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October 18, 2026 - TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Matthew 22:15-21

On a blustery day in February 2024, Julia, Sebastien, Leo, and I visited the Sacré-Coeur Basilica in Paris. One of the side altars stopped me: “*Holy Games — The Gospel is Sport!*” From 2004 through 2019, I dedicated much of my life to rugby — as a player and match official. At Paris’s highest elevation, in the middle of a basilica, something called my name.

As my involvement in rugby deepened, my pregame ritual evolved. I drifted toward liturgical music rooted in my Mom’s CD collection. On the days I tuned in most, something felt different — clearer, more grounded. I never explained it or examined it. It became part of how I prepared.

One of my favorites is *Turn to Me* by John Foley, S.J., inspired by Isaiah. Its refrain still catches my attention: *Turn to me, O man and be saved, says the Lord for I am God; there is no other, none beside me. I call your name.*

Today’s first reading rings with that same intimacy. God calls Cyrus — a Persian king, an outsider, a man who did not know God — by name. This is not a transaction. It is relationship. To be called by name is to be known, claimed, and invited into something larger than yourself.

In rugby, we understood this. At the end of each training session, our team regrouped — coaches, captain, players — and stood shoulder to shoulder to share our names aloud. That tradition built familiarity and trust across many backgrounds. Calling one another by our true names helped us live as

teammates and friends.

At its best, rugby is a beautiful game — almost poetic. Some describe it as the only game they play in heaven. But the sport has a shadow side — the World Rugby Laws call it Foul Play. It robs players and fans of earnest competition and diminishes the game’s joy. There is no room for it.

We all encounter foul play — on the playground, at parties, in academia, from colleagues at work, or among our families. We know what it feels like to be tested in bad faith, to have someone draw us into conflict or trap us into the wrong thing.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus faces this kind of test. The Pharisees and Herodians approach him not in good faith, but to entrap him over taxes and the law. It is foul play, plain and simple. But Jesus does not take the bait. He raises the debate. Those who asked hypocritically about tax should concern themselves instead with repaying God the good deeds he is due.

When players compete with integrity, the game needs little intervention. The best referee is invisible. Jesus models something similar — he does not merely call the penalty. He elevates the game entirely, rising above the distraction to show us what matters.

I call your name. God calls each of us — not to entrapment, not to conflict, but to our truest selves. Our call, as Paul reminds the Thessalonians, is to respond with work of faith, labor of love, and endurance in hope. To repay God with what is already God’s: the image we bear, the name we carry, the light we are called to shine.

Kevin Holmquist is Head of Finance and Operations at A to Z Wineworks, LLC in Newberg, Oregon. He has attended St. Ignatius since Advent 2025. You’ll find him at the 10:30 am Mass.

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM
10:30 AM
7:00 PM

Weekday (M-F) 8:00 AM
at LJC - La Storta Chapel

Reconciliation

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

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday,
from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM



Wisdom from the Pews is a chance for parishioners to share their faith journey as it relates to the weekend readings, with their reflections featured in our weekly bulletin. Interested in participating? Follow this link to sign up: <http://bit.ly/4eyinsG> and contact Joseph Byrd with any questions (jbyrd@sipdx.org)



November: Remembering All the Faithful Departed

The month of November is traditionally a time to remember those who have gone home to God and share in the hope of the Resurrection. It is also a time to express our gratitude for our departed relatives, friends, and loved ones who have blessed and enriched our spiritual lives in many ways.

We invite you to bring photos of your departed loved ones and place them at Mary's altar as we keep them in our prayers throughout this month.



If you would like to make a donation in honor of your loved ones, envelopes are available at the tables.

Mass of the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Please join us for the Mass of the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed at 8:00 AM on Monday, November 2, in the church.



Join us for a
Pancake Breakfast
11:30 AM, Sunday, October 25,
at Dillon Hall!
All are welcome!

