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August 30, 2026 - **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Wisdom from the Pews

This weekend's readings feel more than a little conflicted. First up, we have Jeremiah ranting about the Lord having "**duped**" him (and the original Hebrew is arguably **much** stronger), but then the Psalm, which is liturgically meant to be a *response* to the first reading, is filled with a yearning love for God, with the repeated refrain of "**my soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**" Then Paul and Jesus both talk about

the importance of suffering and self-sacrifice for the Christian believer. What are we to make of a God who stirs up all these kinds of emotions?

The "**take up your cross**" line from Jesus, in particular, has been kind of twisted into a transactional understanding of suffering where we tolerate pain because God will reward us for it later. Or we might embrace the idea of pain as a kind of purification, burning away our sinfulness. God becomes a kind of cosmic accountant, balancing a complicated moral ledger, or even worse, a creditor who demands satisfaction in the form of blood.

All these understandings, though, require an image of God that I struggle to worship. I especially find it hard to square this vindictive taskmaster with the Jesus who says that he came "**so that [we] might have life and have it more abundantly**" (John 10:10).

As usual, we can find a resolution in the example of Christ's life and death. Jesus didn't seek out the cross for its own sake. Rather, he was *willing* to endure it because death is a part of the human experience and God's love for humanity is so complete that he desired to share even that. From what we see of his character in the Gospel, being alive was something Jesus *enjoyed*, not something he *endured*; his humanity wasn't some adjunct addition to his nature, but so full that he was perhaps the most human person in history. ("Only God could be so human," as theologian Leonardo Boff put it.)

Jeremiah 20:7-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27



This distinction matters when we hear Jesus tell his disciples to "**take up their cross.**" He doesn't encourage them to seek suffering for its *own* sake, but it may be part of *following* him. The suffering of the cross is not what will save us, but a life radically given over to love will. Jeremiah's suffering and subsequent anger at God is fueled by the intense desire that God has placed in him, to the point that even in his anger at God, he has to keep prophesying. Paul tells believers to offer themselves to God rather than conforming to the desires of the world. In all these cases, the suffering is not the point; a steadfast love of God is.

The life of a Christian should not be a search for suffering but a constant drive to be closer to God, even if that path is costly. Sometimes that kind of love can hurt, but the pain is not what makes it holy. The love is.

Fr. Shane Liesegang, SJ



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

Summer Office Hours

Monday - Thursday,
8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Mass Intentions

Mon, August 31

† Peter Linh Nguyen

Tue, September 1

† Vincent Obradovich



Immigration: The People of God on the Move



What causes people to leave their homeland? How does our Catholic faith provide insight about how we respond to the displaced? Join Fr. Shane Liesegang, SJ, for a class and conversation about immigration on Thursday, Sep. 17, 2026, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the St. Ignatius School Library.

Catholic Social Teaching Series

Education Ministry at St. Ignatius is about telling your stories. Your story helps us read the signs of the times in the light of the Gospel and discern how God is at work in our lives and in the world today.

As Dr. Marshall Ganz reminds us, your story is not a script. It is personal. It is emotional. It comes forth from your own experiences. By sharing our stories and listening with open hearts, we grow together in faith and practice a synodal way of proceeding: listening, discerning, and responding to the Holy Spirit.

A foundational focus of our gatherings is Catholic Social Teaching and Pope Leo XIV's encyclical Magnifica Humanitas. These provide a starting point for parishioners to come together, reflect on our shared faith, and discuss our role as Catholics imbued by social teaching in the world today.

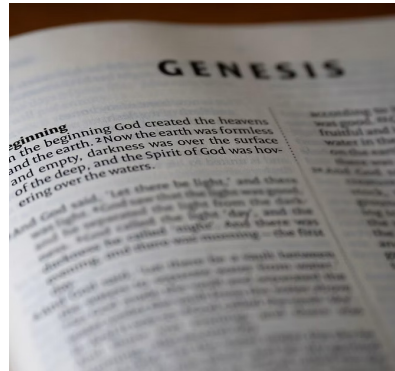
This Fall's sessions include:

- Catholic Social Teaching and Self: A Way of Being in the World
- Catholic Social Teaching and Us: Technology in Relationship with Humanity
- Catholic Social Teaching and Now: The Dignity of Work and the Civilization of Love.

All sessions meet from 11:45 AM to 2:00 PM at Dillon Hall. A light lunch will be provided.



