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**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2020**

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## **The Forgiven Treat Others with Mercy**

Dear Parishioners:

It is a sober moment in American life because last Friday September 11<sup>th</sup> marked the nineteenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and the plane that crashed into a field in Pennsylvania.

For many the legacy of September 11 is personal and profound. Families and friends of the thousands who died still grieve. Rescuers and emergency responders struggle with injuries and illnesses in the aftermath of the attacks. Thousands of U.S. servicemen and women, not to mention Iraqi and Afghan civilians, have died or been injured in the two wars that resulted from the terrorist strikes.

Even before the dust and smoke cleared from the destruction, Americans pulled together in agreement that the attacks were wrong and horrendous. If there was anything positive about the impact of 9/11, it was admiration for the difference a few brave men and women can make in coming to the aid of their fellow citizens. Many believe that since 2001, Americans have learned that true Islam seeks respectful peace, have realized that there are fanatics in every religion, and have discovered that violence begets violence. Especially in our own day when racism and white supremacy threaten our civil life, it is timely to re-visit our response to terrorism and violence.

Innocence, trust, safety, personal liberties, even a spirit of cooperation – all seem to have been casualties of September 11. Hardness of heart, fear, anger, intolerance – Christians identify these as spiritual issues. What does Christ teach about responding to hatred in terrorists? What are his followers to do to change the conditions that precipitate terrorism?



In today's gospel, Jesus teaches that ideally, forgiveness is limitless, just as God forgives without ceasing when people repent. Most believers agree that the best response to terrorism is prayer – for the victims, for peace, even for the perpetrators – although families who have lost a loved one understandably continue to struggle with grief and anger.

**ST IGNATIUS**  
**RECORDED MASS**  
**FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2020**

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

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The challenge is, how do you pray for people who are still intent on doing you harm? Many of our fellow citizens believe that forgiveness and love is too soft a response. They believe that there are times when might and military force is the only action we can take. And yet our presence in Afghanistan seems destined for an indeterminate future.

Nineteen years later, other Americans ask, "What should be the Christian response to the causes of terrorism?" When people feel powerless and dispossessed, when they feel they have nothing to lose, when they hope for a martyr's afterlife of bliss, what can be done to change their thinking? Pope Paul VI's injunction seems prophetic: "If you want peace, work for justice." This is what Fr. General Sosa means when he says that today's worldwide Jesuit mission is reconciliation.

As we recall the anniversary of 9/11, we pray for our men and women in uniform who stand between us and harm's way, especially for the heroes who have "paid the last full measure of devotion," as Abraham Lincoln wrote. We pray for families who have lost a loved one, especially those who did not have a final word or a last embrace.

We pray for an end to war, political polarization, and rancor in our public discourse. We pray for strength to be our brother and sister's keeper, and humility to thank God for our many blessings. Today's invitation is to meditate on the lines from the Our Father: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

As we begin another school year in the midst of a pandemic, prayer for anything beyond getting through this anxious season seems difficult. Yet I urge us to pray for reconciliation where there are broken hearts. Pray to embrace with courage and even joy our Jesuit mission of mending fences and binding up wounds. Especially in these contentious times as we prepare for the national election, may the blessings promised to the merciful strengthen your heart for the road ahead.

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

Pastor

## FOOD FAMILY FAITH

A Work of Mercy: Food boxes to those in need Who may receive a free USDA Food Box? Anyone.

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<https://evangelization.archdpx.org/usda-food-box>

## PACK 351'S ANNUAL JOIN NIGHT VIA ZOOM

You are invited to Pack 351's annual Join Night via Zoom! Come to see what Cub Scouting is all about and see how we are Scouting On! during the Pandemic! **Sep 14, 2020 07:00 PM** Pacific Time (US and Canada) Register in advance for this meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZAuf-itpjwqHNUtjeqLkt40lpmWcJZkEqz4> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

## MASS READINGS

### Mass Readings for Sep 13, 2020

Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:15-20-35

### Mass Readings for Sep 20, 2020

Isaiah 55:6-9

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Matthew 20:1-16a

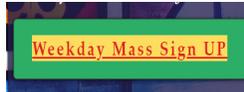
## WEEKDAY MASS SIGN UP

### Public Masses weekdays at noon.

• Only 50 people are permitted in St Ignatius Catholic Church per Mass.