Faithful Citizenship: Letter from Fr. Sean Carroll, SJ - Provincial JW

September 11, 2026

Dear Friends in Mission:

Last week, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) released [a new video about preaching on faithful citizenship](#), calling on us to make sure everyone has a seat at the table in forming a society where all human dignity is respected. The video is a reminder of the importance of engaging in civil dialogue and the civic process to, as Pope Leo recently put it, "build a society of love." As national elections draw near, I recognize that concerns and tensions over respect for the civic process are growing in our communities. As the USCCB's Subcommittee for the Promotion of Racial Justice and Reconciliation [reminded](#) us last month:

Today, many communities of color worry about how recent developments will impact their fair representation and future participation in the democratic process. Echoing our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, we affirm the value of democracy 'insofar as it guarantees the effective participation of citizens' as a reflection of their dignity.... We encourage all citizens to exercise their right to vote and urge policymakers to safeguard voting rights and promote fair representation for all. ... May we continue to work together for the common good and for a society in which all citizens are able to participate fully and faithfully in our democracy.

As Catholics, we are called to protect the dignity of humanity and creation, to support our communities in exercising their rights and responsibilities, and to ensure the votes of all citizens, naturalized and native born, are counted. In this moment of heightened polarization, I offer my encouragement, prayers and some suggestions for how Jesuits and our apostolates can support participation without partisanship:

- Engage in theological reflection on participation, human dignity and elections and the Church's history of supporting these values. Jesuits West is helping to organize an upcoming [virtual theological conference on Participation, Dignity and Elections](#). Additionally, this [Conversation in the Spirit tool](#) and the USCCB's new virtual [Novena on Faithful Citizenship](#) may serve as resources.
- Consider serving and inviting people in your ministries to serve as [poll workers](#) or [poll chaplains](#). You might also consider offering [special blessings](#) for poll workers at Masses in the weeks before elections.
- Encourage voting at your apostolates by utilizing the [USCCB's faithful citizenship documents](#), educating your community [on local voting rules](#), and consider offering election day Masses where people can gather and go to the polls together. [Catholics in Communion](#) offers a variety of resources on how to engage your ministry in promoting and protecting participation.

For more information or support, please feel free to email Annie Fox, Provincial Assistant for Justice and Ecology Organizing, at afox@jesuits.org.

Please know of my prayers and my thanks for all you do.

Yours in Christ,

Sean Carroll, SJ - Provincial (signed)



Jesuit & Gonzaga Choir Concert

Please join Gonzaga University Concert Choir with special guests Jesuit High School Chamber Choir for an evening of beautiful singing in the St. Ignatius sanctuary at 7 PM on Thursday, October 22. This concert is offered free and open to the public!

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Looking for Assistance?

Do you know someone who might be food insecure or needs help paying rent or utility bills? The St. Vincent de Paul Portland Council accepts requests for assistance at 503-235-8431 or svdp@sipsx.org. Requests from our neighborhood are then forwarded to our SVdP pantry that delivers food to those in need on Saturday mornings. We are feeding God's people who have less than us!



Support our Pantry

Please consider bringing non-perishable food donations to the Masses on the weekends and placing them in baskets in the vestibule or making a cash donation through [Realm Connect](https://realmconnect.org). Your support is much appreciated.

Bethlehem Children's Closet

In October, our parish will be collecting items for the Bethlehem Children's Closet, which serves families in our community by providing clothing and supplies for children, from babies through age 17.

They are especially in need of:

- School backpacks
- Infant formula
- Pull ups
- Children's clothing in sizes 0-3T and 7-10
- Strollers
- Car seats

They do NOT currently accept:

- Diapers (their supply is currently full)
- Cribs
- Beds



Items should be new or in excellent used condition, without tears or stains. Please leave donations in the church alcove. The drive will conclude on October 25.

Blanchet House: Clothing and Supply Needs

The cooler weather and rain are here. Our guests need ponchos, tarps, and a change of clothes. Thank you for helping us meet these urgent needs. We'll share your donations with Blanchet House and Bethanie's Room.

When and Where to Drop Off Donations?

- Monday-Saturday, 8-10:30 a.m. or 1:30-4 p.m.
- 310 NW Glisan St., Portland, OR 97209
- Shop: [Amazon Wishlist](#)



Mass Intentions

Mon, October 19

† Louie Pieretti

Tue, October 20

† Patricia Obradovich

Wed, October 21

† Kenny Bibles

Thur, October 22

60th Wedding Anniversary
of Jack & Ann Ardner

Fri, October 23

† Raymond Koudossou

Pray for Vocations

Meet
Justin
Claravall, SJ



• ORDAINED July 15, 2020

• He is now in TERTIARSHIP after completing studies in Traditional Arts at the Kings Foundation School of Traditional Arts in London, England

• From WHITIER, CA

• Earned a BA in ART HISTORY and ARCHITECTURE at University of California, Santa Barbara

• Was inspired by his studies in Rome and working with the poor in the Philippines to pursue a Jesuit vocation



Pray for
Justin
and Jesuit
Vocations

Know someone
who would make
a great Jesuit like
Justin?