The Book of Genesis



Deepen your understanding of the Bible.

This class, offered by Cliff Yeary, meets weekly in the Bradley Room of the Parish Office from 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM on Sundays, November 8, 15, and 22. Contact Cliff at cliffyeary1@gmail.com

Spiritual of Aging



This group, meant for parishioners over the age of 60, explores the newness of growing older, from relationship to self-perception, from our experience of world to our spiritual growth.

Meets every Third Thursdays, beginning in September, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM (followed by a time for coffee and snacks) in the parish office Conference room. Contact Grace at gbyrd@sipdx.org

Men's Contemplative Group



Join us for 90 minutes of sharing, contemplative reflection, and encouragement as we explore what it means to be both a contemplative and a man in the world today, how that "stance" is one that can shift both our own lives and the lives of others. Contact Joseph at jbyrd@sipdx.org



Marriage Enrichment Class

This 4-class series focuses on understanding conflict in relationship. Combining therapeutic tools with group wisdom, the class hopes to promote compassion and improved communication in relationship. Meets 11/1, 12/6, 1/3, and 2/7, from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM. Registration required. Contact Grace at gbyrd@sipdx.org



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Peace Corner



Our next Peace Corner will be on September 4 at 4pm, meeting in front of the church. There will be signs available, or you may bring your own. Please ensure that all signs emphasize nonviolence, unity, and solidarity and are not oppositional, angry, or refer to specific political figures or parties. To get up-to-date information on weather cancellations, etc., join the Social Action ministry email list by filling out this form: <https://forms.gle/hAEitjkCwMaE1bZo6>.

Registration Open for the First Reconciliation & Holy Eucharist Class



Registration available online for children in the 2nd through 5th grade at <https://www.sipdx.org/first-reconciliation-and-eucharist>

Volunteers Needed for CLoW

In a few weeks we will once again be starting up our Children's Liturgy of the Word ministry. We need your help. This ministry is an important way in which we reflect our calling to journey with the youth. This third apostolic preference of the Jesuits challenges us to "support young people so they can build a hopeful future." Children's Liturgy of the Word nourishes the faith of our young people, opens up the Gospel for them in a way that they can comprehend, and demonstrates to them that they are important members of our church. Whether or not you have elementary aged children, please consider volunteering to be a part of this ministry so that we can continue to attend to the faith of our future generation.



CHILDREN'S
Liturgy of the Word

Contact Grace at gbyrd@sipdx.org

Pray for Vocations

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support for the men in formation!

Meet Jaret Ornelas, SJ



- From TURLOCK, CA
- Graduate of UNIVERSITY of CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA (UCSB) while involved with Intervarsity Christian Leadership & St. Mark's Newman Center
- Served youth with the JESUIT VOLUNTEER CORPS (JVC) in Belize at a detention center & St. John's College
- Currently a JESUIT SCHOLASTIC studying theology at Boston College Clough School of Theology and Ministry



Pray for
Jaret
and Jesuit
Vocations

Know someone
who would make
a great Jesuit like
Jaret?

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COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS



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
Aug 10-16, 2026	11,002	11,158	99%
Month of August	39,905	59,632	67%
Full Year	84,569	637,000	13%

"Giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of His holy people in the kingdom of light."

(Colossians 1:12)



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 continued generosity and faithful support of St. Ignatius Parish.



We need your help!

Our food pantry is low on food and your weekly contributions matter.

We are experiencing a shortage due to several reasons. SNAP or food stamps have been severely cut thus leaving people with little food as the price of food has soared. Oregon Food Bank is also experiencing a severe cut in free and low cost food for us to access thus leaving us with the task of purchasing higher priced food. These are not short term changes. Both of have impacted our ability to serve the poor and food dependent people in our area.

Please prayerfully consider donating each week. The containers are located in the south east corner of the vestibule, under the stairs.

Thank you and may God bless you!



Tuesday, September 1, 2026

Support St. Ignatius School

Join us for a day of fun, friendly competition, and community!

The St. Ignatius School Foundation is hosting the Cornhole Classic to support its mission. Every registration, sponsorship, and donation makes a difference. Whether you join the tournament, sponsor a team, or make a donation, your generosity will have a meaningful impact on our school community.

Register, become a sponsor, or make a donation at:

<https://www.stignatiusschoolfoundation.org/cornhole-classic.html>

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