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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

MARCH 21, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Lazarus and Life After Death

Dear Parishioners:

Remember when you could travel by airplane? I recall a flight at mealtime on a small airline. "Would you like dinner?" the flight attendant asked the fellow in the seat ahead of me. "What are my choices?" he asked. "Yes or no," she replied.

Likewise for us on this last weekend of Lent before Holy Week – do you believe in life after death – yes or no? In the gospel, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. Lazarus was not the first person that Jesus returned from death of life. Jesus raised to life the only son of a widow and the daughter of Jairus. Jesus also healed numerous sick people from illnesses, forgave sinners their sins, and relieved countless others from their fears.

Yet the Lazarus story stands out in sharp contrast to these other events. The fourth evangelist recounts in his Gospel seven signs beginning with changing water into wine at Cana and culminating in calling Lazarus from the tomb. These signs reveal the person and purpose of Jesus, and challenge his hearers to faith in Jesus.

Remember that the story of raising Lazarus comes after the discourse where Jesus is revealed as the Good Shepherd – who has the power to lay down his life and to take it up again as he wishes. The sign of raising Lazarus to life concretizes Jesus' statement since it offers a visible and tangible illustration of his power.

In the conversation between Martha and Jesus, that power is clearly enunciated, and it reaches its climax in the proclamation, "I am the resurrection and the life." That proclamation invites faith, and it promises that those who believe in Jesus will never die.



Confronted with the death of his close friend Lazarus, and face to face with his own impending doom, Jesus identifies himself as the resurrection and God's life. What does it mean that Jesus is "the resurrection?" It means that when believers relate to the Risen Jesus, they are in the dimension of "God-life" called eternity even now. It means that you and I can experience eternal life – life in the "God-zone" – through all the dyings associated with human life in this present age.

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 10:30 AM Mass: Mid-Morning Service – Sign up online at sipdx.org (button on opening page,) or call leaving Name, Number in group, phone, & date. You will get a confirmation before attending Mass. (Thank you!)

TUESDAY & THURSDAY: 12:00 PM weekday Mass in the church, *no sign up needed*

SATURDAY: Recorded Mass available online, the link is on our website: sipdx.org

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What are examples of “*dyings*” associated with life in the present age? Think of all the things that cause you fear – sickness and accidents, financial ruin and insanity, aloneness and disgrace. People fear their own diminishment, and worry even more about the suffering of their loved ones. These “*dyings*” can be dreadful, yet they can also be occasions when God’s Spirit wants to be our companion in dealing with our diminishments.

Martha and Mary turned over their dead brother to Jesus. When they trusted him, they discovered in that wonderful relationship the life that not even death can extinguish. To relate to Jesus is to discover undying life.

Still, Jesus wept. The death of his friend and the tears of Martha and Mary overwhelmed him. In the Gospel story, Jesus is “greatly disturbed” as he approaches the tomb. For Jesus, the death of Lazarus, the entombment of his body and his emerging from the tomb still wrapped in burial cloths – all are a powerful foreshadowing of what will soon come for Jesus in his own death, burial, and resurrection.

Jesus senses that his life, his friends, his time on earth will soon come rushing to an end. The mission of Jesus was to witness to the God he knew as Abba, even if it made the authorities so mad that they killed him. When Jesus returns Lazarus to human life, he shows that he has the power over death – to prevent it or to survive it. But he is called to reveal a higher power – the power of God to renew trust after betrayal, to bring forgiveness out of sin, to breathe the eternal life of love into every form of human mortality.

Jesus calls Lazarus out of the tomb – not to immunize him from human death, but to contrast resuscitation with resurrection. Jesus performs the sign that demonstrates a power greater than human death. Jesus affirms that what gives God glory is not suffering associated with death and all its indignities. What gives God glory is trusting that the purpose of human life is to learn how to love. What gives God glory is discovering a communion with God in all of the moments of self-surrendering love.

The Christian approach to death does not wipe away the pain of loss. But at Baptism, a Christian “puts on” Christ Jesus, who walked through and beyond death. To all your loved ones who have gone before you in faith, Jesus cries out, “Unbind them, and let them go free.” When you are oppressed by fear and doubt from the demands of love, hear Christ say the same words to you.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.
Pastor

IGNITE

Go Forth and Set the World on Fire ~ Mar 28th

This year in IGNITE we will explore prayer in the Catholic Tradition through music and the lives of Saints and Mystics. The invitation is simple:

COME -with an open heart to see what it is all about;

CONTEMPLATE -the presence of the Holy Spirit in your own life and experience;

CONNECT - to the Mass, the saints, the people of St. Ignatius, and your heart.

