



# St. Ignatius Catholic Church

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August 17, 2025 - TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM  
10:30 AM  
7:00 PM

Adoration 6:15 - 6:45 PM  
before 7:00 PM Sunday Mass

Weekday (M-F) 8:00 AM  
at LJC - La Storta Chapel

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 3:30-4:30 PM, or  
by appointment 503 -777-1491

### Mass Livestream

Sunday 10:30 AM Mass  
livestreamed weekly on  
YouTube.

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St. Ignatius Parish Portland:

<https://www.youtube.com/@stignatiusparish-portland9572>

### Wisdom from the Pews

Ever since childhood, I've been fascinated with fire, and this week's lectionary has me thinking about the incandescent nature of the Holy Spirit. For so much of my life, I've felt that my shortcomings and faults distanced me from God—as if that could actually happen! This week's readings remind that I am a child of God, burning bright as any wildfire:

*"Though I am afflicted and poor, yet the Lord thinks of me"* Psalm (40:17)

I used to be plagued by a spiritual gap. While I knew God thought of me, I felt estranged from Him. Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 reminds me that even the wisest struggle, and his burdened solitude echos the doubts that keep me disconnected from God's passionate fire. Since joining our parish last year, I feel a curious flame, drawing closer to a relationship with God.

Fire also has a destructive and purifying side that illuminates a



Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10  
Hebrews 12:1-4  
Luke 12:49-53

*"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!"* (Luke 12:49)

*"Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."* (Luke 12:51)

Are these the words of Jesus Christ, 'The Prince of Peace,' 'The Good Shepherd,' the 'Light of the World?' This was not the touchy-feely-lovey-dovey Jesus of my 1970s youth. Jesus was a rabble-rouser who upset the status quo with his message of an everlasting covenant between God and his diverse people. Such a bold, fiery message was bound to sow division in the ancient world.

As I draw closer to my spiritual flame, I see the divisiveness Jesus mentions between those who are threatened by my faith and the invitation to draw closer to God's fire. Psalm 40 reminds us that the Holy Spirit "...draws me up from the pit of destruction, out of the muddy clay, sets my feet upon rock, steadies my steps to put a new song in my mouth, a hymn to our God."

As I reflect on this week's lectionary, I notice Jesus "wishes" the passionate fire of the Holy Spirit to descend upon Earth. Jesus wishes this because we are called to light our hearts afire with the Holy Spirit. And in that way we all can rabble rouse and challenge the status quo within and without our hearts.

*Have you enjoyed reading the weekly Wisdom from the Pews? Then this is a your chance to join other parishioners who have shared their faith journey as it relates to the weekend readings.*

Contact Joseph Byrd with any questions at [jbyrd@sipdx.org](mailto:jbyrd@sipdx.org) or please consider registering to write your Wisdom from the Pews at: <https://bit.ly/wisdomfromthepews>



double-meaning of the Holy Spirit to destroy the old ways and purify the new:

# PARISH LIFE

## *Wisdom from the Pews*

(Continued)

Today, ecological and political threats present us with a status quo that fuels desperate, spiritual fires across our nation and global community. The passionate fire of the Holy Spirit is the ultimate fuel that breathes a new song into our mouths. Let the song of God's love and compassion kindle an everlasting fire in our souls that lights the way forward for our hurting world.



Aaron Pina is a human rights equity culture broker who worships at the 10.30am Sunday mass.



### **Adoration**

You are invited to be with Christ through the intimate prayer of Adoration every Sunday from 6:15-6:45pm.

This time of prayer will culminate with the celebration of Mass at 7PM.

## **Class begins in the Fall!**



### **Reconciliation & Holy Eucharist**

Registration is available online for children in the 2nd grade.

<https://www.sipdx.org/first-reconciliation-and-eucharist>

## **Registration is now open!**



### **Confirmation for students in grade 7-12**

Course will include:

- An at home "Called to Mercy" online curriculum.
- 2 Saturday retreats.
- 5 Sunday morning classes.

Opening retreat:

**Saturday, September 13, 2025**

Register online at: <https://www.sipdx.org/high-school-confirmation>

## **Mass Intentions**

Mon, August 18

† Noma Riley

Tue, August 19

† Peter Dieu Nguyen

Wed, August 20

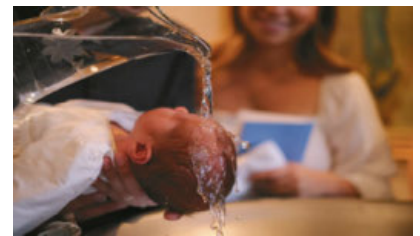
† Patricia Obradovich

Thu, August 21

† Fr. Jerry Chapdelaine, S.J.

Fri, August 22

† Raymond Koudossou



### **Baptism for infant up to age 7**

Parents who are registered in the parish and attend Mass are asked to prepare by participating in one of the Infant Baptism Preparation Sessions. If your child is seven years of age or older, an additional session will be required for both you and your child.

To foster a hospitable and supportive environment, sessions are conducted in small group settings; therefore, class sizes are limited.

