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Pastor's Message May 10, 2020 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Jesus the Way to God

Dear Parishioners:

Happy Mother's Day! Today across the USA, we celebrate our fabulous mothers. It is the special day to thank God that our mothers gave us life, nurtured our growth to maturity, and continue to accompany us in all our ups and downs.

Today's gospel passage from John is one of my favorites. Families choose it all the time for the funerals of their dearly departed. In this farewell discourse, Jesus promises his friends that he is going away to prepare a place for them. This is really a hopeful and joyful message. The Risen Lord himself is preparing a place especially for you in the life of God.

St Ignatius Recorded Liturgy of the Word for May 10, 2020 will be available on our website: www.sipdx.org at 4PM on Sat May 9, 2020.

Music:
Morning Has Broken--BB 623
Love One Another--BB 474
Glory and Praise to Our God --BB 547

In the style of great biblical leaders, Jesus announces his departure with an immediate reassurance that he is not abandoning his followers. His departure does not mean separation. Their communion will be maintained.

At the last supper, Jesus only appears to be leaving his friends. Because he will dwell within them, he will in fact still be with them – closer than ever. The words and actions of believers become then the words and actions of Father and Son in the world. The shock is that believers will do "greater things." How? Because the Father's work is only begun in Jesus. It has yet to come to completion, and that task is in our hands.

Our task has two parts. First, how can the memory of Jesus be kept alive? Second, how can the movement begun by Jesus continue after his death and departure?

Because Jesus is the way to God, whatever can be remembered about Jesus is precious precisely because in coming to know Jesus, we come to know God. What are the ways we keep the memory of Jesus alive? By reading and praying the Scriptures. By gathering in Jesus' name and remembering him in the Eucharist. By handing on the wisdom tradition of Christian faith and living according to his promptings.

The memory of Jesus upholds the inestimable value of human life. It says that some actions are wrong because selfish. It insists on self-surrendering love that

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extends even to enemies. It trusts that death is not the end of us but the door to endless life. It proclaims that when we relate to Jesus as God's life, we triumph over hatred and death.

Keeping alive the memory of Jesus is the privilege of every Christian and the church as a whole. Since we believe that Jesus is the way to God, is God's truth, is how God is alive in the world, this belief impels us to find fresh and creative ways to keep his memory alive.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.
Pastor

Letter to St. Ignatius Parishioners About Mass in Church

Dear Parishioners:

Archbishop Sample has extended the dispensation for attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days indefinitely. At the same time, he has invited parishes to begin celebrating Sunday Masses once again. The maximum number allowed is a total of 25 people per Mass. The Office of Worship has given guidelines: no one should attend who is over 65; or ill or symptomatic of Covid-19; or from another parish. Attendance is to be by invitation based on a lottery. Ushers check temperatures and names of attendees Social distance must be maintained except family units may sit together. Communion single file with social distancing – those receiving on the tongue to receive last. Enter church by one door, leave by another. . No singing unless you wear a mask. No greeting of peace or getting within six feet before, during, and after Mass. No passing of collection basket – put offertory in one basket on table in front of sanctuary. De-contaminate the church after each Mass.

After consultation with the Pastoral Council and parish staff, I have decided that St. Ignatius Parish will wait to celebrate Mass in church until health care professionals say it is safe for all of us to be together again. Everyone longs for the Eucharist – so we will continue to video the Sunday celebration and pray a spiritual Communion. But we have been patient thus far to keep everyone safe and speed up the elimination of the virus. Coming together now would benefit only a few, give heartache to those excluded, and risk extending contagion to our dear ones and the Jesuit community next door.