Parishioners are encouraged to sign up in advance at: [www.sipdx.org](http://www.sipdx.org)

Look for this button:



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## ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL

It has been a wonderful week of welcoming all of our students, some in person and most on-line for Comprehensive Catholic Distance Learning. The See Saw rooms and Google Meets are full of laughter as kids and teachers excitedly reconnect for a year of learning and work. This is our 112th year since the opening of the school in 1908. I'm sure the forward-thinking Jesuits, Srs. of the Holy Names and families who started our school would have been amazed at how everyone is adapting to this new, dynamic world of learning.

This summer the staff read "Barking to the Choir" by Gregory Boyle, SJ. Fr. Boyle founded Homeboy Industries as a counterpoint to the belonging and economic opportunity offered by gangs in L.A.

There are incredible stories for our time in this book. At our retreat this year the staff discussed how to foster "radical kinship" in our parish and school and how to extend the work of justice all while taking care of students in a virtual world. For myself, teachers and staff, being companions on this journey with kids and families is one of the graces of this time. And we are grateful to you.

**ENROLLMENT:** While we have been committed to walking this together, some families are not able to be with us right now. We've had an unprecedented number of families (7) move out of the area for jobs or to quarantine closer to family. A few more (3) have decided not to send their preschoolers, as their older children are not attending classes on campus or the parents are staying home to work. Another 15 students will homeschool or go on-line as a way for the family to best manage their response to the on-going challenges. Most say they look forward to returning and we will hold them in prayer in their absence.

Interest in the school remains strong with 26 new students joining us, including 13 in grades 1-8, which are not traditional entry points. These new families are eager to be part of St. Ignatius and that is also a grace. We are so glad they are here and extend welcome.

**Preschool:** Eulalie's Garden is operating in person only and we have seats available for 3-4-5-year olds. Please share this news with your social media networks and friends as this is an incredible program with a caring and engaged staff, ready to serve those special little ones.

**Kindergarten:** On September 22, our kindergarten will move from on-line to on campus. This is a small class of 10 and we would love to welcome a few more children to the wonderful care of Ms. Everett and Mr. O'Brien. They are off to a wonderful start!

We look forward to sharing more of this virtual adventure as the year progresses. Thank you for your prayers and know we are keeping you in ours! Blessings – Kelli Clark, principal



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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*

## KUDOS & DID YOU KNOW?



- ⇒ Sacristans, Readers and check in volunteers for Week day Mass!
- ⇒ Contact Tracer Warriors!
- ⇒ We welcome the Preschool students for the new school year and we have room in our Kindergarten starting 9/22.

### *Let us Pray:*

*For all first responders: police officers, fire fighters, EMTs and paramedics who we lean on in times of crisis and when we need help and protection. For all those who run toward danger for the sake of others and for those who strengthen them, their families and loved ones during this stressful time of crisis in our state. God, keep them safe, Amen*

## HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION

### High School Confirmation

Are you in high school, or will you be entering high school in the fall? If so, then you are invited to register for St. Ignatius High School Confirmation. The program will start this September and will be a hybrid model of digital learning combined with 6 in-person group gatherings including sessions, activities and a retreat. Registration is open now! Just follow this link:

[sipdx.org/high-school-confirmation](http://sipdx.org/high-school-confirmation)  
([gbyrd@sipdx.org](mailto:gbyrd@sipdx.org))

*If you have a heart for working with youth and accompanying people on their unique faith journeys, please contact Grace about joining our High School Confirmation leadership team.*