DATES: Mar 28, Apr 11, Apr 25

To Join our mailing list, contact Grace at gbyrd@sipdx.org

Come to one class, come to all - as you desire All classes will take place from 6 - 7:15PM on Zoom.

MASS READINGS

Mass Readings for Mar 21, 2021

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45

Mass Readings for Mar 28, 2021

Isaiah 50: 4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Mark 14: 1-15:47

NOVENA OF GRACE

Beauty and Brokenness: A Novena of Grace 2021

On March 13, 2020, on our last Mass on the ninth day of our Novena, our Church was closed due to the Corona virus.

When we met again this year on March 4th, we returned after one long, intense year of estrangement, isolation and loss of belonging. It felt so good and so painful to be back--we came compressed in the lament of psalm and the joy of gospel hungry for liturgical learnings that come in the shared spirituality of our Church family.

Our thanks to all who attended in person and on-line to pray with us, to intercede, to hope and to heal. Fr. Billy presided with the voices of the Byrd family and with rich reflections by a diversity of lay ministers bringing us the beauty of God's presence in comforting wisdom from life stories commingled with Eucharist. We concluded nine days more nourished for being a people called to serve. For all who have joined our prayer and will join it, for all who served it through Spirit, we are thankful. Ad Majoram Dei Gloriam.

Novena Planning Team (Joseph Byrd, Katie Hennessy, Barb Scharff, Brittney Wilmes, Jane Joseph, Mike Buck)



Video recordings will be available for viewing via the *St. Ignatius YouTube channel*,

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL6GMqYI3YZIDr39IjRVi8w/videos>

ST IGNATIUS SUNDAY MASS SIGN UP

More spots available!! Check online sipdx.org or call 503-777-1491 during office hours.

Limited Attendance continues: We are very excited to offer in-person Mass to St. Ignatius parishioners! We are working with guidance from the Archdiocese and honoring the recommendations of health officials. The pandemic situation continues to change, so it's possible the system we are developing may also change in the coming weeks. Thank you so much for your patience and cooperation during this time.

- Please wear a mask, this is required for entry.
- Don't attend Mass if you're sick or believe you've been exposed to COVID-19.
- Families from the same household may sit together as a group.
- Please maintain social distancing and keep your group at least 6 feet from others while at Mass.

The faithful are still dispensed from their Holy Day obligation, so attendance is not required.

(Sunday Mass Sign up must be received the Thursday before the Mass date by NOON. Thank You.)
Sundays at 10:30am reserve a spot online www.sipdx.org or by calling the office. 503-777-1491
**WEEKDAY MASS WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY & THURSDAY AT 12:00 PM,
no sign up required.**

DAILY PRAYER INTENTIONS



Please keep in your prayers

Monday	Mar 22	† Theresa Pieretti
Tuesday	Mar 23	† Mary Barnes
Wednesday	Mar 24	Sick with Covid-19
Thursday	Mar 25	† Jim Emig
Friday	Mar 26	† Dorothy Purdy

ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL

On Monday, March 15, we had 190 students on campus! It was absolutely wonderful to have all grades back on campus. We are also supporting almost 20 students who have chosen to stay in our Comprehensive Distance Learning program for the remainder of the year. This is quite a task for our teachers, and we are grateful they are up to the challenge!

Registration is almost complete, and we are excited to be able to welcome more new families into the St. Ignatius School community. If you know of a family still interested in joining the St. Ignatius School community, please encourage them to contact the school office for more information. We are grateful to the Parish and the School Foundation for all of their support with tuition assistance. We would like to share another opportunity to support families' tuition needs with the **Inigo Scholarship Fund**. This fund was started in 2018 with the purpose of fulfilling a need for families who are committed to St. Ignatius School and Catholic education but may not be able to fully meet the financial obligation. Over the initial years of this program, 10 students were sponsored through this scholarship fund, and we hope this can continue. We are reaching out to our parishioners who may be looking for a new way to support the school. If you are interested in contributing to this important fund, please call the school office for more information.



