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November 3, 2019

You Can't Take It With You

Dear Parishioners:

November is the month when we pray for our faithful departed. Our belief is that we live in a communion of saints. Our dear ones still pray for us and watch over us from their life in God. Our joy is to pray in union with our ancestors and guardian spirits – that one day we will walk hand in hand with them once again when we have crossed over to the other side.

This is also Stewardship Witness Weekend. The church asks each of our households to pledge financial support for the mission of the parish for 2020. At all of our Masses, we will hear a parishioner speak to our stewardship of care for the faith community.

The basic theme of the New Testament is that Jesus is the Savior of the world. The first disciples said that he had saved their lives – in a real and practical sense. And that is how Jesus understood himself. He had come into the world “to search out and to save what was lost.”

Over the years, the understanding of “savior” has taken on a restricted meaning. For many people, “salvation” only has to do with what happens after death. To be saved means that in the next life, you will go to heaven and live with God forever. Since heaven is a happy place, free from sorrow and misery, everyone would like to go there. But this is not the primary meaning of the saving work of Christ. The New Testament presents Jesus as helping people meet the challenges of living *in this world*.

Today's story of Zacchaeus is a case in point. Jesus spots him in a tree and tells him he wants to go to his house to eat. Zacchaeus comes away from the encounter a changed man – pledging half his wealth to the poor, and restitution to those he defrauded. The narrative does not say what transpired between the two men to cause this transformation. Whatever was said or done had a “saving” effect. Jesus summed it up by saying, “Today salvation has come to this house.”

Luke is the only gospel writer who records today's incident about Zacchaeus. In fact, the name “Zacchaeus” only occurs here in the New Testament. It is an ironic use of the name because it means “pure, clean, or innocent.” Since Zacchaeus was a social pariah, despised for his greed by both Romans and Jews, he was anything but innocent or deserving of respectful regard. He deserved condemnation. And people would have shunned him. Yet here was Jesus treating him with respect, seeing in him the makings of a better man.

Notice that Jesus saved people by focusing on the undiscovered, undeveloped and neglected possibilities in the people he met. Especially the marginalized he saw as a sculptor sees the hidden beauty in a block of granite. He got their attention with the warmth of his personality. He helped them like a good teacher bring out the abilities of a willing student. And he nurtured them with the strength of his friendship.

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Today's Readings:

Revelation	7:2-4, 9-14
1 John	3:1-3
Luke	5:1-12a

Next Sunday's Readings:

Wisdom	11: 22-12:2
2 Thessalonians	1:11-2:2
Luke	19:1-10

Preaching Next Sunday:

Fr. Craig Boly, SJ & Reflection Pete Madden

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM
Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:30AM
Sunday Contemplative: 7:30PM
Daily: Monday 8:00AM in church
 Tuesday - Friday 8:00AM La Storta Chapel
Centering Prayer: Friday 7:00AM
Anointing Mass: First Friday 8:00AM
First Saturday Mass: 8:00AM
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30-4:30PM
 or by appointment with a priest

The way Jesus saves is first to accept people as they are – neither condemning nor condoning. He holds the mirror up to people to see their hidden worth. And the transformation is that in the warmth of his acceptance and trust in them, hidden possibilities become living realities.

Think of the effectiveness of this way of proceeding. Simon, a blowhard fisherman becomes Peter, the rock. Saul, a nationalistic Pharisee, becomes Paul, an apostle to the world. Francesco Bernardone, a pampered child of privilege, became St. Francis of Assisi, friend of the poor.

Jesus not only gave Zacchaeus a sense of his self-worth. He carried the process one step further. He gave him a sense of responsibility for other people. The two aspects belong together. Genuine “salvation” includes both care of self *and* of others. Christ’s saving work is both individual and communal, personal and social.

Like Zacchaeus, do you have a great desire to see Jesus? Unlike the rich young man who could not respond to Jesus because he had great wealth, Zacchaeus experienced the saving power of God as more than a future hope. In the warm acceptance of Jesus, he repented – and it changed his life on earth. He made generous restitution so as to have the joy of reconciliation with God and neighbor.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.
Pastor

IGNITE—Classes continue Sunday, Nov. 10 & 24- from 6-7:15pm.



IGNITE in November!

11/10 – Alleluia and Julian of Norwich. “You are the ground of my beseeching.”

11/24 – Fr. Gary Smith will join Joseph and explore the spirituality of Teilhard de Chardin and how that relates to the Credo.

