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October 11, 2026 - **TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



Isaiah 25:6-10a
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Matthew 22:1-14

I am blessed to have had many mountain-top moments along my life journey, moments when I have felt God present and alive, so real that it brought me to tears. 18 years ago, when my wife Maura and I were married in Boston, surrounded by our closest friends and families, the entire weekend was a literal and figurative God-soaked feast. For the rehearsal dinner, we enjoyed an Italian feast at Massiminos, one of Boston's famous North End restaurants. Surrounded by our closest friends and families the next day, we shared food, fellowship, a rich sacramental liturgy, and plenty of dancing. Mountain-top moments for sure. We held grief that day, too, for those who could not be present, and for the hardships of our pasts that had shaped us. Still, as Isaiah reminds in today's first reading, our celebration offered a tiny glimpse of the kingdom of God in our midst: the ultimate communion, when death has no power and every tear is wiped away. If you are experiencing a mountain-top moment now, cherish it as a gift from God. And if you are suffering, be consoled: God endures. God comforts. Someday these tears will be wiped away, too.

Then Jesus throws us a curveball in today's Gospel passage from Matthew. God's kingdom is again likened to a wedding feast, but the parable confronts us with two unsettling realities: people often reject God's invitation, and a guest who arrives without a wedding garment is cast out. Yikes.

Difficult as it is to read, this Gospel

offers plenty to ponder. First, how do we dismiss, refuse, or ignore God's invitations in ordinary life? I miss the mark when distractions steal my presence with loved ones, when I choose comfort over true connection with the earth and others, or when I use busyness to avoid an examined life. God's invitation is persistent but often subtle, like a still, small voice calling me deeper. How might we wake up and say yes more fully to those daily invitations?

Second, the parable ends with a man thrown out of the feast for failing to wear a wedding garment. As much as I want to use this passage to prove to my kids that dressing appropriately for church matters—Fr. San might throw you out!—I do not think Jesus intends a literal reading. Instead, the wedding garment suggests an inner posture: a heart that is open, teachable, and humble. How often do I appear faithful on the outside while remaining closed, stubborn, self-righteous, or unwilling to examine my choices through the lens of the Gospels? Sometimes my words say yes to God's



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
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invitation while my heart remains stuck at no. We can all arrive at the feast as imposters. Are we ready for the feast God offers? Are we willing to put on the wedding garment, to be open to the change God has in store for us?

God has invited us and is ready for us. God asks for the deeper yes of our hearts, the openness that allows us to be transformed into sources of radical love.

Greg Carpinello serves as the Executive Director of Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest. He and his family have been attending the 10:30am Mass since they moved from Cincinnati to Portland in January 2020.

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)

PARISH PROGRAMS



Catholic Social Teaching

Education Ministry at St. Ignatius is about telling your stories. Your story helps us read the signs of the times in the light of the Gospel and discern how God is at work in our lives and in the world today.

A foundational focus of our gatherings is Catholic Social Teaching <https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching> and Pope Leo XIV's encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas* <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html>.

Upcoming sessions:

- October 18 - Catholic Social Teaching and Us: Technology in Relationship with Humanity
- November 1 - Catholic Social Teaching and Now: The Dignity of Work and the Civilization of Love.

All sessions meet from 11:45 AM to 2:00 PM at Dillon Hall. A light lunch will be provided.

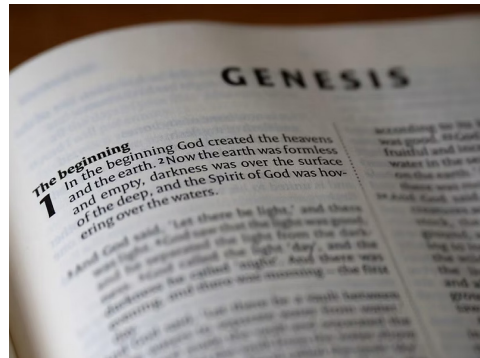
Register to join [HERE](#):

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4CAFAA2DA1F58-65693128-catholic#/>

Marriage Enrichment Class

This 4-class series focuses on understanding conflict in relationship. Combining therapeutic tools with group wisdom, the class hopes to promote compassion and improved communication in relationship. Meets 11/1, 12/6, 1/3, and 2/7, from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM. Registration required. Contact Grace at gbyrd@sipdx.org

The Book of Genesis



Deepen your understanding of the Bible.

This class, offered by Cliff Yeary, meets weekly in the **LJC Conference Room (next to the LJC Chapel)** from 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM on Sundays, November 8, 15, and 22. Contact Cliff at cliffyeary1@gmail.com

Men's Contemplative Group

Join us for 90 minutes of sharing, contemplative reflection, and encouragement as we explore what it means to be



both a contemplative and a man in the world today, how that "stance" is one that can shift both our own lives and the lives of others. Contact Joseph at jbyrd@sipdx.org

Spirituality of Aging

This group, meant for parishioners over the age of 60, explores



the newness of growing older, from relationship to self-perception, from our experience of world to our spiritual growth. Meets every Third Thursdays, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM (followed by a time for coffee and snacks) in the parish office Conference room. Contact Grace at gbyrd@sipdx.org

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Monday through Thursday,
from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM



Bethlehem Children's Closet

In October, our parish will be collecting items for the Bethlehem Children's Closet, which serves families in our community by providing clothing and supplies for children, from babies through age 17.

