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**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

**OCTOBER 10, 2021**

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**The Difference Between Divorce and Annulment**



Dear Parishioners:

Last week, I wrote about the ideal of marriage as a covenant relationship. Now it is time to explain what Jesus means when he says “no divorce.”

I believe that when Jesus says no divorce, what He means is, **“let there be no abandoning or attempts to destroy a covenant.”** Why should we not try to destroy a covenant? Because a covenant is sacred and permanent and has social dimensions. Everyone knows of covenants that have been sorely tested, covenants that have been violated but not destroyed. Many people have had incredibly difficult marriages -- infidelities, for example, or other kinds of betrayals and humiliations and broken promises.

What makes a covenant perdure even in the face of sin? It is *forgiveness*. It’s the ability to apologize, and to receive forgiveness that restores trust. Spouses experience the grace of God offered in a marriage covenant when two continue to become one in offering forgiveness and re-establishing trust.

When a marriage covenant is genuine, the covenant is indestructible – God gives a couple the grace to apologize and forgive, and the two partners cooperate with the grace to nourish the relationship. Covenant love enables people to walk the messy, unfolding highway of the baptismal mission “to learn how to love.” A genuine marriage covenant is not a decision made once and for all. It is an evolving reality that needs to be reaffirmed with each new day.

What creates the covenant? It is the consent between two people capable of a partnership who are free to pledge themselves to one another for life. Some people try to freely consent to such a partnership, but later discover that they are incapable of partnership, that they lack the capacity for caring for another, and that thus the maturity needed for free consent is beyond their range of development as a person. This is what Jesus means when he says that some people are “incapable of marriage.”

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**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**

Tuesday & Thursday  
At 12:00 PM



**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays -  
3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE:

In such a situation, the faith community is asked to do two things. On the one hand, we are asked to hold up the idealism of marriage as a covenant – as the privileged way God gives partners to help one another to learn how to love. At the same time, we are called to acknowledge that some partners cannot forgive -- in their relationship there is no covenant -- and now the challenge is, “How do they get on with their lives?”

When married people cannot apologize or offer forgiveness, the attempted covenant is not present in their relating. When there is no covenant, there is no sacrament, there is no helping one partner learn from the other partner how to love. All this is to say that some relationships do not manifest the signs of unconditional love characteristic of a covenant. When there is no covenant in a marriage, then spouses moving apart from one another is not the “divorce” Jesus forbids. The Catholic name for separating from a covenant-less marriage is called *annulment*.

Annulment does not *break* a covenant – it is a process that recognizes that a covenant (capacity for partnership and forgiving love) is simply not present. When no marriage covenant is present, people still have the mission to learn how to love. God still wants them to grow in their covenant identity as a child of God given at baptism. If their marriage is preventing them from learning how to love, it is time to accept that loss, grieve it and move on through the annulment process.

No matter how much heartache occurs in life, God’s promise of unconditional love remains. God is faithful to the baptismal covenant given to each of the spouses -- that not even sin can destroy. Married partners in a covenant relationship may fail now and then to help one another learn how to love, but God offers them healing through the grace of apology, forgiveness, and restoration of trust. But when married partners cannot forgive but nurse resentments instead, this is evidence that no covenant exists – and the two partners should embark on new separate roads that promise each of the former spouses the possibility of a viable covenant relationship.

Christ keeps helping everyone learn how to love, no matter the anguish or broken heart from a failed marriage. When marriage is sacramental, God’s Spirit helps partners stay true to their covenant identity and basic mission to learn how to love. When there is no evidence of the sacramental grace in a marital covenant, the Church offers the annulment process – to help former spouses learn from their relationship and move on. The Eucharist feeds our hunger to forgive one another our faults and sins. The “Amen” when the minister says, “Body of Christ” is our pledge to live as honestly and generously as we can the covenants in our lives.

