



St. Ignatius Catholic Church

OREGON'S JESUIT PARISH

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March 22, 2026 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Ezekiel 37:12-14
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

My first memory of today's Gospel takes place in the darkened living room of my childhood home, watching Franco Zeffirelli's production of Jesus of Nazareth, on a 19-inch RCA TV.

I was enthralled, watching the Gospels come to life in the dominant artistic medium of the time. The artistry is what drew me in. Robert Powell, playing our titular Messiah, was directed to never blink while on camera, as to make him appear, "otherworldly." In the Lazarus scene, Powell's gaze is focused on the tomb; he holds

his arms out in a way that stands out from the emblematic images we have seen in other artforms. Instead of his hands extended out, or aloft towards the heavens, one is skyward, while the other is parallel to the earth. An odd, yet dramatic, choice: one arm indicating Christ's divinity, while the other lays bare his humanity.

As a child, I was startled by the image Zeffirelli composed of Lazarus slowly exiting his tomb. The risen man wrapped head-to-toe in burial cloths, appearing more like a mummy from a cartoon, than a miracle from God. As I grew older, I became fascinated by a specific detail of this story that still intrigues me today: This miracle is only found in John's gospel, making it the only time Christ raises someone from the dead, that is written by an apostle.

Interesting, yes?

Not to minimize the Widow of Nain's son, or Jairus's daughter, but Lazarus's resurrection has more dramatic gravitas. Christ was nearly stoned to death when he last visited Bethany, yet he goes anyway. Thomas begrudgingly follows, muttering, "**Let us also go to die with him,**" certain of their fate. When he arrives, Jesus weeps openly about his friend's death. Lazarus at this point has been dead for four days, and the stench when they roll away the stone leaves no doubt of his departure from this earthly realm. This was an act that Christ knew would not only reveal and confirm his divinity, but would also put him under even higher scrutiny from the Pharisees. All this underscores the fact that this miracle is beyond significant.

So why is this only mentioned in John's

Gospel? I have no idea.

But, I do find the work of The Divine inscribed between John's written word. John is referred to as the "beloved" disciple. Granted, he's only referred to this in his own Gospel. However, this isn't the act of someone who decided that first person narration, "...just didn't fit the story," nor someone who is conceited. Rather, this is how John builds intimacy between the readers of this Gospel, and Christ. Through John, we see that we are the beloved, and as such we're chosen, even now, to bear witness to this miracle. One, that was arguably, the most personal to Christ. In this miracle, not only do we see Christ's divinity, but we, the beloved, see promise and prophecy fulfilled. That one day, we too will be called to "**Come Forth!**"

Mike Moore holds a B.S. in Film, is a broadcast engineer, and will obtain his MFA in Creative Writing this spring. He and his family have been parishioners since 2015, and have been a St. Ignatius school family since 2017. He serves as sacristan at the 5PM Mass.



Mass Times

Saturday Vigil	5:00 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM
	10:30 AM
	7:00 PM
Adoration (during Lent)	
	6:15 - 6:45 PM
before 7:00 PM Sunday Mass	
Weekday (M-F)	8:00 AM
at LJC - La Storta Chapel	

Reconciliation

Saturdays, 3:30–4:30 PM, or by appointment 503 -777-1491

Giving



LEANING INTO LENT

Soup and Conversation

This family-friendly event hopes to deepen our community through food and faith sharing.

Friday from 6:00-8:00, March 27,
at Dillon Hall

Sign up to bring something through this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4CAEA82DA2F49-61641478-soup#/>



Adoration

During Lent, every Sunday from 6:15-6:45PM, you are invited to be with Christ through the intimate prayer of Adoration.

This time of prayer will culminate with the celebration of Mass at 7PM.



Tenebrae

Journey with Christ to the cross
in the service
of scripture, song, and darkness.

Wednesday, March 25 at 7PM

TRIDUUM Masses/Services Times



Holy Thursday

April 2
at 7PM



Good Friday

April 3
at 7PM



Easter Vigil

April 4
at 8:30PM



Easter Sunday

April 5

Masses at 8AM & 10:30AM

(NO 7PM Mass)

PARISH LIFE

SOUNDS FROM THE GROUNDS, a Facilities update

Spring has sprung, so put on your boots and hoodies and join us for campus grounds work parties (rain or shine) on Saturdays: April 11th and May 9th from 10am to 12pm. Please email Breese (bwatson@sipdx.org) if you can make it. Bring gloves, water bottle, and tools to weed, prune, and care for our plants.



