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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

MARCH 28, 2021

PALM SUNDAY

Passion Sunday and Holy Week



Dear Parishioners:

Of the fifty-two weeks each year, the faith tradition calls this week *holy*. Holy Week. Why? Because this week comprises the main chapter in the story of our tradition.

Without what transpired during this week, Christianity might have become only a little branch of Judaism, and we might still be waiting for the Messiah. Given all of the anguish of the past year, perhaps this week can reveal what is holy in ways you do not anticipate. Perhaps something in the old story will help you to see God or yourself in a new way.

The story of this week begins with a triumphal entry – in the fashion of kings and conquering heroes returning home victorious. The people run out of the city, spread palm branches along the road, and shout their “Hosannas.” “Hosanna” is the Greek form of a Hebrew word that literally means, “Save, we beseech you,” and was used as a blessing.

Jerusalem had waited a long time for a Messiah-King. Jesus kept talking about his kingdom, and he performed mighty works. “Look,” the people thought, “even now he approaches Jerusalem to reclaim the Holy City for God’s chosen people.”

But the arrival of Jesus was not as they wanted. Soldiers did not accompany their king. He was riding a donkey, not a warhorse. When it became apparent that the crowd and Jesus were not on the same page, the people turned. Praise fit for a king was transformed in a matter of hours into utter scorn and repudiation.

All the players in the weeklong drama discovered that they were at cross-purposes with the principal character. *All* the players. Not only Herod, Rome’s puppet “king of the Jews.” Not only Pilate, who was the real Roman authority in Palestine. Not only the high priest and the religious leaders of Jesus’ own people. Not only these prominent actors, but his allies as well.



MASS SCHEDULE AFTER HOLY WEEK

SUNDAY 10:30 AM Mass: *Mid-Morning Service* – Sign up online at sipdx.org (button on opening page,) or call leaving Name, Number in group, phone, & date. You will get a confirmation before attending Mass. (Thank you!)

TUESDAY & THURSDAY: 12:00 PM weekday Mass in the church, *no sign up needed*

SATURDAY: Recorded Mass available online, the link is on our website: sipdx.org

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You are now ready for Judas to be brought on stage. The betrayer. The traitor. Yet look more closely. Not only Judas among his followers, but Simon Peter denied Jesus three different times on the fateful night. Yet Peter repented, you say. Yes, and so did Judas. Judas “repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver . . . saying, ‘I have sinned in betraying innocent blood’” (Mt. 27:3-4). This is not to exonerate Judas, but to see that all the disciples were at cross-purposes with Jesus.

The point is that everyone is a cast member in the drama of Holy Week. Those are *our* faces in the crowd who in one week’s time could look at Jesus and shout both “Hosanna” and “Crucify him.” You and I belong to the same power structures and closed systems that would not recognize the truth of God when it became flesh and blood. It just seems that issues of power and security preoccupy us. You and I are among the disciples – if not the one who betrayed or denied him, at least the others who forsook him and fled.

When you hear the spiritual, “Were you there when they crucified my Lord?” the reluctant answer is, “Yes.”

During this week, one challenge is to see sin as ultimately the sin of *crucifixion*. Sin is whatever opposes God’s preferences in the world – whether it is an act or attitude, material or spiritual, commission or omission. Sin closes out the presence of God in the world. This is what the crucifixion of Jesus did.

Sin means welcoming God’s incarnation in principle, but like the innkeeper in Bethlehem, having no room for him in your private world. Sin is any way – intentional or haphazard, large or small – that you subvert the coming of God’s kingdom. Sin means that like the inhabitants of Jerusalem, you want Jesus, but you do not want what Jesus wants. Sin is personal. Sin is relational. People try to make sin impersonal and legal, so they do not have to take it seriously. Yet it is good to pray with the psalmist: “Against you, you alone have I sinned,” because all sin is resistance to God. Even sin against the neighbor is sin against God. It is in these senses that sin is ultimately the sin of crucifixion.

