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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

NOVEMBER 8, 2020

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Keep Ready! Be Recognizable!

Dear Parishioners:

Next week is Stewardship Commitment Sunday. How do you want to repay the Lord for all God's blessings to you? Watch for a special stewardship video on our website featuring various parishioners saying why they give financial support to the parish.

Today's Gospel about the ten maidens waiting for the bridegroom is a parable not about sharing but about being ready. Jesus was seen as the bridegroom of the wedding feast, and his sudden appearance was eventually understood as his second coming at the end of time.

There's no doubt about it: the first Christians fully expected Jesus to return very soon. St. Paul and the first Christian authors wrote about it. Yet they were increasingly disappointed as weeks, months, and years went by, and Jesus was a no-show. Was Jesus coming back at all, and if so, when? Today's story is Matthew's answer to that dilemma.

The parable of the ten maidens is for those who were losing heart, losing faith, and giving up. Jesus basically warns his disciples to be prepared, no matter what the schedule. The Lord, like the bridegroom, will indeed come, but he will come when we least expect him. So don't be foolish. Be prepared.

Some people eagerly await Jesus to come again "as the judge of the living and the dead." There's so much that's broken in the world. Tensions from our national election are a case in point. Some believers long for Jesus to come and punish the wicked and vindicate the good people – restore fundamental human decency and dignity.

Understandable as that longing may be, like the community addressed by Matthew in today's gospel, you are stuck with the "meanwhile." Until that desired second coming takes place, how are you to live? In today's parable, Matthew offers two ways to handle the "meanwhile" – be *prepared* and be *recognized*.

First, be prepared not only for the visitation of Jesus in judgment and death. Jesus actually comes very often, in many ways during your lifetime: inspiration to help those in need; the out-of-the-blue sense that you should pray; the unease at the back of your mind that you should get out of what is stifling you; leave the situation that is stealing your heart; the sudden impulse to be return kindness for bitterness, to be noble and less selfish.

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ST IGNATIUS MASS SCHEDULE Nov. 9–13, 2020

Monday -	Noon in the church
Tuesday-	Noon in the church
Wednesday-	Recorded-Noon in church
Thursday-	Noon in the church
Friday-	Noon in the church

Saturday/Sunday- Weekend Mass is recorded and posted at: WWW.SIPDX.ORG

Confession on Friday following Mass
Or by appointment 503-777-1491.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

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Then there are the more insistent attention-getters: the death of a friend; the onset of an illness; seeing an old person in the mirror; a flash of beauty in an athlete; the falling-asleep-in-your arms of your first child or grandchild. These are visits from the holy Spirit. If you could only recognize, stay awake and embrace these times when the groom arrives, you would be prepared, no matter the moment of the final visit. This is the parable's first lesson.

The second lesson is to live in such a way as to be *recognized* as Jesus' spiritual kin. As William Bausch says in his essay on the ten maidens, the truly terrible words that Jesus says in the parable are, "Amen, I say to you, I do not know you." Can you think of any more terrifying words in the entire gospel? Jesus does not know you? A baptized Catholic, a regular attendee at Mass, and a devoted giver of alms to support the church? Why doesn't he know you?

The clue comes in another part of the gospel, when his mother and family want to see Jesus but can't get near because of the crowd. So they send word up the line, and someone says to Jesus, "Excuse me, your mother and family are here to see you." Remember what he says? He turns around, gestures to the crowd, and says for everyone to hear, "Who are my mother and brother and sister? Those who do the will of my Father are my real mother and brother and sister."

So it's not your baptismal certificate or notification on your driver's license – "I am important Catholic, in case of an accident call a Bishop" – that will save you. It's only your faith and good works that configure you to Christ, and make you mother, brother, and sister. That is to say, they make you instantly recognizable.

The parable expresses this point about personal responsibility in a startling moment when the five foolish maidens ask the five wise ones for some of their oil. Remember? The wise ones say, "No way." That sounds pretty selfish from a group of supposedly wise maidens. But they're wiser than you think: the fact is that the oil stands for faith and good works, and these are simply not transferable. You can't borrow the oil of faith. You can't borrow another's good works. You must respond to God's call yourself.

For those who live in the "meanwhile," it comes down to this. Once upon a time there were ten maidens. Five were wise and stayed alert to receive the Groom in his many visitations. As a result, they kept their supply of oil full by faith and good works. When the Groom came for the final time, it was a family reunion; the household door was open.

Five of the maidens were foolish and constantly distracted. "There's never enough time," as they went off in many directions, leaving their loved ones neglected, the poor uncared for, and their neighbors unaffirmed in the ways of God. They were just too preoccupied with other priorities than to listen to the whisperings of the Spirit, or to fill their lamps with faith and good works. They had become, alas, strangers. "I do not recognize you," were the last words they heard before the door was shut.

