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Pastor's Message | September 5, 2021 | Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Heal Prejudice

Dear Parishioners:

Labor Day weekend signals the end of summer. As school begins on Tuesday, this last three-day holiday of the season is a reminder of the blessing of work – the joy that comes from the accomplishment of shared projects, and companionship of co-workers. Pope Francis has given us much to look forward to in his new book, **Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future.** The Holy Father reflects on what we can do as we emerge from the pandemic to learn from marginalized people – to discover in powerless people the face of God. Our own parish discernment will focus on care for the environment. Look for more details as the fall unfolds.

Today's gospel story depicts the healing of a deaf man who had trouble speaking. As you ponder this story, how do you experience Christ's power over evil in your life? Are you blind to the erased and passed over? Are you speechless to stand up for the powerless? Is there any blindness in you that you'd like the Risen Lord to heal?

MASS SCHEDULE

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

WEEKDAY MASS
Noon on Tuesday & Thursday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays -3:30 PM to 4:30 PM
OR by appointment 503-777-1491

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Christ shows his power over evil by adopting rituals common to healers of his time. He looks up to heaven for power, he sighs over the situation, he uses saliva as a curative element, he touches the disabled part of the body, and then he utters a foreign word of command. Mark recalls these details because he was probably suggesting guidelines for Christian healers in his own community. A number of these rituals reflect baptismal liturgy – and the way the Risen One casts out evil through efficacious sacraments.

The Letter of James challenges hearers about their prejudices. Remember several years ago when a prisoner on death row for forty years was exonerated by DNA evidence? And another prisoner convicted by eye witness testimony was only released from prison after thirty years because another prisoner

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admitted to the crime? How easy it is to be suspicious of a newcomer or immigrant or refugee from another country. Family members and fellow citizens walk a privileged path where overlooking defects is as common as excoriating the faults of strangers.

James had a fear that snobbery would infiltrate the Christian community. In the ancient world, the church was one of the few places – if not the only place – where social distinctions were not tolerated. Since most early Christians were poor, it must have been tempting to treat a rich convert as special. Nevertheless, James insisted that basing a person's worth on appearances was alien to the heart of God.

The American poet Emily Dickinson famously wrote, "I'm nobody. Who are you?" She had a great sense of humor. She once wrote about Santa Claus "as a white-bearded prowler." She called Jesus "A noted clergyman." But she had a serious side, and she showed it in her poem, "I'm Nobody. Who Are You?" The nobodies in the time of Jesus were people like the deaf and mute man who lived in solitary isolation. Who are the nobodies in our time?

In 1864 at age 34, Emily Dickinson declared her mission in this poem: "If I can stop one Heart from breaking/ I shall not live in vain. If I can ease one Life the Aching/Or cool one Pain/ Or help one fainting Robin/Unto its Nest again/ I shall not live in vain." Whose pain can you cool? Whose suffering can you ease?

Wednesday, Sept. 8 is Blessed Mother Mary's birthday. Now we know and revere her as the Mother of God and Queen of Heaven. But to have known her as a peasant girl would probably have been to dismiss her. Pray for Jesus to heal the blindness of our prejudices.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.

Cub Scout Pack 351

You're Invited!
To come check out Cub Scout Pack 351!
Monday, September 13th: Ready, Set, Scout Pizza Party
Monday, September 20th: Join Scouting Night
Monday, September 27th: Den Meetings begin for all ages.
We meet in the Courtyard at St. Ignatius from 7pm-8:15pm.
We welcome boys and girls in K-5th grades.
Come join us for some Scouting fun!!
Questions? Contact Cubmaster Deb at pdxpack351@gmail.com or 503-957-9489 (call or text).

Mass Readings

Mass Readings for Sep 5, 2021	Mass Readings for Sep 11, 2021
Isaiah 35:4-7a	Isaiah 50:5-9a
James 2:1-5	James 2:14-18
Mark 7:31-37	Mark 8:27-35

Supporting the Mission

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Supporting the mission of St. Ignatius Parish can be done in a number of ways. Below are options for your support of 1) Parish Operations, 2) Special Collections 3) Campus Care and 4) Legacy Donations.

GIVE NOW

1) Parish Operations

- Offertory collections at weekly masses support parish operations and the Portland Archdiocese.
  - Secure online donations can be set up for recurring and one-time gifts here.
  - While we encourage online donations, if you would prefer donating with paper envelopes, contact Patty Frangipani at office@sipdx.org 503-777-1491 ext 221
  - Please make donations by check to "St. Ignatius Church"
- Operations expenses for St. Ignatius Church and School can also be supported by utilizing the following Retail Shopping, Workplace Giving and Mobile Payment apps on smartphones, at no cost to the user.

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Amazon Smile is operated by Amazon with the same products and prices as Amazon.com. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. You can designate St. Ignatius Church or St. Ignatius School as your charity at smile.amazon.com.

Workplace Giving

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Benevity is a mobile application available for smartphones used by workplaces to track volunteer hours for matching with charitable organizations. If your workplace uses Benevity, you can designate St. Ignatius Church or St. Ignatius School as your charity.

Mobile Payment

Benefit

Benefit is a mobile payment application for smartphones used to check out at the register in stores or on a checkout page online. Each purchase earns between 2% - 20% of the transaction total that can be directed to St. Ignatius Church or St. Ignatius School.

