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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

APRIL 25, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

My Flock Hear My Voice

Dear Parishioners:

One of the students at Regis College in Toronto I got to know during theology studies was a blind Jesuit, Larry Gillick. He used to amaze me by recognizing people by the noise their shoes made when they walked by. Of course, he knew people by their voices. But he could also tell from what he heard in another's voice what the person was feeling – cheerful or pensive or worried or joyful. Larry could tell a lot from hearing another's voice. I think that kind of sensitive awareness is what Jesus meant when he said his sheep recognize his voice.

When you love someone a lot, you delight to hear their voice in any of life's little moments, or especially in situations of celebration or crisis, or after a long absence. Today's gospel poses the question: do you know the Risen Lord well enough to find consolation and reassurance in his voice? Some may wonder how you hear his voice at all.

This is Vocation Sunday. This weekend throughout the world, the Church prays that you will hear the Good Shepherd call you by name. Baptism is the way God calls you to be his son or daughter. At baptism you receive your mission "to love God with your whole heart, and your neighbor as yourself." Christ the Good Shepherd constantly calls you by name – leading you to abundant pastures, warning you of dangers, or standing between you and harm. *Your mission is to love as Jesus did – no matter what your state in life.*



In the Gospel from John, Jesus says "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." This is a wonderful promise – that you will never perish and will receive eternal life. It is also an assurance of a love that will never let you go. Parents know the secret – that when their children least deserve love is when they most need it. Jesus can't stop loving you – not because you are always loveable, but because that's who he is – faithful, divine love in the flesh.

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 10:30 AM Mass: *Mid-Morning Service – Sign up online at 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

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

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The promise of Jesus also means that you belong to a flock – you are a member of a faith community. In the Book of Revelation, John saw in his vision “a huge crowd which no one could count from every nation and race, people and tongue.” And the reading from Acts says that when Paul and Barnabas departed from Antioch, they left behind a body of believers who banded together to share their joy in the Lord.

The promise of Jesus also means that you participate in a cause that is bigger than yourself. An Old Testament verse says that it is “the little foxes that make havoc of the vineyards.” In other words, there are trivial demands that distract you from what’s important. What you need to be truly alive is one great unifying vision that pulls everything together and gives you strength, direction and purpose. Your deepest desire for companionship with Jesus will reveal your vocation – and exercising your unique talents will show you the road to follow in learning how to love.

A last promise of Jesus is that your life is completely in God’s providence. John says it well, “The Lamb on the throne will shepherd them. He will lead them to springs of life-giving water.” Pedro Arrupe, the Father General of the Jesuits, said “not a leaf falls from a tree without the divine permission.” When you listen for the voice of the Risen Lord, get ready to be amazed at what you hear.

The person of faith lives with the intuition of divine guidance and protection in every moment of life. Where a skeptic may interpret some event as chance or luck, the person of faith hears in every adventure the voice of the good Shepherd. This is what it means “to find God in all things,” not that a disciple is free from the travail of human selfishness, but that the Good Shepherd accompanies his flock no matter where life takes you – always teaching you how to love.

On this Vocation Sunday, let us hear the Risen Jesus speak a new beatitude. ***Blessed are you who recognize the voice of the Good Shepherd, calling to you in the broken hearted, the lonely, and those overlooked on the margins of life.*** In your baptismal mission to learn how to love, your challenge is to imitate the Good Shepherd in the care for the little ones entrusted to your safekeeping.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.
Pastor

SPRING 2021 FAMILY LIFE SURVEY 22 FAMILIES SAY.....

(Note: Most questions allowed multiple responses so percentages do not add up to 100%) This is what they had to say...

1) During COVID, how has your family faith practice evolved? (Respondents could give more than one response...)

50% - we watched mass online
45% - celebrated the liturgical seasons and feast days at home
40% - established a weekly family ritual or prayer practice
36% - participated in Sacramental Preparation via home-study
27% - participated in Children’s Liturgy of the Word via Zoom
22% - participated in justice and charity work this year
27% - participated in Vacation Bible School last summer
9% - found a place to attend mass in person

2) How has this past year impacted your family’s faith practice?

77% - we are eager to return to our previous faith practices (like attending mass) when it is safe to do so
50% - our family faith practice has diminished during COVID
32% - our home faith practice has grown and adapted during COVID
14% - we would like to incorporate or prioritize some new faith practices moving forward

MASS READINGS

Mass Readings for April 25, 2021

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12
1 John 3:1-2
John 10:11-18

Mass Readings for May 2, 2021

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8

In Thanksgiving for the life of Patricia Ebert, mother of Kim Ponto

ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL

Now that all grades are on campus for full days, students are getting more PE, Music, Library and Technology classes. It is starting to feel closer to normal. Kids are still spaced out throughout the day, washing hands frequently, and are wearing masks, but the joy coming from students at every level permeates the building. Our families are doing a fantastic job of adhering to the Oregon Health Authority guidelines. We could not stay open safely without everyone's cooperation.



Last week we wrapped up our first Move-a-Thon fundraiser! We surpassed our goal of \$30,000 and raised over \$37,000! Once again, our community comes together in amazing ways! The kids had a blast completing their Bingo boards each day. Classes that had 100% participation turning in Bingo boards received free dress passes. There were also some class and individual prizes the kids were competing for. The money earned will be going toward updating textbooks, science materials, playground and recess equipment, and library books. Thank you to everyone who supported this event!