Behind the Scenes:

- ➔ The carpet on the Sanctuary step has been removed, and we are in the process of restoring the terrazzo to its original state. You can see history in the floor with the iron plates that once supported an iron communion rail. One of the iron panels can be seen in the main Entry as it is the barrier to the Choir Loft stairs. Thank you to Resource Flooring for the diligent work on removing the old residue of the carpet installation.
- ➔ The new bell system in the Church was installed in December and we are still getting compliments from the neighborhood.

- ➔ The School was able to install the new scoreboard in the Gym. It is a game changer for all of our sports teams.



- ➔ The school is gearing up to take advantage of the planter boxes for some educational purposes. Starts are being started in classrooms, and in the upcoming weeks we shall see plants appearing in the beds.

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Mass Intensions

Mon, March 23

† Raymond Koudossou

Tue, March 24

† George Veomett

Wed, March 25

† Ernesto Gayomali

Thu, March 26

† Jim Emig

Fri, March 27 Thanksgiving



Office Hours

Monday to Thursday
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION

Planned Giving



For several decades, St. Ignatius has been here in SE Portland serving people in faith, educating the young with hope, and engaging the world with the love of Christ and the Good News of the Gospel in the Jesuit tradition.

Please prayerfully consider including the parish in your estate plans to help us sustain this mission for future generations.

If you are interested in learning more about planned giving options at St. Ignatius Parish, please see the [“Ways to Give”](#) page on our website or [contact Fr. San.](#)



Easter Flower Donations in Memory of Loved Ones



If you would like to honor your loved ones with a Easter flower donation, envelopes are available at the tables.

Each name will be placed on a flower displayed in our church as a tribute of love and remembrance.

**From
July 1, 2025
to
June 30, 2026**

Church tithing	Actual	Budget	% of Goal
March 2 - 8, 2026	11,683	9,945	117%
Month of March	21,977	49,724	44%
Year-to-Date	372,851	585,000	64%

UNDER ONE ROOF - Fundraising Campaign

For years, Dillon Hall has been the gathering place for parish assemblies, school events, and student activities. Its roof now requires urgent replacement to preserve this vital space that unites our community.

Our fundraising goal is \$250,000, and your contribution will help us complete this essential project.

Please consider supporting us by scanning the QR code or making a [donation online](#) (“Under One Roof” Fund).



ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL

Our 4th graders led us in a beautiful Lenten Mass recently including acting out the story of how Queen Esther saved her people. We are blessed that our students are so engaged as we deepen our faith through celebrating the Eucharist.

Our students have been stretching their eager minds throughout the month of March. Our preschoolers prepared the Transition Lunches. In second grade, the students are learning about weather and the important role of clouds in our environment. Our third graders have been studying space and our vast universe. In fourth grade, the students wrote poems about Lent. The fifth graders are learning to multiply fractions. Our middle schoolers are busy In English Language Arts with grammar, novel studies and Night of the Notable selections. The sixth graders are studying subject/object and possessive pronouns. The seventh graders are submitting their State Your Case letters for Night of the Notables. Lastly the eighth graders read an article about religious nationalism in Myanmar for their novel study of Bamboo People. Our students' zeal for learning is inspiring!



Many of our students formed teams of readers in grades 3-8 to compete in Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB), reading extra books and giving up some recess time to battle each other in friendly competition. Congratulations to our winning teams - the 7th grade Bookshelf Bandits and the 3rd grade Chapter Chasers! They will go on to battle other schools in the Regional OBOB Tournament. Good luck to them! A big thank you to ALL of the readers - 10 teams and 42 students - who helped make OBOB amazing.



Join us at the [Aspire, Believe, Celebrate](#) auction on [Saturday, April 18!](#) to support the mission of St. Ignatius Parish and School. Help us celebrate the vibrant community that makes our community so special. Together, we form students committed to building a more just and compassionate world for all through faith, service, and learning bringing the light of Christ to others. We foster an inclusive community that embraces diversity, celebrates strengths,

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and encourages growth. Your presence sustains the strong community that nurtures and inspires our students and families. *Enjoy a fun night out that is tax deductible!*



In our Lenten journey, may we find ways to reflect, work for the common good, and encounter God in new ways. In Lamentations, chapter 3 verses 22-23, we hear **“The LORD’s acts of mercy are not exhausted, his compassion is not spent; They are renewed each morning—great is your faithfulness!”**

*Carol Pausz
 Principal*

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