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**UNDER THE CARE OF THE JESUITS**

**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

**AUGUST 30, 2020**

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **What Does *Success* Mean To You?**

Dear Parishioners:

Once upon a time there were two brothers. The older brother was smart, handsome, and healthy. He married well, raised a big family, and ran a thriving business. His life seemed charmed – no unexpected problems and no big disappointments. He cared for everyone with generous love, and eventually died after a long and prosperous life.

The younger brother was not so blessed. He suffered from migraines and had sickly health all his life. He felt called to the priesthood, and once ordained, served in several parishes noted for conflict and divisions. He loved his people faithfully but with little success in healing their antagonisms, and eventually died after many years of service.

Both were welcomed into the life of God – for both had lived a companionship with Christ during their lives. Both made care of others the center of their concern. True, the older brother did not seem to carry much of a cross. But when asked if he thought this was fair, the younger brother reflected for a moment and replied, “It’s not so much about fairness as it is about trust. My brother and I were each given what we needed to find our way home to God. One path was smooth, another path was rough and steep. It’s how each of us choose to walk our path that mattered. It’s what we learned from Jesus. He trusted his own difficult path. I’m just glad that my brother and I walked our path with the same kind of trust as Jesus did.”

Which brother do you think was successful? The older brother enjoyed the satisfaction of accomplishing praiseworthy goals – a happy marriage and well-parented children, business prosperity and a good reputation. The priest brother carried the cross of poor health and disappointing ministry. But both focused not on their own self-care but rather on the care of others. This care of others is the key. Both lived “successful” gospel lives, because both were willing to carry their cross – to suffer for love. It’s true that the younger brother suffered more, the older brother less. But the measure of authentic love is the *willingness* to pay the price of love rather than a particular path’s suffering.

Christ teaches today what “success” means in God’s eyes. “Success” is measured not so



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**FOR AUGUST 30, 2020**

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much by the ease of the brothers' lives as by the way they lived them: with hearts that trusted their path as Jesus trusted what God put on his path. The question is, do you agree with this explanation of *success*?

Humanly speaking, doesn't it make sense to prefer comfort to misery, and projects that work out rather than activities that fizzle out? The point is that some people will seek their own well-being at the expense of another's welfare. Some people will avoid difficulties because it might jeopardize their happiness. It's consoling to hear Jesus say that what ultimately matters is not a life free from disappointment or loss, but a life free from the kind of self-concern that prevents love and care of others.

Today's gospel takes on new meaning in light of this understanding of "success." Jesus speaks of his passion for the first time. He realizes that when he perseveres in his mission, he will be killed. Peter has come to see Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah. The trouble is, Peter's understanding of "Messiah" is mistaken. Jesus makes it clear that suffering for the sake of committed love is unavoidable. The authentic Messiah will embrace suffering.

Life was easy for the Son of God within the joyful company of the Blessed Trinity. But things got tougher for Jesus of Nazareth in the ambivalent company of strangers on earth. Certainly there were great days and good relationships, happy times and major accomplishments. But character is formed and tested in adversity. You discover the maturity of your character when you discover what you would die for.

That is why the death of Jesus is his moment of triumph. Every breath of his life he breathed to enact his Father's wishes. Through every adversity he proved to be his Father's Son. In death, Jesus completely returned to his Father the life his Father had given him. And this reveals God's notion of "success." A successful human life is not about *doing* something but about *being who you are*.

This understanding of "success" may fit Jesus – because he experienced so clearly his mission to love as his Father directed no matter the cost. But is it challenging to see "success" as simply being a loving person – caring for the ones God puts in your path?

Many people imagine themselves as autonomous individuals whose basic identity is freedom. For example, they define human persons as those who choose who they want to be. "Success" then means expressing their individuality in as many directions as possible to the greatest extent possible.

But what if you defined your identity as being *an image of God*, then you might understand success as becoming who you were created to be. You would acknowledge that you received your life from God. Then your death would be like it was for Jesus: completely handing back your whole life to the Author of Life.

And if you had the same cross as Peter? Instead of blaming God as you stand by helpless when a loved one suffers, you would entrust your dear one to the undying life with God that God has in store for us all. Like the brothers, your life would be a success not because it was easy or hard, but because you were willing to pay whatever price that the care of others required.

**Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.**

Pastor

## MASS READINGS

### Mass Readings for Aug 30, 2020

Jeremiah 20:7-19

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

### Mass Readings for Sep 6, 2020

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20

## FAMILY LIFE

### 2020-2021 Sacramental Preparation: two options

- A) Home-study model with parish support – In the fall we will prepare for First Reconciliation together through three virtual sessions while families complete five weekly lessons at home. The parish will provide the textbook and weekly emails to guide preparation. Plans for First Communion classes will be communicated in December when we have more information about the COVID situation at that time.
- B) Defer for one year and prepare in a traditional class setting.



**Women, Arise!** Saturday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. our Women's Ministry group will offer a virtual retreat (via Zoom) coordinated by Ana Guizado, Tara Ludwig, Beth Schaller, and Antoinette Toku. You can also save the date for an Advent event on Saturday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> Save the dates!