Collections are taken throughout the year in support of local, national and global Catholic appeals. Some of these are available through online giving, and some are supported via paper envelopes.

3) Campus Care

Donations to support St. Ignatius Parish Campus Care projects can be made online.

4) Legacy Donations

St. Ignatius Parish has a rich history of bequests in honor of loved ones that support long term sustainability of the St. Ignatius Parish mission. If desired, memorial tiles are available for display in the alcoves on either side of the sanctuary. Contact Patty Frangipani or call 503-777-1491 ext. 221 for information.

5) St Ignatius School Foundation

The St. Ignatius School Foundation Endowment was created by a donor from a gift containing a legal stipulation that the original gift may never be expended. These gifts are held and invested in perpetuity by The St. Ignatius School Foundation for the purpose of generating a permanent expendable income stream from the return on the donations to the Foundation for the purpose of generating a yearly gift to the school. Website.

Daily Prayer Intentions

Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers

Monday	Sep 6	†	Fr Charlie Moutenot, SJ
Tuesday	Sep 7	†	Jim Emig
Wednesday	Sep 8	†	Frederick Sheets
Thursday	Sep 9	†	Phillip Hoover
Friday	Sep 10	†	Fr. Thomas McCarthy, SJ

Feaste of the Nativity, continued

Sponsor a Candle or a King! --

Supporting the Feaste of the Nativity 2021

The Feaste of the Nativity Saturday, December 11 from 10am to 4pm

Pageants in the Church at 1pm and 3pm

This is your Feaste, St. Ignatius! We can't do this without you. Would you be willing to sponsor a candle? A king? Or more? Can you help us as we start from scratch, and try to make this a yearly tradition?

Part of our celebration will include:

Saying thank you and farewell to Fr. Craig Boly, SJ, as he leaves for his sabbatical, and

Saying welcome to Fr. Mike Moynahan, SJ, as he begins his work here as Pastor

Here are ways you can give:

Write a check, payable to St. Ignatius Church, with "Feaste of the Nativity" in the memo line.

Donate online through Realm. https://onrealm.org/sipdx/-/give/now is the link you can use. Just press the "down arrow" to the right of *Sunday tithing* and you will see ***"Feaste of the Nativity"*** fund.

Sponsor Categories

Sponsor one (or more!) of the following, and we'll print your name in our pageant program, as well as posting your name on our "WANTED: for EXCESSIVE GENEROSITY!" posters for all to see as they roam the grounds during the Feaste.

Candle	$20
Angel	$100
Donkey	$150
Jester	$200
Shepherdess	$250
Wise Man	$300
Wise Woman	$500
King	$1000
The Holy Family	$5000
The Star of Bethlehem	$7500

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Personnel needs:

Town Criers
Char-men, and Char-women
Poets and Music-Makers.
Jugglers, unicyclists, sword swallowers, jesters.
Lords and Ladies
Questions? Call Joseph Byrd, jbyrd@sipdx.org, 503-777-1491, ext. 238

On the nuts and bolts side, we'll also need:

Greeters and Ushers
Set-up and Clean-up crew
Security (
Prop masters

Pastoral Council

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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

Faith Formation

Registration is open for 2021-2022 First Reconciliation & Communion –*Deadline is September 7th*
Next year's Sacramental Preparation program is now open for registration. The program begins in September and is open to **2nd graders** and older. Information packets are available in the vestibule of the Church. Please register online at: sipdx.org/first-reconciliation-and-eucharist

Assistant(s) needed for Sacramental Prep next year please call Grace.

Marriage: Are you engaged? Congratulations! Preparing for a marriage in the Catholic Church is a six month process which hopefully offers some tools to help you navigate this wonderful transition in your life. If you're ready to get that process started, contact Grace Byrd for more information.

RCIA: If you are in the process of discerning whether the Catholic Church is your spiritual home, consider registering for the '21-'22 **RCIA** class. This class meets weekly and is a place to explore your faith, examine your beliefs, and recognize God's presence in your life. Contact Grace Byrd for more information, or simply register for the class on our website, and Grace will get in touch with you!

A group of parents have volunteered to help plan some activities for our **Junior High** age parishioners beginning next fall. Would you like to join in on the fun? Email Grace Byrd and she will put you in touch with the other volunteers!

Some of our **young adult** parishioners have expressed an interest in beginning to gather once again for fun and fellowship. Are you someone between the age of 20-40 who likes to plan activities? It can be anything from discussions at the pub, to a hike, to a service project. Talk to Grace if you are interested!

Grace Byrd, gbyrd@sipdx.org
Faith Formation Coordinator * 503-777-1491, ext. 245

St Ignatius School

We are busy preparing for the return of our students on Tuesday, September 7th. We will ease back into the school year with a noon dismissal on Tuesday. We invited students and families to campus on Thursday, September 2nd for a Meet and Greet and to drop off supplies while taking a quick peek at their classrooms before heading back outside to socialize and possibly pick up some uniform items. Even though we return to school in masks with social distancing and lots of hand sanitizing, we are blessed to be able to gather safely while we learn and grow together.

Peace be with you.
Carol Pausz
Principal

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