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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

JULY 4, 2021

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Conflict

Dear Parishioners:

As we celebrate our nation's independence on this year's 4th of July weekend, divisions roil our country. Family gatherings have cautiously begun again as the pandemic restrictions loosen up – yet topics such as racial violence, white supremacy, immigration reform, and even Holy Communion for dissident politicians can surface tensions between family members.

Have you ever spoken with others who disagreed with everything you were saying? A hostile audience can literally stop you in your tracks, distract your concentration, and disrupt your equilibrium. This is what Jesus experienced in today's gospel. Jesus suffered from family rejection. Today's question: What do you do when confronted with antagonism?

Many who heard Jesus preach in his hometown of Nazareth were astonished, not only because of what he taught, but because he was teaching at all. Jesus was no teacher – he was the neighbor carpenter who grew from child to man in their midst. No one expected such wisdom to come from this craftsman. He was too ordinary. Everyone knew his family.

Incidental to the story is the mention of "brothers and sisters" of Jesus, which has traditionally been understood to mean cousins, probably raised in the same household, or step-brothers and sisters by Joseph from a previous marriage. The main point is that "familiarity breeds contempt," that hostility from unbelief can block experiencing who another person is.



The gospel highlights a fully human Jesus with all that his humanity entails, including petty jealousies. Jesus can work few miracles in his hometown. This makes clear that the purpose of miracles is not to create faith. Miracles are only recognized through an already existing faith as signs of divine power at work.

MASS SCHEDULE
Beginning July 11, 2021



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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The verse about the prophet without honor is similar to what happened to Ezekiel in the first reading. God called Ezekiel to proclaim the imminent destruction of Jerusalem and the people's exile. But the people were expecting that the foreign occupation from Babylon would soon be overcome and peace be restored. So the people ridiculed Ezekiel. Nevertheless, God gave Ezekiel his Spirit, gave him courage to face insults and to persevere in proclaiming his unwelcome message.

Paul today explained another dimension of the suffering that comes from rejection. He received exalted revelations and accomplished incredible success in his work. But he writes of "a thorn in the flesh" given to keep him humble. One interpretation of this "thorn" is psychological disability or concupiscence that plague Paul. Other scholars surmise a limitation to his preaching such as stuttering.

Another likely interpretation is the "super-apostles" who oppose Paul. They are the "thorn" in his flesh because they criticize him. Paul compares them to Satan, who "disguises himself as an angel of light." Compare Numbers 33:55 and Ezekiel 28:24 where enemies are called "thorns." Nonetheless, Paul boasts of weakness that allows God's power to work through him.

With the grace of God, Paul was enabled to do far more than he ever thought possible. Jesus, by contrast, was prevented from doing any mighty deeds in his hometown because of the limited expectations of his own people. Assuming that they completely knew Jesus, they hindered his offer to let God's power work through him for their benefit.

Group dynamics often prevent anyone from rising above the rest. My friends from Australia refer to this as the "tall poppy syndrome." "Who do they think they are?" others will say about an emerging local leader. A humorous definition of an "expert" is *anyone from out of town*. If an "expert" had come from outside the community and taught the same things as the native son, they would have been far more disposed to accept such teaching.

Both readings recognize a profound truth. The perceptions of others can strongly influence the exercise of prophetic or apostolic gifts within a faith community. Opposition and closed-mindedness can squelch the flow of the Spirit. And affirmation of untapped abilities can call people to flourish in extraordinary ways. Our challenge is to be steady in the face of antagonism, and to invite hidden talents to be used for the building up of the faith community.

As we gather on this Independence Day weekend, let us pray in thanksgiving for the United States of America:

O Father, source of all freedom, our Independence Day is bright with the memory of those who declared that life and liberty are your gift to every human person. Help us to continue the good work begun long ago in 1776. Make our vision clear and our commitment strong: that only in human solidarity will we find liberty, and justice only in the honor that belongs to every life on earth. Turn our hearts toward the family of nations to understand the ways of others, to offer friendship, and to find safety especially in the common good of all.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.
Pastor



MASS READINGS

Mass Readings for July 4, 2021

Ezekiel 2:2-5
2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Mark 6:1-6

Mass Readings for July 11, 2021

Amos 7:12-15
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:7-13

WEEKLY JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION



Just Catholics Survey: PLEASE spend 3 minutes and complete the 4-questions survey to help us with the direction and the issues of Just Catholics <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7WWCZYC>. Share it with your friends, committees, and ministries.

