder in them is confined by their assumption that they are the measure of what is real.

A genuine realist, on the other hand, is someone open to possibilities and goes to work on them. Jesus sums up his realism in the prayer he taught his disciples: “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” And he is still working to achieve it.

“Love your neighbor as yourself.” Jesus did that, and he believed that others could do it as well. More than anyone else, he saw the possibilities in people and in life. Call him a dreamer, but he made the ideal to be real by his own choices. He was not out of touch with reality. He showed that true maturity and fulfillment of our human potential is a realistic goal for everyone on earth.

Who knows how long the world will exist? But when the last chapter of history is written, Jesus will be at the heart of it. Then he will be discovered to be the ultimate realist. Between now and then, many new meanings will emerge and seemingly limitless beauty will be discovered. And he will still be there saying: “The reason I came into the world is to testify to the truth.”

After you finish your traditional Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, prepare your Advent wreath. Whether you make or buy the evergreen circle, see it as a promise of the glory that awaits you. On your baptism day, the crown of your head was smeared with chrism, the royal oil that makes you another **Christos**, another Anointed One.

You have the same mission as Jesus – to live faithfully and to love selflessly. The crown of glory – Christ’s very own – is promised to you. On your baptism day, you were given a candle lit from the Paschal Candle. As you light the first candle next Saturday night for the start of Advent, know that Christ’s light shines through you.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.
Pastor



**Thanksgiving Day Mass will be on
November 25, 2021 at 10:00 AM**

MASS READINGS

Mass Readings for Nov. 21, 2021

Daniel 7:13-14
Revelation 1:5-8
John 18:33b-37

Mass Readings for Nov. 28, 2021

Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL



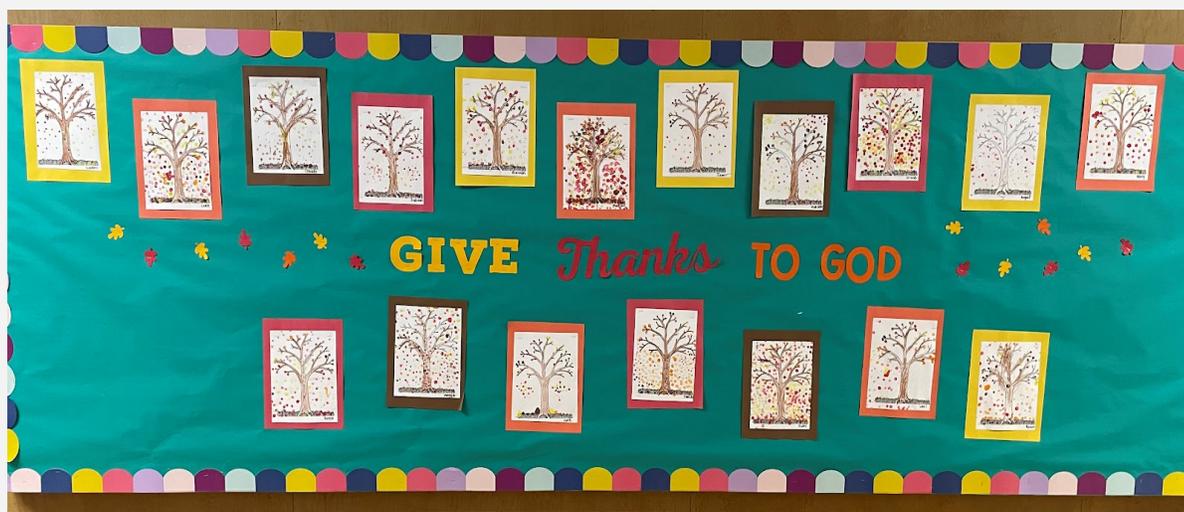
This last week, our students brought in an abundance of food for St. Vincent DePaul. From pasta to peanut butter with canned goods galore, our students contributed generously to help feed the hungry in our local community.

Our students continue to learn and grow. Our pre-K students continue to develop their skills through sculpting, drawing, and coloring. They made turkeys showing the many blessings they are thankful for in their lives. Our kindergarten students are learning their addition facts through pictures and manipulatives such as small erasers. Our first grade students are busy learning to count by fives with tally marks and developing their place value concept for ones and tens. The second graders are learning about storms and identifying the main idea and details along with decoding consonant blends. The third grade students continue to write and revise their own stories and study about the saints. Our fourth graders are diving into long division in math and continuing novel studies in reading. The fifth graders are studying saltwater and freshwater in our world and the challenges surrounding water on our planet. The sixth grade students are in a novel study of the Newberry Award winning novel, *The Giver*. Our seventh graders chose a saint role model to study and actively look for ways to perform loving deeds of kindness throughout the week. The eighth graders are studying the Earth's gravitational acceleration and the effects of free fall.

We are searching for a middle school math teacher. In the interim, if you know of a retired math teacher that might be available to provide additional math support for this school year, please direct them to our sispdx.org.

May we take time to thank our Lord for all of the many blessings in our lives. As we hear in the first book of Chronicles, chapter 16, verse 34, "Give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose love endures forever."

Carol Pausz
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WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021 at Loyola Jesuit Center from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Presenters: Tara Ludwig (Faber Institute) & Ana Guizado
Cost: \$25*

We are delighted to offer a retreat in person at the Loyola Jesuit Center this Advent. Please note that proof of vaccination is required and masks must be worn indoors. Spots are limited to 30 women.

Register online by clicking <https://www.sipdx.org/retreat-sign-up-arise>

Questions? Contact Beth Schaller at bschaller@sipdx.org

Presented by: Women, Arise! Ministry – a ministry for women, by women

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS 8:00AM MASS



Please keep in your prayers

Monday	Nov 22	†	Faye Wolf
Tuesday	Nov 23	†	Theresa & Louie Pieretti
Wednesday	Nov 24	†	Jim Emig
Thursday	Nov 25	†	Thanksgiving
Friday	Nov 26	†	Roseangela D'Ambrosia

FEASTE OF THE NATIVITY

The Feaste of the Nativity needs your help!

