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UNDER THE CARE OF THE JESUITS

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

AUGUST 2, 2020

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Worth Telling the Whole World

Dear Parishioners:

In today's Gospel, the disciples heard the discouraging news that they only had five loaves and two fish with which to feed a crowd of more than 5,000. Night was falling, and there was nothing else to eat. The situation seemed hopeless.

Then Jesus said, "Bring the bread and fish here to me," and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Then he did what seemed impossible. He fed them all – and there was even more left over than when he started. What does this mean? It means that God has abundant blessings in store for all his dear ones.

And the blessings are not up to us. Anthony de Mello has a wonderful story to illustrate this point.

When the bishop's ship stopped at a remote island for a day, he determined to use the time as profitably as possible. He strolled along the seashore and came across three fishermen mending their nets. In pidgin English, they explained to him that centuries before, missionaries had Christianized their people. "We Christians!" they said, proudly pointing to one another.

The bishop was impressed. Did they know the Lord's prayer? They had never heard of it. The bishop was shocked. "What do you say, then, when you pray?"

"We lift eyes in heaven. We pray, 'We are three, you are three, have mercy of us.' The bishop was appalled at the primitive, the downright heretical nature of their prayer. So he spent the whole day teaching them the Lord's Prayer. The fishermen were poor learners, but they gave it all they had, and before the bishop sailed away next day, he had the satisfaction of hearing them go through the whole formula without fault.

Months later the bishop's ship happened to pass by those islands again, and the bishop, as he paced the deck saying his evening prayers, recalled with pleasure the three men on that distant island who were now able to pray, thanks to his patient efforts.



ST IGNATIUS RECORDED MASS

FOR AUGUST 2, 2020

**WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OUR
WEBSITE: SATURDAY AT 4:00PM
WWW.SIPDX.ORG**

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While he was lost in the memory, he happened to look up and noticed a spot of light in the east. The light kept approaching the ship, and as the bishop gazed in wonder, he saw three figures walking on the water. The captain stopped the boat, and everyone leaned over the rails to see this sight.

When they were within speaking distance, the bishop recognized his three friends, the fishermen. "Bishop," they exclaimed. "We hear your boat go past island and come hurry hurry meet you." "What is it you want?" asked the awe-stricken bishop.

"Bishop," they said, "we so, so sorry. We forget lovely prayer. We say, 'Our Father in heaven, holy be your name, your kingdom come . . .' then we forget. Please tell us prayer again."

The bishop felt humbled. "Go back to your homes, my friends," he said, "and each time you pray say, 'We are three, you are three, have mercy on us!'"

In the letter to the Romans, Paul proclaims that nothing can come between God and his beloved people – even unwarranted persecution and unjust condemnation. Today we might say, nothing can separate us from God, "not even a pandemic, not even a reckoning for decades of racial injustice, not even toxic political divisions."

Remember how people in the first fever of romantic love vow "I will love you forever, and nothing can ever change that. Nothing will ever separate us." Well, the sad truth is that sometimes this does not work out. Paul speaks passionately about his belief in the permanence of God's love for one simple reason: that love is sealed in the Blood of Christ. Nothing can ever drive a wedge between God and us – not even sin – because Christ came to save sinners.

This is the amazing promise that animates the hope of all believers. Isn't this a magnificent story worth telling the whole world?

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.

Pastor

IGNATIAN SOLIDARITY NETWORK



We are gathering parishes that are already engaged in racial justice work to join a networking videoconference on Wednesday, August 12 from 3-4:15PM ET/12-1:15PM PT. It will be an opportunity for Jesuit parish staff, parishioners, and other Ignatian partners to ask questions, share best practices, and discuss ways for your parish to continue and deepen your commitment to racial justice and equity. This conversation is intended for parishes that are already engaged in racial justice work.

