



# ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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February 10, 2019

## God Is Calling You

On this Scout Weekend, the readings recounts God’s “call” to ones sent out to speak in God’s name: the prophet Isaiah, the apostle Paul, and Jesus’ disciple Peter. These are significant people in the history of God’s dealing with us – heroes in the tradition. Yet ironically, each one’s *imperfections* are paramount in these accounts. It’s as if to say that our weakness and sinfulness does not excuse us from speaking in God’s name.

Isaiah laments his uncleanness when confronted with God’s majesty. Paul acknowledges that he is the least of the apostles, one who had persecuted the nascent church. In the face of the miraculous catch of fish, Peter recognizes his unworthiness.

Jesus does not argue with Peter’s claim to be a sinner. He does not assure Peter that he is “good enough” to be a student of Jesus. Instead, he comforts Peter with words of challenge. This echoes the pattern found in Luke’s narratives of Zachary, Mary and the shepherds. The good news, given in a special way to insignificant, unattractive ones, will now attract other people. Jesus announces that Peter “will be catching men and women” instead of fish.

The story told of Peter and his fishing partners is striking. They were so amazed at the huge catch of fish in broad daylight that they dropped everything and went with Jesus. This was no casual Sunday decision by the lake. These rough and ready men instantly gave up the sources of their livelihood. They quit their jobs to follow after an itinerant preacher. Don’t you wonder what their wives said when told their decision.

The lakeside incident contains a wealth of insight into the nature of discipleship. The story portrays a miraculous sign (the catch of fish), an awareness of lowliness, reassurance from Jesus, and a willingness to become a disciple and follow a new calling wherever it would lead.

Since God chooses to act through such admittedly unworthy people – even one who had persecuted God’s holy ones – then what excuse do we have for backing away from God’s call? “Admittedly,” we say, “*someone* needs to speak up against injustice, *someone* needs to spread the gospel, *someone* needs to care for the body of Christ – just not me.”

Perhaps some are genuinely afraid what God’s calling might cost. What will people think? Will I have to give up what I enjoy? How painful might it be? After all, Isaiah had his lips purified by a burning coal.

The reading from Isaiah captures the common expectation that God will appear to holy people (like the prophet Isaiah) in holy places (the Temple). The gospel counters that God also calls sinful people (Peter) and in ordinary places (boats). The call does not depend on worthy people or special places, but on God’s gratuitous choice.

God initiates the call. Both Isaiah and Peter respond to divine disclosures. Isaiah has a vision of heavenly hosts praising God. Peter takes in a huge catch of fish. Hearing and answering God’s call is a matter of experiencing the divine presence – and being attracted to respond.

And even though God is luminously present in the call, God respects human freedom. Isaiah and Peter were free to respond or not. Such is the divine graciousness. God calls, and the encounter attracts a response.

Peter’s call “to catch men and women” continues in St. Ignatius parish through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Through this rite, unbaptized persons learn gospel values and the Christian way of life. Later, as catechumens Continued next page >>>

### Today’s Readings:

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Luke 5:1-11

### Next Sunday’s Readings:

Jeremiah 17:5-8  
1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20  
Luke 6:17, 20-26

*Preaching Next Sunday:*  
*Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.*

### 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

(meaning “those who learn by word of mouth”), they grow in faith through prayer, hearing the faith tradition, and witnessing service to others. Sharing the faith and initiating others is the privilege of the whole community.

Next Sunday is Italian Dinner weekend at the parish – the 84th anniversary of our celebration of meatballs and ravioli, of our Italian heritage, and of friends and family who come from across the city for an annual reunion. It’s also President’s Day holiday weekend, and the announcement of the Archbishop’s Catholic Appeal. It’s a joyful time to appreciate the buzz of vibrant parish activities.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.  
Pastor



ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL

*“It’s nice to know their stories...and it has really changed how I think about homelessness.”*  
—St. Ignatius School 8<sup>th</sup> grader commenting on their experience serving at Blanchet House

This month the school is focused on the Catholic Social Teaching of **Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable**. In the tradition of the Holy Names Sisters and the Jesuits, it is a unique part of the formation of our children that we work to make this value a living response. In the eyes of the poor and in concrete action on their behalf, we meet the person of Christ, as our student above expresses. We hope you will join us for the **8:30 Mass on Wednesday, 13th**, to hear more from the tender hearts of our students.

