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**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

**JANUARY 17, 2021**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## What Are You Seeking?

On this holiday weekend, Jesus poses in John's gospel a question to Andrew and Phillip: "What are you seeking?" When you think of your life in the context of the current pandemic and the recent chaos in our nation's capital, what are you seeking?

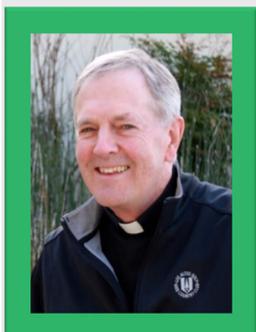
The church gives us a rich context today for addressing this question. This is Martin Luther King weekend, so your seeking might be in terms of social justice. Are you hungering and thirsting for racial equality, for freedom from bigotry, or for respect for people who are different from you?

This is also the end of National Vocation Awareness Week. The Church in the United States is asking the Lord of the Harvest to send laborers into the harvest – religious sisters and brothers and deacons and priests to serve the people of God in their mission to bring God's love to the world.

What are you seeking in your life? There will be others in your life who help you know what and who you are seeking. John the Baptist points out Jesus as the Lamb of God to Andrew and Phillip. Andrew in turn tells his brother Simon that he has found the rabbi Jesus, who is the messiah. The lesson here is that once you and I come to know who Jesus is as Lamb of God and Rabbi and Messiah, we are called to tell others about what we have found.

What are you seeking? It is probably the same thing as those first two disciples were looking for from a religious teacher like Jesus – a personal relationship with God, a framework for understanding your purpose in life, a moral compass and direction, an experience of community, and a reason for hope. Jesus is the only one who can answer life's three crucial questions: How can I learn how to love? How can I apologize and forgive when trust has been broken? In the face of death, how can my hope be what dances to the music of faith?

What are you seeking? In light of the second reading to the Corinthians, Paul's words of wisdom speak to everyone who seeks to learn how to love – seeks to live the covenant given at your baptism. Paul says that you are a temple of the Holy Spirit – so seeking *to mature in love* includes maturing in the appropriation of your sexuality. I want to address the issue of sexuality in light of those who may feel called to seek the companionship with Christ's mission as a sister or priest.



When I talk with young people who feel attracted to the radical discipleship of following Christ as a sister or priest, the question of celibacy is a major issue.

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

### Continued from front page:

My contention is that *for all people* learning how to love, a central issue is to mature in your sexual dimension as a person. At the heart of sexuality is attraction and attractiveness. No matter how young or old you are, no matter whether you are single or married or widowed or celibate, you will always have the challenge of dealing with what attracts you, and how you attract others.

The purpose of the attraction in human sexuality is to promote relationships of care and belonging, and to create committed relationships to welcome children. Human sexuality is also about the pleasure associated with being attractive and attracted to others. The process of enjoying the pleasures of attraction and attractiveness is a constant challenge, whether you are married or single. The process of growing as a sexual person takes a lifetime.

Just because you are married doesn't mean you are exempt from dealing with all the other people who are attracted to you, or who stir your interest. Just because you are celibate doesn't mean you don't find warm relationships of affection and belonging and care. My point is that whether you are married or single, you still have the challenge of dealing with sexual energy.

If your sexual energy celebrates the truth of who you are as spouse or single person, if your sexual energy promotes your kindness and care for those God puts in your path, then you are growing in your sexuality. To the extent that you channel sexual pleasure solely for your own enjoyment, or for the exploitation of others, your sexual maturing awaits further development. All are invited to be temples of the Holy Spirit. To be in your body the tabernacle of God's Spirit is a magnificent invitation and fabulous gift.

Living a life that blesses others in response to God's invitation is a good life. Here's hoping that some hear God's invitation to love with a celibate's heart. All of us can do our part. Just as Eli helped Samuel recognize God's invitation, as Andrew pointed out to his brother Simon that Jesus was the Messiah, so God speaks through us to invite laborers into the harvest. If you see someone who you think might be a good sister or priest, invite them to consider this life of service.

