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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

JULY 25, 2021

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

God's Abundance

Dear Parishioners:

On this last weekend of July, we bid farewell to Fr. Billy Biegler, and celebrate him after the 10:30 AM Mass. Fr. Billy has spent his first year of priesthood enchanting us with his homilies, regaling us with his stories, and amazing us with his sneakers. He wants us to visit him when we are in Los Angeles at his new assignment at Loyola High School, 1901 Venice Blvd., LA, CA. He promises an abundant lunch or dinner, and tickets to any Dodger baseball game.

During the next six weeks, the church switches from the Gospel of Mark – and listens instead to the Gospel of John's discourse in chapter six on the Eucharist. A lot happens in this chapter. At the start, the crowds want to make Jesus their king. At the end, they want to kill him.

Today's gospel narrates how Jesus feeds a huge crowd. In the first reading, the prophet Elisha answers people's hunger by blessing a small amount of barley bread. The similarities in the stories reinforce their meaning. It's all about trusting God's abundance.

In each story, food is brought to the man of God (Elisha or Jesus). The amount of food is small, and objections are made about its inadequacy. The men of God ignore the proposed obstacles, and feed the hungry with so much food that afterwards the disciples collect a surplus.



Both narratives point to these implied questions: How are you and I distributing the food at our disposal? What are we doing with our surplus? Is someone in the world dying from starvation while others must diet to avoid dying of overeating? How do we answer these questions?

The crowd at the start of the chapter enthusiastically follows Jesus "because they had seen the signs that he did on the sick." It is Passover. Jesus would have certainly wanted to share a family Passover meal on that holy day. But in this year, the world was coming to Jesus

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 PM
 Sunday at 8:00 AM
 Sunday at 10:30 AM
 Sunday at 7:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASS

Noon on Tuesday & Thursday



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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seeking comfort. Which just goes to show that one litmus test of goodness is a person's response to the opportunities of hospitality.

Jesus is seated in a mountainous area surrounded by grass. Unlike in the other gospels, it is Jesus who opens the dialogue with the disciples: "How are we to buy bread, so that people may eat?" Notice the compassion of Jesus. He says that the people need to be fed, even though there is no mention of hunger from the crowd.

The role of the disciples is to bring to Jesus loaves and fish they get from a child. Jesus then personally distributes the miraculous food. Notice the gospel's Eucharistic theology. Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and distributed it to the people – the same gestures at the Eucharist even today, two millennia later.

The disciples' job is to pick up the leftovers. The fragments fill twelve baskets – more than they had when they started. This is one of John's "signs" of who Jesus is. As the story unfolds, heavy hints are dropped: mountains, Passover, a miraculous feeding, the number twelve, a multitude following a wonder-worker. All these are reminders of Moses, the Exodus, and manna in the desert. Jesus is identified as "the prophet who is to come into the world." When the people come after him "to make him king," Jesus recognizes their intention and withdraws to the mountain to be alone.

The second reading from Ephesians compliments John's Eucharistic theology. It recommends that members of the church live with humility, gentleness and patience, "bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." The vitality of the community depends on its members making these efforts to bear with one another.

Today's scripture teaches lessons in perception and priorities. While Andrew counted the loaves and fish as the inadequate offering of a child, Jesus recognized what they really were – the abundance of God. As our world emerges from the pandemic, and entire continents still lack adequate access to vaccines, now is the moment to wonder what we have learned from the pandemic: *when anyone is left behind, we are all vulnerable.*

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.

Family Faith Adventures continue...



MASS READINGS

Mass Readings for July 25, 2021

2 Kings 4:42-44
Ephesians 4:1-6
John 6:1-15

Mass Readings for Aug 1, 2021

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
Ephesians 4:17, 20-14
John 6:24-35

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

Welcome to the 12th-annual *31 Days with St. Ignatius*, a month-long celebration of Ignatian spirituality. In honor of the [Ignatian Year](#) and the feast of [St. Ignatius Loyola](#) on July 31, we offer a selection of articles, blog posts, and videos to help you explore the riches of Ignatian spirituality.

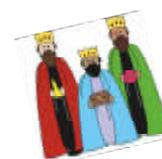
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CHRISTMAS IN JULY ~ "THE FEASTE OF THE NATIVITY."

Anyone up for some Christmas in July?

Dear parishioners: I know it's early, but please hold this in your prayers. I'm putting together "The Feaste of the Nativity," a pageant/concert/festival to take place here, at and in St. Ignatius Church. The best part of any event, whether it be a movie, or a novel, or a story, is to leave you wanting more. So! Let this announcement be just that. I will need your help, of course! Singers, costumers, food, logistics, set up, rehearsal support, sound and tech assistance, fund-raising models, ushering -- you name it. And in particular, I need your prayers. More info to come, as we walk through these summer weeks, especially in light of the pandemic, and the many other considerations that come up when working through and toward something like this. It is, however, the best part of most things, when one has some anticipation and some hope of what is to come. And after the year+ that we've lived through, that is a joy for me. Interested? E-mail me at jbyrd@sipdx.org or call me at the parish office. And, as you will hear us say, come December: Wes hale, Good Lords and Ladies fair, we bid thee welcome we bid thee share! Come join us in



our Feaste, where all are welcome, from richest to the least. -- Joseph Byrd,

Music Director and Pastoral Administrator



DAILY PRAYER INTENTIONS



Please keep in your prayers

Monday	Jul 26	†	Christine Skinner
Tuesday	Jul 27	†	Mary Barnes
Wednesday	Jul 28	†	Bob Secolo
Thursday	Jul 29	†	Tom Williams
Friday	Jul 30	†	Jim Emig

JOHN SCOTT MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021
MOUNTAIN VIEW GOLF CLUB 1:00 PM
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Fall Women's Retreat survey

Women, Arise! retreat ministry at St. Ignatius is considering the possibility of a fall overnight retreat. If you might be interested in a women's retreat, please take this short survey to assist in our planning. Thank you!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XBLN35N>

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES ONLINE RETREAT 2021-2022 – APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED

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. 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/> <https://seelportland.org/how-to-apply/>

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**

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.

"Job Board" for St. Ignatius Families: Do you have a talent to share or a need we can help with? For more information email to jobboard@sipdx.org Thank you to Le Tran, for offering to manage our job board!



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