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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

AUGUST 1, 2021

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Bread of Life

Dear Parishioners:

Yesterday on Saturday, July 31st, we celebrated the feast of our patron St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuits. At a morning Mass, Fr. Sean Carroll, S.J. became the second provincial of the new West Coast Province (the combined former Oregon and California provinces). Fr. Scott Santarosa S.J. finished seven years as our spiritual leader, and was last seen in a cloud of dust driving south to begin his sabbatical. May the Lord bless both of these wonderful leaders.

As we approach once again the anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, it is good to remember the little Japanese girl named Sadaku. She was one of those little kids who was caught in the bombing of Hiroshima. She saw her mother and father and her family destroyed before her. She herself had severe radiation burns. She was in a hospital and basically, she was waiting to die. She knew she didn't have long.

But instead of bemoaning the tragedy, she said: "This can never happen again to people. People can't be this cruel to one another. So each day I'm going to make a white crane, and I'm going to send it to somebody and ask them to be a disciple for peace." Well, she did that every day for 683 days, and then she died.



Those who knew the little girl had their choice. They could be so outraged over the bombings that they'd be consumed by a desire to go out and bomb the rest of the world in revenge; or they could pick up on what she started – and they did. And so they made a 684th white crane, and 685th, and they go on without limit. Those white cranes still go throughout the world saying that life can be better.

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS

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

WEEKDAY MASS

Noon on Tuesday & Thursday



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays -3:30 PM to 4:30 PM
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Perhaps our faith will never be as simple as it was when we were children. Yet adult skepticism seems to be like the people in today's Gospel, demanding proofs and miracles. The crowd had received free food, but had not understood the meaning of the sign.

The crowd represents those with superficial faith, those whom Jesus invites to go beyond external appearances to the deeper meaning of Eucharist. The crowd thinks that they can work for this bread, but Jesus says that the only work that God wants is faith in Jesus.

Jesus describes himself as food better than manna. He begins the sermon by giving a Eucharistic interpretation of the loaves from last week. Crowds have pursued Jesus, who had slipped back into Capernaum, but he questions them. He says that they only want more bread to eat without recognizing their deeper hunger. He points out that they missed the hidden meaning that the miracle of multiplying loaves signified. The hidden meaning is that Jesus is himself bread for eternal life.

Jesus then proclaims: "I am the bread of life." Eating of the bread from heaven means dining on Jesus – accepting the whole Christ – and this is what nourishes your faith. God sends bread from heaven. The Father sends Jesus. He is food and drink, sight and light, life and obedience. Jesus is not the minister of anything other than himself.

When Jesus announces "I am the bread of life," he employs the Old Testament formula for divine self-revelation: "I am" (Exodus 3:6) or "I am the Lord" (Isaiah 43:11). John presents Jesus as revealing God in our midst, as the one who gives bread (life) in its fullest sense.

Jesus recognized the hunger of those who followed him as hunger for a life rooted in eternity. This hunger endures in us. In our hunger for reconciliation, for respectful dialogue between those who disagree, let our communion with the Bread of Life nurture our hope for lasting peace. Like Sadaku, let us create each day a crane saying life can be better.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.
Pastor

WOMEN'S RETREAT SURVEY

Fall Women's Retreat survey

Women, Arise! retreat ministry at St. Ignatius is considering the possibility of a fall overnight retreat. If you might be interested in a women's retreat, please take this short survey to assist in our planning. Thank you!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XBLN35N>

MASS READINGS

Mass Readings for Aug 1, 2021

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
Ephesians 4:17, 20-14
John 6:24-35

Mass Readings for Aug 8, 2021

1 Kings 19:4-8
Ephesians 4:30-5:2
John 6:41-51

"THE FEASTE OF THE NATIVITY."

Anyone up for some Christmas in July?

Dear parishioners: I know it's early, but please hold this in your prayers. I'm putting together "The Feaste of the Nativity," a pageant/concert/festival to take place here, at and in St. Ignatius Church. The best part of any event, whether it be a movie, or a novel, or a story, is to leave you wanting more. So! Let this announcement be just that. I will need your help, of course! Singers, costumers, food, logistics, set up, rehearsal support, sound and tech assistance, fund raising models, ushering -- you name it. And in particular, I need your prayers. More info to come, as we walk through these summer weeks, especially in light of the pandemic, and the many other considerations that come up when working through and toward something like this. It is, however, the best part of most things, when one has some anticipation and some hope of what is to come. And after the year+ that we've lived through, that is a joy for me. Interested? E-mail me at jbyrd@sipdx.org or call me at the parish office. And, as you will hear us say, come December: Wes hale,



Good Lords and Ladies
fair, we bid thee welcome
we bid thee share! Come
join us in our Feaste, where
all are welcome, from richest to the least.

