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September 1, 2019

What Challenges Your Humility?

Dear Parishioners:

Happy Labor Day weekend – the unofficial end of summer vacation. The school bells have already rung to signal the beginning of another school year. It’s another wonderful season to be at St. Ignatius Parish.

Do you like to face what is true about yourself even when it is a difficult truth? It’s not my favorite thing. But such moments can be a source of delicious irony and humor. For example, a teacher asked the class, “In the parable of the Good Samaritan, why didn’t the priest go over and help the man in the ditch?” A little girl answered, “Because he saw that the man had already been robbed”

The theme of this weekend’s readings is *humility*. The first reading from Sirach recommends that the greater you are, the more humble you are. In the gospel, Jesus proposes a *new* type of humility -- a humility based on respect for each person's dignity.

Of course, this is an amazing teaching. For Jesus, everyone is special. He counsels his friends to treat everyone with respect, kindness and compassion. He says that everyone deserves a place of honor at the wedding party. For Jesus, your worth derives not from your accomplishments but from your status as God’s child. Treat others with respect if for no other reason than that they belong to an attentive Father.

Think back through the gospels, and consider how Jesus deals with the question of social privilege. He dismisses a mother's request that her sons will sit in places of honor at his right and left in the banquet of heaven. He shocks the righteous people of his time by making friends with tax collectors, Samaritans, and prostitutes. He astonished his followers when he washed their feet. For Jesus, humility means treating everyone with respect.

The problem with humility is that it can be confused with weakness. If humility means treating others with respect, then humility is easy when people respect one another. Humility becomes difficult when people behave badly toward you -- when they show no respect for you. It is then that humility -- treating others with respect -- can seem like weakness.

The second reading today from Hebrews is so consoling. What do you want from church today? Did you come to witness splendid displays of divine power -- a blazing fire, a gloomy darkness, a wild tempest, a trumpet blast, a scary voice uttering a threatening message? In other words, did you come to church today to hear all the usual Old Testament warnings about your misguided pride and how you need to change? Or did you come to church today to seek a new experience of divine compassion?

The point of today's reflection about humility is for encouragement. Of course you and I want to respect others. Of course we want to honor everyone else on the planet. Of course we want respect, and react with stung pride when others hurt our feelings. That's why we've come to church today. So that Jesus can animate us with his spirit -- so Christ can purify us with the blood of the new covenant --so God can replace our hearts of vengeance with hearts of forgiveness.

Accepting the call of Jesus to be humble is difficult in a world that defines the worth of a person by money or celebrity or a good reputation. But Jesus guarantees our worth when he stands with us in our humiliations.

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Today’s Readings:

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| Sirach | 3:1-7-18, 20, 28-29 |
| Hebrews | 12:22-24a |
| Luke | 14:11, 7-14 |

Next Sunday’s Readings:

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| Wisdom | 9:13-18b |
| Philemon | 9-10, 12-17 |
| Luke | 14:25-33 |

Preaching Next Sunday:
Fr. Craig Boly, SJ

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM
Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:30AM
Sunday Contemplative: 7:30PM
Daily: Monday 8:00AM in church
 Tuesday - Friday 8:00AM La Storta Chapel
Centering Prayer: Friday 7:00AM
Anointing Mass: First Friday 8:00AM
First Saturday Mass: 8:00AM
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30-4:30PM
 or by appointment with a priest

When you approach the altar today for Communion, bring the one memory of humiliation that you want God to transform. Give that burden to Christ, and in exchange, experience once again what Christ offers in Communion, that his yoke is easy and his burden of humility is light.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.
Pastor

IGNITE—Coming this Fall

IGNITE – Starting soon!

You’ve heard the announcements, you’ve seen the posters, now on September 22nd IGNITE will finally begin. In the first class, we will learn from Catherine of Siena and dive into the Kyrie. This class is for anyone and everyone who feels an invitation to deepen their faith experience through music and mystics. No need to register, just come. Contact gbyrd@sipdx.org or jbyrd@sipdx.org for more information.



Come to the RCIA Open House on **September 12th**, 7-8 in the dining room of the Parish office. RCIA is not just for people who know they are ready to become Catholic. It is for anyone who is currently in the process of discerning the direction of their faith journey, or for anyone who would like to understand more fully what it means to be Catholic in a Jesuit parish. If you feel even slightly drawn to participate, then it is for you. The Open House will be a time for food and fellowship, a time to ask questions, a time to register if you would like, and a time to meet others who have decided to participate in RCIA this year. If you already know that you would like to register for RCIA, then forms are available in the vestibule or on our website. Questions? Contact Grace Byrd: gbyrd@sipdx.org



Come join us for the Second Annual John Scott Memorial golf Tournament on Saturday September 21, 2019 beginning at 1: pm at Mountain View Golf Club. Cost is \$50 for 9 holes of golf, dinner, camaraderie and remarkable prizes. Don’t have any one to golf with just sign up and we will put you on a team. If you would like to have dinner only the cost is \$15. All proceeds go to the John Scott Scholarship Fund at St. Ignatius. Can’t make golf or dinner but would like make a donation to the scholarship fund in John’s name just send your check to the parish office payable to St. Ignatius with the notation it is for the John Scott Memorial Fund. Sign up forms will be in back of the church. Questions call Tim Welch 503-492-4733, Doug Solazzo 503-777-5537 or Mike Baker 503-236-6011.