Sign up using the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c4caea82da2f49-feaste>



You'll find opportunities to help us set up, tear down, and help with everything from jousting to King Craig's Cafe to keeping our bathrooms clean. The Feaste runs from 10am to 4pm on Saturday, Dec. 11, and we have half shifts available for every activity during the day.

- The timeline for the day: 10am -- The Feaste of the Nativity begins
- 1pm -- Pageant in front of the church, on the plaza
- 1:45 -- Ye Royal Ceremony of Hail and Farewell at the Kings' Table, featuring King Craig and King Mike
- 2:15 -- Costume Contest in the The Royal Courtyard, King Craig and King Mike to judge
- 2:45 -- The Royal Raffle
- 3pm -- Pageant in front of the church, on the plaza
- Peace and all good, Joseph Byrd jbyrd@sipdx.org

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Please come join us for the
Feaste of the Nativity

PAGEANT, CONCERT & FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, DEC. 11, 2021 || 10AM-4PM

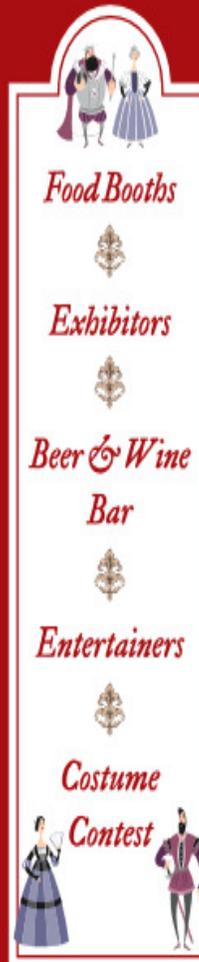


CHURCH PAGEANT PERFORMANCES || 1:00PM & 3:00PM

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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

IGNITE CONTINUES ON DECEMBER 12TH

KINO BORDER DONATIONS FOR ADVENT

Advent Conation Program: Kino Border Initiative
This Advent season, the parish will be supporting the Kino Border Initiative (KBI), a Jesuit non-profit located in Nogales, Arizona and Nogales, Mexico that provides humanitarian assistance to migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border. We will be supporting them through a donation drive, Monetary donations for KBI will be gratefully accepted. To learn more about KBI and how to participate in the collection, visit the North East alcove in church!



Kino Border Initiative
Iniciativa Kino para la Frontera

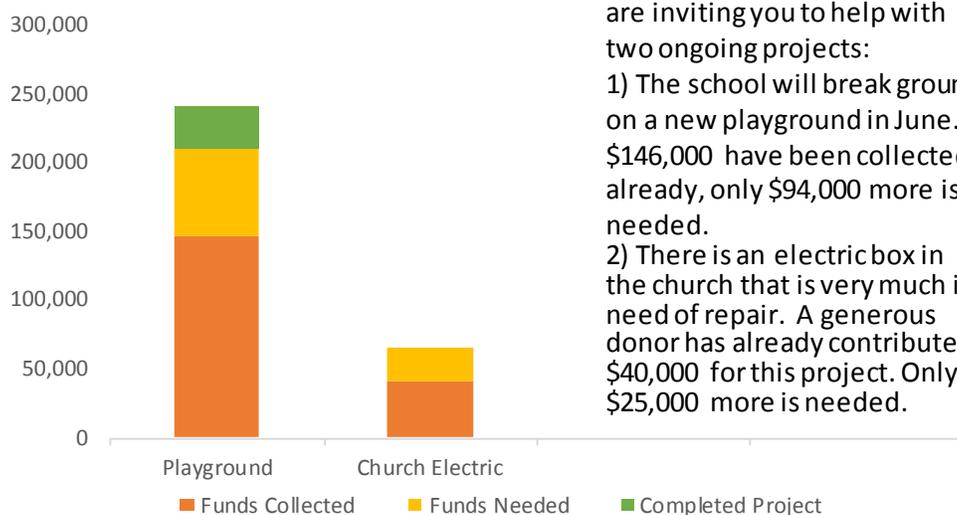
WEEKLY JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION

Civilize It: A Better Kind of Politics More than 1,000 Catholics and people of goodwill who have pledged charity, clarity, and creativity in pursuit of the common good. Will you help amplify this movement and invite your community to build "a better kind of politics, one truly at the service of the common good" (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 154)?

Civilize It: A Better Kind of Politics: <https://www.usccb.org/civilizeit> responds to Pope Francis' call in *Fratelli Tutti* to "seek the good of all people" (no. 182) by encountering our neighbors and entering into a dialogue that seeks the truth across perspectives. This new initiative challenges Catholics and people of goodwill to cultivate a sense of solidarity with our brothers and sisters that transcends our differences.

GIVING TUESDAY 2021—NOVEMBER 30TH

Giving Tuesday - November 30



This year for giving Tuesday we are inviting you to help with two ongoing projects:

- 1) The school will break ground on a new playground in June. \$146,000 have been collected already, only \$94,000 more is needed.
- 2) There is an electric box in the church that is very much in need of repair. A generous donor has already contributed \$40,000 for this project. Only \$25,000 more is needed.

On Giving Tuesday, for one day only, many companies will match donations given to non-profits. Please check with your employer to see if they will match your gift!

Donations can be made online at: <https://onrealm.org/sipdx/-/form/give/now> (select Fund "Church-Giving Tuesday" or "School-Giving Tuesday" Checks may be mailed or dropped off at the parish office. Any questions, call Patty at 503-777-1491



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