After two millennia of faith practice, it has become clear that the Risen Lord is present at the two most important moments in a person's life: "*now*" and "*at the hour of our death*." You are given a brief allotment of time – this day, this hour, this moment. Your challenge is to be present to the One who is always already here.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.

Pastor

MASS READINGS

Mass Readings for Nov 8, 2020

Wisdom 6:12-16

Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

Mass Readings for Nov 15, 2020

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30

ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL

St. Ignatius Got Talent!

Have a talent to share?
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videos of singers,
jugglers,
dancers, jokers!



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SATURDAY, November 21 | 7-8 PM!

DID YOU KNOW:

That St. Ignatius School is one of only 25 surviving K-8 schools in Jesuit parishes across the country that forms students with Ignatian identity?

That our Distance Learning program just earned a 98.3% report satisfied or very satisfied with the quality of academic standards?

That we have been hugely impacted by COVID and need your help?

St. Ignatius School is an incredible place that is being financially challenged by the current dynamics. On Nov. 21, we are hosting a **virtual talent show** to share the depth, warmth and sheering amazingness of this community. We are asking everyone to **raise their paddles to \$150K to help us close the general fund gap.**

We know this is a big ask. We've never done this before, but we haven't been here before either. If there is one thing this community has – it's talent and the incredible capacity to dream and make things happen. **Please consider being part of the solution of helping St. Ignatius School rise through these challenges.**

***Please Join Us For A Livestream Event On
November 21, 2020 @7:00PM***

Livestream Link :

<https://sispdx.ejoinme.org/123>

Stay safe, take care of each other, it's what we do!

Kelli Clark, Principal

kclark@sipdx.org



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Ignatius St. Vincent de Paul pantry has not missed a food box delivery because of the pandemic. That has been due to the flexibility of our volunteers. Limiting the number of volunteers in the pantry at any one time to one person, unless the volunteers are a family, has enabled the pantry to continue to serve our neighborhood. Here are some statistics for the period October 2019 – September 2020: 22 volunteers provided 844 individuals from 291 families food boxes that totaled 28,597 lbs of food! Additionally, 112 individuals from 50 families received utility and rent assistance. Occasionally the pantry receives thank you notes from grateful clients, a reminder that giving does make a difference.

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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

Everyone is invited to join IGNITE!

Sunday November 8, 2020 at 6pm

There is a handout on our website:

www.sipdx.org/ignite

11/8 - Fr. Billy Biegler, SJ & Edith Stein/Praying with the Gospel of Matthew

Email Grace to join the Ignite email list at gbyrd@sipdx.org

WEEKLY RACIAL JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION

Pope Francis's Message for the Fourth World Day of the Poor: "Stretch forth your hand to the poor" (Sir 7:32) 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 15, 2020
"Stretch forth your hand to the poor" challenges the attitude of those who prefer to keep their hands in their pockets and to remain unmoved by situations of poverty in which they are often complicit. Indifference and cynicism are their daily food. ... If they stretch out their hands, it is to touch computer keys to transfer sums of money from one part of the world to another, ensuring the wealth of an elite few and the dire poverty of millions and the ruin of entire nations.

Read the entire message:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/papa-francesco_20200613_messaggio-iv-giornatamondiale-poveri-2020.pdf

A GROUP FORMATION—FRATELLI TUTTI

Pope Francis reviews "the symptoms of an unhealthy society" in this encyclical. His meditation on the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25-37) leads to an examination of who is my neighbor. Pope Francis suggests respectful dialogue and proposes that we answer with "a new vision of fraternity and social friendship." He says that "everyone has a fundamental role to play" in writing "a new page of history, a page full of hope."

Our discussion will be led by Matthew Pearl and Richard Silva on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. [beginning on November 15, 2020 for eight weeks](#). Meetings will be held via the Zoom conferencing software. November classes: 11/15, 11/29

- **Register** by sending your name and e-mail address to Matthew (mjmpearl@aol.com). Please include a note if you have never used Zoom before and think you will need help getting started.
- **Download** a free copy here (<https://us02web.zoom.us>).
- **Download** a free copy of the pdf version of Fratelli Tutti at http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html or purchase a printed copy from the US Conference of Bishops for \$13.95 at <https://www.usccb.org/resources/fraternity-and-social-friendship-fratelli-tutti>
- Read the Introduction and the first chapter "Dark Clouds Over a Closed World" before the first meeting.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN

REDCROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Nov. 22, 2020 9AM-2PM Blood drive. Sign up at:
<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>
Or call Jim Mumby for information mums.the.word@centurylink.net



FAMILY LIFE

Advent Candles?? Preparing for Advent at home...

Do you need a set of Advent taper candles or an Advent ring for your home this year? Normally we sell them at the Advent Festival...but with things a little different this year you can contact bschaller@sipdx.org and I will order accordingly. Deadline is Nov. 18th to place your order. Cost: \$4/set. A limited number of Advent rings are also available (\$5/ring).