BeAJesuit.org

or reach out to your Jesuit Pastor or Associate Pastor





Make a Year-end Donation to St. Ignatius!

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA, payable directly to a qualified charity such as St. Ignatius Parish. By making a charitable IRA rollover, you can support our parish, help sustain our mission, and continue caring for our beautiful church.

You may transfer up to \$100,000 directly from your IRA to St. Ignatius Parish without paying income tax on the distribution, provided the transfer qualifies as a QCD.

To qualify:

- You must be age 73 or older.
- The transfer must be made directly from your IRA to St. Ignatius Parish.

Please consult your tax or financial advisor to determine whether a Qualified Charitable Distribution is right for you. If you have questions or need assistance with making a transfer, please contact the parish office.

Thank you for your generosity!

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](#).



From July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

Church tithing	Actual	Budget	% of Goal
Sep. 27-Oct. 4, 2026	13,293	15,000	89%
Month of October	13,293	48,474	27%
Full Year	159,142	637,000	25%



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

AT A GLANCE

Things you may not know about the day of prayer and sacrifice for the missions, held annually on the second-to-last Sunday of October.

World Mission Sunday is the Catholic Church's **only** collection mandated in canon law (Canon 791).





The proceeds fund the missionary work of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies helping to bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Funds raised in the US help **more than 1,130 mission territories** around the globe—reaching places where the Church barely exists yet, or where it is too young, poor, and persecuted to sustain itself.





The funds go to the missions **under the supervision of the Pope**. This collection is dear to his heart and helps missionary priests.

TPMS provide financial support for **2 out of every 5 seminarians** around the world. A full 41% of all Catholic seminarians study and work in mission dioceses. These seminarians live in mission dioceses and would not be able to study as they do now without this collection.

"I saw firsthand how the faith, the prayer, and the generosity shown on World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities."
— Pope Leo XIV (Oct 13, 2025)



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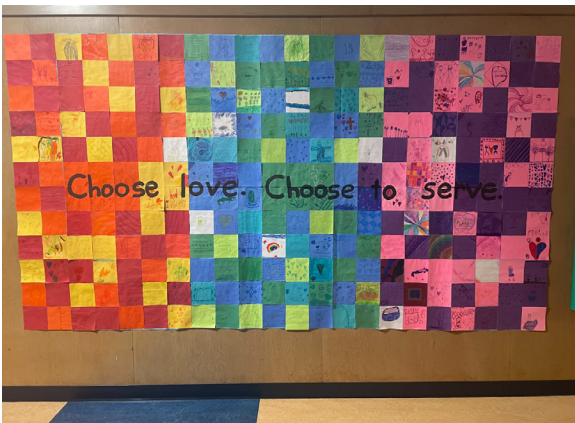




Our 6th graders recently led us through a beautiful Mass. Our large choir, made up of students in 4th through 8th grade, sang and played various instruments truly enhancing our faith experience as a whole school community.



Our Family groups recently created the squares to make this beautiful theme mural in the school's hallway.



Our first graders, as stewards of our playground, had their first round of picking up trash left in the play areas on campus. Our second graders have begun writing to some of our senior parishioners. Service learning is underway!



Our University of Portland nursing students, Nurse Megan and Nurse Tia, spent time this month conducting vision screenings for our students. They are wonderful helpers for our recesses on Tuesday too. What a blessing to have their skills and expertise!



We will host our final fall initial in person C.A.S.E. (Creating A Safe Environment) training on Wednesday, October 21st from 6:00-8:00 PM. All school and parish volunteers working with children must be up-to-date on the [annual online C.A.S.E. module](#) through Praesidium Academy and new volunteers must take the initial in person training. If you wish to attend the training this Wednesday, October 21st, [sign up](#) through this QR code:



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We, the community of St. Ignatius School, in the tradition of Mother Marie Rose and St. Ignatius of Loyola, provide a faith-centered Catholic education guiding God's children toward building a just and compassionate world.

May we continue to live out our faith as we are reminded in Matthew 10:42, *"And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water... truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."*

Carol Pausz
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