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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

NOVEMBER 1, 2020

ALL SAINTS

Welcoming God's Blessings

Dear Parishioners:

November is the month when Catholics celebrate the communion of saints. It means that you and I have access to those in the next life when we bring our cares to them in prayer.

Today remembers the great saints of our tradition who have modeled holiness in a particular way and season. The rest of the month recognizes family members and friends who have already entered their new life in God. As the national election is this Tuesday, ask the saints to help political rivals treat one another with respect, and embrace the outcome of the election in a way that honors democracy and preserves the common good.

The feast of All Saints anticipates the glory of the new and heavenly Jerusalem by celebrating the memory of those who have lived our faith to the fullest. I want to reflect briefly on the biblical meaning of "holiness," then review the meaning of the beatitudes.

For biblical authors, to be holy does not imply a sanctimonious demeanor – hands folded or eyes heavenward. In scripture, a saintly person is someone who is "other." Saints are those who are different from those around them. Recall how different Jesus was from his contemporaries. Saints are different the way God is different.

Today's reading from 1 John agrees with the biblical definition of holiness. John looks at the relationship between God's "otherness" and our own. Along with the dignity of being God's children, there are certain other consequences for us. "The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know God." If the world does not appreciate God's uniqueness, they are certainly not going to appreciate ours.

The gospel today is the Beatitudes. These twelve verses constitute the core of Jesus' message. If these few verses were all we had from Jesus, they would be enough to count him among the wisest teachers who ever lived.



First, what does "beatitude" mean? The idea of a "blessing" runs through the Bible. A blessing was a gift from God, a palpable expression of God's care and presence in human life. In the Old Testament, blessings were palpably measurable: long life, large family, crops, herds, fine weather, peace and wealth. A promise of this kind of blessing lives on in today's "prosperity preachers" who virtually guarantee that faith practice will bring you health and wealth, gorgeous clothes and big cars.

ST IGNATIUS MASS SCHEDULE

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| Monday - | Noon in the church |
| Tuesday- | Noon in the church |
| Wednesday- | Noon in the church |
| Thursday- | Noon in the church |
| Friday- | Noon in the church |

Saturday/Sunday- Weekend Mass is recorded and posted at: WWW.SIPDX.ORG

**Confession on Friday following Mass
 Or by appointment 503-777-1491.**

PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

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Wisdom literature (Job, Psalms, Proverbs) provides another sense of blessing. The blessing there is the gift of interior wisdom – to live faithfully despite suffering and loss. Jesus takes that sense of blessing to a new level. For Jesus, God blesses (that is, God transmits the Spirit to) those who acknowledge their vulnerability, their poverty of Spirit.

Jesus teaches that God's grace cannot get in us until there is a welcoming vacuum, an openness. It comes to those who can cry, who can risk stepping away from skepticism and assumptions that God does not care. God comes to those who are modest and meek, not to those who practice self-conscious "humility" like Uriah Heep in Charles Dickens' novel *David Copperfield*. Another way to understand "meek" is as "of gentle disposition, gracious, pleasant and affable, often connoting joy of heart."

The beatitudes are misunderstood if they are incorrectly translated as "*Happy* are the poor in the spirit." **Happy** is not a word that the New Testament uses in either Greek or Aramaic. Paul Tillich once suggested a scale of human contentment beginning with pleasure, then happiness, then joy, and finally, with what Jesus called "beatitude" or **blessedness**. Pleasure and happiness depend on immediate, external factors. Joy and blessedness arise from the fulfillment of the uniquely human potential for union with God.

The beatitudes are not a prescription for heaven but a description of how God meets people. One way to read them is to set them against the other pole of Jesus' teaching on the "woes." The "woes" are the inverse of the beatitudes. They are the warnings aimed at the rich in spirit, the exceptional elites in human society who have no sense of fallibility or contrition. Their doors to grace are shut tight.

The beatitudes, then, are not so much a recipe for happiness as an invitation to present blessing. Saints are holy because they listen go God's holy promptings. Here are eight suggestions for modern day beatitudes:

1. Count your blessings. Keep a journal about everything you're grateful for, from the mundane to the magnificent.
2. Practice acts of kindness. Remind yourself that you are capable of generosity, compassion, patience, and forgiveness.
3. Savor life's joys. Relish these crisp fall mornings. Enjoy great music and art, and your humorous friends.
4. Thank a mentor. Somewhere along the road, someone helped you at significant turns in your life. Don't wait until their funeral to let them know how much that meant.
5. Practice forgiveness. Everyone has been hurt and "trespassed upon." Think of all the people drinking the poison of hidden resentment. Get past it. Move on.
6. Invest in your family and friends and faith community. Invest some of that energy and health you have in people you love.
7. Take care of your body. Rest, exercise, stretch, laugh, play. Walk, run, swim, dance, golf, bowl, do yoga. Stir up those endorphins.
8. Devise a strategy for facing stress and hardship. Life is hard and losses will come. Ask the Spirit to wrap you in God's protective Light, God's wonderful Light.

