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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

MAY 16, 2021

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

## Ascension

Dear Parishioners:

Fr. General Arturo Sosa just announced an Ignatian Year to begin on May 20, the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the wounding of St. Ignatius at Pamplona. The year will end on March 12, 2022, the anniversary of the canonization of St. Ignatius and St. Francis Xavier. The theme of the year is conversion. Go to the parish website to find the prayer for conversion which we will use during this Ignatian year.



The gospel today proclaims that after Jesus speaks to his disciples for the last time, he ascends to heaven. What happens to the presence of Jesus in the world? That is our question today. Let us begin our contemplation of the meaning of the Ascension by meditating on various kinds of presence.

One way of presence is through memory. My mom becomes present to me when I remember her in the garden or cooking or smiling in welcome. Another way of presence is through imagination – for example, as a character in a novel or short story. Still another form of presence can be through symbolism – as the

American flag waving in the breeze symbolizes the blessings of our country, and generates the presence of patriotism in a citizen's heart.

What does this have to do with the Ascension of Jesus into heaven? It is not that we celebrate a memory or imaginary character or symbol. It is that today we celebrate the conclusion of the way that Jesus used to be present in the world, and *a change* in the way the Risen Jesus is present now.

In fact, we celebrate that Jesus is no longer present in the world through his human body as he was when he walked the dusty roads of Israel. The Risen Christ is now present through his mystical body in a real though sacramental way. He is present through the Church – “where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” He is now present when the Word is

## MASS SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY 10:30 AM Mass: Mid-Morning Service** – Sign up online at [sipdx.org](http://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](http://sipdx.org)

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proclaimed, when the bread and wine are consecrated in the Eucharist, and in the other sacraments. And the Risen Jesus is present through the members of his mystical body.

To put it another way, Jesus no longer uses his human voice to address people, his human heart to love people, or his human hands to reach out to people. Rather, Jesus acts through us – you and me. He uses our voice to address people, our heart to love people, and our hands to reach out to people. This is the meaning of what we celebrate today.

Even though Jesus went back to heaven, he is still a transformed human person. This is an important point. Jesus did not simply return to being the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. As a Risen human person, he is present to us wherever we go. As Risen Lord, he also gives us the mission to be his witnesses in the world.

Not long ago, Pope Francis wrote that heaven is not a *place* as much as a *new dimension of relating to God*. When Jesus was taken from the sight of his first followers, his ascension did not end his presence in the world. On the contrary, it meant that the Risen Jesus was no longer limited to one place and time as the usual human person is. Because Jesus dwells in the “God-zone” called heaven (which is beyond time and space), he is present to everyone all the time.

The first meaning of the Ascension, then, is that the Risen Jesus (and every one of our ancestors who dwells in the life of God called heaven) is completely present to every square inch and to every moment of time on the earth. The “Communion of Saints” is not a mere metaphor. Our departed family members and guardian spirits have real access to us all the time – and we to them.

The second meaning of the Ascension is that heaven awaits us, too. When you and I remember the Ascension, we anticipate what the promise of our life in God has in store for us. Celebration of the Ascension is our human way of renewing our hope in order to face the difficult times in our present.

Where is heaven? Where is the Risen Jesus? He is hiding in the most needy among us – waiting for us to show them the same kind of compassion as the Risen Jesus will show us when it is our turn to die and awaken in his arms.

On this Ascension weekend, ask the Risen Lord to breathe in you anew – so you may speak his word of consolation to everyone God puts on your path. As you begin the Ignatian Year on May 20, hear Christ sending you once again to find the ascended Lord in all things.

**Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.**  
**Pastor**



## MASS READINGS

### Mass Readings for May 16, 2021

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11  
Ephesians 1:17-23  
Mark 16:15-20

### Mass Readings for May 23, 2021

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13  
John 20: 19-23

## ST. IGNATIUS PARISH SCHOOL



A couple of weeks ago the school experienced our first positive case of COVID-19. This was an incredibly difficult situation for the school community, but we worked through this with the help of the Multnomah County Health Department and everyone is now back in school after the required quarantine. We are grateful that this did not spread through the school and that everyone is healthy. Please continue to pray for the school, that we can remain open and safe through the end of the school year.

