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October 20, 2019

## Persistence

Dear Parishioners:

One of the most famous models of persistence in prayer is St. Monica. She prayed patiently for years for the conversion of her son, Augustine. Today's readings urge our same patience and persistence in prayer.

Luke wrote today's gospel selection as a response to a question. The question pertained to the delay of the eagerly awaited return of Jesus – to establish the final reign of God.

In response to the question, Jesus assures his hearers that it is necessary to persist in prayer and never give up hope. Preceding this passage are words of Jesus indicating that the reign of God cannot be readily observed. The coming of Christ as the Judge of the world will be sudden, without warning.

Luke tells us the meaning of the gospel parable from the outset. He says that constant prayer and confidence in God's promises are necessary in the spiritual life.

The story unfolds about two figures. One is a widow, among the most vulnerable in society, who has been wronged and seeks justice.

The other is a judge, powerful and respected, who is obligated to protect "widows and orphans" and to dispense justice. The judge refuses to do his job, proclaiming respect neither for God nor for the community.

It is only when the widow continues to bother him (literally, "give him a black eye") and threatens his status that he relents.

Just as the widow is persistent, so also are God's chosen ones to beseech God and to await God's justice. The time of justice is coming even though it seems to be delayed.

In the reading from Exodus, Aaron and Hur help a weary Moses to keep his arms aloft so that Israel's victory is assured. The pastoral advice to Timothy in the second reading reveals the importance of persistence for every Christian.

The Christian life is an on-going journey that builds on earlier learning. This "learning" relates to personal experience and understanding. It is not an abstract or detached form of learning. It is learning that leads to firm belief because it is based on trust – trust in the Spirit. The Spirit is disclosed in the sacred writings of the Hebrew Bible.

Because of the importance of the scriptures, Timothy is "charged" with preaching the word. This preaching is to be made in season and out. The attitude of the persistent announcer of the good news – like that of Moses, Aaron, and the widow – is one of unflinching patience and urgent persistence.

Patience and persistence. They seem to be at odds with one another. The first requires what seems like inactivity. The other involves active insistence, a holy indignation at inaction. For the Christian the message is this: Wait for God. But don't stop asking or trusting God. God always gives what each of us needs for our journey home to God.

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### Today's Readings:

Exodus	17:8-13
2 Timothy	3:14-4:2
Luke	18:1-8

### Next Sunday's Readings:

Sirach	35:12-14, 16-18
2 Timothy	4:6-8, 16-18
Luke	18:9-14

*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

It is hard to imagine how you and I can persevere in prayer so that prayer becomes unceasing. One suggestion is the traditional prayer called "the Jesus prayer." You pray the phrase "Lord Jesus, Son of the Living God" while inhaling a breath. And then you pray the phrase "have mercy on me" while exhaling.

Remember, prayer is your interactive relationship with God. Prayer is not "magical thinking" that expects favorable outcomes if you use the right formula or coerce God with persuasive bargaining. Prayer is your ever-growing trust that God (in God's time) will give you what's best for your unique journey home to God.

Next weekend the church celebrates "Priesthood Sunday," the chance to appreciate those who serve faithfully, and to invite others to consider a similar life of service. In these days when misconduct has damaged the whole institution of the priesthood, it is counter-cultural to celebrate the quiet and steadfast lives of priests who are trustworthy. Please pray for us.

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

Our **St. Vincent de Paul St. Ignatius Conference** provides food boxes to approximately 20-30 families in this neighborhood monthly. We are a "delivery only" pantry. That means a group of wonderful volunteers from our parish delivers the food boxes weekly out of our pantry in the basement of the parish offices. The pantry also supports the Tibbetts House with food and hygiene items for its guests. To date 437 individuals have been helped this year. The conference has provided: \* **143 food boxes:** \* **16 families with utility assistance:** \* **11 families with rent assistance**

These supports are made possible by the generosity of our parish by their donations of food and money. As the holiday season approaches, demand increases for these resources. Please consider bringing your food donations to mass to place in the baskets after the Prayers for the Faithful or donate funds by using the designated SVdP envelopes in your giving packets or donating on line at sipdx.org or onrealm.org.

To volunteer, contact us at [svdp@sipdx.org](mailto:svdp@sipdx.org) or call the parish office and leave your contact information.

Many thanks for your generosity and interest in this important ministry!

