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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

OCTOBER 4, 2020

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Love Song of the Holiness of Life

Dear Parishioners:

The church dedicates the first week of October to a renewal of respect for the holiness of life. The heart of the celebration is that life is sacred. Life is *holy* because it comes from God and returns to God. Life is *mysterious* because for all of our other scientific advances, biologists still cannot explain how life begins – how it is that this brew of chemicals and electrical energy somehow combines to originate a living creature.

Life is God's greatest and most mysterious gift. The response of a grateful heart to this gift is to care for the life of all living creatures. Included in the life topics is a range of pastoral issues from the protection of the unborn, the disabled and the fragile old; care of the environment and nuclear disarmament, suicide prevention, and the death penalty; and in the realm of family life, the meaning of same-sex unions; and how to regard cohabitation, contraception, and natural family planning.

The Blessed Mother protected and nurtured the life of her Son in amazingly difficult circumstances. October is the month especially dedicated to the rosary. Pray the rosary to ask Our Lady's help to honor God's gift of life.

Pray for all who are hurt when life is not treated as sacred. Pray for old people near the end of their lives who feel worthless and useless and without family care. Pray for women who face a pregnancy without the backing of a husband or boyfriend or supportive community. Pray for those who want vengeance for prisoners on death row, and for those executed who later were found to be innocent. Pray for all who suffer as did our leader, Jesus, who was unfairly executed.

As the end of the church year approaches, Matthew's gospel depicts scenes regarding God's final judgment.

The story of the vineyard tenants who rejected the owner's representatives foreshadows God's judgment at the end of time -- and remembers the catastrophe of the destruction of the Temple that took place some forty years after the death of Jesus.

In the year 70 when Jewish zealots revolted, Roman soldiers lay siege to Jerusalem and utterly destroyed it. Called the 9/11 of the ancient world, this siege killed over a million people, extinguished Temple-centered Judaism, and gave rise to Rabbinic Judaism.

Our scripture today contains two parables about vineyards, one from Jesus and the other from Isaiah. The vineyard symbolized the people of Israel, the place where God was at work cultivating, pruning, and hoping for an abundant harvest.

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FOR OCTOBER 4, 2020**

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

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The parable tells how the tenants rejected the owner's envoys and eventually murdered his son. The point of the story comes from the lips of those leaders who are listening. The Pharisees are the ones whom God is rejecting. They were left in charge of the vineyard, but it has produced no fruit. God's envoys, the prophets, they have killed one by one. Through this rejection, God's love has been scorned.

Jesus is about to suffer the same fate as the prophets. But then the role of leadership will fall to others. Matthew understands the new vineyard to be the church. In our day, we listen to Paul's advice to the Philippians. As today's church, our job is "to keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Our job is to witness to the world our respect for life as sacred. Then "the God of peace" will be with us.

The story of the vineyard from Isaiah 5 is a love song: "I will sing for my beloved, my love-song about his vineyard." In Matthew, Jesus describes God's investment in us as his love song, God providing everything we need to live gracious and productive lives.

Positively put, our mission of love as a human family is to nurture human life from the moment of conception to the final breath of natural death. Our "respect life" mission is to honor the intimate connection between God's creating presence and every human person. Practically this means our commitment to explain how marriage is the context to welcome new life, how regulation of fertility is in the context of cooperating with God as co-creators of new life, and how protecting life in the womb from its conception to birth is our joy and glory.

Today is Sunday, October 4, the feast of Francis of Assisi. He was said to have a special regard for the lowliest creatures. This is a good moment to bless our household pets. This prayer is taken from the **Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers**:

Hear our humble prayer, O God,
For our friends the animals, your creatures.
We pray especially for all animals that are suffering in any way:
For the overworked and underfed, the hunted, lost, or hungry.
We pray for all animals in captivity or ill-treated,
And for those who cannot find a home.
For those who care for animals, we ask a heart of compassion,
gentle hands and kindly words.
Make us all true friends to animals,
And worthy followers of our merciful Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.

Pastor

Mass Schedule ~ Monday-Friday at NOON

To attend WEEKDAY MASSES, you no longer need to sign up ahead of time. Simply sign in with your name and phone number when you enter the church. The number of participants MUST remain at or below 50, so parishioners are asked to self-monitor the number of people signed up.

Mask is required.

MASS READINGS

Mass Readings for Oct 4, 2020

Isaiah 5:1-7
Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43

Mass Readings for Oct 11, 2020

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

ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL



*Start by doing what is necessary; then do what is possible;
and suddenly you are doing the impossible.*

St. Francis of Assisi

St. Francis was not talking about distance learning, but he might as well have been! The school came together in our first virtual all-school assembly. Led over zoom by 8th graders Meagan Benson, Kennedy Harris, Levi Hagstette and Lucia Smithstanza, we officially welcomed 29 new students to the school (including 11 preschoolers!) and celebrated our September birthdays. We also honored and remembered St. Francis as the one who shows us how to love creation and care for it for the benefit of all its creatures. With the help of Joseph Byrd and Joe MacKenzie and some special dog visitors (Daisy, Iggy and Emmett) we blessed our beloved pets and the animals in our care. There were a LOT of furry faces shared on the screens of our students!



