



*Eighth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*

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## Mass Times

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 PM

Sunday at 8:00 AM

Sunday at 10:30 AM

Sunday at 7:00 PM

Weekdays (M-F) 8:00 AM

At LIC—La Storta Chapel

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays -

3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

OR by appointment

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## Pastoral Council



The goal of the Pastoral Council is to enhance the quality of parish life. We aid the pastor in identifying the pastoral needs of the community, develop a plan for

the parish's programs and services and evaluate their effectiveness. If you have feedback or ideas to share, please contact any of the Pastoral Council members directly or email :

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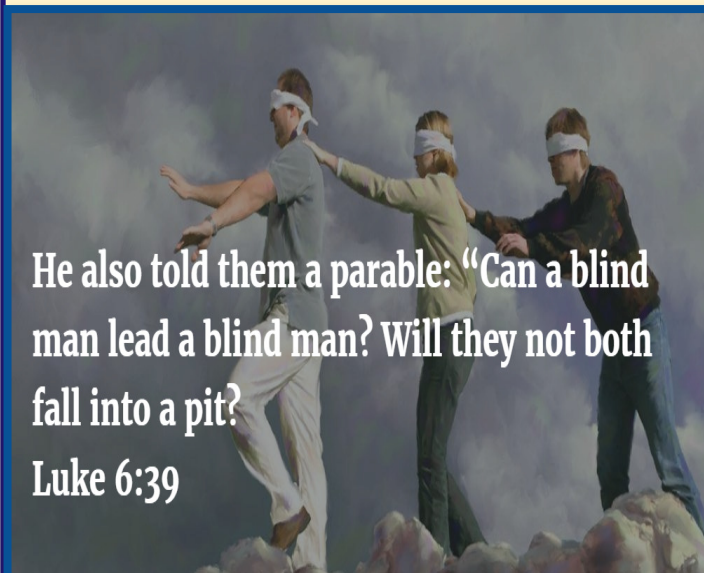
March 2, 2025

## Wisdom from the Pews

Today's Gospel from Luke is a challenging one. We have all heard it many times and each time we do, we have a new context based on the current state of our global community. When I first read it, I admit I felt the bubble of discomfort rise in my heart as I knew my guilt of harshly judging others. *"How can they think that? How can they believe that? How could they say that?"* It's in these moments of discomfort, I try to turn to prayer to center myself, acknowledge my wrongs, and face the discomfort head on to learn from it.

Lately in our country, it feels like everyone's walking around with giant planks in their eyes. We're blinded by anger, hatred, harsh treatment of others, bewilderment, and fear. And I think what upsets me the most is the refusal to gain knowledge from another vantage point that may differ from one's own. This is where my prayer comes in. *"Lord, help me remove the splinter in my eye, reach to my neighbor and help her remove her splinter, so we can really see."* Lived experience is truth, and truth is love. With splinters removed and conversations had, empathy can grow that leads to action. *"How can they say that?"* can turn into *"I didn't know you went through that, causing you to feel hurt and anger."* This can then turn into advocacy for a situation that is in need of change, especially when it comes to marginalized and vulnerable communities.

Growing in relationship with folks from different backgrounds, religions, races, sexual orientation, immigration status, and so on, makes us whole; it brings us to a place of compassion for the other which can prompt real change.



My teaching career has given me great opportunities to see this firsthand. Students flourish when they are other-centered, whether it's meeting migrants at our southern border, talking with police officers about trafficking, serving dinner to survivors of sexual violence, or playing with children from low-income households.

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## Wisdom from the Pews continued from page one:

These actions remove the planks, grow hearts, and strengthen faith, because where there is love, there is God.

**Sarah Maher** is a theology teacher at De La Salle North Catholic High School in North Portland. She is the mother to Camille Maher, 3rd grade, and Liam Maher, 1st grade, and they frequent the 10:30 mass.

*Have you enjoyed reading the weekly **Wisdom from the Pews**? Then this is a your chance to join other parishioners who have shared their faith journey as it relates to the weekend readings. Contact Joseph Byrd with any questions ([jbyrd@sipdx.org](mailto:jbyrd@sipdx.org)) or Please consider writing your Wisdom from the Pews <https://bit.ly/wisdomfromthepews>*

*Man looks on the outward appearance,  
but the Lord looks on the Heart.*

*1 Samuel 16:7*



# Leaning into Lent at St. Ignatius

## Spirituality of Aging

This series, meant for parishioners over the age of 55, explores the newness of growing older, from relationship to self-perception, from our experience of world to our spiritual growth. Meets Thursdays at 10AM in the parish office dining room from 3/6-4/10.