When you acknowledge that you are at cross-purposes with Jesus, then you can find your place in the drama of Holy Week. You find your place in the crowd. Pretending or rationalizing that you have no place among those who paved the way to Golgotha can miss the blessing of Holy Week. The purpose of Jesus’ cross is to reveal the heart of God. What if our sin does not so much infuriate God as break God’s heart? What if God’s way of recovering a wayward, rebellious world is not simply love – but suffering and self-surrendering love? What if the purpose of the cross is to help people trust God so much that they become willing to lay down their lives as well?

Stay in Holy Week. Do not deny your part in what happened. Stay until the end, then come close and hear the improbable words Jesus speaks over our heads, “Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.” Even this does not end the drama of Holy Week. Stay in the drama. Resist running ahead to next weekend’s joy. Stay in the story, as painful as that may be. It is the best way to discover what the end of the story means.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.
Pastor



MASS READINGS

Mass Readings for Mar 28, 2021

Isaiah 50: 4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Mark 14: 1-15:47

Mass Readings for April 4, 2021

Acts of Apostles 10:34a, 37-43
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9



In Thanksgiving for the life of

Sue Sari, mother of Lisa Chambers

Arthur McFadden, father of Gigi Lundgren

Lil Frangipani, mother of Brian & Mark Frangipani

Palms for Sunday

*Palms will be available
To pick up ~
outside the church
after 5pm on
Saturday, March 27,
in preparation for Palm Sunday,
and will have been blessed - stop by for one!*



ST IGNATIUS SUNDAY MASS SIGN UP



Holy Thursday will be at Noon on April 1, 2021

Good Friday will be at Noon on April 2, 2021

Easter Vigil will be at 8:30PM on April 3, 2021

HOLY WEEK SIGN UP ENDS ON THURSDAY APRIL 1 AT NOON— SIGN UP NOW!!

Mass spots available!! Check online sipdx.org or call 503-777-1491 during office hours.

Limited Attendance continues: We are very excited to offer in-person Mass to St. Ignatius parishioners! We are working with guidance from the Archdiocese and honoring the recommendations of health officials. The pandemic situation continues to change, so it's possible the system we are developing may also change in the coming weeks. Thank you so much for your patience and cooperation during this time.

- Please wear a mask, this is required for entry.
 - Don't attend Mass if you're sick or believe you've been exposed to COVID-19.
 - Families from the same household may sit together as a group.
 - Please maintain social distancing and keep your group at least 6 feet from others while at Mass.
- (The faithful are still dispensed from their Holy Day obligation, so attendance is not required.)

(Sunday Mass Sign up must be received the Thursday before the Mass date by NOON. Thank You.)

Sundays at 10:30am reserve a spot online www.sipdx.org or by calling the office. 503-777-1491

DAILY PRAYER INTENTIONS



Please keep in your prayers

Monday	Mar 29	† Lil Frangipani
Tuesday	Mar 30	† Jim Emig
Wednesday	Mar 31	Anthony McPherson
Thursday	Apr 01	† HOLY THURSDAY
Friday	Apr 02	† GOOD FRIDAY

ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL



School is on Spring Break this week. Keep the kids and families in your prayers.

If you know of a family interested in joining the St. Ignatius School community, please encourage them to contact the school office for more information after spring break!
School office: 503-774-5533.



IGNITE

Go Forth and Set the World on Fire ~ Mar 28th

This year in IGNITE we will explore prayer in the Catholic Tradition through music and the lives of Saints and Mystics. The invitation is simple:

COME -with an open heart to see what it is all about;

CONTEMPLATE -the presence of the Holy Spirit in your own life and experience;

CONNECT - to the Mass, the saints, the people of St. Ignatius, and your heart.

DATES: _Mar 28, Apr 11, Apr 25

To Join our mailing list, contact Grace at gbyrd@sipdx.org

Come to one class, come to all - as you desire All classes will take place from 6 - 7:15PM on Zoom.



