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MARCH 29, 2020

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Saturday, 5:00 PM Vigil Mass: *Evening Service – Piano and cantor lead congregation in song.*

Sunday, 8:00 AM Mass: *Early Morning Service – Piano or organ and cantor lead congregation in song. Coffee and donuts following.*

Sunday, 10:30 AM Mass: *Mid-Morning Service –Piano, guitar and choir lead congregation in song. Children's Liturgy of the Word and childcare/nursery. Coffee and donuts following.*

Sunday, 7:30 PM Mass: *Contemplative Service – A spirit of quiet within a candlelit, prayerful sanctuary; incense. Piano and cantor, and various instrumental ensembles lead congregation in song and meditation.*

MONDAY: 8:00 AM Daily Mass, followed by Eucharistic Adoration in the Church.

TUESDAY-FRIDAY: 8:00 AM Daily Mass usually held in La Storta Chapel at Loyola Jesuit Center

FRIDAY: 8:00 AM In La Storta Chapel except First Friday Anointing Mass in the church (Fridays join centering prayer before Mass at 7AM)

SATURDAY: 8:00 AM First Saturday Mass

RECONCILIATION, SATURDAY: 3:30-4:30 PM or by appointment

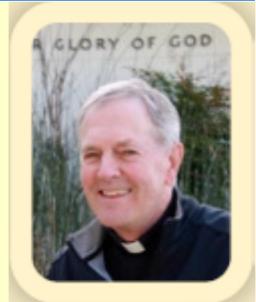
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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Fear of Coronavirus, Come Out



Dear Parishioners:

In these days of the novel coronavirus COVID-19, there are many fears. How long will this last? What can I do to keep my loved ones safe? How can I stay hopeful amid so much uncertainty? Jesus instructs us today in the way a person of faith faces death, grieving, and the other implications of our mortality.

As Jesus raises his dead friend, Lazarus, ask yourself what in you needs to be unbound, to be freed from fear, to be returned to life? When Jesus says, "Lazarus, come out," what in you longs to be Lazarus, to be freed from what immobilizes you.

Everyone knows that humans die, that we are mortal. There is no mystery in that. In his answer to Martha, Jesus distinguishes between the fact of physical death and the doom of everlasting death. It is the second state from which we are saved. This is the doom that Ezekiel meant in the first reading.

It is clear that the resuscitation of Lazarus is not the same as the resurrection of Jesus. Lazarus still returned to the life of death and taxes. He still came back to a corruptible body. The resurrection of Jesus is an entirely different order of reality. When we celebrate Jesus as risen two weeks from now at the Easter vigil, we will read the story of Genesis. Genesis foreshadows that the resurrection of Jesus is not a miracle but an act of God re-creating.

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

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In today's gospel, Jesus at first calls death a sleep. He wants to startle us from the evidence that seems to point to death as permanent. Then he says simply, "Lazarus is dead." Martha says that her brother would not have died if Jesus had been there. When Jesus asks her if she thinks her brother will rise again, she recites the belief that he will rise in the resurrection on the last day. Then Jesus makes the astonishing claim, "I am the resurrection." In other words, relating to him is the meaning of heaven. And to relate to him now is to experience freedom from the mortal bonds of this life. Amazingly, relating to Jesus right now is the beginning of eternal life.

What does relating to Christ mean practically for us right now? It means saving us from what death stands for all during life – all our fears. Look at the fears that keep you from being fully alive. There are fears of criticism, boredom, silence, facing your interior life, emptiness, or sadness. I want to end with a story that is an antidote to fear, to fear of death that is behind every other fear.

Once upon a time, life began for twin boys in their mother's womb. The spark of life illuminated their embryonic brains. With their simple brains came feeling – and a sense of their surroundings, of one another and of self.

When they noticed one another, they sensed that life was good. And they laughed and rejoiced, the one saying, "We are lucky to be alive and to have this world," and the other chiming, "Blessed is the Mother who gave us our lives and each other."

Each budded and grew arms and fingers, lean legs and stubby toes. They stretched their lungs, and explored their new-found world. In it they found the life-cord that gave them life from the Mother's blood. So they sang, "How great is the love of the Mother that she shares all she has with us." And they were pleased and satisfied with their lot.

Weeks passed into months, and with the advent of each new month, they noticed a change in each other, and each began to see change in himself. "We are changing," said the one, "what can it mean?" "It means," said the other, "that we are drawing near to birth."

An unsettling chill crept over the two, and they both feared, for they sensed that birth meant leaving all their world behind. Said the one, "Were it up to me, I would live here forever."

"But mightn't there be a life after birth?"

"How can there be a life after birth," cried the one. "Do we not shed our life cord and blood tissues? And have you ever talked with one who has been born? Has anyone ever re-entered the womb after birth? No!" He fell into despair, and in his despair he moaned, "If the purpose of conception and all our growth is that it must be ended in birth, then truly our life is absurd."

