



# St. Ignatius Catholic Church

OREGON'S JESUIT PARISH

SECOND SUNDAY IN

# Lent

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## Mass Times

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 PM

Sunday at 8:00 AM

Sunday at 10:30 AM

Adoration 6:15-6:45 PM  
before 7:00 PM Mass.

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 16, 2025

### Wisdom from the Pews

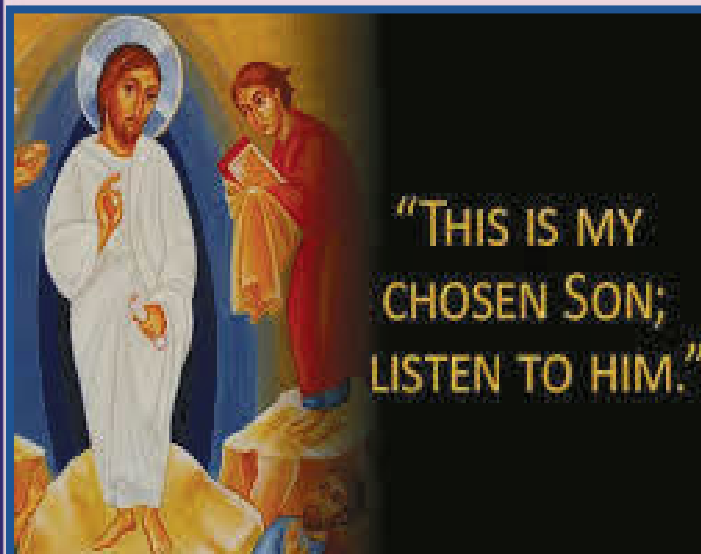
On the 1997 live album *Year of the Horse*, a heckler yells to the singer-songwriter, "All your songs sound the same." Neil Young replies, "It's all one song."

Our faith tells us that the scriptural lyrics that we read, hear, pray with, and often sing along to, are connected and continuing. The God of Abram, Paul, Moses and Elijah, Peter, James, and John. The God of holy women, men, people—past, present, future. The God of you and me. This God keeps singing by pointing out stars, and through shadowing clouds, and ultimately, God sings in our hearts. Today in our Lenten readings, God sings of descendancy, courage, heavenly citizenship, and change.

When I think of Transfiguration, I think of transformation. Many writers explain that transformation means to become different, while transfiguration means to be elevated. Definitions inform, fill our heads. Ignatian contemplation however, placing ourselves right there in the scenes given us this day, using our imagination to pray with these readings, helps our hearts listen to that same voice of God in a deeper way. This deep listening elicits feelings that inform and transform, maybe even transfigure. To experience Peter's awe and joy and to feel Jesus so in communion with God would be mountain top. I want that for all of us.

At this writing, headlines reveal an "all one song" of another kind: a measles outbreak, deadly flooding, painful job losses, and a fragile ceasefire that seems to be becoming more fragile. A letter from Pope Francis to the US Bishops about immigration sits on my lap and my heart aches. No mountain top here. It feels more like the dark belly of a whale. I believe that Peter, James, and John were called to transformation, by

seeing who Jesus *really* is in that peak experience. I also believe we are called to transformation in these hard times. At least once (1998 homily), Fr. Richard Rohr enlisted Jonah's predicament of being in that belly to describe a "cauldron of transformation—a place where we can't control it, can't understand it...can't even name it, but where we are called to have a real experience of the living God."



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## Wisdom from the Pews continued:

What transformation are we each being called to in these times?

A parishioner recently said to me, "This is now about our children and our grandchildren." Yes. It is also about our family of creation all around the world. Today and tomorrow. All one song continuing with prayer....

Merciful God, please give us the grace to listen to you and to what you want us to do. Give us courage and wisdom. Help us to hear your voice in the Old Testament, the New Testament, and in the next testament, where faith, hope, and love, peace and justice, healing and reconciliation, reign in an inclusive heavenly citizenship, already yet begun. Amen.

**Katie Hennessy** and her husband, Tim, have been parishioners here for 38 years. She is a mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, and a licensed clinical social worker.

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>

# 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



Calling all bakers: get your favorite **baked goods** ready for our Bake-Luck on **Sunday, March 23rd** to be shared after the 8 and 10:30am Masses. Coffee will be provided!

## Mass Readings

### Mass Readings for Mar 16, 2025

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 9:28b-36

### Mass Readings for Mar 23, 2025

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 9:28b-36

Have you ever wondered what the Church thinks about its relationship to politics? While the US Constitution is quite clear about the government's role in religious organizations - *Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...* - the Catholic Church recognizes that its members exist both in the religious sphere and the political sphere. Yet, the Church reserves the right to "*preach the faith with true freedom, to teach her social doctrine, and to discharge her duty among people without hindrance.*" What follows is an excerpt from the Church's Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, *Gaudium et Spes*.

*76. It is very important, especially where a pluralistic society prevails, that there be a correct notion of the relationship between the political community and the Church, and a clear distinction between the tasks which Christians undertake, individually or as a group, on their own responsibility as citizens guided by the dictates of a Christian conscience, and the activities which, in union with their pastors, they carry out in the name of the Church.*

*The Church, by reason of her role and competence, is not identified in any way with the political community nor bound to any political system. She is at once a sign and a safeguard of the transcendent character of the human person.*

*The Church and the political community in their own fields are autonomous and independent from each other. Yet both, under different titles, are devoted to the personal and social vocation of the same human beings. The more that both foster sounder cooperation between themselves with due consideration for the circumstances of time and place, the more effective will their service be exercised for the good of all. For human beings' horizons are not limited only to the temporal order; while living in the context of human history, they preserve intact their eternal vocation. The Church, for her part, founded on the love of the Redeemer, contributes toward the reign of justice and charity within the borders of a nation and between nations. By preaching the truths of the Gospel, and bringing to bear on all fields of human endeavor the light of her doctrine and of a Christian witness, she respects and fosters the political freedom and responsibility of citizens.*

-Fr. James, SJ

**SOUNDS FROM THE GROUNDS**, a Facilities update: Ahhh.... Spring has sprung. It's a wonderful time to explore the St. Ignatius campus as our plantings come to life. Our labors from the fall are coming to life as our new plantings are popping up and budding out from their winter slumber.