## Adoration

During lent, every Sunday from 6:15-6:45, you are invited to be with Christ through the intimate prayer of Adoration. This time of prayer will culminate with the celebration of Mass at 7PM.

## Masses/Services

### **Ash Wednesday**

March 5 at 8AM and 7PM

### **Parish Reconciliation Service**

March 17 at 7PM

### **Triduum**

Holy Thursday - April 17, 7PM

Good Friday - April 18, 7PM

Easter Vigil - April 19, 8:30PM

## Stations of the Cross

This year's Stations of the Cross journey invites you to discern your call as a Catholic in a wounded world through music, scripture, and a series of reflections.

Wednesday, 3/26 - noon

Wednesday, 4/2 - 7PM

Wednesday, 4/16 - noon

## Mass Readings

### Mass Readings for Mar 2, 2025

Sirach 27:4-7

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Luke 6:39-45

### Mass Readings for Mar 9, 2025

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Romans 10:8-13

Luke 4:1-13

Welcome to the Catholic Social Teaching (CST) corner of our bulletin! – an effort for us to educate ourselves on the official social teaching of the Church, as they are found in our most authoritative texts. With everything that is happening in our country and at the rapid pace at which they are happening, it is more important than ever to educate ourselves on the reasons the Church holds the moral positions it does and to prayerfully reflect on how that teaching applies to our individual lives. May the Word of God and the voices of our shepherds (who ultimately voice the concern of the Good Shepherd Himself) guide us to true peace and justice!

On February 18, 2025, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) filed suit against the U.S. Federal Government for suspending funding it has received for decades for the aid and resettlement of political refugees. At the heart of the USCCB's charitable activity with refugees and this decision by our bishops to sue the government is the Church's teaching from Pope John XXIII's 1963 Encyclical *Pacem in Terris* (Peace on Earth), from which we now quote:

*98. Since relationships between States must be regulated in accordance with the principles of truth and justice, States must further these relationships by taking positive steps to pool their material and spiritual resources. In many cases this can be achieved by all kinds of mutual collaboration; and this is already happening in our own day in the economic, social, political, educational, health and athletic spheres—and with beneficial results. We must bear in mind that of its very nature civil authority exists, not to confine human beings within the frontiers of their own nations, but primarily to protect the common good of the State, which certainly cannot be divorced from the common good of the entire human family.*

*105. For this reason, it is not irrelevant to draw the attention of the world to the fact that these refugees are persons and all their rights as persons must be recognized. Refugees cannot lose these rights simply because they are deprived of citizenship of their own States.*

*106. And among human beings' personal rights we must include their right to enter a country in which they hope to be able to provide more fittingly for themselves and their dependents. It is therefore the duty of State officials to accept such immigrants and—so far as the good of their own community, rightly understood, permits—to further the aims of those who may wish to become members of a new society.*

*107. We therefore take this opportunity of giving Our public approval and commendation to every undertaking, founded on the principles of human solidarity or of Christian charity, which aims at relieving the distress of those who are compelled to emigrate from their own country to another.*

*108. And We must indeed single out for the praise of all right-minded people those international agencies which devote all their energies to this most important work.*

It is Fr. San's and my hope that all of us take these teachings to prayer, to let them inform our consciences, and to allow them to give us the courage to act. May it be so!

-Fr. James, SJ

*A Prayer Before Reading the News  
by Rabbi Irwin Keller*

*My God, the soul you have placed in me is pure and vulnerable. I am afraid that looking at today's news will be painful. Encircle me in a robe of light so that I can witness the wounds of the world without being wounded myself. Let me learn what I need to know in order to be of my greatest use, without being overwhelmed by despair. I feel your protective light now as I open myself to the world's suffering and the world's joys. Amen.*



**St Ignatius School** *We, the community of St. Ignatius School, in the tradition of Mother Marie Rose and St. Ignatius of Loyola, provide a faith-centered Catholic education guiding God's children toward building a just and compassionate world.*

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Our fourth graders led us through a beautiful Mass this week. In this week's ordinary time Mass, we considered the story of Noah's Ark and Jesus healing the blind. Fr. James discussed with our students their favorite animals and ways to be stewards for our earthly God-created home.