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

**Pastor**

## WEEKLY JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION

### OIPL Divestment Prayer Walk

Oregon Interfaith Power & Light will be coordinating actions with a focus on divesting from fossil fuels. Those in the Portland area can join us in person for a prayer walk with stops at faith communities and banks, and opportunities for education and action. Those from around the state can contact us for information about how to host your own action and how to educate your faith community about the Divest Oregon campaign. **Sunday, 17 October 2021** at 3:00 PM  
<https://greenfaith.controlshift.app/events/oipl-divestment-prayer-walk>



## MASS READINGS

### Mass Readings for Oct 10, 2021

Wisdom 7:7-11  
Hebrews 4:12-13  
Mark 10:17-30

### Mass Readings for Oct 17, 2021

Isaiah 53:10-11  
Hebrews 4:14-16  
Mark 10:35-45

# ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL



Our staff attended one of two workshops on Friday, October 8th. One was on standards based learning and another one was on understanding behavior. Our staff will bring the insights and knowledge learned back to their classrooms. This year, we are implementing new Social Studies standards and writing an in-depth study on the social studies curriculum at St. Ignatius School. From our in-depth study on social studies, we will set goals for improving learning for our students.

We are searching for a middle school math teacher and before school and after school care assistants. If you or someone you know might be interested in one of those jobs, please reach out to our [school office](#).

In the classrooms, our kindergarten students spend time weekly exercising their creativity through various hands-on building activities. Mrs. Frangipani helped our first grade students to promise to be stewards for caring for our school campus as seen in this week's photo. The first graders wrote about caring for God's creation too. The second graders are busy learning about dogs from their reading story. The third graders are using their writing skills to problem-solve dilemmas. The fourth graders are building place value concepts by rounding numbers through the millions. The fifth graders are solidifying their long multiplication skills and making conceptual models. The sixth graders are learning how to recognize various arguments and counterarguments in essays and exploring rational numbers. The seventh graders prepared an outstanding school prayer service for us about archangels. And our eighth grade leaders are taking on leading our school in our morning announcements and learning about velocity and the acceleration formula.



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## WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

"Courage, daughter." (Matt. 9:22)

*The Healing of the Woman with a Flow of Blood (Mark 5:22-34), 2017.* Has your strength left you?

Draw near to Christ.

**Saturday, Oct. 16, 2021 via Zoom \* 10am – 1pm**

**Presenters: Tara Ludwig (Faber Institute) & Ana Guizado**

Register online at <https://www.sispdx.org/retreat-sign-up-arise>

Questions? Contact Beth Schaller at [bschaller@sispdx.org](mailto:bschaller@sispdx.org) Suggested donation of \$20 gratefully accepted. Donate via the St. Ignatius website under "misc." and include a memo to

Artist: Julia Stankova



## DAILY PRAYER INTENTIONS



*Please keep in your prayers*

Monday	Oct 11	† Mike Merriman
Tuesday	Oct 12	† Jim Emig
Wednesday	Oct 13	† Henry Mancini
Thursday	Oct 14	† Bob Stark
Friday	Oct 15	† Hoang Tran

## FEASTE OF THE NATIVITY

Dec. 11, 2021, 10am to 4pm

**Wes Hale, St. Ignatius Parish!**

You'll be hearing those words at the Feaste of the Nativity on Saturday, December 11, from 10am to 4pm. Hailing from Old English, they essentially mean "To your health!"

And I do mean that, dear parishioners, especially after the times we have found ourselves in.



The Feaste will be an opportunity to celebrate (outside! More on that in a moment...) as a community the coming of Advent and Christmas. But we'll also be doing something very special on December 11.

In addition to the activities listed below, we'll be saying a hearty hail and farewell of our own: a big, St. Ignatius welcome to our new priest and pastor, Fr. Mike Moynahan, SJ, and a fond farewell to Fr Craig Boly, SJ, who will be leaving us after nine years of faithful service in that same capacity.

So! Come join in the fun of blessing these servants of God. Make a donation in their honor to the Feaste (details can be found on our website or in the bulletin). E-mail me to volunteer, as we have many needs for set-up, clean-up, and tending to our various activities.

Most of all, pray for us as we continue to move toward the Feaste. With a growing list of volunteers and helpers, this is your Feaste, St. Ignatius! Join us remembering what it's like to be together, celebrating who we are on the corner of 43rd and Powell. (And don't be surprised when you see our Giant Sequoia at the east end of the church lit up as a beacon during the season, welcoming everyone to the Feaste.)