As we celebrate the great saints of our tradition, honor them by asking for their help. Ask them to help us to live in the present the blessings of welcoming God's Spirit in every now.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.

Pastor

MASS READINGS

Mass Readings for Nov 1, 2020

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12a

Mass Readings for Nov 8, 2020

Wisdom 6:12-16

Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL

*When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,
and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.
He began to teach them.... Matthew 5:1-12*



Samantha Ramirez-Lopez comes to work in Eulalie's Garden Child Development Center (CDC) every day excited to learn...and she's the teacher! Her co-lead teacher, Courtney Gordon, said Teacher Samantha's outstanding quality is her joyful attitude and her genuine excitement about learning new things with the children.



Teacher Samantha Ramirez-Lopez plays with older preschoolers, one of whom is her son, Noam!

Teacher Samantha is one of a team of four staff in Eulalie's Garden that has been running in-person since the first day of school. When asked how things have changed in the parish preschool since COVID, Teacher Samantha said, "It's different because we have to clean and sanitize more and keep a safe distance....and we are still learning, playing and having fun!"

Asked to help parishioners understand what preschool is like now, she was quick to focus on the positive. "It's great that we can do what we love. Groups are small and we can really focus on each child."

While there have been challenges along the way, Teacher Samantha said, "I was more wor-

ried at the start of the school year – especially wearing masks and kids not being able to read expressions. I was worried they wouldn't see my joy at seeing them every day. But, with time, it's not a worry. I use my hands more and body language. They don't really know any different. Whatever we do – they are going for it with us. They are in it for the ride and they are having fun."

In her 2nd year as a lead PK teacher and in her 5th year at the school, Teacher Samantha was asked for words of wisdom. "It's going to be okay. With a lot of thought, we can get through the hard parts. Once we're together, we find the way and how to stay safe and still learn."

**Openings available at Eulalie's Garden, CDC,
serving 3-4-5 year olds. school@sipdx.org**



**More
Information
coming
soon!**

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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

Everyone is invited to join **IGNITE!**

Sunday November 8, 2020 at 6pm

There is a handout on our website:

www.sipdx.org/ignite

11/8 - Edith Stein/Praying with the Gospel of Matthew

Email Grace to join the Ignite email list at gbyrd@sipdx.org

REDCROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Nov. 22, 2020 9AM-2PM Blood drive. Sign up at:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>



WEEKLY RACIAL JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION

US Bishops' Book for Children on Racial Injustice Winner of 2020 Moonbeam Award

Earlier this year, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism and Loyola Press published [Everyone Belongs](#), an illustrated children's book addressing racism.

A GROUP FORMATION—FRATELLI TUTTI

Pope Francis reviews "the symptoms of an unhealthy society" in this encyclical. His meditation on the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25-37) leads to an examination of who is my neighbor. Pope Francis suggests respectful dialogue and proposes that we answer with "a new vision of fraternity and social friendship." He says that "everyone has a fundamental role to play" in writing "a new page of history, a page full of hope."

Our discussion will be led by Matthew Pearl and Richard Silva on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. [beginning on November 15, 2020 for eight weeks](#). Meetings will be held via the Zoom conferencing software. November classes: 11/15, 11/29

- **Register** by sending your name and e-mail address to Matthew (mjmppearl@aol.com). Please include a note if you have never used Zoom before and think you will need help getting started.
- **Download** a free copy here (<https://us02web.zoom.us>).
- **Download** a free copy of the pdf version of Fratelli Tutti at http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html or purchase a printed copy from the US Conference of Bishops for \$13.95 at <https://www.usccb.org/resources/fraternity-and-social-friendship-fratelli-tutti>
- Read the Introduction and the first chapter "Dark Clouds Over a Closed World" before the first meeting.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN

SCAM WARNING

WARNING: there has been an increase of **scams** as of late; e-mails posing as a request from one or our priests here, asking for gift cards or other donations. Their requests can appear to be of good intention, and typically ask for a quick response, to help with an emergency of some sort. **Please do not give to these requests**, and if you have questions or concerns, contact the Parish Office. 503-777-1491



**SET CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR
THIS SATURDAY (OCT 31) BEFORE BED!!!**

FAMILY LIFE



Children's Liturgy link: The Kocklers will lead this Sunday's Children's Liturgy of the Word.