In celebration of Earth Day this year the Eco-Team is leading a new project to build 5 planter beds on the North side of the church. **Volunteers needed on Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm.** Please join us in constructing the boxes, filling them with planting soil and laying down a crushed rock pathway around them. Please email me ([bwatson@sipdx.org](mailto:bwatson@sipdx.org)) if you can help out.

On **Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>** the Eco-Team will be hosting a plant sale in honor of Mother's Day. Time to be determined, but it will coordinate with the morning mass times.

The **new candle holders** in the windowsill are made from the salvaged wood from the former Maple tree that once stood tall where the turf now resides by the school.

The **new planter boxes** will be constructed from Juniper, a wood sourced from grassland and watershed restoration projects in Central-Eastern Oregon, primarily in the John Day, Blue Basin area. Juniper is rugged and enduring, like the land it comes from. Cheaper and more durable than cedar Juniper is a great exterior wood for eco-conscience choices. The wood was procured from Sustainable Northwest Woods located in SE Portland. Fun fact they provided all of the wood used for the finished ceilings at the recent PDX International Airport remodel.





**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.*

Over the last two weeks, Fr. San Mai and Fr. James Antonio brought over the monstrance to educate the students on the intricacies and symbols, and how to pray during Adoration. Our students were amazed and excited to see the monstrance up close and learn more about this amazing vessel. At our Lenten Mass this week, we began with an adoration.



Our students are growing in faith, knowledge, and service each and every day. Every two weeks, as a whole school, we study a different virtue. Our virtues in February were responsibility and courtesy. The virtues for March are prayerfulness and gratitude. Prayerfulness is defined as being still and listening in prayer and in Mass. It also means being willing to talk to God as a trusted friend. The kindergarten students are practicing their teen numbers this week. The second graders created a creative hallway bulletin board writing about their favorite season. Our third graders made cat blankets for the Oregon Humane Society with help from the 8th graders. The fifth graders learned about American Revolutionary War battles by reading and taking notes from the 8th graders posters. What a joy it is to see our students learning and growing each and every day!



Our **Aspire, Believe, Celebrate** school auction was both fun-filled and successful. Our paddle raise secured \$60,000 in tuition assistance which we can use to qualify for the full amount of next year's Weston matching grant! In the words of Mother Teresa, "We can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful." Way to go, gators!



We would like to see next year's auction have an even larger turnout, so we are asking all of our community to **[please take this quick auction survey](#)** to provide feedback to our auction planning committee. Thank you for helping St. Ignatius School provide a faith-filled Catholic education through inspiring teachers and *necessary resources* as our students build lifelong friendships and prepare to build a more just and compassionate world for all.

May we celebrate St. Patrick on his upcoming Feast day through this prayer in his honor:  
*May the Strength of God pilot us. May the Power of God preserve us. May the Wisdom of God instruct us. May the Hand of God protect us. May the Way of God direct us. May the Shield of God defend us. May the Host of God guard us against the snares of the evil ones, against temptations of the world. May Christ be with us! May Christ be before us! May Christ be in us, Christ be over all! May Thy Salvation, Lord, Always be ours, This day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen.*

Peace be with you always,

Carol Pausz,  
Principal



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**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.**



## Women's Lent Discussion Group continues

Join us for a time of fellowship after the 10:30 Mass every Sunday during Lent (March 9 - April 13). We will meet in Dillon Hall for prayer, discussion, and snacks. All women are welcome.

## Baptism for infant -up to age 7.

Parents that are registered in parish and attend Mass, prepare by participating in one of the Infant Baptism Preparation Sessions. (If your child is seven or older, there will be an additional session for you and your child.) We seek to provide a hospitable, small group setting for our sessions, so class size is limited. Sign up on our website: [sipdx.org/baptism](http://sipdx.org/baptism) Next dates: **May 10, 2025** at 11AM, **June 14, 2025** at 5PM Mass

**Care for Creation** 'God created the world, writing into it an order and a dynamism that human beings have no right to ignore. We read in the Gospel that Jesus says of the birds of the air that "not one of them is forgotten by God". How can we possibly mistreat them or cause them harm." Laudato Si, Pope Francis Chapter 6. V221



A simple way to help wildlife? Plant a sunflower! A single sunflower nourishes dozens of bee species, provides seeds for birds and feeds butterflies all season long!



**St Vincent de Paul Volunteer opportunity!** We are in need of pre-packers on the 3rd Friday of the month. This is a once-a-month commitment in the late afternoon/early evening. Please respond to [sudp@sipdx.org](mailto:sudp@sipdx.org) with your interest.

**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 23-March 2, 2025 | 10,450                     | 11,000  | 95%       |
| Month of Mar         | 10,450                     | 55,000  | 19%       |
| YTD                  | 357,164                    | 560,000 | 64%       |

*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 17 | † Patricia Obradovich |
| Tuesday   | Mar 18 | † Frank Dulcich       |
| Wednesday | Mar 19 | † Maria Diep Hoang    |
| Thursday  | Mar 20 | † Theresa Pieretti    |
| Friday    | Mar 21 | † Raymond Koudossou   |



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