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**UNDER THE CARE OF THE JESUITS**

**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

**OCTOBER 25, 2020**

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## Remember To Love

Dear Parishioners:

In today's Gospel, Jesus reveals that love is the foundation of all his teachings. It is the greatest commandment and the greatest challenge. Since the national election is coming up next week, it's good to consider how you will treat those who are happy and those who are sad about the outcome.

The trouble with the greatest commandment is that it intertwines theology and ethics. If you believe in a God who guides your ethics and shapes your values, then love of God is translated into love of neighbor – and love of neighbor testifies to the authenticity of your love of God. Other religious leaders had taught the greatest commandments before Jesus. What was unique to him was making love of God and love of neighbor *equally* binding and interdependent. But this is really hard.

When you try to love as Jesus teaches, you will be filled with reasonable questions: How can you love others as yourself when you struggle with self-recrimination? How can you love those who hate you and wish you harm? How do you love others when love puts you and your loved ones at risk?

These and similar questions will always make the challenge of loving God and neighbor seem insurmountable. You might even be tempted to call Jesus' challenge an ideal that is unattainable in the real world. But as Mother Teresa used to say, "I can't love everyone, just this one right here."

Autumn is heavily upon us. What does this mean? It means that along with changing leaves and cooler temperatures, light will gradually yield to increasing darkness. How do you keep the gathering gloom away from your soul – especially in this season of pandemic, economic strife, racial tension, climate disasters, and election stress?

Even when things are more calm, some people suffer from *Seasonal Affective Disorder* (SAD). One way to counteract the blues is to get some regular exercise outside during daylight. Another way is to keep rooms brightly lit when you are indoors. Another suggestion is to get a daily dose of laughter.



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**FOR OCTOBER 25, 2020**

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

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My main suggestion to deal with sadness is to remember your blessings. Make an inventory of what makes you glad. Spend two minutes each day adding to your list of thanksgivings. The important thing is to keep *remembering*.

The ancients held that *forgetfulness* was the source of all sin. We can extrapolate that kids do drugs, spouses have affairs, people hate and harbor prejudices because they have no sense of belonging to one another, no sense of solidarity with all creation. They seek to anesthetize their loneliness and alienation by forgetting the source of their real kinship.

As autumn continues, renew your memories of who you are – and teach your children who they are: not self-sufficient silos, not solitary atoms, but part of a vast parade of sunbursts and volcanoes, exploding stars and nature and people – and God. They are interconnected, children of the same God of us all, responsible stewards of creation, their brother and sister's keeper in this time and place of history.

Forgetfulness is a moral disaster. Remembering is salvation.

Have you heard this parable from Alice Walker's story "Meridian"? A little girl in the South was playing in the yard when she found a piece of metal. She recognized that this piece of metal was a bar of gold, and she dug up this incredible, heavy bar of gold. She rushed over to her mother, who was sitting on the back porch, shelling peas.

The little girl said, "I found some gold." And she placed the large, heavy gold bar in her mother's lap. Her mother said, "Move that thing out of the way. Don't you see I'm trying to get supper ready?"

"But it's gold," she insisted. "Feel how heavy it is. Look how yellow it is. It's gold. It could make us rich."

But her mother was not impressed. So the little girl's discovery was rejected, and no one was interested in sharing her joy. So she took her bar of gold and put it in a shoebox. She buried it under the magnolia tree in the backyard. Once a week she would dig it up and hold the bar of gold in her lap. Then, she did it less and less often. Soon it was only once a month, until finally she forgot to dig it up at all. And then she acted like everyone else, not as someone possessing a bar of gold.

At the end of the day, you want to know from the people in your life, "Do you love me?" Jesus challenges you to have a love that cannot rest until the needs of others are met, the demands of biblical justice are satisfied, those in the shadows can be welcomed into the light.

Halloween is coming next Sunday night. That's the day to don masks and disguise your true shapes and faces. Children know the scary pleasure of hiding behind a mask or within a costume. And they know that the game must always end with us revealing ourselves as we truly are. "You're not a witch, you're Mama," the little ones say.

The month of November is dedicated to prayer for our beloved departed who have begun their new life in God. Our prayer is to thank God for the blessings God accomplished through them. Our prayer is to ask that spiritual communion with our dear ones will sustain our hope to join them joyfully when God calls us home.

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

Pastor

## MASS READINGS

### Mass Readings for Oct 25, 2020

Exodus 22:20-26

1 Thessalonians 1:5C-10

Matthew 22:34-40

### Mass Readings for Nov 1, 2020

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12a

## ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL



**T**here is in me a longing to be real, to be authentic, to be a clear reflection of what my heart holds at its deepest levels. It is a goal that the gospel steadfastly holds up as an invitation to me, to the church. It is when the church embraces the gospel selflessly that it bears the heart of God and becomes real to the world. And when it is real, the church makes God believable.

-Fr. Gary Smith, SJ, Radical Compassion

Blessings on all of our priests on this priesthood Sunday, especially Fr. Craig, Fr. Billy and our companions at the Loyola Jesuit Center who consistently lift up this place. We are grateful for your spirits, energy and care.