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WEEKLY JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION

Fratelli Tutti: Finding Sisterhood and Brotherhood to Overcome what Divides Us

Catholic Charities USA is pleased to sponsor an upcoming series of four discussions, hosted by the Franciscan Action Network and featuring expert speakers, that will unpack Pope Francis' latest social encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*. Dates, topics, featured panelists, and registration links are as follows:

Wednesday May 5: Fratelli Tutti on Culture and Society, with Kim Daniels & Heidi Schlumpf (National Catholic Reporter) https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwvc-vqjKqGtP6rWs_a3l9PxX1oXgMXkGc?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=c805a563-2e20-451-bcb0-dacd3f8d35d9

Ministering to Workers in the Time of COVID

Friday May 7, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm PDT.

Register Here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYod-GpqzwtGNwhxfzm4PthFchmGsiHP_1y

The coronavirus pandemic has struck working families especially hard: millions of essential workers remain on the job at risk of infection while millions of others have been displaced from work and are at risk of poverty and homelessness.

These are our parishioners and the people we serve in our other ministries – how much do we know about what they have experienced during this time? The Catholic Labor Network, supported by a grant from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, has created a short 1.5 hour zoom-based program for Catholic Charities USA on “Ministering to Workers in the Time of COVID.”

In the program we take testimony from workers impacted by the pandemic and explore together its implications for our ministry. Besides the workers themselves, presenters will include Fr. Ty Hullinger, Pastor of St Anthony of Padua Church in Baltimore and consultant to the US Conference of Catholic Bishops' CCHD Subcommittee; Adrian Flores, Director of the Office of Social Concerns in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles; and Clayton Sinyai, Executive Director of the Catholic Labor Network.

DAILY PRAYER INTENTIONS



Please keep in your prayers

Monday	Apr 26	† Steve Sprando
Tuesday	Apr 27	† Patricia Ebert
Wednesday	Apr 28	† Fr Thomas McCarthy, SJ
Thursday	Apr 29	† Ruby McCormick
Friday	Apr 30	† Jim Emig

IGNITE



Go Forth and Set the World on Fire ~ April 25 –TONIGHT

This year in IGNITE we will explore prayer in the Catholic Tradition through music and the lives of Saints and Mystics. The invitation is simple:

COME -with an open heart to see what it is all about;

CONTEMPLATE -the presence of the Holy Spirit in your own life and experience;

CONNECT - to the Mass, the saints, the people of St. Ignatius, and your heart.

To Join our mailing list, contact Grace at gbyrd@sipdx.org

Come to one class, come to all - as you desire

All classes will take place from 6 - 7:15PM on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 882 2844 4763 * Passcode: 1491

WOMEN'S RETREAT

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (Galatians 5:22-23a)

Women's Pentecost Retreat

Saturday, May 22nd at 10 AM – Noon (via Zoom)

Join us for prayer, reflection, sharing and friendship as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Presenters: Tara Ludwig (Faber Institute) &
Ana Guizado

Register now: sipdx.org

Donations gratefully accepted. Please send them to: St. Ignatius Catholic Church, c/o Beth Schaller, 3400 SE 43rd Ave, Portland, OR 97206 or pay via the St. Ignatius "Realm" app with "Women's Retreat" in the memo line.

Questions? Contact bschaller@sipdx.org



KUDOS & DID YOU KNOW?

- Grace and Fr Billy, Darin, Kirsten, and Shane for all their work on the Confirmation retreat last weekend for 25 confirmation students. It was a wonderful experience for all!

NOTE: FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE ABOUT DONATION/TAXES

\$300-\$600 TAX DEDUCTION AVAILABLE FOR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH 2021

The "Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021," which the President signed into law on December 27, 2020, included a provision that extends the new "above-the-line" charitable tax deduction through 2021. Basically, those taxpayers who take the standard deduction (instead of itemizing) can receive a \$300 tax deduction (\$600 for married filing jointly) for donations to eligible non-profit organizations. Prior to 2020, there was no donation tax break available for those who took the standard deduction. Donations must be made through December 31, 2021 to be eligible.

ST IGNATIUS SUNDAY MASS SIGN UP

(Sunday Mass Sign up must be received the Thursday before the Mass date by NOON. Thank You.) Sundays at 10:30am reserve a spot online www.sipdx.org or by calling the office. 503-777-1491

**WEEKDAY MASS WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAY & THURSDAY AT 12:00 PM, no sign up required.**

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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

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.

Topic: St. Ignatius CLW 04.25.2021

Time: Apr 25, 2021 10:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76757617001?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76757617001?pwd=cWIWS2ZLT1h5ZSsvandBdUwzRXINZz09)

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Meeting ID: 767 5761 7001 * Passcode: CLW

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.

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.

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.

April 11 – Overview/intro, April 25 – Birth-3yrs, May 9 – Preschool years

May 25 – Primary School, June – Middle and 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.

Sacramental Preparation for First Communion – LAST YEAR & THIS YEAR

It's time to celebrate!! *Please pray for the 50 children celebrating their First Communion during the Easter season. Each week a group of children will celebrate this Sacrament at the 10:30 mass.*

First Communion celebrations – April 25th

**Wyatt Burkart, Andrew Carpinello
Jane Hunsinger, Marcus Nguyen
Kieran MacDonald, Amanda Luchsinger
Julian Luchsinger**





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