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October 13, 2019

Remembering and Giving Thanks

Dear Parishioners:

Today's readings have to do with remembering and giving thanks. Naaman remembered to thank Elisha for his cure. In the gospel, one of the ten lepers whom Jesus cured remembered to turn back and thank his healer. And in the letter to Timothy, Paul says his whole gospel is to remember Jesus raised from the dead.

In the first reading, Elisha cures the foreigner Naaman of leprosy but refuses to accept a gift of gratitude. Elisha realizes that he has been acting as an agent for God and does not seek to be compensated. What is most significant in this passage, however, is that an outsider to the Jewish faith was able to recognize the sovereignty and uniqueness of Israel's God.

So, too, in the story of the ten lepers whom Jesus healed, it was only the Samaritan who returned to thank Jesus for cleansing him. Jesus had given them all directions to follow the Mosaic Law for the cleansing of leprosy. The nine were simply following his instructions. But the tenth one, the outsider, the member of a community whom most Jews despised, recognized the hand of God in the healing – and fell at the feet of Jesus to pour out his gratitude.

How ironic. The one from a community thought to be mistaken about God's relationship with the chosen people, the one who did not have the words of the prophet for instruction, who did not worship in the holy city of Jerusalem – this was the one able to see clearly the significance and origin of the healing. This Samaritan was the only one to return and give thanks. This, says Jesus, is faith.

Acknowledging what is true about relating to God is not limited to the educated, or to members of a particular religious or ethnic community. What matters is recognizing what is true and proclaiming it, regardless of one's background. What matters is acknowledging the source of all goodness and willingly expressing gratitude to the one God.

In last week's passage from Timothy, Paul speaks of being a prisoner of the Lord. Today we hear how he connects his suffering with the gospel. Paul's ministry is literally bound up in his calling as a prisoner of the good news. The suffering of Paul, as that of Jesus, is inseparable from the ministry of proclaiming the good news.

Within the good news and its proclamation is a dynamic that provokes a reaction among those who hear it. Even if the reaction is rejection, and the preacher is silenced and imprisoned, the word itself remains unfettered and has not been bound.

In the letter to Timothy, the poetic verses 11-13 contain the rhythmic paradoxes of dying and living, enduring and reigning. There is an equation here. If we deny Christ, he will deny us. But there is also a contrast. Even if we are faithless, God remains faithful.

If Jesus were walking on the road today, he might meet ten persons living as refugees or undocumented immigrants. This polarizing issue calls for intensified efforts to find a solution to its cause and remedy. Like Jesus, may we be willing to reach out in care for the strangers in our midst.

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Today's Readings:

2 Kings	5:14-17
2 Timothy	2:8-13
Luke	17:11-19

Next Sunday's Readings:

Exodus	17:8-13
2 Timothy	3:14-4:2
Luke	18:1-8

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

On Tuesday, the church honors St. Teresa of Jesus, the 16th century reformer of the Carmelites. She is recognized as a doctor of the church – that is, as a teacher of the faith. Teresa urges us to learn from the example of others. She invites us to make the names and stories of the saints become household figures by celebrating their memory on their feast days.

This Friday, we celebrate St. Luke, the evangelist. It is recorded in the letter to the Colossians that Luke was a physician as well as a disciple and friend of St. Paul. Luke was a companion to Paul on two missionary journeys and was with Paul during his imprisonment in Rome. About 15 years later, Luke – a Gentile Greek Christian – wrote his account of Jesus and the church for other Gentile Greek converts.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.
Pastor

Church Finances

The “actual” numbers are income the church received and expenses the church realized for July thru September, while “3 year average” allows a comparison of what the church experienced from July 2016 – June 2019. The challenging news to date is that income was 2% below the 3 year average thru September. Expenses were 4% ahead of the 3 year average due to planned expenses funded by savings for campus care projects.