We are all in this pandemic season together. Just as soon as medical science blesses our coming together again as a parish community, we will celebrate Mass together. Meanwhile, let's pray that our longing for Communion with Christ as the Bread of Life will sustain us on the road ahead.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Craig

Mass Readings

Mass Readings for May 10, 2020	Mass Readings for May 17, 2020
Acts 6:1-7	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
1 Peter 2:4-9	1 Peter 3:15-18
Gospel—John 14:1-12	Gospel—John 14:15-21

Family Life

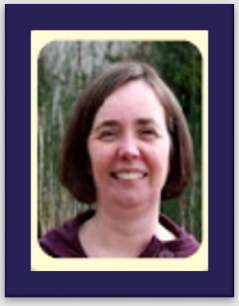
Women's Gospel Reflection – Sat, May 30th

As we celebrate the Holy Spirit later this month we are planning an extended women's gospel reflection for the weekend of Pentecost. Stay tuned for more details! Contact bschaller@sipdx.org with any questions.

Mom's Group – meets virtually via Zoom each Sunday from 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Join us for our 4 year anniversary meeting as we celebrate our Mom's group and one another. We will have time to check in about our consolations and desolations and to honor the day together. Treat yourself to a warm cup of tea or a mimosa to celebrate. Contact bschaller@sipdx.org for the Zoom link.

Vacation Bible School



With social distancing measures in place we are examining options for supporting families in a fun way this summer. Do you have ideas, need a diversion or enjoy bringing joy to others? Please contact Beth Schaller for more information or if you want to be involved: bschaller@sipdx.org.

Visit our Family Life page at https://www.sipdx.org/family-life

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy with Nathan Williams – Sunday 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Children (and parents) are invited to join Nathan Williams for Children's Liturgy on Sunday. The details to participate are below:

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74502867119?pwd=UEJvc2poa2tOaUYxb2dJNXpMVGFGQT09

Meeting ID: 745 0286 7119 Password: 2ZBXFh

Francis Center Food Pantry

Dan Gayner from the Francis Center on 82nd and Duke called to say that their food pantry is open Mon-Thurs from 10am - 2pm if anyone that we know of is in need.

St Vincent de Paul

In today's gospel, Jesus tells Thomas "the Father who dwells in me is doing His works." And so it is for us: the Body of Christ. Our St. Vincent de Paul conference continues to make deliveries on Saturday mornings while maintaining COVID-19 safety guidelines. Volunteers delivered 22 food boxes to 61 neighbors in the month of March. Your cash contributions help make that happen. Thank you!

Thank You

Thank you to Fr. Craig, Joseph, Grace & family and Mike Moore for our recorded Masses

A link is on our opening page at www.sipdx.org

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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

Happy Mother's Day

Blessing of Mothers on Mother's Day -- May 10 2020

This is a prayer to bless all women who labor with God to nourish, protect, sustain, and guide all the creatures of the earth.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for your gift of motherhood. Blessed are you for the way you reveal your strength and beauty in the faces of our mothers.

Thank you for women who cooperate to welcome life, to nurture offspring from the substance of their own bodies, to love with a mother's heart. Thank you for all women who take care of the little child in each of us – for the tender hands and compassionate eyes of women who parent everyone in the human family.

Blessed are you, God of life, for your gift of motherhood. Bless these women who reveal your holy presence. Give them the special protection of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Help us to honor our mothers now and forever by respecting their children everywhere. We pray this through Christ our Lord.

Arrupe Delegates

Five St Ignatius parishioners volunteered to participate in the training provided by Jesuits West, and are now preparing for the discernment phase of the 6-month program. They are eager to have conversations with parish members, to help understand the needs and concerns of our community. Your input – through a phone call or zoom meeting – will help inform how we imagine collaborating at St Ignatius and with our Jesuit partners in the region.

Please consider sharing a 30-40 minute conversation with one of our Arrupe delegates. Contact Claire Burt at pdxburt@gmail.com or call 503 231-8220, text 503 475-9275

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The Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life
Do you desire to deepen your prayer life and grow in your relationship with God?
Do you desire to better discern your deepest desires so as understand God's call and presence in your lives?
Do you desire to be reflective, seek God in all things, and draw nearer to Jesus becoming a Contemplative in Action?
Consider making the retreat called The Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL). Applications are now being accepted for 2020-21.
Please visit our website: http://seelportland.org for more information or call Janet Buck at 503-951-8682.

Did You Know??

