



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

JUNE 14, 2020

CORPUS CHRISTI

Corpus Christi

Dear Parishioners:

When Father General Arturo Sosa was first elected the superior of the Society of Jesus in 2016, he addressed the Jesuits of South America with this invitation. "I invite you to become bridges in the world. I invite you to walk with the outcasts of the world, to be a bridge between them and those who dismiss them. It will cost you – because people from both sides will walk on the bridge."

Isn't a bridge a powerful symbol? It connects separated peoples. It spans chasms and differences and dangerous divides. It unites those cut off by the jagged edges of geography, and unites those estranged by lack of connection or contact.

Today's celebration focuses on the mystery of the Eucharist, and the amazing memory of friends around a dinner table eating a Jewish ritual meal. The church stands in awe and reverence before the bread and wine that becomes the sacramental Body and Blood of Christ. Today the table of the altar is also a bridge – a bridge spanning the dangerous distance between God and us.

At the Last Supper, Jesus looked back to the Jewish tradition behind the Passover meal – the celebration of God's faithfulness in creating and saving the Jewish people from slavery. Jesus told his friends to dine together in remembrance of him. Every time believers gather to remember him, he becomes present in the Bread and Wine.



Jesus also looked to the future when he instituted the Eucharist. He spoke of a day when he would celebrate with all peoples in his Father's kingdom. Every Mass anticipates the eternal and future intimacy with God that will make heaven heavenly.

On this Feast of Corpus Christi, you are joined to all those in the Church around the world who long to gather but cannot because of the pandemic Covid-19 virus. Still, no illness, no language, culture, or national boundary can be a barrier great enough to block the bridge that is the table of the Lord. Like family members coming to the dinner table from various rooms in the house, the table of the Lord unites God's families across the globe.

ST IGNATIUS RECORDED MASS FOR JUNE 14, 2020

WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OUR
WEBSITE: WWW.SIPDX.ORG

MUSIC:

OPENING SONG – GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR
GOD—BB 547

INTERLUDE SONG—EARTHEN VESSELS—BB 410
MEDITATION SONG—BREAD OF ANGELS—BB
365

CLOSING SONG—LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING—BB
598

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At the same time, belief in the Eucharist has become a problem for some Catholics. There are those who find it difficult to believe that somehow Christ is really alive and present as the Bread of Life. Why? It could be that some people no longer have any personal, immediate experience of God.

What is an example? Consider what happens when a dog sees a rabbit. It eagerly chases the bunny, barking for joy. Other dogs hear the barking and start chasing, too. But after a while they quit – because they haven't seen any rabbit, they've only been chasing a barking dog who originally saw a rabbit. Is it any wonder that people give up the chase? When they realize they are living on other people's faith, they give up. They have not yet personally met God.

Another problem with the Eucharist is that it celebrates an event that is 2000 years old. How can you realistically expect to have an experience from something that happened so long ago? Of course, the answer is "memory." Unless you keep refreshing the vivid memory of how Jesus lived, what he taught, how he died for love and returned to live as a person beyond mortality, receiving Holy Communion becomes little more than an empty ritual and fuzzy recollection. Something that happened to somebody else.

Memory works the same way a kiss works. You can analyze the mechanics of a kiss, measure the pheromones exuded, gauge the motion of the muscles involved – but none of that conveys how a kiss feels – or what a kiss means. You could write a 500-page dissertation on the essence of a kiss and still not know its meaning. To consider how a kiss works while engaging in one would really miss its magic. A kiss ultimately delivers its magic only when you lean into it and let yourself go.

Holy Communion is a person's most intimate, physical contact with the risen Christ. Holy Communion is the kiss of God. The best way to enjoy it is just to lean into it and let yourself go.

True, there is a great divide in the human family, more dangerous and persistent than distances of time and space. It is the gap that separates people from one another and from God. What can you do to bridge this gap? Not a thing. Not a single thing. The human race is trapped on an Alcatraz Island of their own unbelief, grudges, and resentments.

