



PASTOR'S MESSAGE **AUGUST 22, 2021** **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Do You Want To Cut And Run?

Dear Parishioners:

In today's Gospel, Jesus has managed to alienate a once enthusiastic crowd. Last week he scandalized the multitudes with talk of drinking his blood. It seems that even his chosen disciples are having second thoughts. Some of the disciples, like the crowds, murmured at what he said. They want to cut and run.

Grumbling and complaining are as old as the human race. Before infants even have language, their cries and yells get them what they want. Maybe people never completely outgrow those early instinctive communications.

In today's gospel, the followers of Jesus grumble. He has been telling them that he is the Bread of life, the bread that will let them really live. A few verses earlier, Jesus even tells them, "Stop murmuring among yourselves." But they don't – and neither do we.

It seems to be the human condition to complain and whine when Jesus asks us to do something challenging, following in his footsteps. Over and over, he asks us to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty and care for the poor and marginalized. And even more puzzling, he first wants to give himself as food for the road ahead.



Today's psalm is a reminder that the Lord has ears for the cry of the poor -- *from all their distress he rescues them*. The line that follows enunciates the heart of Jesus' message: "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted, and those who are crushed in spirit he saves."

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

Saturdays -3:30 PM to 4:30 PM
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PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE:

What Jesus asks Christians is not easy or simple; we just want it to be. We are basically good people and go to Church. We give to charity, we pray and we are busy with family and jobs. Yet Jesus appears to want even more -- asks a lot of us, it seems.

Jesus responds to our grumbling about his difficult challenges. "Does this shock you?" he asks. Do you find it difficult to accept the gift of self-sacrificing love? Does his call to make *his* life the center of our lives shock us into realizing that we may be far from following his way? Jesus knows us and understands, "The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." And the gospel reminds us, "As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him."

But for those who really want to follow the teachings of Jesus, we can pray to discover who in our world, in our life, is marginalized? Who needs our forgiveness? How can we love our spouses and family better? How can we stop judging others so severely and simply remember how very loved we are by God?

Here are some questions: Am I following the call of Jesus or am I following the world's call to succeed at any price? Do I ignore those people who are inconvenient to me, and fill my life with the things and signs of my success? Who or what am I going to follow? The prophet Joshua says it well: "If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve."

At this moment of deciding whom we will serve, Jesus asks us, "Do you also want to leave?" It is Simon Peter who answers for us, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Jesus doesn't ask us to take this challenging path alone. He is with us at every moment, offering himself as the bread, the central food for our lives. He sends us as well out into our world to love others, and be the "bread" for those around us.

Paul's advice in the Ephesians reading is based on the Mediterranean household codes of his day where the patriarch was the head of the family. Nowadays the church sees marriage as a partnership between spouses. What Paul says to husbands we now say to both spouses – love your husband or wife as you love your own body. Love one another as Christ loved the church.

Amidst all the challenges of our own lives, we can be scandalized by suffering. We can be tempted to discouragement – to ask where God is when there is so much conflict and division. Then it is good to ask the Spirit to brand in our hearts the words of faith that Peter utters today: "Lord, to whom else shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life."

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.

Pastor



MASS READINGS

Mass Readings for Aug 22, 2021

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Ephesians 5:21-32

John 6:60-69

Mass Readings for Aug 29, 2021

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

"THE FEASTE OF THE NATIVITY."

The Feaste of the Nativity

Saturday, December 11 from 10am to 4pm
Pageants in the Church at 1pm and 3pm



Personnel needs:

Town Criers (I'll take as many as I can get! Some will walk the campus and share information about the Feaste, scheduled events, joke with Feaste-goers [I'll provide a script], and promote good cheer. Some will be stationed in the open windows of the Parish Office, throwing candy out to passers by, and making comments of the season [Wes Hale, good lords and ladies fair! Etc.] Think "Pirates of the Caribbean" where, on the Disneyland ride, folks are hanging out of the shop and ship windows, having fun talking with each other, and to those walking below.

Char-men, and Char-women (These are our lowly servants, and they'll have fun with the crowd, helping pick up trash, sweeping up behind Feaste-goers [and having fun while they do so. "Look what Mr. Collins left behind him here, my dearies!" etc.] Interacting with our Feaste-goers and providing some on-the-spot conversational fun

Poets and Music-Makers. (At various stations around the church and the court yard, these folks will sing, play, read poetry [I'll provide this] and/or write poems and make up songs on the spot about those who come near. Donations toward the Feaste will be welcomed by them!

