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CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL
UNDER THE CARE OF THE JESUITS

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

JULY 26, 2020

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

What Matters Most

Dear Parishioners:

What matters most to you in life? What is your deepest desire, the organizing value that prioritizes all of your other desires and dreams? This is what Jesus is talking about in today's parables about treasure. As we are about to celebrate on Friday our patron, St. Ignatius, it's clear what his treasure was: accompanying Christ to discern and then to do what God prefers.

For young people, what's important can shift from education or career to finding a suitable life partner. For adults, what's important can include raising children, caring for elderly parents, or deepening bonds of belonging with family and friends. For seniors, what's important can become health, joyful memories, and living fully in the present.

If you asked Jesus what mattered the most to him, he'd reply instantly: that everyone live under the influence of God's Spirit. This is another way of saying "God's kingdom, God's reign, or God's 'way of proceeding'." The pearl of great price for Jesus was to live with exquisite sensitivity to the attractions of God's Spirit – to teach, to console, to heal, to challenge, to reconcile, and eventually to lay down his life for his friends.

For me, the pearl of great price is to know the Risen Jesus, and to accompany him on his mission of transformation of the world. For me, the treasure hidden in the field is the church – Christ nourishing believers through the Bread of Life, Christ hiding in the poor to invite a response of reconciliation and repair of injustice.



For some, the pearl of great price is material wealth – security on earth that comes from an abundant bank account. But Jesus teaches that true wealth can be measured in the freedom from attachments to security that money can't buy.

A Hindu story makes the same point. A sannyasi had reached the outskirts of a village and settled down under a tree for the night when a villager came running up to him and said, "The stone! The stone! Give me the precious stone."

ST IGNATIUS RECORDED MASS

FOR JULY 26, 2020

**WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OUR
WEBSITE: SATURDAY AT 4:00PM
WWW.SIPDX.ORG**

**(MASS AID WITH MUSIC LYRICS ARE
POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE)**

PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Continued from front page:

“What stone?” asked the sannyasi. “Last night the Lord Shiva appeared to me in a dream,” said the villager, “and told me that if I went to the outskirts of the village at dusk, I should find a sannyasi who would give me a precious stone that would make me rich forever.”

The sannyasi rummaged in his bag and pulled out a stone. “He probably meant this one,” he said, as he handed the stone over to the villager. “I found it on a forest path some days ago. You can certainly have it.”

The man gazed at the stone in wonder. It was a diamond, probably the largest diamond in the whole world, for it was as large as a person’s head.

The villager took the diamond and walked away. All night he tossed and turned in bed, unable to sleep. Next day at the first glimmer of dawn, he woke the sannyasi and said, “Give me the wealth that makes it possible for you so easily to give this diamond away.”

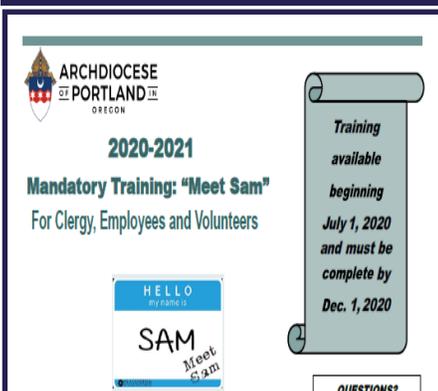
Jesus preached that living in the kingdom of God is true wealth. Some people complain that they cannot see God, that God does not help them or prevent the immense suffering of the world. When his own Son cried out, “Why have you abandoned me?” God remained silent. Why? Because God would not deprive his Son of the chance to make his greatest act of faith: to entrust his doomed life over to his Father. The real wealth of Jesus was his trust in his Father to bring life out of death.

What difference does it make to live under the influence of God? It is the difference between thinking money and power will save you – or the awareness that you are the priceless treasure of a benevolent providence. It is the difference between being alone in a trackless universe – or embraced in the loving arms of a limitless beauty. For St. Ignatius, what is the pearl of great price, what matters most in life? ***It is to find God in all things.***

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.

Pastor

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING



All volunteers:

Now is a Great time to complete your online Armatus course for our **Child Protection Training program.**

Full Flyer is found on our website. It will give you directions on how to sign in!

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MASS READINGS

Mass Readings for July 26, 2020

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52

Mass Readings for Aug 2, 2020

Isaiah 55:1-3

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Matthew 14:13-21

RACIAL JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION

Eleanor Roosevelt's Reading of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (video, with music by Max Richter)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QmriDK03Hlg#action=share>

JUSTFAITH ~ JUSTMATTERS

Do you want to address racism but you don't know where to begin? Join us -- St Ignatius parishioners & friends -- to study, reflect and join in conversations on the topics of **Faith & Racial Equity**.

Faith & Racial Equity, subtitled Power and Privilege, examines topics such as white fragility, the invention of race, and privilege and the media.

There is a cost of approximately \$40 per participant, but no one will be turned away because of cost.

We will meet via Zoom once a week (two and half hour/session) for 8 weeks on this journey together, beginning the **first week of August going through the last week of September**.

More information will be presented and frequently asked questions will be answered during a **Zoom meeting on Wednesday July 29th, 2020**

at 7:00pm. For further information and/or an invitation to the Zoom meeting, please contact George Veomett (gveomett@gmail.com) or Le Tran (lto101@yahoo.com)."