They are especially in need of:

- School backpacks
- Infant formula
- Pull ups
- Children's clothing in sizes 0-3T and 7-10
- Strollers
- Car seats

They do NOT currently accept:

- Diapers (their supply is currently full)
- Cribs
- Beds

Items should be new or in excellent used condition, without tears or stains. Please leave donations in the church alcove. The drive will conclude on October 25.



Yarn



Please join us after the 10:30 Mass on October 11 (11:30-1:00) in the Fireplace Room in the Parish Office. Bring your own project or contact Maureen at (206) 889-7820 about materials.

Mass Intentions

Mon, October 12
† Herb Emig
Tue, October 13
† James DeSantis
Wed, October 14
† Francis Vu
Thur, October 15
† Brian Murphy
Fri, October 16
† All Souls

Pray for Vocations

Meet
**Rob
Van Alstyne, SJ**



• ORDAINED June 8, 2019

• He is now in **TERTIANSHIP** after completing a **DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN PHILOSOPHY** at Boston College Cough School of Theology and Ministry

• From **PALO ALTO, CA**

• Earned BA in Philosophy at **BOSTON COLLEGE**

• Completed the Regency portion of his Jesuit formation as a **TEACHER** at Jesuit High School (Portland)



Pray for
**Rob
and Jesuit
Vocations**

Know someone
who would make
a great Jesuit like
Rob?

BeAJesuit.org

or reach out to your Jesuit Pastor or Associate Pastor



Women's Group

Join us on October 18 after the 10:30am Mass for our monthly discussion group meeting. We will meet in the **Bradley Room** in the basement of the Parish Office. Bring your friends, bring snacks, or just bring yourself. All women are welcome!

Voter Registration

If you are planning to vote in November's general election in Oregon, you must be registered by Oct. 13. And if you are registered but have moved or changed your name, you must RE-register by Oct. 13. Registration information and Catholic Social Teaching voter guides are available in the church alcove, and linked below. Eligible voters are U.S. citizens, a resident of our state, and at least 18 years old by election day, Nov. 3.



- Oregon voter registration link: <https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/myvote.aspx?lang=en>
- Washington voter registration link: <https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/voters/voter-registration/register-vote-washington>
- Voting guide: <https://www.networkadvocates.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/See.-Love.-Vote.-Checklist-2026.pdf>

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!

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.





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.

You may transfer up to \$100,000 directly from your IRA to St. Ignatius Parish without paying income tax on the distribution, provided the transfer qualifies as a QCD.

To qualify:

- You must be age 73 or older.
- The transfer must be made directly from your IRA to St. Ignatius Parish.

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 generosity!

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
Sep. 21-27, 2026	12,197	11,158	109%
Month of September	43,640	48,474	90%
Full Year	145,849	637,000	23%



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

AT A GLANCE

Things you may not know about the day of prayer and sacrifice for the missions, held annually on the second-to-last Sunday of October.

World Mission Sunday is the Catholic Church's **only** collection mandated in canon law (Canon 791).





The proceeds fund the missionary work of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies helping to bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Funds raised in the US help **more than 1,130 mission territories** around the globe—reaching places where the Church barely exists yet, or where it is too young, poor, and persecuted to sustain itself.





The funds go to the missions **under the supervision of the Pope**. This collection is dear to his heart and helps missionary priests.

TPMS provide financial support for **2 out of every 5 seminarians** around the world. A full 41% of all Catholic seminarians study and work in mission dioceses. These seminarians live in mission dioceses and would not be able to study as they do now without this collection.

"I saw firsthand how the faith, the prayer, and the generosity shown on World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities."
— Pope Leo XIV (Oct 13, 2025)



Take Up the World Mission Sunday Collection!

pontificalmissions.org

Equipping the Church to Carry the Gospel to the Ends of the Earth



Classes had their first Examen prayer time recently. The Examen is a five-step prayer created by St. Ignatius of Loyola as a way to pause, reflect on the day, and recognize where God is present in our lives. It offers a meaningful opportunity for students to slow down, reflect, and connect with their faith and with one another.



Our kindergarteners recently brought in food for our own St. Vincent DePaul food pantry. Our fourth graders created informational brochures on what to do in the event of a natural disaster such as floods or wildfires in connection with their reading story of the week. Our fourth through eighth grade students refereed and played matches on our makeshift pickleball courts in PE. Choosing to serve right in our own school community, our fifth graders took time to read with the kindergarteners this week. Our seventh graders made the Transition lunches. Our 8th graders spent time this week in a Wind Up Toy Speed



lab exploring how stored energy can be transferred into motion through a wind-up mechanism. Students practiced measuring speed, analyzing variables that affect motion, and applying data to support their conclusions building their critical thinking skills in interpreting results. Learning abounds as we build community among students across grade levels.



We will host our final fall initial in person C.A.S.E. (Creating A

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Safe Environment) training on Wednesday, October 21st from 6:00-8:00 PM. All school and parish volunteers working with children must be up-to-date on the annual online C.A.S.E. module through Praesidium Academy and new volunteers must take the initial in person training. If you wish to attend the training this Wednesday, October 21st, sign up through this QR code:



May we embrace the blessing of the beautiful fall colors and enjoy God's majestic creation throughout the weekend. *"Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up,"* Galatians 6:9

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