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February 22, 2026 - **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

Wisdom from the Pews

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11



The story of Eden is probably the first story many of us heard as children about how God created human life and how we God gave us paradise. It is also the story of temptation getting the better of us that led to disobedience - the loss of perfection and innocence, and the owning of “original sin.” We discovered human good and evil, and attempted to clothe ourselves to hide our imperfection, the shame of knowing that there is good and bad in us.

As I grew older and began to question the meaning of original sin, of our imperfection, I fought it for a long time. I realized now that it was how the message was sent with the emphasis that we were somehow born bad. It made my stomach turn. So, I embarked on a search for answers. I read the teachings of many scholars and thinkers. I spoke to mentors and teachers. I read and pondered endlessly. I am grateful for good influences in my life such as St Augustine, Thomas Merton, and Mother Teresa.

even when I was as young as 5 years old. The message was always about human imperfection, of good and evil, our conscience, and of the importance of making moral decisions.

Our imperfection, original sin as such, is a humbling reality. It is, however, in appreciating the lesser things of which we are capable that points us to the importance of love and good. Even then, simply doing good is no easy task, for inadvertently, our good intentions can do harm to others. Do we then become paralyzed, and not work on doing good? No, it is about giving up our ego, thinking that we have the answer, and learning to seek God’s guidance in our lives and actions. For we are imperfect, capable of good and evil, and there is no hiding from our naked selves.

It took a while, but I finally recognized that my journey to accepting our imperfection was about eating the forbidden fruit, of discovering good and evil. And this journey of discovery is shared by all—part of growing up, losing our innocence, maturing, appreciating that we are imperfect, and the importance of making moral decisions. I did not understand the connection to the story of Eden when I was young, but I look back now to the lessons my parents taught, and I appreciate now the connection of eating the apple in Eden to being born imperfect. I recall, for example, of the simple act of sharing at the beginning of every school year where we would have to give up one item of our school supplies be it a pencil, notebook, or eraser, and to share it with students who are less fortunate. Or how my sisters and I had to watch, with my parents, the 5pm BBC World News, with all the suffering in the world,

Chenit Flaherty has been a parishioner of St. Ignatius since 2022, and is an ER care coordinator, attending Mass whenever her work schedule allows.



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



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
at Dillon Hall

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



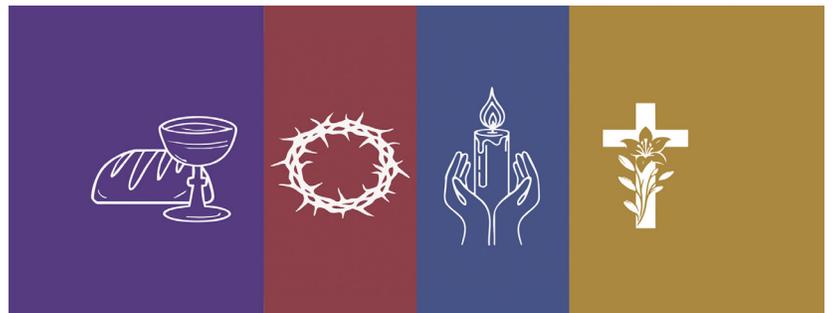
During Lent, every Sunday from 6:15-6:45PM, you are invited to be with Christ through the intimate prayer of Adoration.

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
at 7PM

Holy Friday

April 3
at 7PM

Easter Vigil

April 4
at 8:30PM

Easter Sunday

April 5
at 8AM & 10:30AM
(NO 7PM Mass)

PARISH PROGRAMMING

Loyola Institute of Spirituality Invites You to an Ignatian Spiritual Retreat

Spaces are still available. Register Soon.

For registration details, please visit Loyola Institute of Spirituality (<https://www.loyolainstitute.org/setting-captives-free>) or contact Ryan Pratt at pratt@loyolainstitute.org.



*Setting Captives Free:
Racism and God's Liberating Grace*

"He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives..." Luke 4:18

An Ignatian spirituality retreat offered by
Loyola Institute for Spirituality

Mondays, February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

7pm - 8:30pm (PT) - On Zoom

Cost: \$75/person
(scholarships available)

Drawn from the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, this retreat is designed to invite the retreatant to recognize and explore God's unconditional love; God's revelation of how the retreatant has been influenced by sinful social structures that support and express racism and the harm caused by these structures; humility and contrition for the retreatant's known or unknown participation in harmful social structures; and God's ongoing transformation, wisdom, and liberation of the retreatant.

Retreatants are asked to commit to 30 minutes of prayer each day for five weeks of the six-week retreat. The group will meet weekly for 90 minutes with two experienced co-facilitators.

Loyola Institute for Spirituality is honored to offer this retreat originating from the discernment of Washington Area Ministers of Ignatian Spirituality (WAMIS).

www.loyolainstitute.org



Mass Intensions

Mon, February 23

† Raymond Koudossou

Tue, February 24

† Dominic

Wed, January 25

† Rosa

Thu, February 26

† Joseph

Fri, February 27

† Russell Hickey

Lord,
Hear our prayer



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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 2 - 8, 2026	12,273	11,712	105%
Month of February	21,679	46,848	46%
Year-to-Date	335,385	585,000	57%

UNDER ONE ROOF - Fundraising Campaign

GOAL: \$250,000

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

Mr. O'Brien and his crew served up pancakes before school for Shrove Tuesday last week. Then our students enjoyed the Ash Wednesday Mass tradition of sitting in family groups and having the 8th grade leaders distribute the ashes to their family group members. What a truly special experience! During the Lenten season, we will support [Our Giving Table](#), a local nonprofit serving families suffering from food and shelter security. Students will collect coins in their decorated boxes which will be blessed during the Ash Wednesday school Mass. The coin collection will be split between ***Our Giving Table*** and ***Transition Projects Lunches***.



We celebrated our Passionate Hearts Schoolwide Learning Expectation at an assembly this week, led by some of our talented 8th grade students. Students across grade levels were recognized for their exceptional Passionate Hearts as they showed respect, kindness, and empathy for all of God's diverse creation, accepted responsibility for their actions, or led and supported members of their community.



Our [Aspire, Believe, Celebrate](#) school auction will take place on Saturday, April 18, 2026. We need to solicit



[sponsors](#) and procure items. If you know of a business willing to sponsor our auction or [donate](#) an item, please use this linked form or direct them to our school office.



We have an update on our [Under One Roof](#) capital campaign. Our scoreboard has been installed! Come see it in action at next Saturday's basketball game. Thank you for your support in hitting the halfway mark to our goal. As we enter the second half of this vital campaign for a new roof over Dillon Hall, **every dollar makes a difference!**

Please spread the word to your family and friends. 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.



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This weekend we have our next school-hosted Pancake Breakfast after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday. We hope to see you there.

As we head into our first Lenten Sunday, may we reflect on the words of the responsorial psalm—***“Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.”*** May this season of Lent provide us rich opportunities to deepen our faith.

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

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