**Teacher spotlight:** Meet Ms. Colleen Schultheis! Ms. Schultheis has been a teacher for 23 years and has been teaching first grade at St. Ignatius School for 17 years. Those of us who have been lucky enough to have our children taught by her know that there is no one we would rather have guiding our children as they begin their reading journey. Her love and enthusiasm for working with first graders is a gift to our school. Ms. Schultheis loves reading stories with her first graders, especially, *Frog and Toad*. The highlight for many first graders is watching caterpillars turn into butterflies each spring.



Kathleen Downing  
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## WOMEN'S RETREAT



"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (Galatians 5:22-23a)

**Women's Pentecost Retreat \* Saturday, May 22nd at 10 AM – Noon (via Zoom)**

Join us for prayer, reflection, sharing and friendship as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

**Presenters:** Tara Ludwig (Faber Institute) & Ana Guizado; **Register now:** [sipdx.org](http://sipdx.org) 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 "Women's Retreat" in the memo line. Questions? Contact [bschaller@sipdx.org](mailto:bschaller@sipdx.org)

## KUDOS & DID YOU KNOW?

- **KUDOS** to Mary Kay Baker and her daughter Cecelia Russell as they retire after 25 years as catechists to our children preparing for first confession and Communion.
- To Brooklyn Rouse for her photography of our six First Communion Masses and Confirmation on 5/15.
- To Lisa Chambers, our 6th grade home room teacher, for her Mother's Day reflection at the weekend videotaped Mass.
- To Grace Byrd and her team of catechists who prepared our 20 high school students for Confirmation with Bishop Smith this Saturday 5/15.

Thank You!

## DAILY PRAYER INTENTIONS



Please keep in your prayers

|           |        |                         |
|-----------|--------|-------------------------|
| Monday    | May 17 | † Santiago Gayomali Sr. |
| Tuesday   | May 18 | † Sam & Susan Bernunzio |
| Wednesday | May 19 | † Jim Emig              |
| Thursday  | May 20 | † Patricia Obradovich   |
| Friday    | May 21 | † David Knisley         |

*In Thanksgiving for the life of Mark Murray*

## WEEKLY JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION

### **May 23 Pentecost**

Why It's Important: "At Pentecost, the Apostles understand the unifying power of the Spirit. They see it with their own eyes when everyone, though speaking in different languages, comes together as one people: the people of God, shaped by the Spirit, who weaves unity from diversity and bestows harmony because in the Spirit there is harmony. He himself is harmony." ...Pope Francis

**May 30** St. Joan of Arc: Patroness of Military Personnel Why It's Important: "To terminate our endless wars and prevent conflict and desperation in the poor and fragile countries of the world, the United States must first reorient its international affairs strategy towards a more robust diplomatic and development-centered engagement." ...USCCB and CRS

**May 30** Feast of the Holy Trinity Why It's Important: Our understanding of the Holy Trinity introduces us to the Catholic principle of solidarity. In *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis reminds us that "everything is interconnected, and this invites us to develop a spirituality of that global solidarity which flows from the mystery of the Trinity."

**May 31 Memorial Day** Why It's Important: We recognize the debt we owe to those who put their lives in harm's way; we also question the paths that lead governments to the "ultimate resolution": WAR. Let us acknowledge man's affinity to resolve conflict with aggression; fear with violence. Let us admit our tendency to walk the roads that reduce our options, making war seemingly inevitable and necessary. Pope Paul VI famously said, "if you want peace, work for justice." Pope Francis pleaded that "We ask the risen Jesus, who turns death into life, to change hatred into love, vengeance into forgiveness, war into peace. Yes, Christ is our peace, and through him we implore peace for all the world."