## RCIA, (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS.)

**Classes for adults wishing to learn more about becoming Catholic begin in September.**

### RCIA

- Do you feel drawn to learn more about the Catholic faith?
  - Have you considered whether you might like to become Catholic yourself?
- RCIA is a class that allows you to explore your own faith journey and discern if the Catholic faith is one that you would like to be a part of. Please join our 20/21 class by registering on our website. If you have any questions, please contact Grace Byrd ([gbyrd@sipdx.org](mailto:gbyrd@sipdx.org))

## I G N I T E

You are invited to join us via Zoom this fall to IGNITE



where we will explore prayer through the Saints, Mystics, and music. If you would like to deepen your IGNITE experience, please consider purchasing a copy of "Prayer in the Catholic Tradition" by Robert J. Wicks

Contact Grace if you would like to attend the Zoom –IGNITE  
[gbyrd@sipdx.org](mailto:gbyrd@sipdx.org)

## FAMILY LIFE

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** will begin this **Sunday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>** from 10:30-11:00 a.m. via Zoom. Nathan Williams, Michele Becker and Angela Dorsey will share leadership each month. The target ages are 5-10 years of age but younger and older siblings are welcome, too. Please contact [bschaller@sipdx.org](mailto:bschaller@sipdx.org) if you want to receive the Children's Liturgy Zoom links each week.

### **Mom's Group – Wisdom Literature – Sunday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> 9:15-10:15 a.m.**

Join the mom's group this fall on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays to delve into the Wisdom Literature of the Bible. We will begin with an introduction this week. Email [bschaller@sipdx.org](mailto:bschaller@sipdx.org) for the Zoom link.

**Catechists (leaders/teachers) are needed for Sacramental Preparation in 2021-2022.** After more than 30 years of preparing children for the sacraments here at St. Ignatius, Mary Kay Baker has announced that she will be retiring from this ministry in June of 2021. Cecelia Russell, co-leader, will be moving out of the area and stepping down from this ministry as well. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to prepare children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion. Two adults are needed to lead this ministry. Fair-share hours or a stipend is available. If you would like to "shadow" the program this year you are most welcome to do so while discerning this call. This ministry provided a rich opportunity to form children and families in their faith, develop community and relationships and use your creative teaching gifts.



Contact Beth Schaller [bschaller@sipdx.org](mailto:bschaller@sipdx.org) for any questions

A reminder that October 12 is the final day Oregonians can register to vote in the Nov 3 Presidential Election. Check here to register online, or to see if you are registered, to vote- <https://sos.oregon.gov/voting/Pages/registration.aspx?lang=en>



## ARISE! SHINE, FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME! RETREAT

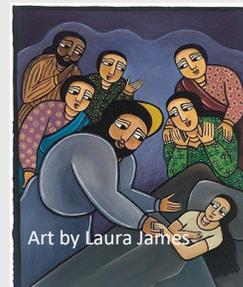
### **Arise! Shine, for your light has come! (Isaiah 60:1)**

Amid the turmoil of our 2020 reality, find the strength you need by joining with other women to hear God's voice in Scripture, in our experiences and in one another.

Women's Fall Retreat -**Saturday, Oct. 3, 2020** \* 10am – noon via Zoom

Presenters: Ana Guizado & Tara Ludwig The retreat will include Scripture, presentations, small group time and shared prayer.

Register on the St. Ignatius website at [www.sipdx.org](http://www.sipdx.org) Donations gratefully accepted for the "Women, Arise! Ministry." Women, Arise! Ministry is a ministry "for women and by women" begun in Lent 2019 by Ana Guizado, Tara Ludwig, Beth Schaller & Antoinette Toku. Donations will be used to establish a fund for securing retreat sites, financial assistance for retreatants, and presenter stipends.



## DAILY INTENTIONS FOR PRAYER



*Please keep in your prayers*

Monday	Sep 14	† Sam & Susan Bernunzio
Tuesday	Sep 15	† Jim Emig
Wednesday	Sep 16	† Phil Henry
Thursday	Sep 17	† Mary & Vince Barnes
Friday	Sep 18	† Jim Emig



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