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SCHOOL



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

In the gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." When we help those in need, we are truly followers of Jesus, servant of the poor. In February your St. Vincent de Paul pantry served a total of 31 people from 14 families with 775 lbs of food. Please consider using Realm Connect to make a cash donation to the pantry today. And many thanks to those who do so on a regular basis. Your gifts are much appreciated by our clients.

WEEKLY JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION

Consider joining the MACG Community Justice Collective. The next meeting is Tuesday April 6, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

MACG is a tri-county organization based in the philosophy of community organizing. Since 1985, the U.S. Bishops has awarded grants to MACG through its Catholic Campaign Human Development Program (CCHD).

The Community Justice Collective provides a home base and the ability for full MACG participation for individual leaders (or those in small groups who are not affiliated with a MACG-member institution).

Interested? Join April's Zoom meeting.

<https://iafnw.zoom.us/j/97887874380?pwd=bDdIRE0rbTBSQzNRR2w1eFMxMGpTUT09#success>

REPORT SCAMS AND FRAUD

Report Scams and Fraud

If you get a suspicious call, text or email (for example, requesting your bank account number, instructing you to buy a gift card or promising an expensive prize), or if you, a relative or a friend has given money or financial information to someone you now suspect was a scammer, call 877-908-3360.

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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

In the subject line please include either:

Asking for prayers

OR

Add me to the Email list to pray

FAMILY LIFE



Children's Liturgy – Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

*Special request - If you can change the name of the Zoom screen to your child/children's names, it helps our leaders! Our Children's Liturgy program is being offered this year by Nathan Williams, Michele Becker and Angela & Nick Kockler each Sunday from 10:30-11:00 a.m. It's recommended for ages 5-10, but all are welcome. Visit our Family life page on the website.

Mom's Groups Zoom Schedule – Sundays during Lent from 9:15-10:15 a.m.

The Mom's group meets weekly during Lent from 9:15-10:15 a.m. on Sundays via Zoom. We welcome anyone for a one time visit or a regular presence. If you want to receive our regular Zoom links and updates, email Beth at bschaller@sipdx.org. Mar. 21, 28 - during LENT we will use LTP's "Give us this Day" booklet to pray the morning liturgy of the hours

Sacramental Preparation for First Communion – LAST YEAR & THIS YEAR

Please pray for our home-study students who will be celebrating their First Reconciliation this Saturday, March 13th. Home-study families - it's time to find the candle jars that your child prepared in the fall. Sign-up for our First Reconciliation Service here: [Reconciliation Mass Sign up | St. Ignatius Parish \(sipdx.org\)](https://www.sipdx.org/mass-sign-up)

Here is our upcoming schedule:

Mar 21 – banners and cards for prayer partners are due at the Church (2020 & 2021 classes)

Apr 10 – "Breaking Bread" shared ritual (2020 & 2021 classes)

First Communion celebrations – April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16

IMPORTANT: *Be sure that you have signed up your child for a First Communion mass in April or May.* We want to make sure that all our families are signed up before the masses are filled with other guests. You can use this link if you have not yet signed up: <https://www.sipdx.org/mass-sign-up> Masses will be removed from the sign-up when they become filled. If you are having trouble signing up or have other questions or concerns preventing you at this time, please let me know.



Vaccination works better when all of us at St. Ignatius do it together. Join us to spread hope and get vaccinated today! For more information about where to get a vaccine, how to sign up, and how to get ready for your appointment, including information for those with mobility limitations visit www.themadeleine.edu/vaccine. The site also includes a link to a step-by-step guide to helping others get an appointment at the Oregon Convention Center by signing them up under your account. Offer to help a fellow parishioner or neighbor today.

Please share these resources widely and offer to lend a hand. Together we will help keep our community strong and healthy!

PRAY FOR OUR RCIA

Easter Vigil 2021

Candidates:

Elect:

Raz Mason

Meghan Sheldrake

Stephen Savage

Amber Cruz

Sonia Gonzalez Sanchez

Naomi Byrd

KUDODS!

- Thank you to Fr. Craig, Fr. Billy, Fr. Paul and Fr. Dan for celebrating First Reconciliation with 19 children and their families!



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