For the past two weeks, our parent community is giving us feedback on how our Distance Learning program is faring. The survey had 120 respondents from approx. 155 families. Here are key highlights:

- 98.3% report satisfied or very satisfied with the quality of academic standards.
- 91% report the quantity of work is just right
- 97% say their children are spending between 3-4+ hours daily on school, which was our target
- 83% of respondents say given a change in metrics, they would send their kids to school

Some sample comments from parents:

*I feel that my daughter is getting the best online education available. It's difficult time and I know she feels like part of the community and supported with friends and teachers.*

*I know the teachers are working very hard. The difference between instruction this fall as compared to the spring is exceptional. Thank you for all of your hard work!*

*We really appreciate everything St Ignatius is doing. We feel so lucky to be a part of such a wonderful, loving, supportive community.*



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8meK4U9px7M&feature=youtu.be>



### PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

**FOR St. Ignatius Got Talent!** November 21. We will be showcasing a variety of talents and having a great time while coming together to raise funds to offset the substantial COVID financial challenges at the school. We hope you'll join us!

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

## Mass Schedule ~ Oct 26-Nov 1st

- Monday - Noon in the church
- Tuesday- Noon in the church
- Wednesday- Noon in the church
- Thursday- Noon in the church
- Friday- Noon in the church
- Saturday/Sunday- Weekend Mass recorded and posted on our website)

### ATTENTION CONFESSION TIME HAS MOVED!!

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

To attend WEEKDAY MASSES, you no longer need to sign up ahead of time. Simply sign in with your name and phone number when you enter the church.

The number of participants MUST remain at or below 50, so parishioners are asked to self-monitor the number of people signed up.

Mask is required.

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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](mailto: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 October 25, 2020 at 6pm**

**There is a handout on our website:**

**[www.sipdx.org/ignite](http://www.sipdx.org/ignite)**

**Presenters will be: Fr Craig Boly, SJ and Joseph & Grace Byrd join them for a presentation on St. Therese of Lisieux**

Email Grace to join the Ignite email list at [gbyrd@sipdx.org](mailto:gbyrd@sipdx.org)

## CELEBRATING OUR ST IGNATIUS PRIESTS

A great way to celebrate our Priests is to write an email or send a card. There will be a list posted on our website of Priests who have served us at St. Ignatius in the past and here are the present:

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|------------------------|-----------------|--|
| • Fr Craig Boly, SJ    | Pastor          | <a href="mailto:cboly@sipdx.org">cboly@sipdx.org</a>         |
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Or mail a card to St. Ignatius Church, 3400 SE 43rd Ave, Portland, Oregon 97206

## WEEKLY RACIAL JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION

Season of Creation Webinar Series: "On the Common Good & Our Common Home" During this year's Season of Creation, Catholic Climate Covenant hosted a webinar series, "On the Common Good & Our Common Home," for U.S. Catholics to understand how Catholic social teaching and creation care are essential to living the fullness of Catholic faith; to facilitate courageous conversations about climate change and Catholic civic participation; and to apply Catholic Social Teaching and creation care to form one's conscience ahead of the 2020 elections.

Catholic Mobilizing Network Conference: Harm, Healing, and Human Dignity: An All-Virtual Catholic Conference on Restorative Justice. October 27, 29, and 31. Learn more:

<https://catholicmobilizing.org/conference/harm-healing-and-human-dignity?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=05c9513e-1751-4c73-b49f-15ba8f2198d3>

ISN family teach in for social justice is next week. <https://ignatiansolidarity.net/iftj/>

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

In this Sunday's Gospel we find the truth that loving God isn't merely a matter of fervor in our hearts, but loving others as ourselves. That can be expressed in doing good for the sake of others. This September, through your gifts, the St. Ignatius St. Vincent de Paul was able to show that we indeed love our neighbors by providing 17 families with 800 lbs of food and \$1,378 in utility and rent assistance. Thank you for supporting our SVdP!

## HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS!

Thank you for your continued generosity to the **Wildfire Relief Fund!** Checks can still be sent to: The Archdiocese of Portland, **Wildfire Relief Fund, P.O. Box 15149 Portland, OR 97293.** Questions? [cgaston@archdpdx.org](mailto:cgaston@archdpdx.org) or 503-233-8332.

## FAMILY LIFE

**Children's Liturgy link:** Nick Kockler is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: St. Ignatius Children's Liturgy of the Word

Time: Oct 25, 2020 10:30 AM US/Pacific

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72551768456?pwd=Rjl5TkF1ekR2OTJlYnJKVnJpVDYyUT09>

**Meeting ID: 725 5176 8456 \* Passcode: GodsLove**

**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. Each week the children are making a symbol to remember the lesson's theme. This weekend the children will learn about the Reconciliation rite and they will assemble their four symbols into a prayer chain.

Nov. 1st – Final Parent/Child Zoom meeting from 9:30-10:30 a.m. – shared ritual and show and tell.

Nov. 14th – Communal Reconciliation at 10am in the Church with individual confessions outside.

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



Our next gathering will be on Sunday, Oct. 25 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](mailto:bschaller@sipdx.org) for the Zoom link.

Any questions, please connect with  
Beth Schaller  
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## KUDOS & DID YOU KNOW?



- ⇒ Fr. Billy for coordinating a donation of a camera, so we may LIVE STREAM!
- ⇒ 11 people signed into their REALM account for the first time this week!!



## DAILY MASS INTENTIONS



*Please keep in your prayers*

Monday	Oct 26	† Dan Rogers
Tuesday	Oct 27	Bob & Marilyn Stark
Wednesday	Oct 28	† Leah McElhaney
Thursday	Oct 29	† All Service Men & Woman
Friday	Oct 30	† Jim Emig



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