



St. Ignatius Catholic Church

OREGON'S JESUIT PARISH

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August 9, 2026 - NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM

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

Weekday (M-F) 8:00 AM
at LJC - La Storta Chapel

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:30–4:30 PM,
or by appointment
503-777-1491

Summer Office Hours

Monday through Thursday,
8:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Giving



Mass Intentions

Mon, August 10

† Joseph Phan Nguyen

Tue, August 11

† Anna Tinh Nguyen

Wed, August 12

† Thomas Aquinas Su Dinh

Thu, August 13

† Anthony Toan Nguyen



"O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

(Matthew 14:31)



1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33

During a silent retreat, I prayed alone by a frozen creek, a snowcapped stump serving as my chair, the water trickling through the ice my soundtrack. Five years after the passing of my mother, this was the first retreat I had taken in which consolation was not my intended outcome. Nevertheless, it was during this time of prayer that I finally understood my grief would not fully subside until I was able to set aside the guilt of not being more fully present to my mother as she transitioned toward her heavenly home. I received the clear message, “Who you were was sufficient.” As the relief spread into my bones, and the consolation lightened my entire being, I wept at the surprising tenderness of God’s revelation.

Perhaps it is moments like this that have contributed to my love of today’s Old Testament reading. Elijah did not find the Lord in the wind, the earthquake, or the fire. It was the quiet, the “*tiny whispering sound*” where Elijah encountered God, hiding his face in his cloak, and going to the cave. The pattern of my prayer life has been to enter into the stillness and to listen. I strive to remove noise and distraction so that I can better attune to God’s presence. The reading speaks to me because it speaks to my experience, but when pairing this reading with the Gospel which depicts Jesus walking on the water amidst a storm and inviting Peter to come to him, I am invited to revisit my favorite Elijah passage.

There is no special formula as to where God is and is not present. These readings invite us to a relationship with God in both the quiet and the cacophonous places. There is nothing wrong with my prayer ritual. It just creates the illusion that God can only be found in the quiet, when the truth is that I have simply made myself more accessible and receptive to the voice of God in the quiet.

As I pray with this week’s readings, I ask myself the question, “What in my life represents the wind, earthquake, fire, and storm? What in my life keeps me from not only seeing God in all things, but experiencing God’s presence in all things?”

In the fifth dwelling of the Interior Castle, Teresa of Avila writes, “Pay special attention to these issues:

love for one another, absence of desire to be thought of as someone special, and the impeccable performance of mundane tasks.” I believe that these three things are three possible paths of quieting the wind, fire, earthquakes, and storms in my life.

Peter was able to walk on the water as he focused on his love and trust for Jesus. I will always love the Elijah reading. But this week, I am reminded of God’s presence not only in the quiet whispers, but in absolutely everything. This week I am reminded to pay attention to love, my own ego, and care for all things.

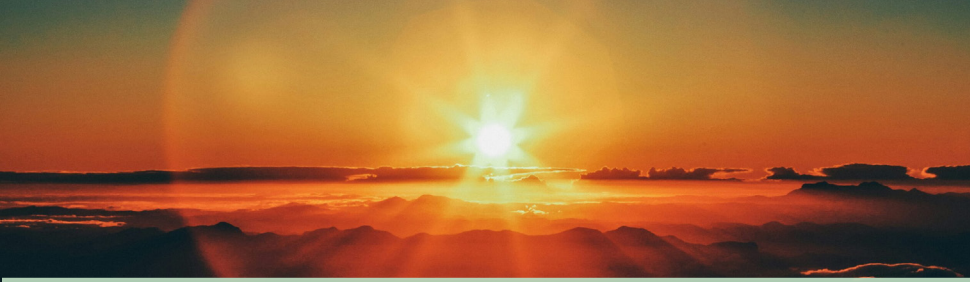
Grace Byrd has been at St. Ignatius since 2018 and can be found playing the viola at the 8 and 10:30 AM Masses. She serves in both Faith Formation and Operations Management at the parish.



Wisdom from the Pews is a chance for parishioners to share their faith journey as it relates to the weekend readings, with their reflections featured in our weekly bulletin. Interested in participating? Follow this link to sign up: <http://bit.ly/4eyinsG> and contact Joseph Byrd with any questions (jbyrd@sipdx.org)



Beat the Heat: Help Our Neighbors Stay Safe This Summer



As temperatures climb across Oregon, staying cool isn't just about comfort. For many of the people Catholic Charities of Oregon serves, it's a matter of health, safety and dignity.