WEEKLY JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION

World Water Day 2021 March 22, 2021 was World Water Day, an annual occurrence to raise awareness about water issues and tackle obstacles to clean and abundant water for everyone. This year's theme is "Valuing Water", focusing on what water means to each individual person. "How is water important to your home and family life, your livelihood, your cultural practices, your wellbeing, your local environment?"

<https://catholicurallife.org/world-water-day-2021/>
<https://www.worldwaterday.org/learn>

Housing Justice and Racial Equity in Oregon: A conversation between Jesuit Ministries.

Join leaders from St. Ignatius Parish, Jesuit High, St. Andrew's Nativity and JVC Northwest for a conversation on the intersection of racial justice and housing equity in Oregon. Using the pastoral cycle of perceive, analyze, act, we will hear from Ignatian leaders and community advocates to reflect on how can work together as Jesuit ministries to act for a more equitable community. Featured speakers include Fr. Gary Smith S.J.; Senator Kayse Jama, Chair of the State Senate Housing & Development Committee; as well as Loren Naldoza of Neighborhood Partnerships. This event is organized by the Portland Chapter of the Jesuits West Collaborative Organizing for Racial Equity, a project of Jesuits West. Monday April 12th, 6:30-8pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUldeqqrz0iHnQ81Gn0gLuMNPHGkWNXBSyp>



REPORT SCAMS AND FRAUD

Report Scams and Fraud If you get a suspicious call, text or email (for example, requesting your bank account number, instructing you to buy a gift card or promising an expensive prize), or if you, a relative or a friend has given money or financial information to someone you now suspect was a scammer, call **877-908-3360**.

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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



Children's Liturgy – Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

*Special request - If you can change the name of the Zoom screen to your child/children's names, it helps our leaders! Our Children's Liturgy program is being offered this year by Nathan Williams, Michele Becker and Angela & Nick Kockler each Sunday from 10:30-11:00 a.m. It's recommended for ages 5-10, but all are welcome. Visit our Family life page on the website.

Mom's Groups Zoom Schedule – Sundays during Lent from 9:15-10:15 a.m.

The Mom's group meets weekly during Lent from 9:15-10:15 a.m. on Sundays via Zoom. We welcome anyone for a one time visit or a regular presence. If you want to receive our regular Zoom links and updates, email Beth at bschaller@sipdx.org. Mar. 28 - during LENT we will use LTP's "Give us this Day" booklet to pray the morning liturgy of the hours

Sacramental Preparation for First Communion – LAST YEAR & THIS YEAR

Here is our upcoming schedule:

Apr 10 – "Breaking Bread" shared ritual (2020 & 2021 classes)

First Communion celebrations – April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16

IMPORTANT: *Be sure that you have signed up your child for a First Communion mass in April or May.* We want to make sure that all our families are signed up before the masses are filled with other guests. You can use this link if you have not yet signed up: <https://www.sipdx.org/mass-sign-up> Masses will be removed from the sign-up when they become filled. If you are having trouble signing up or have other questions or concerns preventing you at this time, please let me know.



Vaccination works better when all of us at St. Ignatius do it together.

Join us to spread hope and get vaccinated today! For more information about where to get a vaccine, how to sign up, and how to get ready for your appointment, including information for those with mobility limitations visit www.themadeleine.edu/vaccine.

The site also includes a link to a step-by-step guide to helping others get an appointment at the Oregon Convention Center by signing them up under your account.

Offer to help a fellow parishioner or neighbor today.

Please share these resources widely and offer to lend a hand. Together we will help keep our community strong and healthy!

PRAY FOR OUR RCIA



Easter Vigil 2021

Candidates:

Raz Mason

Stephen Savage

Sonia Gonzalez Sanchez

Naomi Byrd

Elect:

Meghan Sheldrake

Amber Cruz

DID YOU KNOW!

- In the next few weeks, two classes of 52 kids will make first Communion, RCIA will complete sacraments and in May Confirmation of 20 HS students. Lots going on!





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