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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

JULY 11, 2021

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

What Is Your Mission?

Dear Parishioners:

Last week, the family and neighbors of Jesus rejected him. He was without honor among his own kin. This week his message takes on a new urgency. Jesus sends his disciples out two by two on their first foray in mission – in order for his teaching to reach more people more quickly. Since you and I also have a mission from Jesus, it is good to see what being a “missionary” means.

Mark’s gospel has a shorter version of missionary instructions than the other evangelists. Mark notes that missionary journeying is never solitary. It is by definition a communal project – accomplished by partners. Moreover, Jesus imparts his authority over unclean spirits, that is, over anything in human experience that is divisive. The content of the mission is reconciliation – bringing people together who are estranged.

Jesus gives his disciples very specific instructions about what they are to pack – nothing. He does not compromise and say, “Travel lightly.” He insists that they take nothing with them except what the fleeing Israelites did at the Exodus – a walking stick and sandals on their feet (Exodus 12:11). As the disciples proclaim liberation, they are to take no bag, no money, no food, no change of clothes. They are to go completely empty-handed.



At first, this seems impractical, even presumptuous. Yet this is a totally different model of mission than the model that says the missionary goes to share “riches” with others who have nothing. It is just the reverse. Jesus wants his missionaries to go out needy and vulnerable. Jesus wants there to be a mutual exchange of gifts between missionaries and the people to whom they are sent.

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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What does this mean? It means that missionaries are to put on the clothes of others, to eat whatever the local people eat, and to become one with those with whom they share the good news. Sharing the gospel is always a two-way street.

What kind of message is preached by such an exchange? It is that a crucified and risen Christ reveals that God's power works through vulnerability and mutuality.

Jesus instructs his followers to stay in one home rather than move around. Why? Because exchanges that build trust and respect do not happen in an instant. Relationships take time to deepen and grow. Besides, there is also an implicit warning about looking around for the best accommodations. Missionaries model servant leadership when they are content to share whatever is offered.

Jesus warns his followers that some will not accept the Gospel message. Wherever the disciples experience sustained hostility, they are to "shake the dust from their feet" and move on. The point is that Christian missionaries shouldn't be surprised when they meet rebuffs, but they needn't go looking for them, either.

What is the thread that runs through all three readings today? It is that the call for people to evangelize arises from a divine initiative. Amos protested that he never wanted to be a prophet. He was content as a simple shepherd tending his flocks and sycamore trees. Then God sent him to Bethel to utter prophetic opposition to the king.

The reading from Ephesians highlights that God chooses believers, both Jewish and Gentile, to belong to God and share the good news. "Mystery" here does not mean something obscure and incomprehensible. "Mystery" is God's secret plan that has finally been made known through Christ. The good news is the mystery of Christ saving us from our loneliness and alienation -- whereby God re-animates all creation with divine life.

In Mark's gospel, it is Jesus who summons the disciples and missions them. The point is that none of us is self-appointed. Our missionary marching orders occurred at baptism when we were given the mission to learn how to love.

Jesus gave his disciples authority but at the same time stripped them of power. Jesus sent his disciples out homeless, and told them to stay as beggars in the houses of the neighborhoods they would visit. They were to depend on the kindness of those they met on the road. You and I know our own guardedness when it comes to the poor and homeless. You can imagine what sort of tentative welcome those first missionaries could expect.

In our own mission as ambassadors of Jesus, pray to know the difference between power and authority. Pray to trust God for all we need. Pray to offer the gift of kindness to all whom God puts on our path.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.
Pastor

MASS READINGS

Mass Readings for July 11, 2021

Amos 7:12-15
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:7-13

Mass Readings for July 18, 2021

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Ephesians 2:13-18
Mark 6:30-34

WEEKLY JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION

This month's Closer Look addresses the Principle of Economic Justice, which builds upon the Principle of A Preferential Option for the Poor. Charity to those in poverty is vital. Programs such as the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development blend aid to the poor with human dignity. Economic Justice is still another step, addressing the systemic injustice of an economic system that rewards males over females, whites over Blacks, and those who already possess wealth, power, and access. Here's what to expect (the table of contents links to each item):

- 1. A Catholic Framework for Economic Life**
 - 2. Foundations of Faith: The Principle of Economic Life**
 - 3. Prayer for Economic Justice**
 - 4. A recent magazine column: The Right Use of Wealth and Authority**
 - 5. Two past columns on The Cleansing of the Temple and the relationship to Economic Justice**
 - 6. A past column on the minimum wage: Live to Work or Work to Live?**
 - 7. From America Magazine: Minimum Increase, Maximum Impact?**
 - 8. A Catholic Social Teaching Reflection on Economic Rights**
- Please find A Closer Look: Economic Justice attached.

