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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

JULY 18, 2021

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Come Apart and Rest Awhile

Dear Parishioners:

On this third weekend of July, it is good to come apart awhile for rest and refreshment.

In today's gospel, Jesus listens to his companions as they return from their first attempts to proclaim God's kingdom. The disciples are worn out from their efforts. Even though he too is exhausted, Jesus responds generously to his people who are like sheep without a shepherd. Jesus likewise speaks to us -- he knows our need for consolation in our troubled world.

William Bausch tells a story about some people who needed solace from their woes. A woman's happiness was shattered by the loss of her brother, a good man, dearly beloved. Torn by anguish, she kept asking God, "Why?" But hearing only silence, she set out in search of an answer. She had not gone far when she came upon an old man sitting on a bench. He was weeping. He said, "I have suffered a great loss. I am a painter, and I have lost my eyesight." He, too, was seeking an answer to the question, "Why?" The woman invited him to join her, and taking him by the arm, they trudged down the road.

Soon they overtook a young man walking aimlessly. He had lost his wife, the source of his joy, to another man. He joined in the search for the answer to the "Why" question. Shortly they came upon a young woman weeping on her front doorstep. She had lost her child. She, too, joined them. Nowhere could they find an answer.



Suddenly, they came upon Jesus of Nazareth. Each confronted him with their questions, but Jesus gave no answer. Instead, he began to weep and said, "I am bearing the suffering of a woman who has lost her brother, a girl whose baby has died, an artist who has lost his eyesight, and a young man who has lost the love of his life." As he spoke, the four moved closer, and they embraced each other. And they grasped Jesus' hands.

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 PM

Sunday at 8:00 AM

Sunday at 10:30 AM

Sunday at 7:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASS

Noon on Tuesday & Thursday



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays -3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

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Jesus spoke again saying, "My kingdom is the kingdom of the heart. I cannot prevent pain. I can only heal it." "How," they asked. "By sharing it," he said. And then he vanished. And the four? They were left standing, holding each other.

Today's gospel from Mark depicts Jesus as one moved with pity for people who were "like sheep without a shepherd." The image of Jesus as a shepherd is comforting. In today's passage, Jesus interrupts his vacation plans in response to the needs of the vulnerable poor. He is the antithesis of the evil shepherds who exploited ancient Israel. He is the fulfillment of Isaiah's hope that God would raise up the ideal shepherd.

Through his wise teaching, compassionate healing and sacrificial suffering, Jesus shows what a good shepherd does. Ephesians 2 says that the ministry of Jesus the Good Shepherd does not end with his death on the cross. The Risen Christ creates peace between Gentiles and Jews, reconciliation between those formerly estranged, and access to God through the Holy Spirit.

Why is a meditation on finding rest in Jesus important? Because the world equates busyness with success, and constant activity with importance. Our national mantra is "there is never enough time." *Come away and rest awhile.*

Rest is necessary not only for physical and mental health, but for spiritual health as well. Even though you and I know the importance of rest, it is easy to get caught up in addictions – busyness and hurriedness and the exhilarating feelings these addictions produce.

There is the possibility that our children may grow up as adults wonderfully able to negotiate the Internet, master any video game, get good jobs – and then, in mid-life, find that they cannot plunge into the deeper water where life beckons.

As Steven Covey writes, "It is incredibly easy to get caught up in the activity trap, to work harder and harder climbing the ladder of success only to discover that it's leaning against the wrong wall." What happens if you do not learn early the secret of solitude?

What solitude has to offer is silence. Silence is not simply the absence of noise, but a presence to oneself without distraction. Silent solitude ceases talking, and enters the realm of feelings. Solitude means being alone with the Alone. This is the opposite of loneliness. Silent communion with the Divine means growing in felt awareness of your identity as beloved.

As contemplative monks know, soul work requires that you give yourself to solitude to replenish your spirit. Thomas Merton wrote, "It is in deep solitude and silence that I find the gentleness with which I can love my brothers and sisters." And Jesus was right, "Come, tread the road less traveled. *Come apart and rest awhile.*"

In conclusion, what comes directly after the orchestra conductor raises the baton for the initial upbeat of the concert? Complete silence. To appreciate music, you have to appreciate silence. To appreciate the music of life, appreciate solitude.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.
Pastor

MASS READINGS

Mass Readings for July 18, 2021

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Ephesians 2:13-18

Mark 6:30-34

Mass Readings for July 25, 2021

2 Kings 4:42-44

Ephesians 4:1-6

John 6:1-15

In Thanksgiving for the life of Christine Skinner

WEEKLY JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION

An Old Heresy

Pope Francis has called upon us to be the "Restoration Generation," committed to support and scale up efforts "to prevent, halt and reverse the degradation of ecosystems worldwide." <https://catholic sentinel.org/Content/Viewpoints/Viewpoints/Article/An-old-heresy/3/383/43671>

Pope Francis tells Catholic business leaders to invest in the common good. <https://catholic sentinel.org/Content/News/Pope-Francis-and-Vatican/Article/Pope-Francis-tells-Catholic-business-leaders-to-invest-in-the-common-good/2/61/43733>

'No more war': Pope continues his teaching on Gospel nonviolence. <https://catholic sentinel.org/Content/News/Pope-Francis-and-Vatican/Article/-No-more-war-Pope-continues-his-teaching-on-Gospel-nonviolence-/2/61/43723>

CHRISTMAS IN JULY ~ "THE FEASTE OF THE NATIVITY."