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

## WOMEN'S RETREAT & I G N I T E

### WOMEN'S VALENTINE RETREAT

*Arise, my friend, my beautiful one, and come! (Song of Songs 2:13b)*



Join us for a retreat about God's love for us and our love for God.

Saturday, February 13, 2021

via Zoom, 10am – noon

Presenters: Tara Ludwig of the Faber Institute & Ana Guizado

To register visit the St. Ignatius website at

[www.sipdx.org](http://www.sipdx.org)

Questions? Contact Beth at [bschaller@sipdx.org](mailto:bschaller@sipdx.org).

*Presented by: Women, Arise! Ministry*

*Donations gratefully accepted. Donate via the St. Ignatius website under "misc." and include a memo to direct your donation or send a check to St. Ignatius Catholic Church.*

### *Go Forth and Set the World on Fire*

This year in IGNITE we will explore prayer in the Catholic Tradition through music and the lives of Saints and Mystics. The invitation is simple:

**COME** -with an open heart to see what it is all about

**CONTEMPLATE** -the presence of the Holy Spirit in your own life and experience.

**CONNECT** - to the Mass, the saints, the people of St. Ignatius, and your heart.

### **DATES:**

Jan 24, Feb 14, Mar 14, Mar 28, Apr 11, Apr 25

Come to one class, come to all - as you desire  
All classes will take place from 6 - 7:15PM  
on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 882 2844 4763 Passcode: 1491

To Join our mailing list, contact Grace at

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## MASS READINGS

### Mass Readings for Jan 17, 2021

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

John 1:35-42

### Mass Readings for Jan 24, 2021

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

## CONFIRMATION SUPPLY DRIVE



THE ST. MICHAEL'S HOMELESS PROJECT PROVIDES LUNCHES, DINNERS, AND SUPPLIES TO PORTLAND'S HOMELESS COMMUNITY. THIS YEAR OUR YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS IS GATHERING DONATIONS TO HELP THEM!

### WHERE?

COME TO ST IGNATIUS  
CHURCH

### WHEN?

FEBRUARY 6TH  
10AM-12PM

### WHAT TO BRING:

INDIVIDUALLY PREPACKAGED  
DRY SNACKS, SOCKS, HAND  
WARMERS, GLOVES

PEOPLE FROM THE YOUTH  
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BE THERE TO RECEIVE YOUR  
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THANK YOU!

## WEEKLY JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION

### The Unknown King: Why You Need a Class on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

We all do it: MLK week in America – we attend a special service or watch a clip of the conclusion of his famous “I have a dream” speech. We say Dr. King was a great man who inspired America and the world. Then we go home . . . What a disservice to legacy of Dr. King and the thousands involved in the freedom struggle during the 1950s and 60s!

As racism has emerged as an issue we can no longer ignore, it is time to do something different. We need to take Dr. King seriously as a civil rights leader and a radical intellectual leader whose ideas spurred a movement of global change. Join **JustFaith Ministries**, in partnership with Simmons College (historically black college), as we help you understand why you need a class on Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Lewis Brogdon is the Visiting Professor of Preaching and Black Church Studies and chair of the Department of Religion at Simmons College of Kentucky.

**Thursday, January 21, 4:00 p.m. PST** <https://justfaith.org/january-21st-webinar-dr-brogdon/>

## SUNG FRIDAY VESPERS

Learn to sing vespers in the comfort of your own home. Every Friday evening on Zoom. First Session starts Friday, January 22nd, at 6:30PM, meet and greet, 6:45PM brief overview of vespers 7-7:30PM: sung vespers. Email: Sarah at [sjarvinen2000@yahoo.com](mailto:sjarvinen2000@yahoo.com) for Zoom link and program.

## INFANT BAPTISM ~ NEXT DATE

**Baptism** - We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism on **Saturday, February 6th**. Register your child now to participate in our next baptism class on **ZOOM-Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**.

