

St. Ignatius Catholic Church OREGON'S JESUIT PARISH

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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 PM Sunday at 8:00 AM Sunday at 10:30 AM Sunday at 7:30 PM

Weekdays (M-F) at 8:00 AM At LJC—**La Storta Chapel**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays -3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

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April 30, 2023

A Message from the Pastor

In 1981, Professor Joseph Martos wrote a book on the sacraments entitled *Doors to the Sacred*. Doors and gates are thresholds for people and for sheep. They can keep danger out. They also need to be passed through in order to experience and enjoy the treasures within.

We will have experienced and celebrated four of those *Doors to the Sacred* at St. Ignatius Parish this year. Our Second-Graders experienced the wideness of God's mercy in their first celebration of the sacrament of Reconciliation last fall. This weekend, those same Second-Graders will receive the Eucharist for the first time. They will receive the Body and Blood of Christ—our "food for the journey"—and hear St. Augustine's words challenge them, "Believe in what you eat. Become what you receive." They now will continue their exploration of the ways they can be Christ's body in the world.

On Monday, May 8th, our Eighth-Graders will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation with Archbishop Sample. They will go through that sacramental door to receive Christ's gift of the Spirit. This Spirit will help them grow in Christian virtue. This Spirit will guide them in becoming wise and discerning young men and women. This Spirit will help them choose life—the blessing. This Spirit will inspire them to think as Christ

thinks, to see as Christ sees, to feel as Christ feels, to act as Christ acts by serving those most in need.

At our Easter Vigil this year, ten catechumens went through that sacramental door we call the sacraments of Initiation (i.e. Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist). By going through those life-giving doors, they became part of our faith family. By passing through these sacramental doors, these men and women renewed us, they strengthened us, they reminded usabout the God who is found in the community that gathers in faith, about the Word (i.e. Good News) that is proclaimed in our worship, about the blessed bread and wine that Christ has left us as the greatest expression of our faith and greatest source of nurture for that faith.



Pastor's Message continued from page one:

Psalm 23, this week's Responsorial Psalm, has long been a source of comfort for those who struggle as well as those who have lost loved ones through death. Scripture, like the sacraments, is a door that we walk through to encounter the love of God in Christ. Psalm 23 doesn't just remind us that we are sheep but that Christ is our Shepherd. Because of that, we are in "good hands." Because of that, we don't have to fear anything.

St. Ignatius parish is a Jesuit parish. One of the key characteristics of St. Ignatius' spirituality (i.e. his relationship with God) was "finding God in all things."

Another Spanish mystic, a contemporary of St. Ignatius by

the name of St. Teresa of Avila, once ad-

vised her nuns," If obedience sends you to the kitchen, remember that the Lord walks among the pots and pans." For Teresa and Ignatius, every person and experience in life—no matter how challenging or confusing—can be a *Door to the Sacred*. This is perhaps the greatest gift of the resurrection. This is why Jesus' constant message, after he rose from the dead, was "Have no fear." This is what ultimately can usher us into the experience of "life in abundance." The door is before us and the risen Lord invites us to open it and come on in.

Fr. Mike



You're invited to "Evening Song,"

Fifth Sunday's choral concert on Tuesday, May 2, 7:30pm, a concert of contemplative choral music for a springtime evening.

Fifth Sunday is the longserving group of musicians from our Sunday evening Contemplative Mass who share any time there is a fifth Sunday during the month.



Mass Readings

Mass Readings for Apr 30, 2023 Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41 1 Peter 2:20b-25 John 10:1-10 Mass Readings for May 7, 2023
Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14: 1-12

Finding God in All Things



For Mother's Day Make a donation in honor of your Mother. We will add her name to be displayed in the church alcoves during the weekend of Mother's Day.

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Envelopes can be found at the church doors.

The Franciscan Spiritual Center and Contemplative Outreach Portland invite you to attend an Introductory Centering Prayer Workshop at the Franciscan Spiritual Center in Marylhurst on Wednesday, May 10th from 9:30am to noon.

Centering Prayer is a receptive method of silent prayer developed in 1981 by Trappist monk, Father Thomas Keating.

New and seasoned meditators welcome.

Contact Matthew Pearl:

mjmpearl@aol.com

SEEL Portland invites you to retreats based on the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. Come deepen your relationship with God!

