



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL UNDER THE CARE OF THE JESUITS

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

JUNE 27, 2021

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

What God Prefers

Dear Parishioners:

In the Gospel story today, Jairus, the leader of the synagogue, beseeches Jesus to come and help his dying daughter. Jesus agrees to come to this important man's house – but on the way, he is interrupted by an unimportant woman. Unlike Jairus, she doesn't even have a name. And this is where the story gets interesting.

Some people might think that this unidentified woman was an intrusion. After all, Jesus was on an urgent mission – couldn't she see that? Here she was grabbing at the hem of his garment, diverting him away from this important synagogue official's daughter. Can't she see that he's focused on an emergency, he has things to do? He doesn't have time for her. But Jesus isn't irritated at all. In fact, his response to the anonymous woman reveals some important lessons about Jesus.

First, Jesus not only has time for the unimportant but a preference for them. Remember, Jesus was with the synagogue leader, a high-powered man – and yet, he stops to encounter a marginalized woman. That in itself is remarkable. At a time in history when women had no legal standing, much less a ritually contaminated woman, much less a poor woman ("she spent all her money on doctors"), what Jesus does is countercultural. Jairus must wait while Jesus cares for the unimportant person.



Second, Jesus has time for the damaged. He senses that here is a woman with losses. She has lost a lot of blood, a lot of life. Down and out, she's given up on her doctors, and they've probably given up on her as well. She is invisible and easily relegated to life's sidelines. Yet precisely because she is sidelined, she catches his attention.

Third, Jesus has time for affirmation. So far, this woman has been identified only with her bleeding and her pain. But Jesus pauses. He wants to see a face and hear her name. He takes time to see her, not as an intrusion, a nonentity; but as a human being in need. So he speaks to her not as a patient, not as a recipient of a health care delivery system, but as an equal. He calls her "daughter." That is, she is more than someone in pain. And furthermore, he affirms her by giving her credit. "Your faith has made you well."

MASS SCHEDULE

**MASK STILL REQUIRED &
SOCIAL DISTANCE PLEASE
NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.**

WEEKEND MASS

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

WEEKDAY MASS

Noon on Tuesday & Thursday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays -3:30 PM to 4:30 PM
(In the church or outside, weather permitting) OR by appointment
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(Recorded Mass available online, the link is on our website: sipdx.org)

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Jesus ignores the naysayers. You can hear the complaints of exasperation at his demand to know who touched him. "No, Jesus, we cannot dawdle here. We have a job to do. It's the synagogue leader's daughter. Let's go." "How can you ask in this crowd who touched you. Let's move on." And when he reaches Jairus' house, more negative voices. "You're too late. She's dead. Why bother?" And when he did bother, they laughed. This raises the hope that the people who put you down, who always seem to be negative, who are sarcastic and teasing – that they are wrong, that Jesus is right to deal with you and me as alive and not dead as they think.

This story challenges the belief that in order to be a good Christian, you have to try hard, believe this or that, straighten out your life in order to be pious and worthy. You don't have to be smart or wise or good or wonderful or anything. You just have to be in need. That's it. And that raises the hope that you and I don't have to be virtuous or worthy or even spiritually alive for Jesus to raise us up. In fact, it seems the more needy you are, the more he cares.

What is there to learn from all this today? Eileen Burke-Sullivan, a theology professor from Creighton University, recalls teaching a group of young women in the full throes of their early adolescence. These sixteen-year-olds were full of exuberance, questions, and confusions as they darted from one taste of life to another. She was asked to give a talk for the older students at a neighboring "private academy in the Episcopal Tradition," defending the Catholic Church's position supporting human life at every stage, as part of a speaker-series on "important political topics."

At the end of her talk, Professor Sullivan could feel the wall of disagreement and annoyance in the assembly of some 200 high school juniors and seniors. One young woman stood and said that if she would get pregnant at this stage of her life, she would be ruined. She was aiming toward a long and illustrious career as a lawyer and a judge, and wouldn't it be better to rid herself (and her embarrassed family, as well) of the "inconvenience" of a child who might impede that opportunity for making a contribution of great worth to the human family. "After all," she asserted confidently, "this would not be a full human person, just a mass of tissue, albeit well organized tissue."