In our Family Groups last week, our students talked about all of the ways they "see God in all things," and then they colored hearts to represent their love for God and all of God's creation. The hearts are hanging on a tree in our school.



Our preschoolers are building their fine motor skills through building with blocks, putting together puzzles, and loads of coloring, cutting, and pasting art pieces. Our eighth grade leaders assisted the kindergarten class in decorating and filling lunch sacks for Transition Lunches this week. We recently marked the 100th day of school, and our primary classes celebrated the occasion in many ways, including collections of



100 items and making 100 day crowns to wear. The kindergartners came up with 100 blessings to thank God for too. Our second graders expressed their gratitude and love for others with their cup of blessings. In music class, our second graders enjoyed using the percussion tubes. The third graders made UV bracelets as they continue studying our powerful sun and solar system. The fourth graders are studying measurement and the Oregon Trail. Our fifth grade mathematicians are tackling adding and subtracting fractions. Our sixth graders presented Bible stories to our first graders this week too.

Our middle schoolers are cruising right along in their science classes with the sixth graders studying heredity, the seventh graders learning about volcanoes, and the eighth graders are starting a chemistry unit. We look forward to seeing our students grow leaps and bounds throughout the spring.

When we slow down to take a moment and consider how we build a just and compassionate world for all, let us remember Philippians chapter four, verse 7, *"The peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."*

Peace be with you always.  
 Carol Pausz  
 Principal

*Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon, exist to give witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As an apostolate of the Church, Catholic Schools minister the salvation of Jesus Christ, exercising His mission to teach (Mt. 28:19-20) by providing Mission Passionate Catholic Education.*

**It's the Year of Jubilee!** In the month of **March**, Pope Francis has missioned churches to clothe the needy, we will be having a Children's Clothing and Supply Drive following items:



**diapers, wipes, Pull-Ups, strollers, car seats, new or gently used maternity or children's clothes.**





**Care for Creation** If everything is related, then the health of society's institution has consequences for the environment and the quality of human life. Every violation of solidarity and civic friendship harms the environment. In this sense, social ecology is necessarily institutional, and gradually extends to the whole of society, from the primary social group, the family, to the wider local, national, and international communities. Within each social stratum, and between them, institutions develop to regulate human relationships. Anything which weakens those institutions has negative consequences such as injustice, violence and loss of freedom.

## Interfaith Earth Summit

### Climate Safety & Health

Sunday, March 16, 2025

[Interfaith Earth Summit: Climate Safety & Health • Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon](#)



**Yarn** Please join us for an hour after the 10:30 mass (11:30-12:30) in the Upstairs, Fireplace room in the Parish Office. **Mark your calendar: Mar 9, 2025 (Bradley rm,) April 13, 2025, May 11, 2025, Jun 8, 2025** Bring your own project or contact Maureen at (206) 889-7820 about materials. Masks are welcome but not required Any age, any level of skill welcome... all skill levels

welcome!

**Pancake Breakfast:** Once a month, after the 10:30 AM Family Mass, we will host a Pancake Breakfast in Dillion hall for all school families and parishioners starting at 11:30 AM. Each month a different school group will assist in hosting the Pancake Breakfast.

**Sunday, April 27th, 11:30 AM = 1st & 5th gr. Hosts,**  
**Sunday, May 18th, 11:30 AM = preschool, 2nd, & 6th gr. hosts**



**Planned Giving** For several decades, St. Ignatius has been here in SE Portland serving people in faith, educating the young with hope, and engaging the world with the love of Christ and the Good News of the Gospel in the Jesuit tradition. Please prayerfully consider including the parish in your estate plans to help us sustain this mission for future generations. If you are interested in learning more about planned giving options at St. Ignatius Parish, please see the "Ways to Give" page on our website or contact Fr. San.



Church tithing	July 1, 2024—June 30, 2025		
	Actual	Budget	% of Goal
Feb 10-16, 2025	9,003	10,000	90%
Month of Feb	40,765	40,000	102%
YTD	340,940	560,000	61%

Thank you, for also supporting other funds like our Campus renewal/Bldg., St. Vincent de Paul, School, Novena and more! May you be blessed abundantly for your generosity!

## 8:00AM Weekday Mass Intentions

Please keep in your prayers

Monday	Mar 3	† Tony Obradovich
Tuesday	Mar 4	† Judy Earnest
Wednesday	Mar 5	† ASH WEDNESDAY
Thursday	Mar 6	† Millie Emig
Friday	Mar 7	† Tonka Dulcich



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