Inner Peace in Darkness and Light
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July 23-August 27 (Sundays from 4:30-6 pm Pacific time)

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<u>Retreatants need to purchase the book to participate. Please plan to have your book at least a week before the retreat begins.</u>

The First Spiritual Exercises by Michael Hansen SJ. Paperback / PDF Retreat fee - \$60 for 6 weeks - https://seelportland.org/donate/ For details, and registration information, please email Jeanette at SpiritualExercises.SEELPDX@gmail.com





April – the virtue of Joy

"The grace to be glad and to rejoice intensely because of the great glory and joy of Christ our Lord." Spiritual Exercise 221 Alleluia, He is Risen, Alleluia!!! In the Fourth Week of the Exercises, Ignatius invites us to pray with the risen Christ. During Jesus' passion and crucifixion, we were untied with Him in sorrow; now we are united with Christ in joy! Ignatius reminds us that Jesus' resurrection appearances move us from sadness and from fear to joy and peace: "Be not afraid." We are encouraged to abide in joy and hope, rejoicing in the redemptive love of God. May the virtue of joy expand our hearts to live out our lives as Easter people. Alleluia, alleluia!

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St Ignatius School

April is earthquake awareness month, and we had an all school earthquake drill in April. During an earthquake drill an announcement is made over our intercom for students and staff to take cover under tables or desks due to an earthquake. After a few minutes, another announcement is made declaring the all clear after which classes evacuate the building to their designated location outside. May we all take a few minutes this month to think about what to do in the event of an earthquake at home or out in our community.

We are hosting an Open House specifically for preschool and kindergarten on Thursday, May 11 from 5:00-6:00 PM. Spread the word about our wonderful school educating students in the Jesuit tradition for well over a century!

Our students are continuing to grow in virtue through our *Virtues in Education* program. In March, the students learned about docility and magnanimity. In April, students are

learning about the virtue of moderation. Virtues are in our morning announcements along with information about saints that lived those virtues. Each classroom spends time teaching about the virtues over the course of the month.

Our students are expanding their knowledge every day! In preschool, the students are painting their sacks to pack transition project lunches. In kindergarten, students worked on decoding words with short vowels and planted marigold seeds in honor of Earth Day. Our first graders made 'Alleluia' bookmarks to give to others. The second graders wrote another round of parishioner letters this week, worked on three digit subtraction, and brought in handmade weather instruments for their unit on weather. Our third graders are writing about Native American groups in Oregon.. The fourth graders wrote their own stories set in the Cascade Mountains. The fifth graders wrote concrete poems for national poetry month. Our sixth graders finished a compare and contrast essay after reading the novel, *Sing Down the Moon. Our* seventh grade students worked through a fun way to prepare for an upcoming test this week using word

chains and notes. Our eighth grade students tackled critical thinking skills for Earth Day by studying about environmental challenges in our world.

As we end a week full of April showers, may we remember the wise words of Pope John Paul II, ""Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."

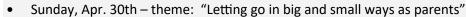
Peace be with you always. Carol Pausz Principal





St. Ignatius Family Day – Sept. 30, 2023 at Camp Yamhill We are excited to plan for this new St. Ignatius event for next fall. If you want to get involved in planning the day – theme, activities, etc. – we would love your ideas! We promise it will be low pressure but lots of fun. If you want to be part of the brainstorming, please contact Beth Schaller at bschaller@sipdx.org.

Mom's Group welcomes new members! The Mom's group celebrates its anniversary on Mother's Day, May 14th and we welcome all parish Moms to join us for a casual gathering from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the parish office dining room. We will do what we do best – talk, laugh, eat, and drink tea. We hope you will consider joining us! Here is our spring schedule.



- Sunday, May 14th Mom's group anniversary celebration and welcome event
- Summer schedule some social events TBD





On Monday, May 8th at 7PM. Archbishop Sample will come to St. Ignatius to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with 31 youth from our community!

Please come and join these students as they complete their Sacraments of initiation!

Sacramental classes Sign up for next year,

2023/2024 Registration will be available online, visit our website at www.sipdx.org click on Faith Formation for Baptism, First Reconciliation & Communion, Confirmation and for R.C.I.A. Classes will begin in September. Get your paperwork done early!





Homebound Communion If you are unable to attend mass and would like to be visited by a communion minister, please contact us so we can visit you. Office number is 503-777-1491.

Also, if you would like to be a minister, we will be planning a training session this spring for all those who would like to become ministers to the homebound. Call the office if interested!

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 the 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. Mike.



Church tithing

Financial report (July 1, 2022—June 30, 2023) 2022-2023 Budget \$607,000.00 Rec'd to date \$477,217.09 Needed for the month of Apr-2023 \$55,000.00 Amount received through 4-16-2023 \$42,460.31 Thank you, may you be blessed abundantly for your generosity!

8:00AM Weekday Mass Intentions

Please keep in your prayers

Monday May 1 Tuesday May 2 Wednesday May 3 **Thursday** May 4 Friday May 5 † Roger H. Bell

+ Sandi Mulvihill

† Souls in purgatory Bob & Judy Earnest - Anniversary

† Hoang Tran

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