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September 29, 2019

Poor and Rich

Dear Parishioners:

Joseph Byrd and I attended a gathering of leadership of the Jesuits West province at Santa Clara University during the first days of September. Directors of Jesuit works such as Tom Arndorfer of Jesuit High School and Janet Buck of the Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life heard our provincial, Fr. Scott Santarosa, challenge you and me to embody the four “Universal Apostolic Preferences” in everything we do at St. Ignatius Parish.

In February 2019, Jesuit Fr. General Sosa announced the results of two years of shared discernment among the entire Society of Jesus to determine “Universal Apostolic Preferences.” These four preferences mark the ways of proceeding for Jesuits and our associates over the next ten years:

1. Promote discernment and the Spiritual Exercises. Help people find out who Jesus Christ is, and how to relate to him as the Lord of Life. This is not so much learning a biography as relating to the present Christ – as discovered in scripture, sacraments, and the cry of the poor.

2. Walk with the excluded. Walk alongside the poor, vulnerable, and excluded – those whom society considers worthless – in order to promote reconciliation and justice. When unfairly treated, the poor need the repair of their dignity that reconciliation seeks. To accompany the excluded is to see the world through God’s eyes -- to confront injustice and build bridges of renewed relationships.

3. Journey with youth. Accompany young people in the creation of a hope-filled future. Listen to the priorities of young people, their nightmares and dreams. Always be ready to give them the reason for your hope. Meeting Jesus, young people can find the path to their deepest fulfillment.

4. Care for our common home. Work with gospel depth for the protection and renewal of God’s creation. Today’s environmental crisis impacts especially hard the poor and vulnerable. Our prayer is for an ecological conversion so we can be honest custodians of this wonderful planet.

Today’s gospel about Lazarus and Dives is about the inequality between rich and poor. The story focuses on the divisions among people, even those in close proximity. These two lived in the same time and place. But they had very different styles of living.

Luke does not name the wealthy man who had all he needed. He feasted daily with no regard for the desperate plight of the destitute man at the gate to his property. Surely the rich man knew of Lazarus -- but did not feel responsible for a lowly beggar for whom even the dogs had contempt.

Portions of this story appear in rabbinical writings and even in Egyptian literature. This is because inequality has been part of every society in every generation. But Jesus did not look past this inequality. He never got used to the idea that some people eat well every day while others go without. Jesus told this parable to the Pharisees – a privileged people. He was warning them not to let their advantages ruin their lives.

Today’s Readings:

Amos	6:1a, 4-7
1 Timothy	6:11-16
Luke	16:19-31

Next Sunday’s Readings:

Habakkuk	1:2-3; 2:204
2 Timothy	1:6-8, 13-14
Luke	17:5-10

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

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How can advantages ruin your life? First, privileged people can be blind to their privileges. For example, educated white men can be oblivious to the discrimination and disadvantages that women or people of color regularly experience. Second, privileged people can assume that they deserve their perks. This can lead to treating others with condescension, and to living without care for the invisible, powerless poor. What wealth buys is privacy, independence, and immunity from the consequences of bad behavior.

St. Francis of Assisi, whose celebration day is this Friday Oct. 4, has always been known as one who praised God through all creation. A tradition has sprung up to bless pets and other animals on his feast day. Here is a [blessing prayer for animals](#):

O God, you have created all creatures in your boundless wisdom. In your goodness, you have made us in your image, and given us care of other living things. Stretch out your mighty hand to bless these animals with health and delight in living. May our care of these animals help us rely on you in this life, and move us to seek more confidently the fullness of communion with you in the life to come. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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

SAVE THE DATE: Sat, Dec. 7th – Women’s Advent Retreat

All women are welcome! Spend the day entering into this holy season of darkness and light. This retreat is led by women for women. 9am-3pm at the Loyola Jesuit Center. \$20 includes lunch (don’t let cost be a deterrent – we will find a way). To register, contact bschaller@sipdx.org or call the parish office.



**St Vincent de Paul conference is requesting donations of soup.
Thank you!**

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.

The dates for the 2019 High School Open Houses are as follows:

October 3 – Jesuit * October 13 – Central Catholic * October 20 – Valley Catholic and De La Salle North Catholic * October 27 – St. Mary’s Academy

Please consider volunteering

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.

Mass Intentions

Monday	Sep 30	† Clement Amalu
Tuesday	Oct 1	† Theresa Pieretti
Wednesday	Oct 2	† Mattha Thu Thi Nguyen
Thursday	Oct 3	† Joseph Duc Minh Truong
Friday	Oct 4	Bona Venture Oh & family

**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>

Anointing Mass in October is 10/4/19 at 8:00AM in the church



ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL

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



OMSI Camp: Please hold our large grade 5 in prayer as they head off tomorrow with Mr. Steve Roberts and parent chaperones to Fossil, Oregon for 3 days of science in the desert. This is our return to eastern Oregon after a few years spent exploring the coast. Here's hoping for a drier experience!

Blessing of the Animals: We look forward to Katie Hennessy and Joseph Byrd presiding over our Blessing of the Animals on October 3, in recognition of St. Francis of Assisi's feast day and the conclusion of the Season of Creation. Parents are welcome to bring beloved pets to the school for this special time with our furry friends. Please check our Facebook page to see the fun and love in this celebration: <https://www.facebook.com/stignatiuspdx/>

Next Week the school will celebrate the **Feast Day of Mother Marie Rose** at the school mass on Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 1:20 p.m.. We hope you will join us in honoring the foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. **Special Invitation:** We would like to especially invite all Srs. of the Holy Names for a rose ceremony at the mass. We are so grateful for your legacy: you co-founded our parish school and put the spirit of joy and excellence strongly in place: yours are the shoulders on which we stand.

Blessings on your week!

Kelli Clark
Principal

Job Description ~ After School Enrichment Staff

St. Ignatius School is seeking a team member for our redesigned after-school enrichment program. A strong candidate will be a creative, collaborative professional for this unique PK-8 Catholic School. Please send resume and letter of interest to Kelli Clark, Principal.

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

Moms - MOPS 2019-2020 registration is open! Moms – are you looking for a breath of inspiration and some adult time? Join the Moreland MOPS group this year on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month from 9:15-11:15 a.m. Childcare is provided while moms enjoy breakfast, fellowship with other moms, speakers on relevant topics and more. MOPS is a faith-based group for Moms of children birth through kindergarten. Contact Beth Schaller at bschaller@sipdx.org for more information or to visit the group.

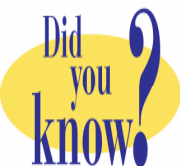


ALL VOLUNTEERS IN OUR PARISH & SCHOOL:

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.

Two additional CASE Trainings will be offered at St. Ignatius: Monday, **October 7th @ 5:30PM** Tuesday, **October 22nd @ 5:30PM** Both classes will be held in the school library and will be **capped at 30 people**. **Call the office to get on the list**, drop-ins will not be admitted. This class is a requirement of the Archdiocese of Portland and needs to be completed by October 31st to volunteer on our campus for the rest of this school year.



- ◆ Did you know that preparing for marriage in the Catholic Church takes 6-9 months? It's always a great idea to start preparing for the marriage as soon as you start preparing for the wedding!

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