Summary for Church	Actual	3-year Average
Income for July thru September	\$150,992.01	\$154,912.36
Expense for July thru September	\$250,610.83	\$202,540.17
% of yearly budgeted income thru September	19%	21%
% of yearly budgeted expense thru September	28%	24%

Mother and Child Education Center

 Please help our parish offer support, hope and guidance, to the "Mother and Child Education Center", open to all, (formerly Birthright starting in 1971), by filling baby bottles to take home with a donation of any amount, coins/dollars/check, which are at all the entrances of the church, for this Campaign for Change, from Oct. 6th thru Nov. 23rd. More info is available in the bottle baskets, or you can go to motherchildpdx.org. Only place to return bottles, is thru the parish office mail slot. Thanks so much in advance for your generosity, to support parents/children within the community of God's family, for this greatest of all causes, to preserve the sanctity/gift of life itself, in the womb during pregnancy and beyond!

We are Baptized and Sent! Next week is **World Mission Sunday**, in a special Extraordinary Missionary Month. We are called through our baptism to be part of the Church’s missionary efforts, through prayer, self-sacrifice and support of missionary vocations through material aid. Remembering that we are baptized and sent as a Universal Church of Christ on mission in the world, we can...

PRAY for the Church’s worldwide missionary work OFFER financial HELP and CHARITY through The Society for the Propagation of the Faith for vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.
Envelopes are in the back of church.



**A warm
welcome
 to all our guests.**

**We are so happy you are here
 to celebrate with us!**

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Mass Intentions

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| Monday | Oct 14 | † Souls in Purgatory |
| Tuesday | Oct 15 | † Amelia |
| Wednesday | Oct 16 | † Cordelia Odilo |
| Thursday | Oct 17 | † Jim Emig |
| Friday | Oct 18 | † Louie Pieretti |



In Thanksgiving for the life of Juanita Rader



ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL

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

It was wonderful to welcome so many of you and several Holy Names Sisters to see the expanded Eulalie's Garden Child Development Center at St. Ignatius School last week. On Wednesday, we celebrated the feast day of Blessed Mother Marie Rose Durocher at our school mass. We were honored to have several Sisters join us and the 4th grade presented them with roses, in honor of their foundress, Mother Marie Rose, and their own profound walks as companions on the journey with all of us. We are grateful.

One of the hallmarks that draws people to our parish school is a great focus of Ignatian spirituality: unity. It is common in our cafeteria to see a Jr. High student wait for, encourage or help a very young student: they take their hand and bring them with them on recess. Students engage in service at every level. Kindness is a value. Students understand that they find their identity and strength in being Kids for Love: it is an expansive and abundant way to be in the world.

It seems an increasingly tricky task to find and cultivate common ground and commit to the common good. It is gratifying that our students already have this as a core practice: we are all one in Christ. We invite you to notice the art work of the first graders in the northwest alcove this month expressing our unity and love. All year, each class in turn will display art in this alcove expressing Kids for Love or the liturgical season. We hope you enjoy their gifts.

Blessings on your Week!
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 **IGNITE—Classes continue Sunday, Oct. 13, from 6-7:15pm.**

The Faber Institute invites you to join the Night School for Deeper Learning on Tuesday, October 15th from 5:30-7:00PM at the Loyola Jesuit Center. The Night School is an adventurous exercise of depth and reflectivity. This month's classes will lead by Paul Pastor on the topic of George MacDonald, Scottish author, poet and Christian minister. For more information and to RSVP, visit www.faberinstitute.com/events.

Marriage Enrichment – First meeting this year is Sunday, Oct. 20th, 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Bradley Room
 This year we will be using the Christian Family Movement guide: *Our Marriage...A Work in Progress*. This method is based on the "Observe/Judge/Act" model developed by Cardinal Cardijn. Our gatherings will include time for partners to dialogue and for small group sharing.

Sunday, Oct. 20: Make Conversation a Priority; **Sunday, Jan. TBD:** Make Time for Your Marriage
Sunday, Mar. 15: The Business of Marriage (Money Management) **Sunday, Jun. 7:** Energize Your Relationship

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◆ There has been a flurry of activity on campus in the past three months as we undertook projects to address numerous deferred maintenance needs and enhancements to facilities (e.g., Pre-K classroom remodel, new heat and ventilation system for church). A list of projects completed and under consideration can be accessed at our website under the Administration tab. We are blessed to have received bequests and donations that enabled these projects to be undertaken while our savings remain at a healthy level.

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