**HELLO, SWEDEN!** This week our 8th grade students used Skype to connect personally with their partner classroom in Sweden for the first time this school year. Under the leadership of Mrs. Jessie Wimer and with the support of the JDO Foundation, our students are collaborating across nations and building their global citizenship skills. Very cool.

**Pre-School and Kindergarten:** The interest in these programs is especially strong this year. We are excited to expand our PK space to accommodate 30 students. And where better to partner in your little one’s faith journey than in our own parish kindergarten under the leadership of an incredible teacher, Ms. Christy Everett? Please consider the immense gift of a Catholic education available to your child as a member of the parish and contact the office as soon as possible to ensure there is space. Need based financial aid is available for kindergarten.

**Registration Packets** will go out February 15 and need to be returned by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Blessings!  
Kelli Clark  
Principal

**Funeral Ministry Needs You**

Funeral Ministry team is looking for more help on the team, especially guys, for the larger funerals when we have to set up in the gym. It doesn't happen that often, just once in a while. If you are able to help, please call: Nancy DeAngelis 503-659-9473 or Sharon Nicola 503-775-1060, 971-340-7525. Thanks ever so much!

A warm  
*welcome*  
to all our guests.

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

New to St. Ignatius Parish?  
Register by dropping a  
“Welcome” card in the offering  
basket with your information, or  
visit us online at  
<http://www.sipdx.org/registration>

**Join Women’s Club for Lunch**

Women's Club day out to lunch at the Spaghetti Factory, Feb. 23rd. Please meet in south church parking lot at 11:15. If you would like to join us, please call Nancy at 503-659-9473, [ndeangelis2839@comcast.net](mailto:ndeangelis2839@comcast.net) or Sharon at 971-340-7525, [sharonnicola@gmail.com](mailto:sharonnicola@gmail.com). All welcome to come join in the fun!

**Mass Intentions**

Monday	February 11	† Roseline Amdu
Tuesday	February 12	† Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	February 13	† Amelia
Thursday	February 14	† Cordelia Odilo
Friday	February 15	† Donatus Alia

## ITALIAN DINNER

Sunday, February 17th, Noon to 6 p.m.



Adults	\$13.00
Seniors	\$10.00
Children	\$6.00
Under 5	FREE

Spaghetti • Ravioli • Meatballs

Take out available, too!

## ITALIAN DINNER NEXT SUNDAY!

The event we've all been waiting for; next Sunday, Feb. 17th from noon-6PM in the school gym. Grab some friends and come hungry!

For parties of 8 or more, please make reservations with Diane Welters: (503) 774-0744

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Interested in volunteering? There's still time to sign-up. Contact Jo Ann

Grubb: [joanngrb@outlook.com](mailto:joanngrb@outlook.com) or (503) 422-0426.

### Parish Announcements

- ◇ There has been a date change for the St. Ignatius Red Cross Blood drive from March 10, 2019 to March 3, 2019. Blood drive will be held in the gym from 9AM to 2PM on March 03, 2019.
- ◇ Keep your ears tuned for Joseph & Grace Byrd's next recording, possibly the West Coast premiere of the Easter musical, "Resurrection!"



Our Kindergarten and first grade Daisy Girl Scouts will have cookies for sale on the plaza following the Scout Sunday mass. Cookies are \$5 or \$6 per box. Our Daisy Scouts are also collecting donations of cookies for the St Vincent de Paul food pantry.

### St. Ignatius Women's Lenten Day of Reflection

Sat, April 6, 2019—9AM – 4PM

All women are welcome (single, married, young, wise, quiet, outgoing, new to the parish, or generations under your belt...) Give yourself the gift of a day to encounter Christ in the company of other women this Lent. This is a day for women, led by women, with the goal of encountering Christ and building community. Cost \$20 and includes lunch. To register, contact Beth Schaller at [bschaller@sipdx.org](mailto:bschaller@sipdx.org).

### Support our Neighboring Parish—Book Drive Donations Requested

Do you have books laying around that you are never going to read again? Or DVDs that you don't want now that streaming services exist? Our Lady of Sorrows is collecting books and DVD. All genres are accepted. If you have a large number of items to donate, volunteers can pick them up from you. Donations can be dropped off at the church or parish office, located at the corner of SE 52<sup>nd</sup> and Woodstock Blvd.

### Solo Seniors

Are you single and over age 50? SOLO SENIORS is a catholic-based social organization, for single men and women over age 50 in the greater Portland area. It primarily provides social and recreational programs in a safe and friendly environment for its members. For more information, a Solo brochure or a copy of our monthly newsletter, call Ann Buchholz: 503 235-9047.

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