

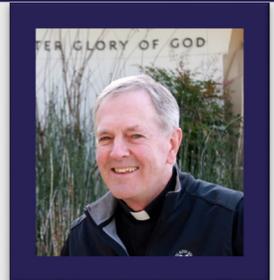
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**PASTOR'S MESSAGE      MAY 3, 2020      FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

## **Jesus the Gate of the Sheepfold**

Dear Parishioners:

As the interruption of our normal routine continues in response to the social precautions of the pandemic, I plan to record our Sunday liturgy for you to view on our website. We will have our liturgy of the Word, a homily and prayers of the faithful, then a spiritual Communion service. Joseph and Grace Byrd and family will provide the music. My hope is that having some familiar faces and church settings will be a comfort for the days ahead.



Well, Easter was three weeks ago already, and now it's May – the month dedicated to the Blessed Mother. That reminds me that we'll celebrate our mothers next weekend on Mother's Day.

And this weekend is the usual time for First Communion for our second graders. I miss the excitement as the children hold their candles and repeat their baptismal promises, and then receive the Lord in Communion for the first time. I can only imagine how our first Communion families feel as this important milestone comes and goes. Just as soon as we can, we will observe the sacraments for the RCIA, first Communion, and infant baptisms.

On this Vocation Awareness weekend, the church listens to John's gospel about Jesus as the good shepherd. For a shepherd, sheep are the only focus of concern. During winter nights, shepherds would bring their sheep into the villages to shut them up in communal sheepfolds for safety. Only the keeper of the sheepfold had the key to the gate, and he would only let in recognized shepherds.

In the morning, all the shepherds would call for their sheep, and hearing their masters' voices, the sheep would separate themselves and follow their own masters out into the fields to pasture.

Sometimes, especially during the warmer months, the shepherds would stay out all night with their sheep. The sheep would be herded into fenced-in areas, but unlike the village sheepfolds, out in the fields there were no gates. The shepherd lay across the opening in the fence as the gate.

Jesus declares, "I am the gate." What does this mean? In part it means that Jesus is the standard by which two types of leaders within the church are judged – those who serve the flock with the mind and heart of Jesus as caring shepherds; and those who pretend to be caring leaders yet sneak in like thieves with self-serving motives and narcissistic intentions.

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

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Doors serve both to shut something out as a protection, and to open up a space for what is protected. Jesus came to shut the door to selfishness and fear of death. He came to open the door to forgiveness and to healing our wounds. Jesus is the door who closes us to an old life of guilt and shame.

The door swings both ways. When we ask Jesus for forgiveness, we end one life, the life of pretense and self-deception. Then Jesus opens before us a new life. Through him, we “go in and out and find pasture.” Jesus is the door to genuine life, the life of honesty, forgiveness of oneself, and courage to face an uncertain future.

John weaves his image of Jesus as the genuine shepherd out of an ancient vision of God – as a shepherd who pursues a wandering flock.

The flock of Israel managed to get itself into all kinds of trouble. God spoke as shepherd through prophets, sages, the occasional king, and various holy men and women. Sometimes the spokesmen such as Jeremiah or Jonah were reluctant to speak because they knew about the wolves in sheep's clothing.

God never abandoned the flock of Israel, even though the flock constantly abandoned the shepherd. God speaks through Jesus' preaching and style of ministry to those who find believing difficult. Jesus is not aloof or patronizing. He knows people by name, shows them the way to put their faith into practice, and trusts them to make their own decisions.

Jesus offers the sheep a simple way to recognize a genuine shepherd: follow the person who nurtures your life. Refuse to follow anyone whose words and deeds destroy you. Your vocation is to imitate Jesus the good shepherd – to give your life for those entrusted to your care.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.  
Pastor

## MASS READINGS

MAY 3RD READINGS	FIRST READING <a href="#">ACTS 2:14A, 36-41</a>	SECOND READING <a href="#">1 PETER 2:20B-25</a>	GOSPEL <a href="#">JOHN 10:1-10</a>
MAY 10TH READINGS	FIRST READING <a href="#">ACTS 6:1-7</a>	SECOND READING <a href="#">1 PETER 2:4-9</a>	GOSPEL <a href="#">JOHN 14:1-12</a>

## A NOTE FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Created by the global generosity movement GivingTuesday, *GivingTuesdayNow* is an opportunity for us all to demonstrate our commitment to healing the sick, caring for the poor, sheltering the unhoused, and keeping our communities safe and healthy as we navigate the hardships caused by the novel coronavirus.

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## FAMILY LIFE ~ FIRST EUCHARIST



### Please offer a pray for our Sacramental Preparation children on Sat, May 2

Please continue to pray for our children preparing for First Holy Communion. Please join our families in praying this prayer on Saturday between 5-9pm:

Dear God,

*We pray for all the children preparing for their First Holy Communion who are waiting with anticipation for the day when we can gather together to celebrate this special sacrament. Bless each child and their family with patience, courage, and love during this time. Help us to know that Jesus waits with us in expectant hope. Bless all those who are showing us how to live like Jesus through their loving actions and help us to be more like Jesus every day. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

We will reschedule this special day when we have more information about the end of quarantine, but in the meantime, prayers are appreciated for these 31 families and kids eagerly anticipating this special day.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

A zoom meeting is set up for CLW this Sunday May 3, 2020 It has been fun to see all of the families that have attended. If possible, can you share this link with the families that are interested in attending? Nathan Williams

To Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77915683566?  
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Meeting ID: 779 1568 3566 Password: 9V29mn

## MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

The Archdiocese office of Marriage & Family Life offered some great words of wisdom this week: It is difficult to wade through these times of uncertainty, but don't lose heart. As the slow transition into life outside quarantine begins, how has your domestic church been formed?