Resigned to despair, the one stabbed the darkness with his unseeing eyes, and as he clutched his precious life-cord to his chest, said "If all his is so, and life is absurd, there really can be no Mother."

"But there is a Mother," protested his brother. "Who else gave us our nourishment and our world?" "We get our own nourishment, and our world has always been here. And if there is a Mother, where is she? Have you ever seen her? Does she ever talk to you? No. We invented the Mother – because we were scared not to." Thus, while one shuddered and despaired, the other resigned himself to birth, and placed his trust in the hands of the Mother.

Weeks fell into days, and days ached into hours. And it came time. Both trembled that their birth was at hand, and both feared what they did not know. First the one was born, the other following after. And they cried as they were born into the light. And coughed out fluid and gasped in the dry air. And when they were sure they had been born, they opened their eyes for the first time, and found themselves cradled in the warm love of their Mother. They lay open-mouthed, awestruck before the one they could only hope to know.

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Dear Friends,

I want to share with you some Morning and Evening Prayers of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, written while he was imprisoned by the Nazis during WWII. I set them to music, for liturgical use, as part of my Doctoral work, and I hope that they might provide solace for you during these days of fear and social isolation.



Until we meet again, let us sing together from wherever we are.

-Joseph Byrd

Read more, see a copy of the lyrics and....
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PRAYERS OF DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

FAMILY LIFE

Mom's group meets virtually on Sundays from 9:15-10:15 a.m. to discuss "Amid the Chaos: Parenting as Spiritual Practice." To join our meeting, email bschaller@sipdx.org for the Zoom meeting connection.

Family of Faith meets virtually on Friday, April 3 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. for the monthly parent meeting. Contact bschaller@sipdx.org for Zoom meeting connection.

Sacramental Prep – please pray for all those preparing for First Communion this spring. The date will be determined when we have better information about health protocols, but the children are actively preparing and appreciate your prayers.

Families, please visit the website www.sipdx.org/family-life for a list of resources for Sundays, Holy Week and family faith practices during this time of social distancing and quarantine. Contact Beth Schaller at bschaller@sipdx.org for further support or to share good ideas and resources.

MESSAGE FROM STAFF

Your Parish staff is telecommuting during this time of crisis. We are still monitoring the phones daily and we are available by email. (see emails on the left) We encourage you to contact us with any of your questions or concerns, or just to say hi and check in.



Please check our website, it will be updated often and we are posting many offerings for you at this time. More items are in the works... check often at

www.sipdx.org

(On the left is a picture of your staff at home, checking in!)

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**A warm welcome
to all our guests.**

**We are so happy you are
here to celebrate with
us!**

Are you new to St. Ignatius Parish? Register by dropping a "Welcome" card in the offering basket with your information, or visit us online at <http://www.sipdx.org> please visit our website at:

www.sipdx.org
The Link is below the Pastor's welcome video

PREPARING TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS

During these weeks of Lent, we hold in prayer those who are preparing to receive the Sacraments, particularly those who are preparing to receive the sacrament of baptism. Please hold Nico, Devon, Jaimee, Ross and Jeff in your prayers as they consider today's Gospel and how it speaks to their unique faith journey. The prayer that accompanies this Sunday's Second Scrutiny follows.

Let us pray for Nico, Devon, Jaimee, Ross, and Jeff whom God has called, that they may remain faithful to God and boldly give witness to the Gospel.

That these Elect may continue to be enlightened by their relationship with Christ, the light of the world, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our prayer.

That God may heal anything that blinds us to Christ's presence in others, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our prayer.

That God may dispel the darkness of violence, hatred, and greed – bringing healing to all who suffer persecution and oppression, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our prayer.

Father of mercy, you led the man born blind to the kingdom of light through the gift of faith in your Son. Free Nico, Devon, Jaimee, Ross, and Jeff from fears that surround or blind them. Set them firmly in your truth, so that they may be children of the light forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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www.sipdx.org/ignite

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD MARCH 29TH

Nathan Williams, one of our Children's Liturgy leaders, is offering a virtual Children's Liturgy this Sunday, March 29th at 10:30 a.m. We hope you'll participate!

Zoom can be accessed via a computer or smart phone and allows you to see and hear Nathan, and for him to see and hear you and your children. If you have any questions, please let Nathan or I know and we can try to help you with the technology.

Nathan Patrick Williams is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Children's Liturgy of the Word March 29, 2020

Time: Mar 29, 2020 10:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/298993564?pwd=VFdvako5dTEzZzBMQm05bEtBZk5wQT09>

Meeting ID: 298 993 564

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BLOOD DRIVE

We had a great day at the Red Cross blood drive at St. Ignatius Parish today. We got 42 units of blood, which will save 126 LIVES. Thank you to all who could come out. Jim Mumby



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