Join Zoom Meeting from 10:30-11:30 a.m. from 10:30-11:30 a.m. REMEMBER TIME
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77972248950?pwd=Ky9iWURwVzVwMEFaTllyWHloOGNQUT09>
Meeting ID: 779 7224 8950 * Passcode: GodsLove

Our Children's Liturgy program is being offered this fall by Nathan Williams, Michele Becker and Angela & Nick Kockler each Sunday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. It's recommended for ages 5-10, but all are welcome. We will do our best to share the link in the parish bulletin each week so be sure to look for it there if you don't receive your family life newsletter.

2020-2021 Sacramental Preparation Home-study Program Please pray for the 20 children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation through the home-study program this fall. This Sunday we will have a shared parent/child ritual to conclude the preparation period.

- Nov. 1st – Final Parent/Child Zoom meeting from 9:30-10:30 a.m. – shared ritual and show and tell.
- Nov. 14th – Communal Reconciliation at 10am in the Church with individual confessions outside.

Any questions contact Beth Schaller, bschaller@sipdx.org



Mom's Groups meets 2nd & 4th Sundays to study Wisdom Literature Our next gathering will be on Sunday, Nov. 8th from 9:15-10:15 a.m. The homework is to read Proverbs, chapters 22-31. We will spend time studying the "Woman of Strength" in Proverbs 31. To join the meeting, email bschaller@sipdx.org for the Zoom link.

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS



Please keep in your prayers

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| Monday | Nov 2 | † All Souls |
| Tuesday | Nov 3 | † All deceased Society of Jesus |
| Wednesday | Nov 4 | † All Saints of the Society of Jesus |
| Thursday | Nov 5 | † Francesco Piatti |
| Friday | Nov 6 | † Bonaventure Oh Family |

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Women's ARISE! Retreat

"Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire." – Luke 3:15-16

Let your heart be filled with expectation this Advent as you give yourself a morning to pray and reflect in the company of other women. Reflections offered by Antoinette Toku and Tara Ludwig, followed by personal reflection and group sharing.

Register at: <https://www.sipdx.org/retreat-sign-up-arise>

Donations gratefully accepted. Please send them to: St. Ignatius Catholic Church, c/o Beth Schaller, 3400 SE 43rd Ave, Portland, OR 97206 or pay via the St. Ignatius "Realm" app with "Advent Retreat" in the memo line. Questions? Contact bschaller@sipdx.org

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- ◆ **GET YOUR END OF YEAR DONATION STATEMENT BEGINNING JANUARY 5TH ON REALM!**
- ◆ <https://onrealm.org/sipdx/SignIn>

Call Patty with questions: 503-777-1491. M-TH, 10AM-2PM

HELP FOR NEIGHBORING PARISH

Would you like to help St. Philip Neri parish with bringing hot Thanksgiving Meals and other supplies to our unhoused neighbors? Please contact Sarah Peroutka if interested: sarah.peroutka@gmail.com or follow this link to the Amazon Wish List https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3OUO4CDWNBO3I?ref=wl_share

VIRGIN MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH—NYABITIMBO

My cousin, Father François Xavier Rukundo shared with me the concerns they are experiencing during this pandemic, and needed help from me to help open their parish as soon as they meet government's requirements.

Most of churches are still closed in Rwanda since March, 2020 to avoid the spread of COVID-10, but the government gave some of them authorization to open their doors if they have a modern and safe place to wash their hands. His parish is located to the rural area where most of parishioners are poor and even struggling to put food on table at this time because most of activities are closed down, and there are no public benefits like here in USA. Parishioners (2,842) are hopeless and thirsty of Eucharist, and miss gathering to praise God. They have to follow government rules in order to open the church to celebrate mass, unfortunately they cannot afford that any time soon unless they receive financial assistance. From where???... They don't know, just praying for God's will.

Please pray for this request and share with whoever else you think can understand and have a big heart to help this parish. For more information or to help

Thank you for your understanding and peace be with you. Marie Abijuru

Contact Marie at mgabijuru@yahoo.com

KUDOS & DID YOU KNOW?



⇒ To Beth for a fabulous Realm blast article!

⇒ We will soon be able to LIVESTREAM!!





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