Take some time to pray and discern:

- **STOP** What did your family used to do, prior to *stay at home* orders that you shouldn't bring back?
  - **CONTINUE** What have we done in quarantine that we should continue to do (family meals, walks, daily prayer, campfires, etc.)
  - **START** What have you been meaning to do and putting off?
- As you begin getting back to a *new normal* and rebuilding routines, make sure to be intentional with your transition.

My prayers are with all of you as you strive to do your best with family life, work, marriage, school, parenting and more. It's not easy and if there's any way that I can pray for you or offer other support, please let me know. Blessings on your Easter season! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Beth Schaller



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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*

## PARISH NEWS

Weekly Recorded Liturgy of the Word -- coming your way!

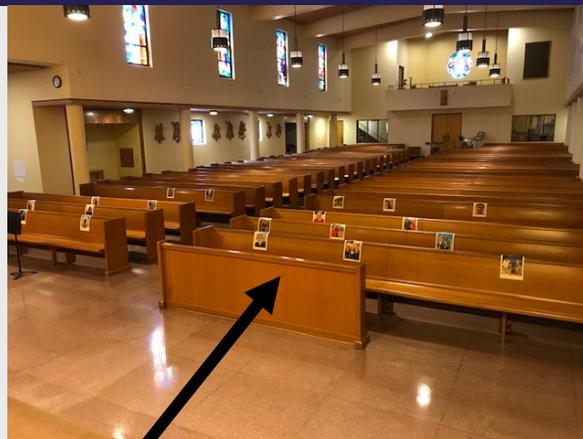
~Starting the weekend of May 2/3, a weekly, recorded "Liturgy of the Word" will be available on the front page of our website.

~With each attempt, we'll do our best to improve our production skills, and we covet your prayers as we learn our way through this process.



~It's not nearly as fun without you there, so please keep sending your pictures to us at [office@sipdx.org](mailto:office@sipdx.org). We'll be filling the pews with your faces, and are grateful for the blessing of your virtual presence, until we can meet together again, in person.

Peace and all good,  
Joseph Byrd  
Pastoral Administrator and Music Director



## ARRUPE DELEGATES

Five St Ignatius parishioners volunteered to participate in the training provided by Jesuits West, and are now preparing for the discernment phase of the 6-month program. They are eager to have conversations with parish members, to help understand the needs and concerns of our community. Your input – through a phone call or zoom meeting – will help inform how we imagine collaborating at St Ignatius and with our Jesuit partners in the region.

Please consider sharing a 30-40 minute conversation with one of our Arrupe delegates. Contact Claire Burt at [pdxburt@gmail.com](mailto:pdxburt@gmail.com) or call 503 231-8220, text 503 475-9275

## S.E.E.L.

### The Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life

Do you desire to deepen your prayer life and grow in your relationship with God?  
Do you desire to better discern your deepest desires so as understand God's call and presence in your lives?

Do you desire to be reflective, seek God in all things, and draw nearer to Jesus becoming a Contemplative in Action?

Consider making the retreat called The Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL). Applications are now being accepted for 2020-21.

Please visit our website: <http://seelportland.org> for more information or call Janet Buck at 503-951-8682.

## DID YOU KNOW??

Fr. Craig was featured in a wonderful video from the priests of the Archdiocese of Portland. You can find it on our Website! Also look for our May 2/3 Recorded Liturgy to post on Friday at [www.sipdx.org](http://www.sipdx.org)

## SCHOOL NEWS

*As we tread the same path, let us extend a hand to one another  
to surmount the difficulties that present themselves.*

-Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher,  
foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Names



**This weekend we remember** all of the children who deepen their faith journey by working toward their First Eucharist this year. We look forward to a time when we can celebrate together. To all 34 First Eucharist recipients, including 20 students from St. Ignatius School: we are so happy to walk with you into your new life. Please enjoy the video from the school staff on the parish website as a small way of honoring your journey. Blessings, always....

Tomorrow, Monday, May 4, kicks off **Teacher Appreciation Week**. While we are always proud of the commitment, excellence and kindness of our teachers, this time of Distance Learning has really shown the amazing gift of our teachers and staff to the children of the parish and all of us. Please note our reader board, (and we mean it): Teacher of the Year: All of them!

In addition to our own wonderful teachers, we remember and honor those who came 112 years ago in 1908:  
- the Jesuit fathers who prioritized having a Catholic school for children as part of their community and mission as they established our parish;  
- the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary who said yes to partnership with them for the next 112 years and who taught so well that we are still inspired by their work.



We are grateful to you and honored to be stewards of your legacy.

Prayers for your safety and health,  
Kelli Clark, Principal

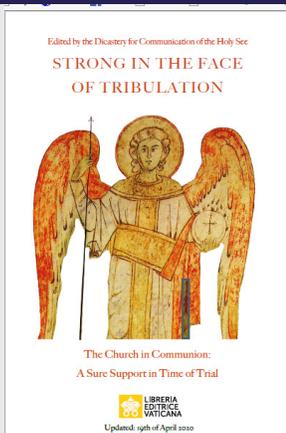
## DAILY INTENTIONS FOR PRAYER

*Please keep in your prayers*

Monday	May 04	Joseph Byrd
Tuesday	May 05	† Jim Emig
Wednesday	May 06	† Roseangela D'Ambrosia
Thursday	May 07	† Mary Barnes
Friday	May 08	† Ana Dvorak



## ARCHBISHOP



A Free Book from the Pope! The Vatican is offering a digital book for FREE! Strong in the face of Tribulation: The Church in Communion ~ A Support in Time of Trial. It is a collection of Pope Francis' homilies prayers and messages. Use the link below:

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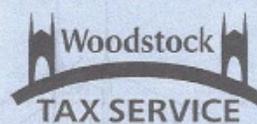


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