- Two video's from the school, a May crowning and a song for the First Eucharist class is on our website
- 33 Families/people have sent their photos in and are now in the pews of St Ignatius. THANK YOU!

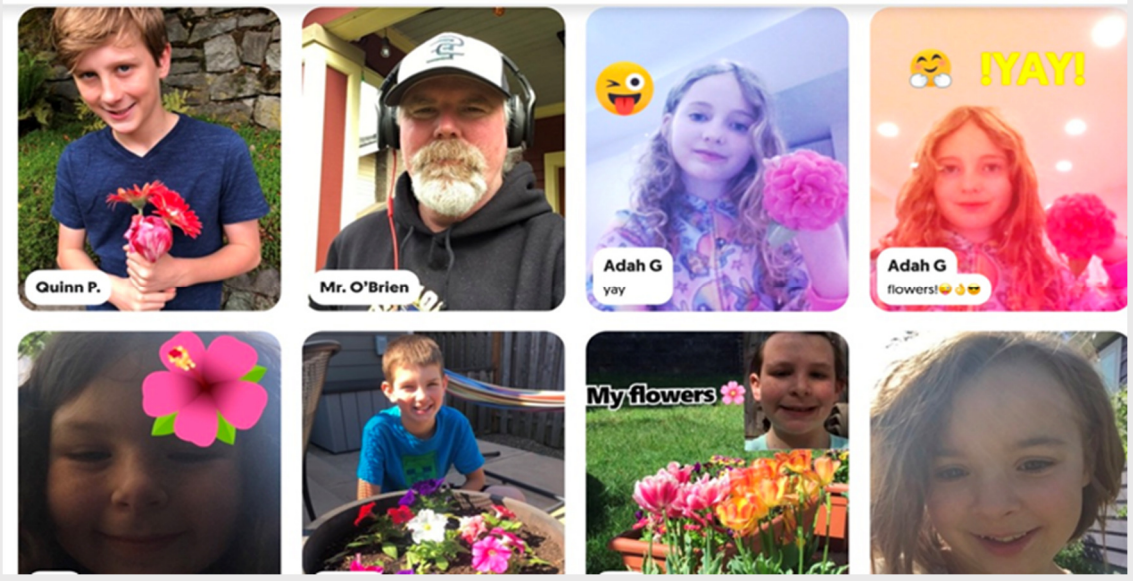
School News

Creativity in the Quarantine: Distance Learning continues at St. Ignatius School. Seventh and eighth graders were challenged to recreate classic masterpieces in art using items found around their homes. Their efforts are creative and stunning. See more amazing examples of their work on our school Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/stignatiuspdx

In addition to the teachers working hard to keep engagement and expectations high, the classroom aides and aftercare workers and our librarian, Mrs. McDermott, have been running **daily challenges on Flipgrid** to keep our community close and our spirits high. Each day, they post a video on a theme, like Movement Monday, with a movement challenge or Thinking Thursday, featuring a thoughtful question. Students then create a short video response that is posted for the whole community. Next week is our School Dance Competition!

While this time offers many challenges, we continue to be grateful to be connected and still learning and growing together. If you have any questions about St. Ignatius School, please don't hesitate to reach out. Know that we are praying for our parish and appreciate your prayers, too!

Blessings and Stay Safe
Kelli Clark,
Principal



Consider writing a note of encouragement for RCIA participants

You may either write notes to individuals or to the class as a whole. Unless you are already in direct contact with one of the class, please send all messages to me (gbyrd@sipdx.org) and I will compile them all and forward them to the class members. Members of this years RCIA class are: Jeff, Jiamee, Nicole, Devon, Ross, Jen, Deleecha, Micah. Jesse, Naomi, Benjamin, Sarah, Robert, and Michael. Thank you, and peace be with you all! Grace Byrd

Daily Intentions for Prayer

Please keep in your prayers

Monday	May 11	All Mothers
Tuesday	May 12	Jim Emig
Wednesday	May 13	Molly Benson
Thursday	May 14	Ray Dahl
Friday	May 15	Severina Gayolmali

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