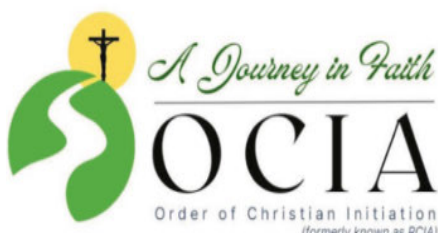
Sign up at:

[sipdx.org/baptism](https://www.sipdx.org/baptism)

Next dates:

**September 13, 2025**

**October 11, 2025**



## **Do you want to become Catholic?**

At St. Ignatius, OCIA classes, run from September through May. Rooted in Ignatian Spirituality, these classes support each individual's unique journey of faith. Visit our website at: <https://www.sipdx.org/adult-confirmation>.

I am calling you,  
**"Come, Follow Me"**

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## Office Hours

Monday to Thursday  
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM



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 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. San](#).

## July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

| Church tithing   | Actual | Budget  | % of Goal |
|------------------|--------|---------|-----------|
| July 21-27, 2025 | 9,758  | 10,252  | 95%       |
| Month to July    | 39,013 | 41,007  | 95%       |
| YTD              | 39,013 | 585,000 | 7%        |

## Make a Year-end Donation to St. Ignatius Parish!

If you are age 73 or older, the IRS requires you to take required minimum distributions each year from your tax-deferred retirement accounts. A qualified charitable donation (QCD) is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA, payable directly to a qualified charity such as St. Ignatius Parish. As 2025 draws to a close, please consider making a year-end donation to help us take care of our beautiful church. A charitable IRA rollover is an easy way to make a gift to St. Ignatius Parish to help us grow our endowment.

You can directly transfer any amount up to \$100,000 from your IRA and pay no income tax on the distribution, while making a charitable donation to our parish.

\* You must be 70½ or older.

\* The transfer must go directly from your IRA to St. Ignatius.

Please check with your tax or financial advisor to see if this type of gift is right for you. If you need help with this transfer or have any questions, please call the parish office.

Thank you for your consideration.



For more information, please visit: <https://www.stignatiusschoolfoundation.org/golf-tournament1.html>

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## Mass Readings

Mon, August 18

Judges 2:11-19  
Matthew 19:16-22

Tue, August 19

Judges 6:11-24a  
Matthew 19:23-30

Wed, August 20

Judges 9:6-15  
Matthew 20:1-16

Thu, August 21

Judges 11:29-39a  
Matthew 22:1-14

Fri, August 22

Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22  
Matthew 22:34-40

Sat, August 23

Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17  
Matthew 23:1-12

Sun, August 24

Isaiah 66:18-21  
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13  
Luke 13:22-30

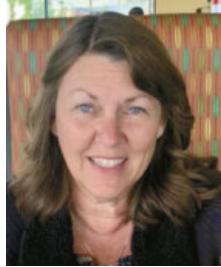
Please consider bringing non-perishable food donations to the Masses on the weekends and placing them in the vestibule or making a cash donation through [Realm Connect](#). Your support is much appreciated.



## Blessings on Your Retirement, Patty!

It is with heartfelt gratitude and appreciation that we say goodbye to Patty Frangipani this week as our St. Ignatius Parish Office Manager.

Patty has served the parish for over 20 years in almost every role, most recently greeting parishioners while running our front office with kindness, patience, and grace. Her



involvement in the parish goes way beyond her employment here. Patty sent her children to St. Ignatius, volunteering for everything imaginable. She helped with the Italian Dinner for many years, has been a faithful attendee of nearly every special event at the parish, and continues to be an active school grandparent. Thank you, Patty, for sharing so much of yourself over the years to make St. Ignatius a better place!



## Women Retreat

St Benedict's Lodge and Retreat Center in McKenzie Bridge is pleased to announce the annual Women's Retreat, from September 5th to 7th. Father Emmerich Vogt, O.P. will direct the retreat.

Theme for the women's retreat: Love is Lord of Heaven and Earth.

To register, contact weekday mornings at 541-822-3572. Full brochure is available at: <https://sblodge.opwest.org/>

Ground floor bedrooms, including those in cabins, will be assigned to participants who cannot use stairs. Please let us know if you require a ground floor room.

**Calling all Bakers!!!** Get your favorite homemade treats ready for our

## Bake Luck

Sunday, August 24, 2025

Join us after the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Masses to share your delicious baked goods with the community. Coffee will be provided!



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toward building a just  
and compassionate world.*

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## Enrollment Open for Kindergarten Class

We are pleased to announce that we have spaces available in our incoming kindergarten class for the 2025-2026 school year!

Kindergarten program highlights include:

- Religion lessons integrated throughout the school day
- Hands on learning with a strong focus in reading and math skills
- Social emotional learning
- Community service projects
- Opportunities to build, explore, create, and play during choice time
- P.E. 5 days a week

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In this Jubilee Year, as we celebrate the 2,025th Anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord, we are mindful of the call for each of us to be living witnesses of the hope found in Jesus Christ. Your continued generosity to the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal is one way to answer this call.



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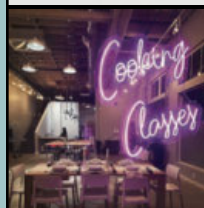
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