The Life of Mary: Our Lady in "L'Orgue Mystique": Thursday, November 21st, 7pm, The Chapel of Mary at The Grotto. "The Life of Mary" is a lecture recital featuring organ music from Tournemire's "L'Orgue Mystique" and the Gregorian chant which it is based upon. The recital will follow the main Marian Feasts of the Liturgical Year, and Tournemire's musical interpretation of them. Sarah Faux, lecturer and organist, with Gregorian chant provided by Schola Cantus Angelorum. Free admission, with donations for the Grotto gladly accepted.

**Save the dates:**  
\* **Women's club regular meeting Oct. 25th,**  
\* **Ascension Parish is holding a prayer service for peace October 25 at 7pm.**  
\* **Advent Festival – Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019 noon-1pm**  
\* **Women's Advent Retreat – Sat, Dec. 7, 2019 – Loyola Jesuit Center 9am-3pm**

**Mother and Child Education Center-continues....**  
filling baby bottles to take home with a donation of any amount, coins/dollars/check, which are at all the entrances of the church, for this Campaign for Change, from **Oct. 6th thru Nov. 23rd.** More info is available in the bottle baskets, or you can go to [motherchildpdx.org](http://motherchildpdx.org). Only place to return bottles, is thru the parish office mail slot. Thanks so much in advance for your generosity, to support parents/children within the community of God's family, for this greatest of all causes, to preserve the sanctity/gift of life itself, in the womb during pregnancy and beyond!

**Mass Intentions**

Monday	Oct 21	† Jorge Hernandez
Tuesday	Oct 22	† Kenny Bibles
Wednesday	Oct 23	† Isabella Palomaa
Thursday	Oct 24	† Hickey-Knisley
Friday	Oct 25	† Jim Emig



**A warm welcome to all our guests.**  
**We are so happy you are here to celebrate with us!**  
**New to St. Ignatius Parish?**  
**Register by dropping a "Welcome" card in the offering basket with your information, or visit us online at <http://www.sipdx.org/about>**

## Memorial Mass will be on November 2, 2019 at 5pm



ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL

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

**“But it’s a rite of passage for a St. Ignatius student to lose skin and teeth on the playground!”**

**-St. Ignatius Alum overheard in mock protest about a new playground**

Wouldn't it be great to leave that particular “tradition” behind? For a year and a half, a committee of has been planning for a new playground that is nature-focused and creates safer play spaces for kids at our parish school as well as all the children at weekend services. At last spring’s Play It Forward concert, we netted \$75,000 toward an estimated \$200K budget. We would like to move the dial another big leap forward with a paddle-raise at next weekend’s fall benefit.

We hope you will wear your sparkly black and gold and join us on **Bourbon Street** on Saturday, Oct. 26. Hats and boas welcome. Screen Door Café will cater jambalaya and fried chicken, with vegetarian options. In addition to the ever-popular class art projects, live and silent auction items include vacations, experiences and that little something you didn’t know you needed.

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, we hope you will come and feel the benefit of being in this incredible community as we lift up our parish school and imagine a future with fewer skinned knees and a space that has a deep connection to nature and our God.

TICKETS AT [WWW.SISPDx.ORG](http://WWW.SISPDx.ORG) or in the school office. Blessings on your week!

Kelli Clark  
Principal

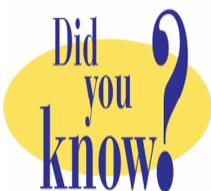
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### Portland Catholic Women's Conference

Join us, November 9th, at the Grotto for Catholic inspiration, rest and empowerment. Kathleen Beckman, author of *When Women Pray* and *God's Healing Mercy*, will help us prepare for Advent and the Nativity by speaking on how spiritual motherhood is God's special weapon. Two Franciscans Sisters of the Eucharist will offer their reflections on how the spirituality of their order inspires them to seek God in their own spiritual fertility. Complimentary access to the Upper Gardens and a free copy of Bishop Barron's *A Letter To a Suffering Church*, along with breakfast and lunch. \$45. Register [www.grotto.org/events](http://www.grotto.org/events)



### **ALL VOLUNTEERS IN OUR PARISH & SCHOOL NEED THIS TRAINING:**

**Archdiocese Mandatory Training.** Each year the Archdiocese of Portland has training requirements for keeping our children and youth safe and to educate adults on “red flags” that can put themselves and others at risk. This years training is **C.A.S.E.: Creating A Safe Environment**, an **IN-PERSON training** (rather than online) which will take about 1 & ½ hours. **Who needs this training?** All Clergy, All Employees, Current Volunteers who work with minors...even just once, New Volunteers who wish to work with minors...even just once. *Check the Archdiocese website for training dates:* <https://www.archdpdx.org/child-protection-victim-assistance>

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