The Parish Choir starts rehearsing again on Sunday, September 8 at 9:15am in the church, and sings at the 10:30 Mass throughout the academic year. Interested in joining us? Come be a “Choir Tryer” for a Sunday (or more) in September, to get a feel for what goes on during rehearsal. See Joseph Byrd jbyrd@sipdx.org for more information.



VOLUNTEER needed to help deliver bread from the Grand Central Bakery to the Women’s Transition Shelter. Take about two hours, and one **Friday** a month. We need volunteer on the 2nd weeks of the months. If you like to help contact Jim Mumby at 503-519-8991, or mums.the.word@centurylink.net for more details.

Beginning Experience provides emotional tools to survive after the termination of a marriage relationship caused by death, divorce or separation. *The next Beginning Experience Weekend is October 4,5, & 6 at the Griffin Retreat Center in Portland OR. For inquires or reservation contact: Karen at karenmelvin@comcast.net or call Diane 541-720-8231. Find more information: <http://www.beginningexperienceoforegon.org>*

Registration is now open for “A Family of Faith”, First Reconciliation, R.C.I. A., Ignite, Baptism Class/day and more! Call the office at 503-777-1491 for more information.

Mass Intentions

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| Monday | Sep 2 | † Jim Emig |
| Tuesday | Sep 3 | † Mattha Thu Thi Nguyen |
| Wednesday | Sep 4 | † Joseph Duc Minh Truong |
| Thursday | Sep 5 | † Dominic Tung Ngoc Truong |
| Friday | Sep 6 | † Roger Van Dyke |



First Friday Anointing at Mass on September 6, 2019 at 8:00 AM



ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL

*Love consists in sharing what one has
and what one is with those one loves.
- St. Ignatius of Loyola*

Thank you to all who joined us for our Back to School night last Thursday. If that energy is any indication, we are in for a wonderful year with our 248 students! This year we are celebrating Kids For Love and are focused especially on exploring all of the ways we can live in love and extend hope and joy to each other and the world.

A few of the **changes** you'll see this year include:

- An enlarged preschool with Matt Crittenden, director, and Courtney Gordon, lead teacher, joining Samantha Ramirez-Lopez, lead teacher, as the new team;
- A reimagined after school program, Arrupe Enrichment, designed to help students discover their passions and led by Gretchen Schissel, formerly parish Community Outreach;

Did you know...that the school has a robust new family mentoring program that matches new families with returners to companion with them through their first year? Thank you to Jennifer Corpus for coordinating and to all of our wonderful mentor families!

SCHOOL MASSES: These will be held 3 weeks of each month this year on Wednesdays at 1:20. Wednesday, Sept. 11, is the Commissioning Mass of all faculty, SAC and School Foundation Members. We hope you will join us to affirm our faith in everyone working to grow the mission of the school. Thank you for your forward thinking in investing in the care of the children in our parish and of Catholic education. Blessings on your week!

Kelli Clark
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members is located on
our webpage at
www.sipdx.org/parish-staff**

L'Arche Portland, a community of people with and without intellectual disabilities sharing life and building relationships, invites you to join us for our monthly L'Arche@Tabor potluck celebrations! **L'Arche@Tabor is a monthly community gathering of people with and without intellectual disabilities at Taborspace in SE Portland.** Join L'Arche Portland for monthly potluck dinners and community celebrations at Taborspace! Open your hearts to friends with and without intellectual disabilities, discover a community of belonging and inclusion, and engage in activities and discussions that feed our spirit. We hope you will help us share this invitation with your community in your bulletin, social media, or newsletter.

Facebook event: https://www.facebook.com/events/405439533663433/?event_time_id=405439543663432

Realm Connect

We are beginning to introduce the online platform "Realm" for use on smartphones, laptops, tablets and desktop computers to keep you connected to all that is happening at St. Ignatius Church and School.

 The application, "**Connect - Our Church Community**" is available for smartphones for free download in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store and online at <https://onrealm.org/sipdx>. A few of the benefits of using this application include instant notifications to your mobile phone, access to information for specific parish and school groups and events and the ability to set up secure online giving with receipts of all donations. Questions?...call Patty at 503-777-1491 or email office@sipdx.org. If you are not a user of smartphone or computer applications, not to worry, we will continue to publish and plan to enhance the information available in our weekly paper bulletin.



- ◆ Now made possible through **REALM** connect, **ONLINE** giving. www.sipdx.org/give
There is an information sheet in the vestibule on how to get connected to **REALM!**
- ◆ September 8, 2019 on the Piazza~stop in for a donut, coffee & **information on ministries and opportunities available this year!**

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