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON BOTH PROGRAMS VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR A FLYER LINK

<https://www.sipdx.org/justfaith-1>

It's not too late to sign up for Jack Jezreel's intro to JustFaith, this 4 minute 10 second YouTube video, JFM Welcome Video for First Group Session

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d49mzE3M_N4&feature=youtu.be, will help you discern whether this is the right time for you to form and/or join a JustFaith group.

"JustFaith is a National (Ecumenical) Organization facilitating local groups that gather to learn and take action about key justice concerns through the lens of Christian Faith." -- JF Welcome Video for first group session, Faith and Racial Equity (parentheses mine.)

FOR THOSE WHO ARE LOOKING FOR THE OVERALL VISION OF JUSTFAITH

JustFaith Ministries - What is your place in the world?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CB2OuSjMxps>. Max Richter - All Human Beings (Official Music Video by Yulia Mahr.) Ed Kael

S.E.E.L.

Portland SEEL will be offering the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius in a virtual format beginning in September.

SEEL is a 9-month retreat that invites retreatants to deepen their prayer life and grow in relationship with God. Through one-on-one spiritual direction and a monthly two and a half hour online retreat, participants explore their deepest desires to be reflective, to discern God's call and presence in their lives, to develop a personal relationship with Jesus, and to seek God in all things.

Please visit our webpage at seelportland.org or call Janet Buck at 503-951-8682 for more information.

The deadline for applications is **August 15**.

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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

R. C. I. A.



RCIA

- Do you feel drawn to learn more about the Catholic faith?
- Have you considered whether you might like to become Catholic yourself?

RCIA is a class that allows you to explore your own faith journey and discern if the Catholic faith is one that you would like to be a part of. Please join our 20/21 class by registering on our website. If you have any questions, please contact Grace Byrd (gbyrd@sipdx.org)

FIRST RECONCILIATION & COMMUNION FOR 2ND GRADERS

Sacramental Preparation Registration is open

Families of 2nd Graders and older can register now for Sacramental Prep in the fall. We will provide materials for home preparation (with parish support) or you can defer for a year and prepare in a traditional group setting. Visit our website to register:



<https://www.sipdx.org/first-reconciliation-and-eucharist>

FAMILY LIFE

Vacation Bible School

Thank you to our VBS creators & participants! It was fun to connect with many of you during VBS July 6-10. Thanks for joining us for this adventure. It's my sincere hope that future VBS endeavors will be in person, but if you want to share feedback about what worked and what didn't, you can email Beth at bschaller@sipdx.org. Pictures are especially welcome!



Active Hope/Spiral of Resilience Workshop – Sunday, Aug. 2

The Mom's group will host a "Spiral of Resilience" workshop with Pam Wood (St. Andrew's Parish) via Zoom on Sunday, Aug. 2nd from 9:00-10:30 a.m. In these times of pandemic and fighting for racial justice, it's easy to become weary. Give yourself the gift of resilience and active hope as you move through this spiral of exercises based on the work of Joanna Macy. Please email bschaller@sipdx.org if you would like to attend.

FOOD FAMILY FAITH

A Work of Mercy: Food boxes to those in need

Who may receive a free USDA Food Box? Anyone.

There is no requirement to prove need. This USDA Food Box program ensures that lack of transportation, isolation and grocery store scarcity do not create a barrier to fresh food. **How do I arrange to pick up a Food Box for my family?** Simply find the closest Public Distribution location listed. No appointment necessary. Please arrive between the distribution times listed for each location. Quantities are limited, so arrive early. For more information and locations: <https://evangelization.archdpdx.org/usda-food-box>

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION

**ST. IGNATIUS
HIGH SCHOOL
CONFIRMATION
'20-'21**

**Prayer: Talking
and Listening
to God
October 11th,
12-3**

**What's Mine to Do?
November 14th, 12-2**

**Lend a Hand:
A Community
Work Project
February 6th**

**Stations of Mercy:
Increasing
Awareness Through
Christ's Passion
March 7, 12-2**

**Retreat at Fr.
Bernard Youth
Center
April 17th-18th**

**This is my parish too:
Getting Ready
May 2nd, 12-2**

Online Subscription to "Called to Mercy"

High School

Are you in high school, or will you be entering high school in the fall? If so, then you are invited to register for St. Ignatius High School Confirmation. The program will start this September and will be a hybrid model of digital learning combined with 6 in-person group gatherings including sessions, activities and a retreat. Registration is open now! Just follow this link:

<https://www.sipdx.org/high-school-confirmation>

Contact Grace Byrd with any questions. (gbyrd@sipdx.org)

Confirmation

If you have a heart for working with youth and accompanying people on their unique faith journeys, please contact Grace about joining our High School Confirmation leadership team.

DAILY INTENTIONS FOR PRAYER

Please keep in your prayers

Monday	Jul 27	† Chris Salvi
Tuesday	Jul 28	† Loretta Allen
Wednesday	Jul 29	† Dorothy Purdy
Thursday	Jul 30	† Jim Emig
Friday	Jul 31	† Feast of St Ignatius



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