### Fall 2020 Sacramental Preparation: Reconciliation

Schedule:

- Sun, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> - supply pick-up and socially distant or virtual family orientation
- Weekly home-study lessons provided via email
- Parent Reflection and check-in via Zoom in late Sept/early Oct
- First Reconciliation ceremony will be scheduled when practical – probably in winter/spring



**Catechists (teachers) are needed for Sacramental Preparation in 2021-2022.** After more than 30 years of preparing children for the sacraments here at St. Ignatius, Mary Kay Baker has announced that she will be retiring from this ministry in June of 2021. Cecelia Russell, co-leader, will be moving out of the area and stepping down from this ministry as well. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to prepare children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion. Two adults are needed to lead this ministry. Fair-share hours or a stipend is available. If you would like to “shadow” the program this year you are most welcome to do so while discerning this call. This ministry provided a rich opportunity to form children and families in their faith, develop community and relationships and use your creative teaching gifts.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word.** Are you interested in offering a short 20-30 minute lesson this fall for children about the Sunday gospel this fall (via Zoom)? I will be creating a schedule for our families and I welcome those who want to participate as leaders – you can choose your frequency, for instance 1x/month on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday. Youth and young adults are also welcome to lead these lessons.

## KUDOS & DID YOU KNOW?



⇒ HOW TO SIGN UP FOR WEEKDAY MASS IS IN THIS BULLETIN!

⇒ TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS THAT KEPT PERSONAL PRAYER TIME GOING IN THE

CHURCH THIS SUMMER!



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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](mailto:prayerchain@sipdx.org)

In the subject line please include either:

*Asking for prayers*

OR

*Add me to the Email list to pray*

## 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:

[sipdx.org/high-school-confirmation](http://sipdx.org/high-school-confirmation)  
(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.*

**ST. IGNATIUS HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION '20-'21**

- Prayer: Talking and Listening to God October 11th, 12-3
- Lend a Hand: A Community Work Project February 6th
- What's Mine to Do? November 15th, 12-2
- Stations of Mercy: Increasing Awareness Through Christ's Passion March 7, 12-2
- Retreat at Fr. Bernard Youth Center April 17th-18th
- This is my parish too: Getting Ready May 2nd, 12-2

Online Subscription to "Called to Mercy"

## RCIA, (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS.)

Classes for adults wishing to learn more about becoming Catholic begin in September.

### 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)



## I G N I T E

St. Ignatius Church Presents  
**IGNITE**  
Go Forth and Set the World on Fire

This fall in IGNITE we will explore prayer in the Catholic Tradition through music and the lives of Saints and Mystics. The invitation is simple:

COME - with an open heart to see what it's all about.  
CONTEMPLATE - the presence of the Holy Spirit in your own life and experience.  
CONNECT - to the Mass, the Saints, the People of St. Ignatius, and your Heart.

**Fall Schedule:**  
9/27 - St. Bonaventure/Your Rule of Prayer  
10/11 - Sr. Thea Bowman/Praying With Nature  
10/25 - St. Therese of Lisieux/Praying with the Psalms  
11/8 - Edith Stein/Praying with the Gospel of Matthew  
11/22 - St. Dominic/Liturgy of the Hours  
12/13 - St. Martin de Porres/Pray Always

All classes will take place 6-7:15. We will begin the year meeting digitally via Zoom, and will gather together in person once there is a vaccine. Throughout the class we will be using the book "Prayer in the Catholic Tradition" by Robert J. Wicks. Purchasing your own copy of this book may enhance your IGNITE experience.

You are invited to join us via Zoom this fall to IGNITE where we will explore prayer through the Saints, Mystics, and music.

If you would like to deepen your IGNITE experience, please consider purchasing a copy of "Prayer in the Catholic Tradition" by Robert J. Wicks

[sipdx.org/ignite](http://sipdx.org/ignite)

## RACIAL JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION

· Fr. James Martin, S.J.'s facebook post "White Jesus?" <https://www.facebook.com/46899546495/posts/10157117449576496/>

## WEEKDAY MASS SIGN UP

Resuming Public Masses **September 8th** (weekdays only at 12pm,

• Only 50 people are permitted in St Ignatius Catholic Church per Mass. Parishioners must schedule two days in advance to attend Weekday Mass by signing up at: [www.sipdx.org](http://www.sipdx.org) Look for this button:



• Those without computer access can call the parish office at (503) 777-1491 x 221 to sign up—Please call Monday - Thursday, 10:00AM- 2:00PM.

*You may attend Mass ONLY after you receive a call back with confirmation. (Masks are required.) THANK YOU!*

*From the CDC: Stay Home if...*  
*you feel sick.*  
*you suspect you may be sick.*  
*you have a sick family member at home.*  
*you should be under self-quarantine due to possible contact with a Covid-19 patient.*  
*you are in the vulnerable population as defined by the CDC.*

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Good news! Your much needed St. Vincent de Paul food donations can now be brought to the church during Open Church and when daily masses resume on September 8th. Please deposit your donations in the SVdP basket located at the entrance to the church. The food pantry is especially in need of peanut butter, canned tuna and canned vegetables. Many thanks!

A reminder that October 12 is the final day Oregonians can register to vote in the Nov 3 Presidential Election. Check here to register online, or to see if you are registered, to vote-  
<https://sos.oregon.gov/voting/Pages/registration.aspx?lang=en>



## DAILY INTENTIONS FOR PRAYER



*Please keep in your prayers*

Monday	Aug 31	† Bob Fitts, SJ
Tuesday	Sep 01	† All those in the Service
Wednesday	Sep 02	† Charlie Moutenout, SJ
Thursday	Sep 03	† Michael Merriman
Friday	Sep 04	Bonaventure Oh family

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