So God did what people could not do for themselves. He built a bridge, and the cost was steep. The bridge would come at the cost of God's own son's life. During the pandemic, we cannot attend Mass together. But in your memory, come to the bridge, to the table of God's love. This is not a private meal God caters to be eaten in solitude, as if for a lonely business traveler eating room service in a hotel. This is the banquet of joy to be shared with everyone around the table. Come across the bridge to the oasis of joy and belonging. It is the one true destination that everyone will eventually recognize as home.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.
Pastor

MASS READINGS

Mass Readings for June 14, 2020

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
John 6:51-58

Mass Readings for June 21, 2020

Jeremiah 20:10-13
Romans 5:12-15
Matthew 10:26-33

FAMILY LIFE ~ VBS REGISTER BY JUNE 19, 2020

Vacation Bible School – Virtual program July 6-10 (or you can use it anytime)

It's time to register for Vacation Bible School!

2020 St. Ignatius VBS: BE STRONG AND OF GOOD COURAGE!

Join St. Ignatius families this summer for a “portable” VBS program. Our theme is: “Be strong and of good courage!” Each day we will learn a new Bible story, help others in our community, and use our hearts, minds, voices and bodies to engage in fun and meaningful activities.

Our VBS program is written for children in grades K-5 but the materials can be adapted and enjoyed by older or younger kids, too. (If you're in grades 6-12, please see the invitation at the end.*)

Participants will receive the following:

- A daily activity guide including Bible lessons, daily activities, games, crafts, experiments, and snack ideas. Most of the activities are offline, but there are some pre-recorded portions and links for those who want to expand to include online options.
- A music download featuring fun Christian songs related to our theme.
- Links to pre-recorded introductory videos for each day which you can access at any time.
- Supplies and instructions delivered to your home.
- An option for connecting virtually with other participants several times throughout the week of July 6-10, for those who wish to do so.

Cost: \$20 suggested donation to cover the cost of supplies, music, and development of the program. And/or please consider helping with a portion of the program!

*Middle school and high school students are invited to participate in the preparation of our VBS program. This can range from creating a video demonstration of a craft or experiment to creating word puzzles or coloring sheets for our Biblical lessons. Please contact Beth Schaller if you're interested at bschaller@sipdx.org.

To register or volunteer visit our website here: <https://www.sipdx.org/vbs-registration>

Mom's Group – Sunday, June 14 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Topic: talking to kids about race. Email bschaller@sipdx.org for the Zoom link.

Sacramental Preparation update – this year we have 31 children who are currently waiting to celebrate their First Holy Communion. At present we are in a holding pattern, hoping for a chance to celebrate as a community but we will keep the community posted as plans are developed.



PRIVATE PRAYER TUESDAY & THURSDAYS IN CHURCH

“Open Church” time for private prayer from 11am to 1pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. What you need to know; **Face masks** will be required, and



will be provided for those who need them, **hand sanitizer** use upon arrival, **social distancing** measures, following the state-mandated guidelines of a maximum of 25 people. **Signing in**, and providing your **contact information**, will also be required.

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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

HERE'S THE QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Come join your fellow parishioners for flipgrid coffee and donuts this weekend! Share something about yourself. Hear the stories of others. This week we're going to dream a little! Here's this week's question: *Share your dream vacation. Where would you like to go? What would you like to see? Is there something that inspired this dream?*

And here's the code: <https://flipgrid.com/byrd8616>



FIRST RECONCILIATION & COMMUNION FOR 2ND GRADERS

This has been quite a year so far and you are probably wondering about Sacramental Preparation for your child in 2020-2021. In a typical year we would begin preparation in early September and meet in person weekly to prepare for First Reconciliation in late fall. The health and well-being of our children, parents, priests and catechists are foremost in our minds and we are monitoring the situation. If we cannot provide our typical program this fall we have two alternative options for preparation:

Option 1) Home-study - materials will be provided to those families interested in this option and the parish will provide weekly parental support for guiding you in your home preparation.

Option 2) Defer – wait one year and your child can prepare for the sacraments in a communal setting with typical classes and communal gatherings.