Children's Liturgy – Sunday, Nov. 8 at 10:30 a.m.

***Special request** - If you can change the name of the Zoom screen to your child/children's names, it helps our leaders!

Topic: St. Ignatius CLW - Sunday 11.08.2020

Time: Nov 8, 2020 10:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75938257739?pwd=WEIIMVdhZlBkZWkzZkYSS8xakxwUT09>

Meeting ID: 759 3825 7739 * Passcode: CLW

Our Children's Liturgy program is being offered this fall by Nathan Williams, Michele Becker and Angela & Nick Kockler each Sunday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. It's recommended for ages 5-10, but all are welcome. We will do our best to share the link in the parish bulletin each week so be sure to look for it there if you don't receive your family life newsletter.

2020-2021 Sacramental Preparation Home-study Program

Please pray for the 20 children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation through the home-study program this fall. They will celebrate their First Reconciliation on the 14th!

Nov. 14th – Communal Reconciliation at 10am in the Church.



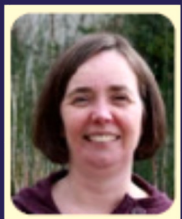
Mom's Groups meets 2nd & 4th Sundays to study Wisdom Literature

Our next gathering will be on Sunday, Nov. 8th from 9:15-10:15 a.m. The homework is to read Proverbs, chapters 22-31. We will spend time studying the "Woman of Strength" in Proverbs 31. **To join the meeting**, email bschaller@sipdx.org for the Zoom link. All are welcome!

Nov. 22 – Ideas for celebrating Advent and Christmas at home

Nov. 29 – Advent begins – we will meet weekly for a reflection.

Warmly,
Beth Schaller
Family Life Coordinator, bschaller@sipdx.org



*Office & School closed
November 11, 2020
In celebration of
Veteran's Day!*

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS



Please keep in your prayers

Monday	Nov 9	Eldin Hadziric
Tuesday	Nov 10	Antonio Andric
Wednesday	Nov 11	† Paul Tran
Thursday	Nov 12	† Mike Merriman
Friday	Nov 13	† Jim Emig

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Women's ARISE! Retreat

"Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, saying, 'I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire.'" – Luke 3:15-16

Let your heart be filled with expectation this Advent as you give yourself a morning to pray and reflect in the company of other women. Reflections offered by Antoinette Toku and Tara Ludwig, followed by personal reflection and group sharing.

Register at: <https://www.sipdx.org/retreat-sign-up-arise>

Donations gratefully accepted. Please send them to: St. Ignatius Catholic Church, c/o Beth Schaller, 3400 SE 43rd Ave, Portland, OR 97206 or pay via the St. Ignatius "Realm" app with "Advent Retreat" in the memo line. Questions? Contact bschaller@sipdx.org

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Forty million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection. Envelopes available in office and church for your check or online at <https://www.sipdx.org/give>



HELP FOR NEIGHBORING PARISH

Would you like to help St. Philip Neri parish with bringing hot Thanksgiving Meals and other supplies to our unhoused neighbors? Please contact Sarah Peroutka if interested: sarah.peroutka@gmail.com or follow this link to the Amazon Wish List https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3OUO4CDWNBO3I?ref=wl_share

VIRGIN MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH—NYABITIMBO

My cousin, Father François Xavier Rukundo shared with me the concerns they are experiencing during this pandemic, and needed help from me to help open their parish as soon as they meet government's requirements.

Most of churches are still closed in Rwanda since March, 2020 to avoid the spread of COVID-10, but the government gave some of them authorization to open their doors if they have a modern and safe place to wash their hands. His parish is located to the rural area where most of parishioners are poor and even struggling to put food on table at this time because most of activities are closed down, and there are no public benefits like here in USA. Parishioners (2,842) are hopeless and thirsty of Eucharist, and miss gathering to praise God. They have to follow government rules in order to open the church to celebrate mass, unfortunately they cannot afford that any time soon unless they receive financial assistance. From where???.... They don't know, just praying for God's will.

Please pray for this request and share with whoever else you think can understand and have a big heart to help this parish. For more information or to help

Thank you for your understanding and peace be with you. Marie Abijuru

Contact Marie at mgabijuru@yahoo.com

KUDOS & DID YOU KNOW?



⇒ To Grace for a wonderful Realm blast !

⇒ Thanksgiving Mass is at 10AM on 11/26/2020

⇒ We will soon be able to LIVESTREAM!!





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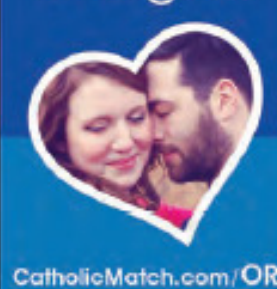
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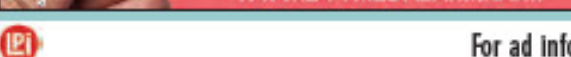
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