October's all-school service project is to gather cold weather gear for our friends at Transition Projects. Families have 3 different supply pick up days this month to drop off new gloves, hats or socks to help outfit the houseless this winter. Thank you for your generosity!

We hope you will join us at our next **live stream Mass, Wednesday, October 7, at 1:30.**



We will celebrate the life of Blessed Mother Marie Rose, Foundress of the Srs. of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, who co-founded our school. The link is the same for all School Masses: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5659000419?pwd=UkxrWmJ2TUpTb010TkVsRFpaU2F3QT09>

Thank you for your prayers and know you are in ours! Blessings – Kelli Clark, Principal
kclark@sipdx.org

BRING YOUR PHOTO DURING OCTOBER TO THE OFFICE

Have you lost a loved one this past year? **You are invited** to bring a picture of loved ones you want our community to remember in their prayers as we approach All Souls Day.

This year we will collect a copy of a photo to be included in our weekend recorded Masses. You may **drop off a photo at the office during the Month of Octo-**

ber between 10AM & 2PM or email it to the
office@sipdx.org



This year our Memorial Mass is on **Wednesday, November 4 at Noon** call to sign up for this Mass. **503-777-1491 x 221.**

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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

Email Grace to join the Ignite email list at gbyrd@sipdx.org

October 11th

All classes will take place 6-7:15 pm

Congratulations to those who were baptized (Nico, Devon, London, and Francis) and Confirmed (Nico, Devon, Jesse, and Sarah) on September 26th! Our prayer are with you as you continue your journey in the Catholic Faith!



WEEKLY RACIAL JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION

Racial Justice Action Item:

<https://www.npr.org/2020/09/29/917816651/a-military-first-a-supercarrier-is-named-after-an-african-american-sailor>

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- ◆ **GET YOUR END OF YEAR DONATION STATEMENT BEGINNING JANUARY 5TH ON REALM!**
- ◆ <https://onrealm.org/sipdx/SignIn>

Call Patty with questions: 503-777-1491. M-TH, 10AM-2PM

IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF DAN ROGERS



- ⇒ Fr. Billy for meeting new Sacramental Prep families on Saturday!
- ⇒ Steve's continued support and partnership in getting the school ready for more kids.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

A reminder from your St. Vincent de Paul pantry that food donations can be brought to the weekday noontime masses at the church or **dropped at the Parish Office M-TH 10AM-2PM**. Additionally, cash donations that pay for food as well as rent and utility assistance can be made through Realm, in the office or by mailing a check to the office. 100% of your donations help those in need in our neighborhood. Many thanks.

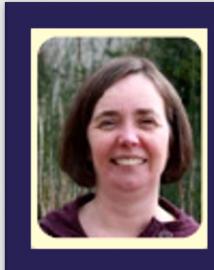
FAMILY LIFE

Children's Liturgy – Sunday, Oct. 4 at 10:30 a.m. Our Children's Liturgy program is being offered this fall by Nathan Williams, Michele Becker and Angela Kockler each Sunday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. It's recommended for ages 5-10, but all are welcome. We will do our best to share the link in the parish bulletin each week so be sure to look for it there if you don't receive your family life newsletter. Angela & Nick Kockler will lead this week's program:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5210361101?pwd=TWlrKzJnaElkdzdMdTgvOTJzcDNXZz09>

Meeting ID: 521 036 1101 Passcode: GodIsLove

Suggested Materials to Have Ready this week: blank copy paper, pencil, markers OR crayons: black, brown, green, yellow, purple, red



2020 Fall Reconciliation Home-study Program

Please pray for the 20 children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation through the home-study program this fall. This week the children are learning about God's love and belonging through baptism.

We encourage children and families during the fall preparation is to learn the Our Father and the Hail Mary prayers. There's no better time for prayer than right now and you can practice these each evening at the dinner table or at bedtime to help your children commit them to memory. It's great to start with personal prayer intentions as a family and conclude with one or both of these prayers. Or, these can be great hand-writing or spelling practice or art time. If praying the Rosary is part of your family practice, these prayers will naturally be a perfect fit. For ideas about introducing the Rosary to children, you can visit this site: <https://www.catholicicing.com/praying-rosary-with-children/#:~:text=How%20To%20Pray%20The%20Rosary%20With%20Kids-%2010,for%20children%20to%20choose%20from.%20More%20items...%20>

Mom's Groups meets 2nd & 4th Sundays to study Wisdom Literature

Our next gathering will be on Sunday, Oct. 11 from 9:15-10:15 a.m. The homework is to read Proverbs, chapters 10-22. Choose 5 proverbs that you find meaningful and 2-3 that you found amusing. To join the meeting, email bschaller@sipdx.org for the Zoom link.

Our next gathering will be on Sunday, Sept. 27th from 9:15-10:15 a.m. The homework is to read Proverbs, chapters 1-9. Choose 5 proverbs that you find meaningful and 2-3 that you found amusing. To join the meeting, email bschaller@sipdx.org for the Zoom link.

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS



Please keep in your prayers

Monday	Oct 5	† Jim Emig
Tuesday	Oct 6	† Feast of Mother Marie Durocher
Wednesday	Oct 7	† David Kress
Thursday	Oct 8	† Thelma Raymond
Friday	Oct 9	† Jim Emig



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