November History Heroes

Gathering on Tuesday, Nov. 12th at 12:15 for Mass with lunch after. We will be having the President of Portland's League of Women Voters speaking after lunch. She will share their history and purposes as well as answer your questions. All are welcomed, even you youngsters!! PLEASE do RSVP A FEW DAYS PRIOR if you can. Details & RSVP to Judi at 503-234-1147 or judi_vc@yahoo.com. Thank you. For December, we will be donating paper/household products for St. Vincent's DePaul.

St Vincent de Paul

We are requesting donations of canned meals such as chili, ravioli, spaghetti O's. As always, thank you for your generous donations!



Turn in  Baby bottles to the *office* by **Nov. 23!!**



Remember to sign up for the November 17th Blood drive.
9am-2pm in our Gymnasium
www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time

MASS INTENTIONS

	FOR THE WEEK		
	Monday	Nov 4	All Deceased of the Society of Jesus
	Tuesday	Nov 5	All Saints of the Society of Jesus
	Wednesday	Nov 6	† Mattha Thu Thi Nguyen
	Thursday	Nov 7	† Joseph Duc Minh Truong
	Friday	Nov 8	† Dominic Tung Ngoc Truong

**A warm
welcome
to all our guests.**

**We are so happy you are here
to celebrate with us!**

**New to St. Ignatius Parish?
Register by dropping a “Welcome”
card in the offering basket with
your information, or visit
us online at
<http://www.sipdx.org/about>**

November 17, 2019 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 9AM-2PM IN THE GYM



ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL

November is starting off with huge reasons for gratitude:

GRATEFUL FOR COMMUNITY AND YOU! Thank you to all who came out for the Bourbon Street Benefit last weekend. We sold out the event and the new live music was really a nice touch! We were honored by the presence of Bishop Steiner. A special shout out to our hardworking parent chairs, Kristin Romaine and Sarah Trester, Development Director Rosemary Malouf and our parent volunteers. We look forward to sharing how we did financially next week. Thank you all for your support and generous hearts.

GRATEFUL FOR PARENTS AND PARTNERSHIP: For the last few weeks, we have been working on the new Archdiocesan protocols for a violent intruder emergency. Parent input and support has been invaluable in a growing our skills so we are “Not Scared, but Prepared.” We also look forward to meeting families this week for conferences.

GRATEFUL THAT REPAIRS ARE POSSIBLE! Pardon us, our 70-year-old infrastructure is showing! :0) You may have noticed the vapor cloud pouring out of the school. We will be closed on November 12 to undergo 2 days of urgently needed repairs to our boiler as we head into winter. We are grateful that the team will work on Veterans Day to help us through. (And kudos to Steve Scopolleti, Facilities Manager, for catching this and avoiding a mid-winter emergency!!)

Blessings on your Week!
Kelli Clark
Principal, St. Ignatius School

“It is not joy that makes us grateful, but gratitude that makes us joyful.”
—Brother David Steindl-Rast, OSB

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~Women’s Advent Retreat – Dec. 7, 2019

Join us for a day of reflection during Advent. This is a retreat *for women, led by women.*

All women are welcome.

Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019 ***

Loyola Jesuit Center
from 9am-4pm

\$20 suggested donation, includes lunch

REGISTRATION FORM IN VESTIBULE



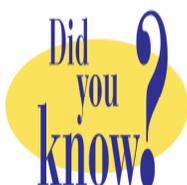
Women's Club

Meeting Nov. 8th, in the parish center dining room, at 7PM. BYO drinks/potluck munchies. WC is open to any and all women, so please come for some fun!!

Questions, call Nancy 503-659-9473, or Sharon at 971-340-7525.

Next event is Nov. 30th, Wine & Canvas painting, as they teach us how to be artists! More info to follow.

Our **St. Vincent de Paul St. Ignatius Conference** provides food boxes to approximately 20-30 families in this neighborhood monthly. We are a “delivery only” pantry. That means a group of wonderful volunteers from our parish delivers the food boxes weekly out of our pantry in the basement of the parish offices. The pantry also supports the Tibbetts House with food and hygiene items for its guests. To date 437 individuals have been helped this year. The conference has provided: * **143 food boxes:** * **16 families with utility assistance:** * **11 families with rent assistance**



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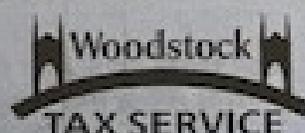
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