You may also access it at <https://tinyurl.com/uvhvxxh>

CHRISTMAS IN JULY ~ "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



DAILY PRAYER INTENTIONS



Please keep in your prayers

Monday	Jul 12	†	Claudia Widmer
Tuesday	Jul 13	†	Frank & Shirley Yazalina
Wednesday	Jul 14	†	Arlene Thieman
Thursday	Jul 15	†	Don Wolf
Friday	Jul 16	†	Jim Emig

FREEWILL IS A NEW RESOURCE

FreeWill is a new resource to our parish leaders.

The resource is an online tool that allows you and members of your parish community to write a legal will, for free.



Last week's webinar was recorded, and you can find it along with templates and other resources, on our website:

<https://advance.archdpdx.org/freewill-for-parishes>

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES ONLINE RETREAT 2021-2022 – APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED

The SEEL Retreat 2021-2022

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. The retreat will offer...

- one-on-one spiritual direction twice a month
- a two-and-a-half hour monthly retreat
- small group sharing/listening

a book for reflection and prayer

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/>



THREE SUMMER PROJECTS ~ FAMILY LIFE

The Children's Book Bank Here's how you can help the Children's Book Bank:

- Bring gently used (or new) board and picture books and place them in the donation bin located in the Church. Consider buying or donating culturally diverse books as these are especially needed and appreciated. Your books will be cleaned and prepared to go to households that need books.
- Participate in our service evening on July 7th. We will learn more about the work and mission of the CBB and we will help with the book cleaning and repairing process right here at St. Ignatius Church. Learn more at: childrensbookbank.org

Soles4Souls Turning shoes and clothing into opportunity. Here's how you can help:

- Bring your old shoes and clothing and place it in the appropriate bins at Church. Your donations will help the planet, provide relief and jobs for others, and help fight poverty. Learn more at: soles4souls.org

Tibbetts House Here's how you can help The Tibbetts House:

- Put your mission box in a prominent location at home. Collect money in your mission box throughout our Summer Faith Adventures. Bring it to our concluding evening on July 28th. Your contribution will help buy needed household items and cleaning supplies for the refugee families who reside at the Tibbetts House.
- Consider becoming a regular volunteer and learning more here: sipdx.org/refugee-ministry

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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!



Michael Moynahan, SJ: Brief Bio

Fr. Mike Moynahan was born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona. After graduating from the Jesuit High School (Brophy College Prep), he entered the Jesuits in the then California Province (1962).

Fr. Mike's first contact with the beauty of the Northwest came when he studied philosophy in Spokane (1966-68). He studied theology in Berkeley, CA (1970-73) and was ordained in Phoenix. His first assignment was as Assistant Director of Novices in the California Province (1973-76).

While completing doctoral studies at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, he taught at the Jesuit School of Theology for seven years (1976-1983). He also taught in the Religious Studies Departments of Santa Clara University (1985-1996) and Gonzaga University (1996-2008).

In 2009, he was asked by his Provincial to become pastor of St. Ignatius Parish in Sacramento. He served in this position for twelve years and learned from the parishioners how to be a good and effective pastoral presence.

Fr. Mike loves theater, poetry and the arts—all of which find a way into his preaching sooner or later. His current favorite poets are retired Methodist pastor Steve Garnaas-Holmes, Mary Oliver and David Whyte who lives in the Seattle area.

He believes that the best kept secret in the Society of Jesus is the Spiritual Exercises. He looks for ways to share this treasure with the people he serves. He is particularly happy to know that St. Ignatius Parish in Portland has a School. In Sacramento, the First Graders were his Council of Wisdom.

Fr. Mike is grateful for the opportunity to return to the Northwest and St. Ignatius Parish in Portland.

R C I A

If you are in the process of discerning whether the Catholic Church is your spiritual home, consider registering for the '21-'22 RCIA class. This class meets weekly and is a place to explore your faith, examine your beliefs, and recognize God's presence in your life. Contact Grace Byrd for more information, or simply register for the class on our website, and Grace will get in touch with you! sipdx.org/adult-confirmation



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