Professor Sullivan was both saddened by the argument the student posed, as well as amused by the confidence displayed in the well-organized but utterly flawed theological anthropology she espoused. Professor Sullivan asked her if she wasn't also making a good argument for ridding the world of teenage humans. The professor suggested that the student herself, as a teen, might pose an inconvenience in her own inept incompleteness for her parents on any number of occasions. Weren't they justified in getting rid of her since she wasn't a full-grown human person, but rather an impediment to their plans for success and contribution to the human race? The student then protested, and rightly, that such an act on anyone's part would be murder. Professor Sullivan agreed with her on the point about murder, and suggested that she might reconsider her thoughts about pre-born life as a "mass of tissue." After all, the little human being asking to be born would not be far removed from the student's own very real requests to her parents to love her and sustain her into the fullness of her life even when she was behaving most inconveniently.

As we approach the annual Fourth of July observance of the Founding of the United States of America as a Nation, it is comforting that our God is a God of life, not death. If any single "message" comes through the readings for this Sunday, it is that God creates all life. God values the life and full dignity of each and every human person -- with infinite tenderness and passionate insistence.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.
Pastor

BEGINNING JULY 11, 2021

WEEKEND MASSES:

SATURDAY AT 5PM , SUNDAY AT 8AM, 10:30AM AND 7:30PM

WEEKDAY MASSES: TUE/THURSDAY NOON

MASS READINGS

Mass Readings for June 27, 2021

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24
2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15
Mark 5:21-35

Mass Readings for July 4, 2021

Ezekiel 2:2-5
2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Mark 6:1-6

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Your St. Vincent de Paul pantry provided 14 families for a total of 47 people with 1,175 lbs of food in the month of May! If you know someone who is food insecure or needs utility or rent assistance, refer them to the SVdP Portland Council at 503-235-8431 and their requests will be forwarded to the pantry.

We are currently ISO an assistant pantry coordinator. Flexible days and times. If interested, contact us at: svdp@sipdx.org.

WEEKLY JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION

The Laudato Si' Action Platform

Pope Francis is challenging Catholic communities and organizations across the world – including Catholic Charities agencies - to gradually work toward "total sustainability" in our common call to care for creation.

This invitation is centered upon a Laudato Si' Action Platform: laudatosiactionplatform.org through which Catholic organizations publicly commit to a seven-year journey of ecological conversion.

The action platform is framed across seven Laudato Si' goals which reflect Catholic Social Teaching and provide "footsteps" in areas such as education, spirituality, the adoption of sustainable practices, community engagement, and a commitment to address poverty.

laudatosiactionplatform.org/pledge-your-commitment/

POSITION OPEN AT ST IGNATIUS

POSITION TITLE: Business Manager

Opening Date: 5/28/2021

Closing Date: When Filled

Location of Job: St. Ignatius Parish Location Address: 3400 SE 43rd Ave, Portland, OR 97206

Position: Full time, benefits eligible
Position Summary: Assists the Pastor in the prudent stewardship of the church and school personnel, financial and capital resources including development and stewardship, fundraising, and strategic planning. Ensures the effectiveness of operations, informing and advising the pastor, principal, pastoral staff, and various parish councils, commissions and teams as needed. Handles all accounting procedures for the church and school. This position is part of the core management team (pastor, principal, pastoral administrator, business manager) that supports the pastor and ensures that the pastoral and administrative mission of the parish is accomplished. Maintains confidentiality on all matters relating to St. Ignatius Church and School.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION: d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/12494/documents/2021/5/Business%20Manager%20St%20Ignatius%20052821.pdf (on Archdiocese website)

Qualified applicants, please: send resume and cover letter to Joseph Byrd at jbyrd@sipdx.org to apply.

