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July 28, 2019

Lord, Teach Us to Pray

Dear Parishioners:

On the last weekend of July, we celebrate St. Ignatius as the founder of the Society of Jesus and our parish patron saint. It is our joy to welcome back Fr. Chris Weekly, S.J. to celebrate all of the Masses. Chris was pastor here after Fr. Peter Byrne and before me, and now is Provincial Assistant for Parishes for the Jesuits West Province.

Today's gospel from Luke emphasizes the importance of prayer, both in the ministry of Jesus and in the life of a disciple. The first part contains Jesus' instruction about the suitable pattern for all prayer. The second part highlights prayers of petition.

Jesus teaches the elements of prayer he learned in his own Jewish tradition. His prayer opens with the recognition of the "otherness" of God and the sacredness of God's name. The second part of the prayer expresses the Jewish desire that the days of promise be fulfilled, and that the influence of God's reign on earth may come quickly.

The Lord's Prayer is our Christian "family prayer." Jesus' disciples asked him to teach them to pray in a manner that would identify them as his followers (as opposed to John the Baptist's disciples). As noted, the prayer recognizes God's holiness, then moves on to express the needs of the community.

This is not a private prayer. The petitions are expressed in the plural. This prayer is properly recited with others as an expression of common need and trust in God.

The requests in the prayer are threefold. First, a request for bread is made, not for "this day" as in Matthew, but for "each day." Continual reliance on God's generosity is fitting in a land of famines and unpredictable food sources. It also fits for a wandering preacher such as Jesus to have on his mind. God provides nurture for every day.

Second, the request for forgiveness connects with the claim that "we" forgive others. Forgiveness of others was an essential part of Jesus' teaching – and a prerequisite for any request for God's forgiveness. The Greek verb used for forgive, *aphiemi*, means to cancel, leave behind, or dismiss. The disciples hope for forgiveness because they are willing to forgive others.

"Lead us not into temptation." This last request relates to Jesus' trials in the wilderness. Remember in the desert how Jesus learned not to test God by doing irrational things (like jumping off the tower wall of the Temple) – expecting to be bailed out by miracles.

Pope Francis has mandated a more precise translation which the church will implement this coming Advent: "Do not let us fall into temptation." God is not the one doing the tempting. God does not want us to succumb to selfishness. Our abiding inclination is the temptation to seek our own good without concern for others. This prayer begs our Father to keep us from giving in to this tendency.

The teaching about prayer takes a practical twist with the humorous account of the bothersome neighbor. Having taught us *what* to pray for, Jesus then show us *how* to pray – with persistence and boldness. His story of the friend at midnight expresses a common experience. Often a family member or child asks so insistently that it's easier to give in than resist.

Today's Readings:

Genesis 18:20-32
Colossians 2:12-14
Luke 11:1-13

Next Sunday's Readings:

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Luke 11: 12:13-21

Preaching Next Sunday:
Fr. Crag 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

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The surprising point of Jesus’ parable is that if prayer is persistent and bold enough, God will eventually give in. The first reading from Genesis today illustrates the point. When Abraham bargains with God, it exemplifies the biblical attitude about persistence. Beseeching God is appropriate. It acknowledges human dependence on the divine.

What is the best reason to pray? It is that God like a dotting papa wants to answer our prayers. If human parents naturally want to bless their children with what they need, how much more does God long to shower us with good gifts. And God wants to give us the greatest gift of all, the Holy Spirit.

Let us conclude with a prayer. *O God, I have such blind spots about what I need, yet how well do you provide for me. In my foolishness, I have begged you for scorpions and serpents. But you have given me eggs and fish all the same. Night after night, I have knocked at your doorpost, asking for rags. Your servants roll their eyes at my persistence. But now you have come down yourself in the middle of the night to clothe me in purple like a king. Your embrace has steadied my gaze. I can walk into the rising sun with my head lifted high, and my eyes are bright with the light of the morning star. Amen.*

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.
Pastor

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.