SIGN UP ONLINE NOW AT: [www.sipdx.org/baptism](http://www.sipdx.org/baptism) (Spots are limited.)

## 2020 GIVING STATEMENTS

Sign in to your REALM account, you will find your 2020 Giving Statement is on your account opening page, beginning Jan 21st! Go to: [onrealm.org/sipdx](http://onrealm.org/sipdx)

## In thanksgiving for the life of Bob Stark

SCHOOL



We are excited to welcome back the first grade this coming Tuesday. These kids have not been in the school building since March 13, 2020! We will be adding one grade a week for half days through March. Teachers are also excited to be next in line for the vaccine. Please keep all students, families, and teachers in your prayers as we navigate this as safely as we can.

The school has a new fundraiser for Valentine's Day. **Valentine's Day Raffle tickets** went home to families last week. Each family received four tickets to sell per child. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the school's general fund. The prize is a HUGE stuffed bear and a gift basket worth \$500. Thank you to our amazing Parent's Association Chair, Amanda Evenhus, for spearheading this effort! If you would like to purchase tickets, they are \$5 each and can be picked up at the school office.



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### FAMILY LIFE



**Children's Liturgy** continues to meet via Zoom on Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:00 a.m. The link is on the Family Life page of our website.

<https://www.sipdx.org/family-life>

Thank you to Nathan Williams, Michele Becker, and Angela & Nick Kockler for generously offering this ministry during the pandemic.

**Do you want to receive regular family life updates and monthly faith formation ideas?** To join the family life weekly email list, please email [bschaller@sipdx.org](mailto:bschaller@sipdx.org).



**Mom's Group** meets 2nd and 4th Sundays via Zoom. To join this wonderful group for friendship and faith, email Beth Schaller at [bschaller@sipdx.org](mailto:bschaller@sipdx.org).

### Sacramental Preparation for First Communion – LAST YEAR & THIS YEAR

We have a tentative date for First Communion: Sat, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the 5pm mass. However, much will depend on the upcoming months. Please stay tuned. This would include both this year's class and last year's class. We will also be scheduling a First Reconciliation service, our family "Road to Emmaus" ritual, and a rehearsal.

Students from last year are welcome to use our home-study schedule to review the material at home. This week we will read Chapter 2 and do the activities. (Chapter 1 is mostly review but you can look at it, also, if you wish.) Questions? Contact [bschaller@sipdx.org](mailto:bschaller@sipdx.org).

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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*

## CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN



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You may mail in a check to the office or use the Catholic Communication Campaign fund in REALM online. **THANK YOU!**

## NEW PROVINCIAL NAMED

### Fr. Sean O. Carroll, SJ

As the next Provincial of the USA West Province of the Society of Jesus. Sean, 54, currently serves as the Executive Director of the Kino Border Initiative (KBI), which provides humanitarian assistance to migrants on the border of Nogales, Arizona, and Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. He will begin as Provincial on the Feast of St. Ignatius, July 31, 2021.



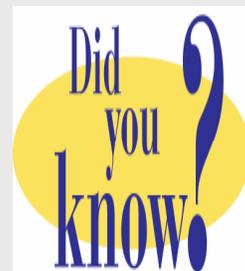
## DID YOU KNOW?

⇒ **Did you know?** The new Provincial for Jesuits West has been named and will begin this year. See above ^



⇒ Because of the pandemic, the Italian dinner for Feb. 14 has been cancelled this year. Ideas for an alternative community event/fundraiser for the church are in the works.

⇒ Ed Kaiel is having open heart surgery on the 17th to replace an aortic valve.. Lots of prayers.



## DAILY PRAYER INTENTIONS



*Please keep in your prayers*

Monday Jan 18

Tuesday Jan 19

Wednesday Jan 20

Thursday Jan 21

Friday Jan 22

† Greg Sparks

Theresa Obradovich Stankovik Family

Ed Kaiel

Croatia after earthquakes

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