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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 6, 2022



A Message from the Pastor

This is the first Sunday of our Lenten journey. The gospel on this Sunday always deals with the temptations of Christ in the desert. In Luke's gospel—this year's Temptation account—Jesus has just been baptized in the Jordan River by his cousin John. He has heard those incredible words from God, "You are my son, my beloved. With you I am well pleased." Immediately, the Holy Spirit leads Jesus into the desert where he is "tested." It is in the desert and through testing that Jesus will decide whether to discover and follow God's great desire for him or whether he will settle for something that falls far short of that "great desire" but offers immediate satisfaction and gratification.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that "the desire for God is written in the human heart. Only in God will we find the truth and happiness that we never stop searching for." And, as the words of the Country Western song remind us, we can be "looking for love in all the wrong places." We are genetically programmed to be goal-achievers. So what is our end, our goal, as human beings? The Baltimore Catechism would say, "To know, love and serve God in this world, and be happy with him forever in the next." St. Ignatius of Loyola, in *The First Principle and Foundation*, would put it this way: "Men and women were created to praise, reverence and serve God in this life and to be happy with him in the next." Then Ignatius adds this: "Everything in creation is given to human beings to help them achieve that end." Created things are good. It is our use of them that determines whether they are helpful or hurtful to us in achieving our end or goal. St. Augustine put it another way. "Our hearts were made for you, O God, and they will be restless, until they rest in you."

Lent is the liturgical desert of our spiritual lives. It is a place where we will be tested. It is a place where we will be tempted to replace "great desires" with "modest" and "safe" desires. It is the place where we will once again confront our human hunger for something that satisfies that hunger for more than a moment.



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WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil
at 5:00 PM

Sunday at 8:00 AM
Sunday at 10:30 AM
Sunday at 7:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASS

Weekdays
At 8:00 AM

At LIC La Storta Chapel
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It is the place where we will be invited to discover our identity as a child of God, beloved and precious in his sight. It is the place where we will once again be invited to live life—not “my way” but “God’s way.” And as we are tested in this desert called Lent, we will feed on the Word of God. We will—through our praying, fasting and almsgiving—put to death everything in us that is false: false goals that will not satisfy us, false security that will not save us, false loves that will not bring us unity or peace, false values that will not reward us, false hopes that will fail us, and above all, a false identity that does not allow us to become who we really are, who God made us to be.



During the past two years, we have all found ourselves in the desert called COVID-19. We have been tested in so many ways. Almost one million Americans have lost their lives to this virus and its variants. We have been separated from loved ones. We have needed to wear masks and practice social distancing out of concern for our safety and that of others. Work and School have had to be done from home on multiple occasions. Actual attendance at Mass on weekends and many of our holiest days (e.g. Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter) had to be virtual rather than actual or in person. Only slowly is that beginning to change.

Our faith has been tested. Our hope has been tested. Our compassion and love have been tested. Our patience has also been tested. And like our ancestors in faith, who left slavery in Egypt for freedom in the Promised Land, we grumbled on more than one occasion. St. Ignatius Loyola contended that God can be found in all things. How often did we find God over these past two years?

The theme of this year’s Novena is “Trust in the slow work of God.” The Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years before reaching the Promised Land. And us? We have been in the desert for two years. It just feels like 40. The Novena and the Season of Lent offer us an opportunity to pay attention to what may have escaped our gaze repeatedly during these past two years.



May God who journeys with us through the deserts of our lives and calls us into this desert experience of Lent, deepen in us our ability to believe again, hope again, and love again. Glory be to him whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can hope or imagine. Avanti!

Fr. Mike

MASS READINGS

Mass Readings for Mar 6, 2022

Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13

Mass Readings for Mar 13, 2022

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Philippians 3:17—4:1
Luke 9:28b-36

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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

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND

Get ready to 'spring forward': Daylight saving time begins March 13th!
Set your clock ahead one hour March 12th before bed!



SYNOD LISTENING SESSION~ONE SESSION LEFT....



Dear St. Ignatius,
Your Synod on Synodality team invites you to join us for one (or more!) of the following Listening Sessions.

Saturday, March 12th, 9:00am to approx 11:00am (Zoom)-SIGN UP ON LINE AT:
WWW.SIPDX.ORG (LINK ON OPENING PAGE)

The Listening Sessions will address the following questions, as we talk about what it means to "journey together," and how the Holy Spirit is guiding us toward that.

- 1) How is this "journeying together" happening today in your parish community; its school, its Masses, its service organizations, its educational opportunities, etc.?**
- 2) What steps might the Holy Spirit be inviting us to take in order to grow in our "walking together"?**
- 3) How can St. Ignatius parish support you as we collaborate together in this shared responsibility for the building up of the whole Church?**

Stay tuned for more information on how to register for these sessions, and please continue to hold these questions in prayer.

Peace and all good,

Joseph Byrd

Pastoral Administrator and Music Director

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WEEKLY JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION

March 7 Saints Perpetua and Felicity: Patronesses of Expectant Mothers

Why It's Important: "The State has the responsibility to pass laws and create work to ensure the future of young people and help them realize their plan of forming a family." Pope Francis

March 8 International Women's Day: Why It's Important: "Recognized every year on March 8, International Women's Day honors the contributions and achievements of women in our world. It also promotes women's equality and solutions for more gender balance in all aspects of society. ... Catholic Relief Services programs promote social equity and inclusion for women in West Africa and Latin America by helping them transform their roles in society—from second-class citizens to peacemakers, business owners and opportunity creators." Catholic Relief Services

March 15 St. Louise de Marillac: Patron Saint of Social Workers Why It's Important: Social workers work to ensure the dignity of the human person; "the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society."

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After the 10:30 A.M. Mass, on Sunday, March 6th, St. Ignatius School will host an in-person Open House with school tours. Tell your friends and family to attend if they are interested in learning more about our school!

Our **Love In Deed** virtual fundraising event was a success raising just over \$112,000 for our school. Funds raised support our budget for the 2022-2023 school year providing a solid financial foundation moving into a brilliant future. Thank you to all our supporters and sponsors from the parish. We deeply appreciate your continued support of our wonderful school.

A special thank you to our kindergarten assistant, Gerry O'Brien along with some 8th grade helpers, as they allowed our students to participate in one part of Shrove Tuesday with pancakes served outside before school. Our students returned to the church for Ash Wednesday school services. Our teachers and students are thrilled to return to in person school Masses during this Lenten season.

May we engage in meaningful practices to deepen our relationship with God during this Lenten season. *"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."* Mark 1:15

Carol Pausz
Principal



YOU ARE NEEDED...

Live-streaming team: As we take steps toward live-streaming our 10:30am Sunday Mass, we're looking to assemble a team to help us, including some minimal camera work (zooming in, and panning, during the Mass), to help make sure our video presentations of Mass can help those who are unable to join us. See Joseph Byrd (jbyrd@sispdx.org) if interested.



Consolation Ministry: Do you feel the Spirit calling you to help those dealing with the loss of a loved one? Prayerfully consider supporting the St. Ignatius staff as a Consolation Minister, as we train you to help with funeral coordination, and giving care to grieving families. Contact Sarah Faux (sfaux@sispdx.org) or Joseph Byrd (jbyrd@sispdx.org) for more information.

CHURCH TITHING

Financial report (July 1, 2021—June 30, 2022):

Needed for the month of February \$39,900.00

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