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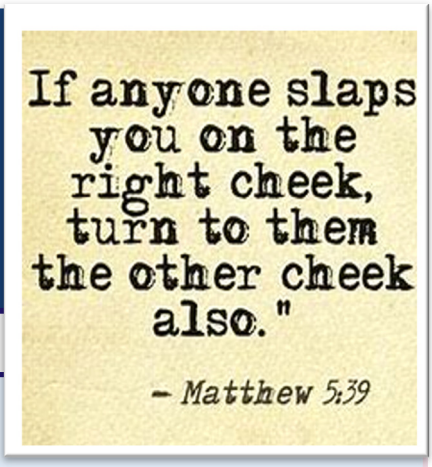

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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil
at 5:00 PM
Sunday at 8:00 AM
Sunday at 10:30 AM
Sunday at 7:30 PM

Weekdays (M-F)
at 8:00 AM
At LJC—**La Storta Chapel**
(Located North of our property)
Please, wear a mask. Thank you!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays -
3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

OR by appointment
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February 19, 2023

A Message from the Pastor

Why in the world would Jesus—the Teacher—counsel us, "If someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well"? This reasoning is counterintuitive.

Jesus is not inviting us to be victims. He invites us into a prophetic act that exposes injustice without retaliating, an act of nonviolent civil disobedience that invites the oppressor to choose differently. It's like getting arrested for sitting at the front of the bus. The only way for a right-handed person to hit someone on the right cheek is with a backhanded slap, which is not an assault, but an insult. Offering the other cheek is not a way of getting beat up worse; it's a way of saying, "Do you see what you're doing? Do you really want to do this? I have made my choice not to retaliate. Now you have a choice."

Nonviolence is not timidity. It's not accepting an abusive relationship. (The way to turn the other cheek is to leave.) It requires great personal courage, and real risk, to expose injustice by being openly vulnerable to it. It requires that we respect the oppressor and that we stay in relationship with them, which is not easy if they're being cruel. It also requires deep trust in God's grace, both for your own well-being and also for the oppressor's awakening. This is what it means to take up your cross: in love to bear the sins of the world in order to bring about reconciliation, leaving the eventual outcome to God. Its effectiveness is not up to us. The outcome is not ours to decide; only our own choices are. Often the "outcome" is visible only after hundreds or thousands or maybe even millions of such choices. But when we live in love and courage in the face of injustice we create the possibility of change.

Jesus invites his followers to have courage. Jesus invites his followers to change the world. Jesus invites his followers to choose love. In the face of all that would divide us and make us the other's enemy, we are asked by Jesus to resist non-violently.

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When I was living in Spokane and working at Gonzaga University, I used to attend an AA Meeting every Thursday evening in the basement of a Methodist church. Those Thursday evening meetings helped me understand what it means to be "church" through three counterintuitive activities I encountered there. These three things that I experienced at Thursday evening AA Meetings offer us wise advice on how to respond non-violently to the divisiveness we experience in our country and our church today.

First, there was a "genuine and low-key sense" of welcoming. But it was not simply a matter of a designated greeter shaking every new hand. In fact, "AA is at its most hospitable after the meeting is over. No one was bolting for the door when the last word is pronounced. Instead, people stayed around for another cup of coffee, especially if someone new had joined us."

The second thing I noticed was how the "church downstairs" rallied around the weak, the powerless, and the hurting. "Even those some might relegate to the social fringe were met with acceptance in the group, not least because a common denominator - we are all powerless over alcohol - remained central."

And the third thing this Alcoholics Anonymous group demonstrated so well was "the belief that everyone had a story to tell and a right to be heard. This belief is essential not only to the Twelve Steps, but to the sense of commonality and communion that is generated in the group. Everyone can learn something from another person's story.

