



St. Ignatius Catholic Church

OREGON'S JESUIT PARISH

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March 01, 2026 - **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Genesis 12:1-4a
2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Matthew 17:1-9

Wisdom from the Pews

Do you know that moment in life when have no idea what to say, and then something just comes out and you wish you'd stayed quiet? Sometimes, when it happens to me, I call it "Foot in Mouth Disease." But if you've ever worried about a goofy thing that's come out of your mouth that you wished hadn't happened, you're in good stead. No less than St. Peter himself, the rock on whom Jesus built the church, did just that, as we hear in today's gospel reading.

"Lord, it is good that we are here," Peter says to Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration, a pretty good start, even if it's the understatement of the century. I mean, imagine Moses and Elijah up there, too. Those of us who walked through Felix Mendelssohn's oratorio, *Elijah*, a few weeks ago at the Great Choral Masterworks class, have a little sense of just how truly wild and fierce that particular prophet was.

It makes sense, then, that good old Peter goes on to say **"If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."**

Come on, Peter. Do you think these guys need tents? It's almost comical, him saying this, but for the fact that what comes out of his mouth really means "I wish I knew what do in a situation like this!"

Luke's rendition of this same gospel story from Matthew adds **"He didn't know what he was saying."** And he didn't. What's more, Peter inspired a saying in German that is still used today: "Hier lasst uns H?tten bauen! Let us build our huts/tents here!" It's a way for Germans to say "This is an amazing place," and an invitation for everyone to stay and enjoy what is happening. I've heard them say it a dinner party as a way of blessing what is going on at the table, or at a meeting where folks are sharing their best selves with each other.

Where do you want to build your tents? Have you thought about that? And where is God inviting you to do so?

Paul has some encouragement for us in our tent-building proclivities, as he offers in today's reading from 2nd

Timothy. **"Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God."** If you find yourself building tents in ways that don't invite others, you might want to rethink your sense of what it means to be Peter in this world, that amazing character who makes embarrassing mistakes (just wait until Holy Week!) but in whom Jesus invests the keys to what the church truly is; a place for everyone, everywhere, all the time.

That's a great big tent. And what started out as three little ones, for Peter, is still growing and evolving and learning. How might we say, on this very day, "Let us build our tents here!" in a way that invites all of us to learn our way toward a life that knows Jesus more clearly, loves him more dearly, and follows him more nearly, as the prayer of Richard of Chichester offers?

Joseph Byrd can be found behind the Schimmel grand piano at the 8 and 10:30 AM Masses, as well as leading Insight on the fourth Sunday of the month. He's been a parishioner since 2018.



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



PARISH LIFE

Pray for Candidates of O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Several members of our parish are preparing to receive their initial Sacraments through the O.C.I.A. We invite you to keep them in your prayers during these final weeks of preparation, a sacred and transformative time as they enter fully into the Church and become one Body with the Risen Christ.

(From left to right, top to bottom)

Andy, Yangshin, Jeff, Teddy, Ethan
Diana, Judy, Fedor, Nate, John, Joseph, Bradley, Kate
Lena, Michael, Maggie, Megan, Anthony, Nai
Katie (not pictured)



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Office Hours

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

Mass Intensions

Mon, March 2
† Joseph Dave Dinh
Tue, March 3
† Parents of Nguyen
Wed, March 4
† Relatives & Friends of Nguyen
Thu, March 5
† Carolyn Scopacasa
Fri, March 6
† Millie Emig

Yarn

Please join us for an hour after the 10:30 mass on March 8 (11:30-1:00) in the Fireplace Room in the Parish Office. Bring your own project or contact Maureen at (206) 889-7820 about materials



Reminder

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 8. Please remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday night, March 7.

LEANING INTO LENT

Soup and Conversation



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

Fridays from 6:00-8:00,
February 27, March 13, and March 27

Sign up to bring something through this link: <https://bit.ly/3YLjWdZ>

Stations of the Cross

This year's Stations of the Cross journey invites you to discern your call as a Catholic in a wounded world through music, scripture, and a series of reflections.

- March 4 at noon
- March 11 at 7PM
- March 18 at noon



Tenebrae

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

Wednesday, March 25 at 7PM

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.



Parish Reconciliation Service
on Monday, March 9
at 7PM

TRIDUUM Masses/Services Times



Holy Thursday

April 2, 2027
at 7PM

Holy Friday

April 3, 2027
at 7PM

Easter Vigil

April 3, 2027
at 7PM

Easter Sunday

April 4, 2027
at 8AM & 10:30AM
(NO 7PM Mass)

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION

"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)

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, 2025
to
June 30, 2026

Church tithing	Actual	Budget	% of Goal
February 9 - 15, 2026	8,228	11,712	70%
Month of February	29,907	46,848	64%
Year-to-Date	343,613	585,000	59%

UNDER ONE ROOF - Fundraising Campaign

GOAL: \$250,000

Thermometer scale: \$50,000, \$125,000, \$150,000, \$250,000

UNDER ONE ROOF
St. Ignatius Parish Community

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

In our Family Groups recently, the students talked about ways they can bring the light of Christ to others in their everyday lives. Then they practiced acting out their ideas. We are so blessed our students take such good care of one another during Family Group time and beyond.



Our students have enjoyed participating in our own version of the St. Ignatius Winter Olympics in PE.



Our Aspire, Believe, Celebrate school auction will take place on Saturday, April 18, 2026. We would love to see our parishioners at this community-building event. You can enjoy a great meal, bid on baskets or live auction items or just enjoy the fun atmosphere. Maybe your bid on



golfing with friends at Pumpkin Ridge this summer or a trip to Sunriver? We have so much fun in store for you! Thank you for supporting our school in providing rich learning opportunities. All are welcome!



We have an update on our Under One Roof capital campaign. Our scoreboard has been installed! We have **reached \$150,000** raised and are in need of the critical last leg of this campaign. Please share our donation link with friends and family to help us reach our goal! **Every dollar makes a difference!**



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Donate online through the QR code, in Realm, or by mailing in a check to the parish or school office. Join us in keeping Dillon Hall thriving for generations to come.



May we take time this weekend to reveal in God's many blessings for us with thankful hearts. *"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."* Colossians 3:17.

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.

Carol Pausz
 Principal