— Joseph Byrd,

Music Director and
Pastoral Administrator



DAILY PRAYER INTENTIONS



Please keep in your prayers

Monday	Aug 2	†	Patty Piscetelli
Tuesday	Aug 3	†	Tom Williams
Wednesday	Aug 4	†	Suzanne Dillard
Thursday	Aug 5	†	Christine Skinner
Friday	Aug 6	†	Jim Emig

JOHN SCOTT MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021
MOUNTAIN VIEW GOLF CLUB 1:00 PM
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LOOKING AHEAD

Dear Parishioners,

After months of discernment, and after wading through several applications for the Business Manager position, we're grateful to announce a new direction as St. Ignatius Parish heads into the fall. With thanks to our part-time bookkeeper, Phyllis Shelton, and to our Finance Council chair, Heidi Ruckwardt, we have been able to find our way through this pandemic year and craft balanced budgets for the year to come, which your Pastoral Council has approved.

As well, after much conversation and prayer, we've realized that an Operations Manager is in fact what we're needing; someone who will help coordinate, communicate, and oversee the fiscal development of the church and the school. Since a new hire would take considerable time and acumen to acquaint themselves with our people and our programs, we have asked Grace Byrd to join us full-time, and take on this role, in addition to her Faith Formation duties. Her background in systems management, overseeing the details and personnel of what sometimes amounted to three concerts a day at the Eastman School of Music, as well as providing counsel and guidance to the current Executive Director of the Atlanta Symphony, will aid us in our operations here at the parish.

Pray for Grace as she assumes this new role. Know that her already-established personal touch, which has been a gift to those who've worked with her in IGNITE, Marriage Prep, Confirmation, RCIA, and Annulment Advocacy—that same personal touch will now extend to our wider operations at the parish.

Fr. Craig Boly, SJ
Pastor

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES ONLINE RETREAT 2021-2022 – APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED

Due to current health concerns, the 2021-2022 SEEL retreat will be an online experience. We are excited to be able to offer the Spiritual Exercises in a format that will open the retreat experience to graces in unexpected ways. Advance registration is required. Applications accepted NOW!

2021-2022 Online SEEL Retreat applications accepted June 10, 2021 - August 10, 2021.

The retreat begins September 13, 2021 – check monthly retreat dates and apply at:

<https://seelportland.org/> <https://seelportland.org/how-to-apply/>

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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

Sacramental Preparation

Registration is open for 2021-2022

Next year's Sacramental Preparation program is now open for registration. The program begins in September and is open to 2nd graders and older. Information packets are available in the vestibule of the Church. Please register online at: sipdx.org/first-reconciliation-and-eucharist **Assistant(s) needed for Sacramental Prep next year**

Mom's Group

This group meets via Zoom on 2nd and 4th Sundays from 9:15-10:15 a.m. Join us once or on a regular basis to share the joys and challenges of parenting in a context of faith. Contact Beth at bschaller@sipdx.org for the Zoom link or to be added to the mailing list.

"Job Board" for St. Ignatius Families: Do you have a talent to share or a need we can help with? For more information email to jobboard@sipdx.org Thank you to Le Tran, for offering to manage our job board!

A Letter of Goodbye

Dear St. Ignatius parishioners & families,

At the end of July I will be stepping down as family life coordinator here at St. Ignatius. It has been a great joy to serve in this capacity these past five years and I have been blessed by the relationships and friendships that have emerged. I wish everyone could take a turn working at the parish if only to witness the inspiring and often humble ways that our parishioners pour out the love of Christ. It has been a particular joy to accompany families on their journey of faith, especially in preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion. Other pastoral highlights for me include marriage enrichment events, family fun nights, women's retreats, the family alcove, and speaking at various liturgical gatherings. Perhaps closest to my heart has been the Mom's group, a source of deep inspiration, faith, encouragement and creativity. What incredible parents and families and parishioners I have met in this work! I also feel deeply grateful to my colleagues and mentors along the way (especially Jess Ingman and Mary Kay Baker). There are many wise, generous, and loving souls among us.

The Schaller family remains actively engaged in the parish. I will be pursuing a degree in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University Chicago and I plan to devote my volunteer time to several ministries, such as the Mom's group and the Women's Retreat Ministry. Grace Byrd will be the liaison for Sacramental Preparation moving forward and it is good to know that it will be in her capable hands. One thing I have learned is that the Spirit will animate those areas where people are willing to come together to share their gifts, lead, or collaborate. If you feel there is a need at the parish, I hope you will step forward. The Spirit loves to act in new and creative ways.

Thank you for your loving kindness and support in this work. You have been the face of Christ for me.

Warmly, Beth Schaller

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