READ MORE & REGISTER online at: <https://www.sipdx.org/faith>

(look for the First Reconciliation & Communion tab.)

THANK YOU



A Special THANK YOU to Mike Moore for all of the Behind the scenes work in making sure we are able to have a Mass recording each week! You will find our recorded Mass each week on the opening page of our website, available at 4pm on Saturday. www.sipdx.org



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Today as we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ let us pray for those who are hungry, malnourished and starving. Please reach out to those who are normally food secure but are struggling during these challenging times with information about how they can get help. St. Vincent de Paul provides food boxes as well as rent and utility assistance. **SVdP Emergency Services can be reached at 503-235-8431 Mon-Fri 9am-4pm.** We're here to help.

DID YOU KNOW??

- Did you know that you can now register online for these programs: RCIA, VBS, First Reconciliation/Communion, Baptism and High School Confirmation through our website: www.sipdx.org
- Did you know that Joseph is working with Ed Kaeil, Geo. Veomett, Jack Patrizio and Le Tran, looking into a JustFaith program around racism?

SCHOOL NEWS ~ GRADUATION TIME!

“We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life.”

*-Pope Francis, June 3, 2020 in open address to
“sisters and brothers in the United States.”*



Welcome to the last week of school! On Tuesday, we celebrated our 29 graduates in a drive-in parking lot ceremony with an estimated 175 in attendance via zoom. On Friday, we waved to the last of our kids picking up their things and collecting yearbooks as they head into a well-deserved summer break after months of learning in quarantine.

Conversations on staff and in classes have been powerful this last week as we've witnessed peaceful protests and violence in our community in the wake of the murder of George Floyd. Racial diversity is a strength of our school, where 31% are students of color: almost 10% more than the demographics of Portland. When we talk about racial justice with our students, it's not about out there: it's about right here and who we are now. It is about the safety of people we love, especially our boys of color.



As we depart for summer, we say again to our students and ourselves: build a just and compassionate world. As a community, we renew our commitment to solidarity, inclusion and systemic change for equity and justice. We pray for the families of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor. Please take a moment to join us:

<https://youtu.be/cse3unh9ubo>

Blessings and Stay Safe –
Kelli Clark, Principal

FOOD FAMILY FAITH

A Work of Mercy: Food boxes to those in need **Who may receive a free USDA Food Box?** *There is no requirement to prove need.* This USDA Food Box program ensures that lack of transportation, isolation and grocery store scarcity do not create a barrier to fresh food. **How do I arrange to pick up a Food Box for my family?** Simply find the closest Public Distribution location listed. No appointment necessary. Please arrive between the distribution times listed for each location. Quantities are limited, so arrive early. For more information and locations: <https://evangelization.archdpdx.org/usda-food-box>

S.E.E.L.

Portland SEEL will be offering the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius in a virtual format beginning in September. SEEL is a 9-month retreat that invites retreatants to deepen their prayer life and grow in relationship with God. Through one-on-one spiritual direction and a monthly two and a half hour online retreat, participants explore their deepest desires to be reflective, to discern God's call and presence in their lives, to develop a personal relationship with Jesus, and to seek God in all things. Please visit our webpage at seel-portland.org or call Janet Buck at 503-951-8682 for more information. The deadline for applications is August

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER FRIDAY MORNINGS

Join us via Zoom for Friday morning Contemplative Prayer at 7am followed by fellowship. No experience needed! We gather at 6:55am, sit in silence for half an hour, then check in about any subject of interest. For further information and the Zoom link, contact George Veomett at gveomett@gmail.com.+-

DAILY INTENTIONS FOR PRAYER

Please keep in your prayers

Monday	Jun 15	† Patricia Obradovich
Tuesday	Jun 16	† Frank & Tonka Dulcich
Wednesday	Jun 17	† Joseph Duc Minh Truong
Thursday	Jun 18	† Dominic Tung Ngo Truong
Friday	Jun 19	† Jim Emig



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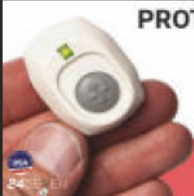
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