Welcoming strangers. Lifting up the weak and struggling. Listening to what everyone has to say. Maybe that's why they needed more chairs in the basement of that church. As we ponder the meaning of Jesus' challenge in light of this weekend's gospel and the events taking place in our nation and our parish, let us pray in the words of Pastor Steve Garnaas-Holmes.

Help us to be more than partly loving,
but purely loving, loving to everyone,
not just the easy times, the easy people.
The hard ones are not ghosts from our darkness,
but wounded lovers, worthy of your love.
Sun of love, dawn in us;
forgive our self-centeredness
as morning forgives night.
Receive all that is not loving in us,
transfigure it in the light of your grace,
and flood us with your perfect love.
So may we have the courage and strength,
to turn the other cheek,
to heal the divisions that wound and divide us,
to welcome the stranger,
to lift up the weak and struggling,
to listen attentively and respectfully
to what everyone has to say.
In these ways may we become and be known
as followers of your Son Jesus Christ.

Fr. Mike

Mass Readings

Mass Readings for Feb 19, 2022	Mass Readings for Feb 26, 2022
Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18	Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
1 Corinthians 3:16-23	Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 5:38-48	Matthew 4:1-11

Family Life ~ VEGAN COOK OFF & PARENTING TEENS

This Lent the St. Ignatius Care for Creation team invites you to a friendly vegan and vegetarian cook-off and recipe share. By expanding our vegan and vegetarian palates, we can care for our common home. We will have a chance to try a variety of dishes, vote for our favorites, and to take home some new recipe ideas…not to mention, spend time with one another!

Sunday, March 12, 2023 Dillon Hall/Cafeteria
4:30-6:30 p.m.

Bring your dish and a copy of your recipe to the event. (You are welcome to bring additional dishes if you want to compete in multiple categories.) All participants will have a chance to try the dishes and vote for their favorites. We will scan and upload all recipes to a shared file for everyone's benefit.
We look forward to enjoying a taste extravaganza while doing something good for the planet!Questions? Contact Beth Schaller at bschaller@sipdx.org
To participate, simply start thinking about what you want to cook and sign up to attend:

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Parenting Teens Conversation – **Sun, Mar. 5th noon-1:15 p.m.** Any and all parents of teens are invited to a parent conversation and reflection time on March 5th. We will meet from noon-1:15p.m. in the parish office dining room. The goal is to build community with other parents, reflect on parenting in a spiritual context, and share the ups and downs of parenting teens. We will use a passage from The Blessing of a B- by Wendy Mogel, PhD, to start our discussion. I hope you can join us! Questions? Contact Beth Schaller at bschaller@sipdx.org

Exploring Turkey with Fr. Mike

Exploring the Biblical Sites of Turkey
with Fr. Mike Moynahan, SJ (Spiritual Leader) and Aydin Aygun (Licensed Tour Guide)
October 1-17, 2023 MORE INFO AND ITINERARY ONLINE AT:
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Our ***Kids Heart Challenge*** is already halfway to our school goal of raising $2000 for the American Heart Association. Many students have committed to ***Move More or Be Kind*** during this month-long event. Several students have learned Hands-Only CPR with their family through **FINN'S MISSION**.

Our ***Chipotle*** dine out was a big success bringing in $513.40 for phase II of our playground project. Thank you to all the families able to attend the event!

Our preschoolers could not have been cuter carrying their transition lunches in bins to the lobby Thursday morning. They were so excited to decorate the bags and pack the lunches.

We are gearing up for our in person Viva Las Vegas Auction on Saturday, April 15, 2023! Are you willing to be a sponsor or donor? Scan this QR code for more information on sponsoring or donating. Thank you for your support!