DAILY PRAYER INTENTIONS



Please keep in your prayers

Monday	Jun 28	†	Bob Secolo
Tuesday	Jun 29	†	John Ilg
Wednesday	Jun 30	†	Michael Wilcoxon
Thursday	Jul 01	†	Joseph Markovic
Friday	Jul 02		Bonaventure Oh Family

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES ONLINE RETREAT 2021-2022 – APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED

SEEL Portland is a ministry of Jesuits West which gives people the opportunity to experience the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius in their everyday lives over a period of nine months. The Spiritual Exercises are composed of meditations, prayers, and contemplative practices developed by St. Ignatius Loyola to help people deepen their relationship with God. The Exercises present a pathway to deeper prayer, good decisions guided by keen discernment, and an active life of service to others.



The SEEL Retreat 2021-2022

Due to current health concerns, the 2021-2022 SEEL retreat will be an online experience. We are excited to be able to offer the Spiritual Exercises in a format that will open the retreat experience to graces in unexpected ways. The retreat will offer...

- one-on-one spiritual direction twice a month
- a two-and-a-half hour monthly retreat
- small group sharing/listening

a book for reflection and prayer

Advance registration is required. Applications accepted NOW!

2021-2022 Online SEEL Retreat applications accepted June 10, 2021 - August 10, 2021.

The retreat begins September 13, 2021 – check monthly retreat dates and apply at:

<https://seelportland.org/>

THREE SUMMER PROJECTS ~ FAMILY LIFE

The Children's Book Bank Here's how you can help the Children's Book Bank:

- Bring gently used (or new) board and picture books and place them in the donation bin located in the Church. Consider buying or donating culturally diverse books as these are especially needed and appreciated. Your books will be cleaned and prepared to go to households that need books.
- Participate in our service evening on July 7th. We will learn more about the work and mission of the CBB and we will help with the book cleaning and repairing process right here at St. Ignatius Church. Learn more at: childrensbookbank.org

Soles4Souls Turning shoes and clothing into opportunity. Here's how you can help:

- Bring your old shoes and clothing and place it in the appropriate bins at Church. Your donations will help the planet, provide relief and jobs for others, and help fight poverty. Learn more at: soles4souls.org

Tibbetts House Here's how you can help The Tibbetts House:

- Put your mission box in a prominent location at home. Collect money in your mission box throughout our Summer Faith Adventures. Bring it to our concluding evening on July 28th. Your contribution will help buy needed household items and cleaning supplies for the refugee families who reside at the Tibbetts House.
- Consider becoming a regular volunteer and learning more here: sipdx.org/refugee-ministry

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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

FAMILY LIFE

Sacramental Preparation

Registration is open for 2021-2022

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

Michele Becker will be our lead catechist for Sacramental Preparation at St. Ignatius next year. We anticipate a large class and would like to have two other adults available to assist. Background check and Call to Protect training is required.

Mom's Group

This group meets via Zoom on 2nd and 4th Sundays from 9:15-10:15 a.m. Join us once or on a regular basis to share the joys and challenges of parenting in a context of faith. Contact Beth at bschaller@sipdx.org for the Zoom link or to be added to the mailing list.

June 27 – Mass with Fr. Billy (RSVP to bschaller@sipdx.org)

"Job Board" for St. Ignatius Families: Do you have a talent to share or a need we can help with? Do you need childcare? Do you have a skill to market? We are starting a St. Ignatius Job Board for registered parishioners. Le Tran will manage the listings but the responsibility for contacting, interviewing, checking references and/or working with any of the people listed will be solely at the discretion of those who wish to do so. St. Ignatius is providing this service as a way to connect parishioners to share their talents and skills with others but we cannot attest to the competence or character of those on the list. You may list services you are seeking or offering. Minors who are available for babysitting, pet-walking, etc. need to also list a legal guardian for contact. If you want to be included, please send an email to job-board@sipdx.org with the pertinent information. Thank you to Le Tran, for offering to manage our job board!



Blessings on your end of the school year!

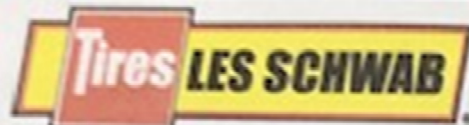
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ARE YOU PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE?

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. gbyrd@sipds.org



Bob Secolo service is tomorrow, on Monday June 28th at 9:30AM
At Willamette National, followed by a Celebration of Life.



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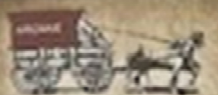
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