Our Lady of the Lake's Pastoral Council Social Justice Initiative has just launched a **social justice webpage** on the OLL website to raise awareness and engage our parishioners and community. This engaging and informative webpage is definitely worth a look.

<https://www.ollparish.com/parish-life/social-justice/>

Papal Message for 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 2021: Towards an Ever Wider "We"

The World Day of Migrants and Refugees is the last Sunday of September to conclude National Migration Week; in 2021 we celebrate it on September 26.

"The truth however is that we are all in the same boat and called to work together so that there will be no more walls that separate us, no longer *others*, but only a single 'we', encompassing all of humanity. Thus I would like to use this World Day to address a twofold appeal, first to the Catholic faithful and then all the men and women of our world, to advance together towards an ever wider 'we.'

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



Prayer intentions are scheduled weekly for each day of the week Mon through Friday, both our parishioners and the Jesuits next door are praying for the intentions of your loved ones (living or deceased.) There is a \$10 stipend for each date scheduled. Please call or email the office if you would like to add a name for prayer intentions. ALSO, our prayerchain@sipdx.org is always ready for your prayer requests!

DAILY PRAYER INTENTIONS



Please keep in your prayers

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| Monday | Jul 5 | † | All deceased parishioners |
| Tuesday | Jul 6 | † | Joseph Markovic |
| Wednesday | Jul 7 | † | Charles Filipowicz |
| Thursday | Jul 8 | † | Jim Emig |
| Friday | Jul 9 | † | Jim Emig |

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES ONLINE RETREAT 2021-2022 – APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED

The SEEL Retreat 2021-2022

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. The retreat will offer...

- one-on-one spiritual direction twice a month
- a two-and-a-half hour monthly retreat
- small group sharing/listening

a book for reflection and prayer

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/>



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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!

Michael Moynahan, SJ: Brief Bio

Fr. Mike Moynahan was born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona. After graduating from the Jesuit High School (Brophy College Prep), he entered the Jesuits in the then California Province (1962).

Fr. Mike's first contact with the beauty of the Northwest came when he studied philosophy in Spokane (1966-68). He studied theology in Berkeley, CA (1970-73) and was ordained in Phoenix. His first assignment was as Assistant Director of Novices in the California Province (1973-76).

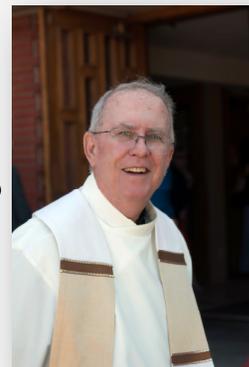
While completing doctoral studies at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, he taught at the Jesuit School of Theology for seven years (1976-1983). He also taught in the Religious Studies Departments of Santa Clara University (1985-1996) and Gonzaga University (1996-2008).

In 2009, he was asked by his Provincial to become pastor of St. Ignatius Parish in Sacramento. He served in this position for twelve years and learned from the parishioners how to be a good and effective pastoral presence.

Fr. Mike loves theater, poetry and the arts—all of which find a way into his preaching sooner or later. His current favorite poets are retired Methodist pastor Steve Garnaas-Holmes, Mary Oliver and David Whyte who lives in the Seattle area.

He believes that the best kept secret in the Society of Jesus is the Spiritual Exercises. He looks for ways to share this treasure with the people he serves. He is particularly happy to know that St. Ignatius Parish in Portland has a School. In Sacramento, the First Graders were his Council of Wisdom.

Fr. Mike is grateful for the opportunity to return to the Northwest and St. Ignatius Parish in Portland.



ARE YOU 20—40? INTERESTED IN GATHERING?

Some of our young adult parishioners have expressed an interest in beginning to gather once again for fun and fellowship. Are you someone between the age of 20-40 who likes to plan activities? It can be anything from discussions at the pub, to a hike, to a service project. Talk to Grace if you are interested! gbyrd@sipdx.org



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