While many of us swap sweaters for shorts without a second thought, our neighbors experiencing homelessness or financial hardship often don't have that luxury. A lightweight T-shirt, breathable shorts or a clean pair of socks can make a meaningful difference during long, hot summer days.

That's why we're asking our community to help us stock up on warm-weather essentials.

What We're Looking For?

We're currently seeking new and gently used summer clothing in adult sizes Small through 2XL, including:

- T-shirts
- Shorts
- Lightweight clothing
- Hoodies and light layers for cooler mornings and evenings
- New socks
- New underwear
- Sun hats
- Reusable water bottles

These items are distributed through Catholic Charities of Oregon's Homeless and Transitional Services programs, helping women experiencing homelessness and others facing financial hardship stay safe and comfortable during the hottest months of the year.

How to Help?

If you have new or gently used summer clothing to donate, we'd love to hear from you. Please email htpemail@ccoregon.org to arrange a convenient drop-off time at our main office on SE Powell Boulevard in Portland.

Prefer to shop from home? You can also purchase items directly from our [Amazon Wish List](#), and they'll be shipped to Catholic Charities for distribution.

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Pray for Vocations

Meet Nick Russell, SJ

- From LONG BEACH, CA
- Graduate of ARIZONA STATE U., CAL. STATE, LONG BEACH & UNIVERSITY of UTAH
- Taught and coached competitive speech and debate as a university program director
- Currently a JESUIT SCHOLASTIC studying theology at Boston College Clough School of Theology and Ministry



Know someone who would make a great Jesuit like Nick?

Pray for Nick and Jesuit Vocations

BeAJesuit.org

or reach out to your Jesuit Pastor or Associate Pastor



Wine, Cheese, and Conversation

If you attend the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, August 15th, please plan to stay after for wine, cheese, and conversation, If you are inclined, please bring a sweet or savory treat to share.



Meet Corey Trujillo, SJ

- From GARDNERVILLE, NV
- Graduate of UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND & UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO
- Recently completed his DOCTORATE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING at University of Colorado Boulder
- Current JESUIT SCHOLASTIC studying philosophy at Saint Louis University in St. Louis, MO.



Know someone who would make a great Jesuit like Corey?

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We, the community of St. Ignatius School, in the tradition of Mother Marie Rose and St. Ignatius of Loyola, provide a faith-centered Catholic education guiding God's children toward building a just and compassionate world.

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS



Planned Giving

For several decades, St. Ignatius has been here in SE Portland serving people in faith, educating the young with hope, and engaging the world with the love of Christ and the Good News of the Gospel in the Jesuit tradition.

Please prayerfully consider including the parish in your estate plans to help us sustain this mission for future generations.



If you are interested in learning more about planned giving options at St. Ignatius Parish, please see the "[Ways to Give](#)" page on our website or [contact Fr. San](#).

From July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

Church tithing	Actual	Budget	% of Goal
July 13-19, 2026	10,258	11,158	92%
Month of July	44,664	48,474	92%
Full Year	44,664	637,000	7%

"Giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of His holy people in the kingdom of light."

(Colossians 1:12)



Make a Year-end Donation to St. Ignatius!

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA, payable directly to a qualified charity such as St. Ignatius Parish. By making a charitable IRA rollover, you can support our parish, help sustain our mission, and continue caring for our beautiful church.

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To qualify:

- You must be age 73 or older.
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Please consult your tax or financial advisor to determine whether a Qualified Charitable Distribution is right for you. If you have questions or need assistance with making a transfer, please contact the parish office.

Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful support of St. Ignatius Parish.



Support our Pantry

Please consider bringing non-perishable food donations to the Masses on the weekends and placing them in baskets in the vestibule or making a cash donation through [Realm Connect](#). Your support is much appreciated.

Looking for Assistance?

Do you know someone who might be food insecure or needs help paying rent or utility bills? The St. Vincent de Paul Portland Council accepts requests for assistance at 503-235-8431 or svdp@sipsx.org. Requests from our neighborhood are then forwarded to our SVdP pantry that delivers food to those in need on Saturday mornings. We are feeding God's people who have less than us!



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