### **Vigil for Racial Healing**

**Wednesday May 26, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

St. Anthony Catholic Church

9905 SW McKenzie St, Tigard, OR 97223

To register or for more information, email Danny Rauda at [drauda@satigard.org](mailto:drauda@satigard.org)

## CYO ~ CAMP HOWARD

### Summer is almost here: time to register your kids for camp!

Registration is now open at Camp Howard: [www.cyocamphoward.org](http://www.cyocamphoward.org)

Join us for Overnight and Family Camp at Camp Howard this summer. Make friends, explore the outdoors, enjoy traditional camp activities like archery, arts & crafts, pedal carts, swimming, giant slip-n-slide, and more. *Camp Howard is following all local and state health guidance to keep our campers and staff healthy this summer.*

**OPEN HOUSE DATES:** Saturday, May 22nd, 2pm to 5pm & Sunday, June 27th, 2pm to 5pm

Camp Howard is hiring Summer Staff ages 16 years old and up. Visit: [www.cyocamphoward.org/jobs](http://www.cyocamphoward.org/jobs) for more information.

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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](mailto: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 – through Pentecost (end of May)

Our Children's Liturgy program has creatively persevered this year and we are so grateful to our leaders, Nathan Williams, Michele Becker, and Angela & Nick Kockler. The program will continue through May and then take summer off. If you are interested in being part of our Children's ministry here at St. Ignatius, please contact [bschaller@sipdx.org](mailto:bschaller@sipdx.org).

### "Finding God in All Things: St. Ignatius Family Faith Summer Adventures"

Plans are in the works for a family-based summer program which will take place on weekday evenings. Dates, times and details coming soon. In the meantime, we welcome youth or adults to collaborate in our planning. Interest or talent in art, drama, cooking, service or outdoor activities is especially helpful. Contact Beth at [bschaller@sipdx.org](mailto:bschaller@sipdx.org) to learn more or to volunteer.

### "Job Board" for St. Ignatius Families

Thank you to Le Tran, for offering to manage our job board! More information will be coming soon about how to share your need or skill with our community.

**Mom's Group Zoom Schedule** – Sundays 9:00-10:00 a.m. during April & May  
The Mom's group meets on Sundays via Zoom. Please note that our meeting time is adjusted to 9:00 a.m. the next two months. 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](mailto:bschaller@sipdx.org).

Our focus for the next series of meetings will be how parents can support faith formation at various ages and stages of life. Join us on the 2nd and 4th Sundays for friendly conversation and practical tips for your own family's faith development.

May 25 – Preschool years, June 13 – Elementary School years, June 27 – Middle & High School years

There will be some short material provided each session to prompt discussion, but we can all contribute from our experience as parents and/or from our own childhood experiences, too.

### **Pray for our First Communion students!**

It's time to celebrate!! Please pray for the 50 children celebrating their First Communion this Easter season. These are celebrated at the 10:30 mass on Sundays during April and May. Thank you to Mary Kay Baker, Cecelia Russell, and all the parents who have taken a big role in preparing students! And special thanks to our photographer, Brooklyn Rouse, for generously showing up each Sunday to take adorable photos of the kids.

### **First Communion celebrations – May 16, 2021**

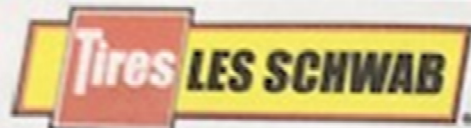
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### **Building a Team** of Parents for Middle School Kids

We are building a team of parents and volunteers who would be interested in helping plan and support activities for our St. Ignatius parish middle school students! We would love for you to be a part of this group. Your level of involvement is up to you. You can help plan, help organize an activity, or maybe even host an activity. Many hands make light work, so the more the merrier! If you would like to stay in the loop as we begin this adventure, send an email to Maria at [maria.l.fuhrmann@gmail.com](mailto:maria.l.fuhrmann@gmail.com).





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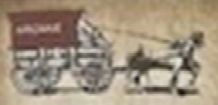
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