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**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

**MAY 23, 2021**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

## Empowering Spirit

Dear Parishioners:

On this Pentecost weekend, I want to acknowledge what the gift of the Spirit means to a church still in need of God's help.

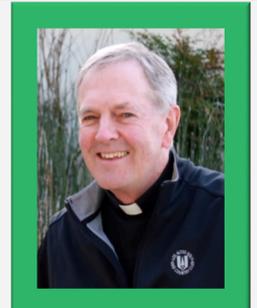
The church continues to have problems. If you study history, you know the litany of what is wrong with the Catholic church. Recall the Inquisition, the Crusades, the bad popes, and the sale of indulgences. If you listen to the news, you know the clerical abuse scandal, the corruption in the Vatican that Pope Francis is trying to address, and the recent decree forbidding the blessing of gay unions. Some see the weaponizing of access to Holy Communion as contributing to the polarization of American politics. Pope Francis has given a few women positions of authority in Rome, but the committee studying the diaconate for women has stalled. Many faithful Catholics report embarrassment and anger at Church leadership.

Several are asking, why stay in such a church? It is like a dysfunctional family with seemingly intractable blind spots. So why stay, why put up with such misery? Why? Because today Jesus says, "I will give you another Advocate to be with you always," **Always**, notice.

This Holy Spirit of Pentecost, this always-abiding Presence makes all the difference. Jesus promised to be with us no matter what we may be like on any given day, when we're good and when we're bad; when we're heroic and when we're cowardly; or when we're faithful and when we creep back into shells of isolation.

Some may choose not to believe, to itemize the list of the church's problems and walk away in disgust. For them, the church is like a pack of barking dogs starved by negligent masters and howling in frustration. But others choose to believe. They observe the church's failures, but continue to look for signs of the life-giving Spirit.

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### MASS SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY 10:30 AM Mass: Mid-Morning Service** – Sign up online at [sipdx.org](http://sipdx.org) (button on opening page,) or call leaving Name, Number in group, phone, & date. You will get a confirmation before attending Mass. (Thank you!)

**TUESDAY & THURSDAY: 12:00 PM** weekday Mass in the church, *no sign up needed*

**SATURDAY:** Recorded Mass available online, the link is on our website: [sipdx.org](http://sipdx.org)

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

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Notice how in the worst of times, God tends to raise up – seemingly out of nowhere – people to embody the Spirit: a Kateri Tekakwitha, the first Indigenous saint of North America; a Damien in the leper colony of Molokai, or a Mother Teresa in the slums India. Pentecost celebrates the abiding presence of the Risen One, the persistence and surprises of the Spirit that gives us reasons to remain Catholic.

And so I say “happy Pentecost.” The best proof of the resurrection is what the church celebrates today. Today recalls that Christ breathed his Spirit on a motley crew of frightened disciples – and they were transformed. They found the courage to live the mission that the Risen Jesus gave them – a mission to forgive their enemies and to love their difficult friends.

How can you explain the change in those early believers? How can the same group who abandoned Jesus now start treating others with compassion and forgiveness – even when they are misunderstood and persecuted? The gift of God’s Spirit changed them. And that same Spirit wants to change us in our day.

Luke clearly wanted to establish a link between the life of Jesus and the on-going challenges of the first believers of the post-resurrection community. That continuity is what the Spirit guarantees. The Spirit guided and accompanied Jesus on his life’s mission. That same Spirit would remain with his followers until his return. The Spirit of the Risen Jesus accompanies us even to our present day.

When Jesus breathes on the disciples on Easter evening, he says “Receive the Holy Spirit.” Jesus is creating them anew. He revivifies them in a way that recalls the Creator bringing to life the first human person by blowing into the nostrils the breath of life (Genesis 2:7).

The promised Spirit is called Advocate, Comforter, Helper, Counselor, and *Paraclete* (or Defense Attorney). Even with all the limits of human sinfulness, mere human beings are entrusted with the divine mission to forgive and to comfort the poor. As servant of the Spirit, the church’s call is to discern where the path of holiness leads and how to walk that path with generosity and courage.

Jesus told us that we would encounter questions in our day that no one in his day even imagined. Think of some of the issues he never explicitly challenged: slavery, racism, or immigration; or health issues such as alcoholism, drug addiction or obesity.

Consider modern questions around the sanctity of life, women’s reproductive rights, gender transformation, *in vitro* fertilization, surrogate motherhood, contraception, euthanasia, same sex unions, clerical celibacy, or ordination of women. Jesus has given us his Spirit to deal with these and similar controversial question. Pope Francis is heeding the Spirit to use synods to review liturgical reform and update the theology of human sexuality. The Spirit directs us as the People of God to listen carefully to the promptings of wisdom and faith, and to receive what the magisterium teaches as in continuity with the Gospel and tradition.

Today challenges us to consider whether our disappointments with the church are so severe that we no longer trust the Spirit to accompany us in religious practice. Or whether we choose to remain in a broken church that offers compassion when others suffer -- especially when they are not our family, or they deserve the consequences of their own poor judgments. Today the Spirit of Pentecost stirs the heart of the church to reconsider our broken brothers and sisters. The Spirit asks the age-old question, “How would you like others to treat you if you were in their shoes?”

**Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.**

**Pastor**

## MASS READINGS

### Mass Readings for May 23, 2021

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

John 20: 19-23

### Mass Readings for May 30, 2021

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Romans 8:14-17

Matthew 28:16-20

## ST. IGNATIUS PARISH SCHOOL



May is flying by and students all classes are working on some of their biggest projects of the year like science projects, Night of the Notables, and Gallery of a Graduate. We have been blessed with excellent weather and students are enjoying have lunches and some classes outside.