IGNITE—Coming this Fall

Is the Holy Spirit calling you to a deeper Catholic Faith experience? This fall we invite you to a Sunday night series: “IGNITE,” where we will explore what it means to “find God in all things” as we dive into the lives of the Saints and the mystics while reveling in the music and the history of the mass. Facilitated by Joseph and Grace Byrd, this class will meet you where you are, whether you are new to the Catholic faith or a seasoned traveler. Contact gbyrd@sipdx.org or jbyrd@sipdx.org for information.



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Application Open for SEEL Do you desire to deepen your prayer life and grow in your relationship with God? Consider making the *Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL)*. Applications are now being accepted for 2019-20. The deadline for applications is August 1. Please visit our website: <http://seelportland.org> for more information or call Janet Buck at (503) 951-8682.

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>

Mass Intentions

Monday	July 29	† Joseph Louise Markovic
Tuesday	July 30	† Jim Emig
Wednesday	July 31	† Feast of St. Ignatius
Thursday	Aug 1	† Mattha Thu Thi Nguyen
Friday	Aug 2	Bona Venture Oh & family

Happy Feast of St. Ignatius!

Registration is now open for “A Family of Faith” 2019-2020

Join us for family faith education next year and find community, education and support from other families as we focus on the Creed (our beliefs as Catholics) over the course of 9 months. You can find registration forms in the vestibule of the Church. All families and ages can participate! For more information, visit our website: www.sipdx.org

Caring Discipline Series – July 28, Aug 11, and Aug 25

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Space is limited for our parenting series this summer. Please RSVP if you plan to attend. Sessions will be held in the Bradley Room (lower level of the parish office) from 9:15-10:15 a.m. Nursery care is available and supervised open gym playtime for older kids. Both parents are encouraged to attend. All attendees must be pre-registered by emailing bschaller@sipdx.org.

Volunteers

Urgently Needed

for Communion Visitors - to homebound individuals and for Communion Service to various Senior Living communities. No experience needed as training will be offered and requires minimal time each month. If you are interested in being trained for this important ministry please call Theresa King at 503-730-9759.



Volunteers are 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, 3rd, and 5th weeks of the months. If you like to help contact Jim Mumby at 503-519-8991, or email mums.the.word@centurylink.net

Volunteers for Arts & Environment Ministry

Do you like to create a peaceful, prayerful and welcoming space using flowers, greenery, and other materials? If so, we need a coordinator to work with a group of talented people who enjoy decorating our church space. Please contact Joseph Byrd (503) 777-1491 ext. 238 or Dorothy Rollins (503) 777-1491 ext. 226 or if you have recommendations for who might be fit for the

Volunteer Sunday

Do you have some time on Sundays? Consider helping with **Coffee & Donuts** or the **information desk**, both are a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners!

Seeking Parish Sponsors

One of the blessings of our faith is witnessing those who are choosing to dive into it for the first time. The RCIA process is a time where candidates are invited into a deeper awareness of the presence of the Holy Spirit in their daily lives. Please prayerfully consider accompanying these RCIA candidates as they discern their call into the Catholic Church as a parish sponsor. Your role as a parish sponsor would be to: 1) Attend all IGNITE classes on 2nd and 4th Sundays from 6-7:15 PM. 2) Share your own faith experience within the class during times of reflection. 3) Possibly pair up with one particular candidate as spiritual companions. 4) Attend masses that involve the RCIA candidates, e.g. the rites, the scrutinies, and the Easter Vigil. 5) Pray for all RCIA candidates throughout the RCIA process. Please talk to Grace if you are interested in participating in this ministry. gbyrd@sipdx.org

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A full list of staff & council members is located on our webpage at www.sipdx.org/parish-staff

Volunteer for Children’s Liturgy Are you interested in this vibrant ministry? Join next year’s Children’s Liturgy team for a rewarding way to share the gospel. The commitment is one Sunday per month during the 10:30 a.m. mass from Sept-May. contact: eskelds@gmail.com or bschaller@sipdx.org



- Last month our generous parish donated \$999.00 and contributed 120 lbs. of food to our St. Vincent de Paul Conference!
- Matthew Pearl has stepped into the role as President for our St. Vincent de Paul Conference.
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