Anyone up for some Christmas in July?

Dear parishioners: I know it's early, but please hold this in your prayers. I'm putting together "The Feaste of the Nativity," a pageant/concert/festival to take place here, at and in St. Ignatius Church. The best part of any event, whether it be a movie, or a novel, or a story, is to leave you wanting more. So! Let this announcement be just that. I will need your help, of course! Singers, costumers, food, logistics, set up, rehearsal support, sound and tech assistance, fund raising models, ushering -- you name it. And in particular, I need your prayers. More info to come, as we walk through these summer weeks, especially in light of the pandemic, and the many other considerations that come up when working through and toward something like this. It is, however, the best part of most things, when one has some anticipation and some hope of what is to come. And after the year+ that we've lived through, that is a joy for me. Interested? E-mail me at jbyrd@sipdx.org or call me at the parish office. And, as you will hear us say, come December: Wes hale, Good Lords and Ladies fair, we bid thee welcome

we bid thee share! Come join us in our Feaste, where all are welcome, from richest to the least. --Joseph Byrd, Music Director and Pastoral Administrator



DAILY PRAYER INTENTIONS



Please keep in your prayers

Monday	Jul 19	†	Bob Secolo
Tuesday	Jul 20	†	Tom Williams
Wednesday	Jul 21	†	Rose Angela D'Ambrosia
Thursday	Jul 22	†	Jim Emig
Friday	Jul 23	†	Christine Skinner

JOHN SCOTT MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021
MOUNTAIN VIEW GOLF CLUB 1:00 PM
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Fall Women's Retreat survey

Women, Arise! retreat ministry at St. Ignatius is considering the possibility of a fall overnight retreat. If you might be interested in a women's retreat, please take this short survey to assist in our planning. Thank you!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XBLN35N>

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES ONLINE RETREAT 2021-2022 – APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED

Due to current health concerns, the 2021-2022 SEEL retreat will be an online experience. We are excited to be able to offer the Spiritual Exercises in a format that will open the retreat experience to graces in unexpected ways. Advance registration is required. Applications accepted NOW!

2021-2022 Online SEEL Retreat applications accepted June 10, 2021 - August 10, 2021.

The retreat begins September 13, 2021 – check monthly retreat dates and apply at:

<https://seelportland.org/> <https://seelportland.org/how-to-apply/>

THREE SUMMER PROJECTS ~ FAMILY LIFE

The Children's Book Bank Here's how you can help the Children's Book Bank:

- Bring gently used (or new) board and picture books and place them in the donation bin located in the Church. Consider buying or donating culturally diverse books as these are especially needed and appreciated. Your books will be cleaned and prepared to go to households that need books.
- Participate in our service evening on July 7th. We will learn more about the work and mission of the CBB and we will help with the book cleaning and repairing process right here at St. Ignatius Church. Learn more at: childrensbookbank.org

Soles4Souls Turning shoes and clothing into opportunity. Here's how you can help:

- Bring your old shoes and clothing and place it in the appropriate bins at Church. Your donations will help the planet, provide relief and jobs for others, and help fight poverty. Learn more at: soles4souls.org

Tibbetts House Here's how you can help The Tibbetts House:

- Put your mission box in a prominent location at home. Collect money in your mission box throughout our Summer Faith Adventures. Bring it to our concluding evening on July 28th. Your contribution will help buy needed household items and cleaning supplies for the refugee families who reside at the Tibbetts House.
- Consider becoming a regular volunteer and learning more here: sipdx.org/refugee-ministry

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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

Sacramental Preparation

Registration is open for 2021-2022

Next year's Sacramental Preparation program is now open for registration. The program begins in September and is open to 2nd graders and older. Information packets are available in the vestibule of the Church. Please register online at: sipdx.org/first-reconciliation-and-eucharist **Assistant(s) needed for Sacramental Prep next year**

Mom's Group

This group meets via Zoom on 2nd and 4th Sundays from 9:15-10:15 a.m. Join us once or on a regular basis to share the joys and challenges of parenting in a context of faith. Contact Beth at bschaller@sipdx.org for the Zoom link or to be added to the mailing list.

"Job Board" for St. Ignatius Families: Do you have a talent to share or a need we can help with? For more information email to jobboard@sipdx.org Thank you to Le Tran, for offering to manage our job board!

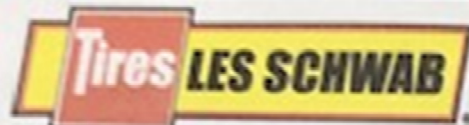


Family Faith Adventures



ARE YOU PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE?

Are you engaged? Congratulations! Preparing for a marriage in the Catholic Church is a six month process which hopefully offers some tools to help you navigate this wonderful transition in your life. If you're ready to get that process started, contact Grace Byrd for more information. gbyrd@sipdx.org



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