**Teacher spotlight:** Meet Mrs. Jessie Wimer! Mrs. Wimer has been a teacher for 16 years and has been teaching middle school at St. Ignatius School for 12 years. Mrs. Wimer specializes in teaching Social Studies in the middle school and is the 8<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom teacher. She is enthusiastic about giving her students many opportunities for service. We have Mrs. Wimer to thank for all of the coordination of our service to Transition Projects. Mrs. Wimer works hard to make our students' last year with us a memorable one with fun traditions, experiences, and leadership opportunities.



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## SUNDAY PARKWAYS

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<https://www.portland.gov/sunday-parkways>



## KUDOS & DID YOU KNOW?

- **KUDOS to All of the 20 Students that were confirmed last Saturday! Thank you Grace and all of those that helped to make this day so special.**
- **Did you know that we are still taking RSVP for Sunday Mass at 10:30AM in the church. However, the Tuesday and Thursday Masses at noon are available without an RSVP For Sunday sign ups, sign into our website and look for the yellow button at the top at:**

**[sipdx.org](http://sipdx.org) or call the office by the Thursday before Mass at 503-777-1491.**

## DAILY PRAYER INTENTIONS



*Please keep in your prayers*

Monday	May 24	† Jennifer Jimenez
Tuesday	May 25	† Kirk Huffstetler
Wednesday	May 26	† Mike Merriman
Thursday	May 27	† Charlie Mantia
Friday	May 28	† Ed Watkins

## WEEKLY JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION



# LAUDATO SI' WEEK 2021

**"for we know that things  
can change"**

(LS 13)

16-25 May 2021

<https://mailchi.mp/jesuits/faith-doing-justice-weekly-newsletter-8102321?e=77d822a7e6>

### **Vigil for Racial Healing**

**Wednesday May 26, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

St. Anthony Catholic Church

9905 SW McKenzie St, Tigard, OR 97223

To register or for more information, email Danny Rauda at [drauda@satigard.org](mailto:drauda@satigard.org)

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Join us for Overnight and Family Camp at Camp Howard this summer. Make friends, explore the outdoors, enjoy traditional camp activities like archery, arts & crafts, pedal carts, swimming, giant slip-n-slide, and more. *Camp Howard is following all local and state health guidance to keep our campers and staff healthy this summer.*

**OPEN HOUSE DATES:** Saturday, May 22nd, 2pm to 5pm & Sunday, June 27th, 2pm to 5pm

**Camp Howard is hiring Summer Staff ages 16 years old and up. Visit:**  
[www.cyocampHoward.org/jobs](http://www.cyocampHoward.org/jobs) for more information.

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In the subject line please include either:

*Asking for prayers*

OR

*Add me to the Email list to pray*

## FAMILY LIFE

### Children's Liturgy – through Pentecost (end of May)

Our Children's Liturgy program has creatively persevered this year and we are so grateful to our leaders, Nathan Williams, Michele Becker, and Angela & Nick Kockler. The program will continue through May and then take summer off. If you are interested in being part of our Children's ministry here at St. Ignatius, please contact [bschaller@sipdx.org](mailto:bschaller@sipdx.org).

### "Finding God in All Things: St. Ignatius Family Faith Summer Adventures"

Plans are in the works for a family-based summer program which will take place on weekday evenings. Dates, times and details coming soon. In the meantime, we welcome youth or adults to collaborate in our planning. Interest or talent in art, drama, cooking, service or outdoor activities is especially helpful. Contact Beth at [bschaller@sipdx.org](mailto:bschaller@sipdx.org) to learn more or to volunteer.

### "Job Board" for St. Ignatius Families

Thank you to Le Tran, for offering to manage our job board! More information will be coming soon about how to share your need or skill with our community.

### Mom's Group Zoom Schedule – Sundays 9:00-10:00 a.m. during April & May

The Mom's group meets on Sundays via Zoom. Please note that our meeting time is adjusted to 9:00 a.m. the next two months. We welcome anyone for a one time visit or a regular presence. If you want to receive our regular Zoom links and updates, email Beth at [bschaller@sipdx.org](mailto:bschaller@sipdx.org).

Our focus for the next series of meetings will be how parents can support faith formation at various ages and stages of life. Join us on the 2nd and 4th Sundays for friendly conversation and practical tips for your own family's faith development.

May 25 – Preschool years, June 13 – Elementary School years, June 27 – Middle & High School years

There will be some short material provided each session to prompt discussion, but we can all contribute from our experience as parents and/or from our own childhood experiences, too.

### Pray for our First Communion students!

It's time to celebrate!! Please pray for the 50 children that have celebrating their First Communion this Easter season. These were celebrated at the 10:30 mass on Sundays during April and May.



Thank you to Mary Kay Baker, Cecelia Russell, and all the parents who have taken a big role in preparing students! And special thanks to our photographer, Brooklyn Rouse, for generously showing up each Sunday to take adorable photos of the kids.

### Building a Team of Parents for Middle School Kids

We are building a team of parents and volunteers who would be interested in helping plan and support activities for our St. Ignatius parish middle school students! We would love for you to be a part of this group. Your level of involvement is up to you. You can help plan, help organize an activity, or maybe even host an activity. Many hands make light work, so the more the merrier! If you would like to stay in the loop as we begin this adventure, send an email to Maria at [maria.l.fuhrmann@gmail.com](mailto:maria.l.fuhrmann@gmail.com).



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