Wes Hale! -Joseph Byrd

***P.S. – We need tents! As you saw, we'll be safely celebrating outside, and if you have a 10 x 10 (or bigger!) pop-up tent, we'd love to borrow it. Donated tents are most welcome, too!***

### The Feaste of the Nativity—Activity and Station List

#### **Sherwood Forest** (in front of the Parish Office)

- Juggling station
- Archery station
- Animal display
- Coloring Station
- Tuxedo Jimmy's balloon animals
- Holiday wreath-making station
- Jousting tournament

#### **Yard of Noble Feasting** (in front of Dillon Hall)

- Food vendors
- Beer and wine bar
- Raffle ticket station
- Holiday musician band (under the carport cover)
- Dress-up photo booth (under the carport cover)

#### **The Royal Courtyard** (behind the Parish Office)

- The King's Table (featuring Fr. Craig and Fr. Mike) with a Hail (to King Mike) and Farewell (to King Craig) ceremony, with noble trappings and accoutrements
- Costume contest
- The Jail (where we'll place those under arrest for Unwarranted Generosity)

#### **Pageant** (in front of the Church)

- Performances at 1 and 3pm, with a script of jokes, joys, and songs
- Musicians throughout the day performing under the covered doorways, including harp, violin, and more

#### **Exhibitors**

- Along the covered walkways, lining The Royal Courtyard
- 1st Aid Station and Bathroom
- In the entrance to Dillon Hall



**You can help by spreading the word!**

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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](mailto:prayerchain@sipdx.org)

In the subject line please include either:

*Asking for prayers*  
OR

*Add me to the Email list to pray*

## IGNITE - TONIGHT, OCT 10TH AT 6PM



October 10th - Blessed are Those Who Mourn - Mary Oliver  
October 24th - Blessed are the Meek - Oscar Romero  
November 14th - Contemplative Conversation  
November 28th - Action Activity - Love Thy Neighbor  
December 12th - Blessed are Those Who Hunger and Thirst For Righteousness - Contemplating the Incarnation

*Come to one class, come to all - as you desire*  
*All classes will take place from 6-7:15PM*  
*We will begin the year on Zoom.*

*Meeting ID: 833 9062 2228*

*Passcode: IGNITE*

**To get updates for location details for all our meetings, get on our our mailing list, contact Grace ([gbyrd@sipdx.org](mailto:gbyrd@sipdx.org)).**

## VOLUNTEER FOR USHER, SACRISTAN OR LECTOR

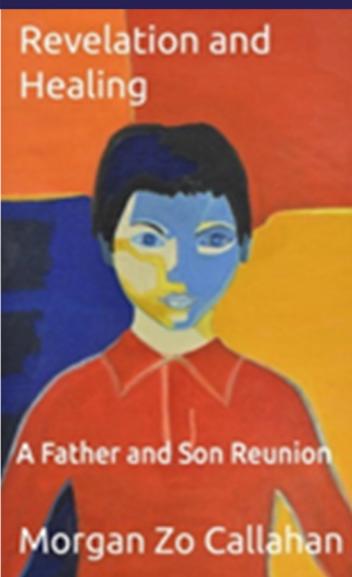
### ***Ushers/Sacristans/Lectors needed:***

We are currently looking for ushers for our 5pm Vigil Mass. We are also looking for ushers, sacristans and lectors for our 7:30pm Contemplative Mass. It would be preferable if you could volunteer for one Sunday a month. Duties are as follows: Usher – Distribute collection baskets during offertory and deliver collection to presider.

***Sacristans*** – Unlocking doors, turning on lights, lighting candles, preparing vessels before Mass, and ringing the bells at the beginning of Mass. Serve as Eucharistic Minister during communion, if you are trained to do so (you may still serve as sacristan if you are not trained as an EM). Cleaning vessels, putting collection into vault, extinguishing candles, and locking up church after Mass.

***Lector:*** Read the 1st and 2nd reading, and the Prayers of the Faithful during Mass. Please prayerfully consider joining in these ministries at St. Ignatius, and contact Sarah Faux, Coordinator of Liturgy, at [sfaux@sipdx.org](mailto:sfaux@sipdx.org) if you are interested. Sarah is available to train you for the sacristan and lector positions, and to briefly walk you through the usher position.

## BOOK SALES TO HELP HAITI



*Revelation and Healing: A Father and Son Reunion* recounts the author's slow journey from an adoption that left him longing for his biological mother and wondering about his biological father. Discovering, while in high school, his mother's identity, years later he found that of his biological father, Lionel Durand (1920-1961), a Black man born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. (read more on flyer in church and on our website.)

*Lionel Durand*

*Paperback and Kindle editions available on Amazon.*

<https://amazon.com/Revelation-Healing-Father-Son-Reunion/dp/B0976276FC>

Morgan is connected to John Baumann, SJ and is attempting to raise money to support John's Ministries in Haiti by donating a portion of the money from book sales.



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