SCAN ME

As we celebrate Presidents' Day weekend, may we heed the words in the first letter of John, chapter four, verse twelve, "*No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us.*"
Peace be with you always.
Carol Pausz, principal

Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 22, 2023
JOIN US FOR
ASH WEDNESDAY
8AM & 7PM IN THE CHURCH

Wedding Coordinator NEEDED

St. Ignatius is seeking a wedding coordinator. Your duties would include accompanying engaged couples as they decide on the details of their wedding Mass or service, being present to unlock doors and answer questions at the rehearsal and wedding, and performing sacristan duties in preparation for the Mass. Each wedding includes a stipend. We generally host 2-6 weddings at St. Ignatius each year. If you are interested, please contact Grace. (gbyrd@sipdx.org)

SEEL Portland is excited to offer the First Spiritual Exercises during Lent 2023

Inner Peace in Friendship with Jesus. Registration is open NOW! The First Spiritual Exercises – an online retreat. Using the innovative book written by Australian Jesuit retreat director Michael Hansen, SJ entitled The First Spiritual Exercises, SEEL Portland offers Inner Peace in Friendship with Jesus. This retreat combines spiritual conversation and spiritual exercises, similar to the form of the Spiritual Exercises given by Saint Ignatius and the early Jesuits. ***Come deepen your relationship with God!*** **6 Sundays during Lent, 2023: February 26, March 5,12,19, 26 and April 2 4:30-6 pm (PST) Online via Zoom Jeanette Grimaldi, Retreat Giver** Retreatants need to purchase the book to participate. *The First Spiritual Exercises* by Michael Hansen SJ. Paperback / PDF **Please plan to have your book by February 22, 2023. Retreat fee - $60 for 6 weeks - https://seelportland.org/donate/** To register, please email Jeanette at SpiritualExercises.SEELPDX@gmail.com

EcoFaith Recovery invites you to

Join in a workshop conversation or with Victoria Loorz, author of *Church of the Wild* and founder of the Wild Church Network Victoria acknowledges "Many people, whether they go to church regularly or avoid it, feel closest to God when they are in nature. In addition to welcoming you to read her book https://www.victorialoorz.com/.
Join EcoFaith Recovery Thursday, March 2 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. for a conversation with Victoria in the Spirit of Grace entry hall at 7400 Scholls Ferry Rd. Beaverton. Feel free to share this invitation with others who might be interested. RSVP's are requested to PastorRobyn@ecofaithrecovery.org so we know how many to expect."

Lenten Retreat

FEBRUARY 27 - ARIL 10, 2023 Deepen your relationship with Jesus this Lent by prayerfully considering a number of questions that he asked of others during his public ministry. See website for more detail: sipdx.org

21st Annual Faith Labor Breakfast

The 21st annual Faith Labor Breakfast will take place at St. Andrews, 806 NE Alberta, February 21st from 7:30 to 9:00 AM. The Faith Labor Committee is a part of Jobs With Justice—labor and faith activists who come together to build sustained relationships between labor and faith communities. Religion, especially Catholicism, has consistently upheld the dignity of labor which shares in God's creation of this world. For more information, Jill@jwjpdx.org.

REALM How to sign into your account:

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GIVING: 1) Login to setup one-time or recurring gifts through your bank account or credit/debit card. 2) Review your giving history: look over your year-to-date giving, check pledge progress, or print a contribution statement. 3) **On Feb. 1, 2023 your 2022 Giving statement will be available on REALM.** *If I may be of any assistance or you have any questions, please call Patty at 503-777-1491 extension 221 during office hours Mon.-Thurs. 9AM-3PM.* ***Realm Connect*** App- For Our Church >

Church tithing

Financial report (July 1, 2022—June 30, 2023)
2022-2023 Budget $607,000.00 **Rec'd to date** $354,980.28
Needed for the month of Feb-2023 $48,000.00
Amount received through 2-5-2023 $12,459.89

Thank you, may you be blessed abundantly for your generosity!

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Weekday Mass Intentions

Please keep in your prayers

Monday	Feb 20	†	Teresa Ly Pham
Tuesday	Feb 21	†	Marie Hong Tran
Wednesday	Feb 22	†	Cecelia Yen Dinh
Thursday	Feb 23	†	Novena
Friday	Feb 24	†	Novena

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