Click here to RSVP: (or copy & paste) https://ignatiansolidarity.wufoo.com/forms/parish-networking-call-on-racial-justice/?utm_source=Parishioners+and+Parish+Staff&utm_campaign=f14747dbee-NEWS_VOICES_052720_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_292a80a64d-f14747dbee-256206793&mc_cid=f14747dbee&mc_eid=5b66edf98e

MASS READINGS

Mass Readings for Aug 2, 2020

Isaiah 55:1-3

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Matthew 14:13-21

Mass Readings for Aug 9, 2020

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-33

RACIAL JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION

Catholic cry for Black Lives Matter

by Teresa Marie Cariño

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/catholic-cry-black-lives-matter?>



St. Ignatius Parishioners are registered for the Come Hell or High Water Film **Aug 2-4 and Webinar Aug 5.**

Sign up here to view the film for free at this link:

<https://interfaithpowerandlight.salsalabs.org/comehellorhighwaterfilm>

Join us to view Come Hell or High Water: The Battle for Turkey Creek, an award winning film about the unjust impact of climate change on an historic black community, and attend a webinar to learn ways we can practice being allies in the fight for safe and healthy black communities.

View the film at your leisure August 2 - August 4 (midnight).

There is also a webinar on August 5th at 5 PM PT with the filmmaker Leah Mahan, and the activist from the film, Derrick Evans.

Moderated by IPL Executive Director, Susan Stephenson, the conversation will center around the disproportionate impacts of climate change on black and brown communities. We'll hear exciting updates on the fight to achieve environmental justice for Turkey Creek and learn measures we can all take through policy and direct action to create just systems and healthier communities.

Come Hell or High Water: The Battle for Turkey Creek

View the trailer on our website

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.

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 seelportland.org or call Janet Buck at 503-951-8682 for more information.

The deadline for applications is **August 15.**

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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

R. C. I. A.



RCIA

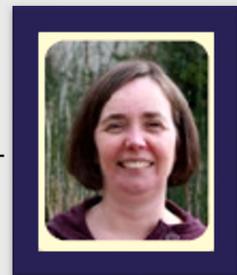
- Do you feel drawn to learn more about the Catholic faith?
- Have you considered whether you might like to become Catholic yourself?

RCIA is a class that allows you to explore your own faith journey and discern if the Catholic faith is one that you would like to be a part of. Please join our 20/21 class by registering on our website. If you have any questions, please contact Grace Byrd (gbyrd@sipdx.org)

FAMILY LIFE ~ WORKSHOP AUGUST 2ND

Active Hope/Spiral of Resilience Workshop – Sunday, Aug. 2

The Mom's group will host a "Spiral of Resilience" workshop with Pam Wood (St. Andrew's Parish) via Zoom on Sunday, Aug. 2nd from 9:00-10:30 a.m. In these times of pandemic and fighting for racial justice, it's easy to become weary. Give yourself the gift of resilience and active hope as you move through this spiral of exercises based on the work of Joanna Macy. Please email bschaller@sipdx.org if you would like to attend.



FIRST RECONCILIATION & COMMUNION FOR 2ND GRADERS

Sacramental Preparation Registration is open for First Reconciliation & Communion.

Families of 2nd Graders and older can register now for Sacramental Prep in the fall. We will provide materials for home preparation (with parish support) or you can defer for a year and prepare in a traditional group setting. Visit our website to register:



<https://www.sipdx.org/first-reconciliation-and-eucharist>

KUDOS & DID YOU KNOW



- ⇒ Le Tran, Ed Kaiel, Jack Patrizio, George Veomett and Claire Burt for initiative in organizing resources to inform the community about anti-racism.
- ⇒ To our SAC members for walking with grace and clarity through these unusual times



HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION



High School Confirmation

Are you in high school, or will you be entering high school in the fall? If so, then you are invited to register for St. Ignatius High School Confirmation. The program will start this September and will be a hybrid model of digital learning combined with 6 in-person group gatherings including sessions, activities and a retreat. Registration is open now! Just follow this link:

<https://www.sipdx.org/high-school-confirmation>

Contact Grace Byrd with any questions. (gbyrd@sipdx.org)

If you have a heart for working with youth and accompanying people on their unique faith journeys, please contact Grace about joining our High School Confirmation leadership team.

DAILY INTENTIONS FOR PRAYER

Please keep in your prayers

Monday	Aug 03	† Patty Piscetelli
Tuesday	Aug 04	† Ut Thi Weaver
Wednesday	Aug 05	Lien Nguyen
Thursday	Aug 06	Khanh Nguyen
Friday	Aug 07	Bonaventure OH Family



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