Jugglers, unicyclists, sword swallows, jesters. (This category explains itself. Do you juggle? Come join us! Do you unicycle? Bring your wheel. Swallow swords? [I'd be shocked if this happens, but the Spirit provides, right?] Jesters are a large part of the Medieval/Renaissance tradition. There is even some sturdy theology about being a Fool for Christ, or even Christ being the ultimate Jester [Surprise...risen from the dead!]. The point will be to have fun with people, and do your thing, whatever that may be, in the name of celebrating the Feaste

Lords and Ladies (This one explains itself. Come dressed in your finery and help make the Feaste that much more festive.)

On the nuts and bolts side, we'll also need:

Greeters and Ushers (Folks who will help get people in and out of the Church for the pageant, as well as help direct people outside)

Set-up and Clean-up crew

Security (It would be great to have plenty of folks who could be on walkie-talkie, watching over the event before and during)

Prop masters (We will be needing things to be created/built, especially for the pageant. Things like a cardboard rainbow, or a wreath of holly, or a pop-up manger, etc. I will be clearer on this as we enter September, and folks return to School and to the campus, and as I craft our script)

Costumers (We'll encourage folks to come in costume, but for anyone who would like to help us sew, we'll be grateful! Costume suggestions can be found for great prices at various locations,

Questions? Call Joseph Byrd, jbyrd@sipdx.org, 503-777-1491, ext. 238



DAILY PRAYER INTENTIONS



Please keep in your prayers

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| Monday | Aug 23 | † | Dick Gedrose |
| Tuesday | Aug 24 | † | Tom Williams |
| Wednesday | Aug 25 | † | Phillip Hoover |
| Thursday | Aug 26 | † | Barbara Smith |
| Friday | Aug 27 | † | Jim Emig |

FEASTE OF THE NATIVITY, CONTINUED

Sponsor a Candle or a King! --

Supporting the Feaste of the Nativity 2021

This is your Feaste, St. Ignatius! We can't do this without you. Would you be willing to sponsor a candle? A king? Or more? Can you help us as we start from scratch, and try to make this a yearly tradition?

Part of our celebration will include:

Saying thank you and farewell to Fr. Craig Boly, SJ, as he leaves for his sabbatical, and

Saying welcome to Fr. Mike Moynahan, SJ, as he begins his work here as Pastor

Here are ways you can give:

Write a check, payable to St. Ignatius Church, with "Feaste of the Nativity" in the memo line.

Donate online through Realm. <https://onrealm.org/sipdx/-/give/now> is the link you can use. Just press the "down arrow" to the right of *Sunday tithing* and you will see "**Feaste of the Nativity**" fund.

Sponsor Categories

Sponsor one (or more!) of the following, and we'll print your name in our pageant program, as well as posting your name on our "WANTED: for EXCESSIVE GENEROSITY!" posters for all to see as they roam the grounds during the Feaste.

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| Candle | \$20 |
| Angel | \$100 |
| Donkey | \$150 |
| Jester | \$200 |
| Shepherdess | \$250 |
| Wise Man | \$300 |
| Wise Woman | \$500 |
| King | \$1000 |
| The Holy Family | \$5000 |
| The Star of Bethlehem | \$7500 |

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021 * MOUNTAIN VIEW GOLF CLUB 1:00 PM

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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



In Thanksgiving for the life of Phillip Hoover
Brother-in-law to Mary Kay and Mike Baker.
Please pray for the repose of his soul and for his loving family.

FAITH FORMATION



Marriage: Are you engaged? Congratulations! Preparing for a marriage in the Catholic Church is a six month process which hopefully offers some tools to help you navigate this wonderful transition in your life. If you're ready to get that process started, contact Grace Byrd for more information.

RCIA: If you are in the process of discerning whether the Catholic Church is your spiritual home, consider registering for the '21-'22 RCIA class. This class meets weekly and is a place to explore your faith, examine your beliefs, and recognize God's presence in your life. Contact Grace Byrd for more information, or simply register for the class on our website, and Grace will get in touch with you!



A group of parents have volunteered to help plan some activities for our **Junior High** age parishioners beginning next fall. Would you like to join in on the fun? Email Grace Byrd and she will put you in touch with the other volunteers!

Some of our **young adult** parishioners have expressed an interest in beginning to gather once again for fun and fellowship. Are you someone between the age of 20-40 who likes to plan activities? It can be anything from discussions at the pub, to a hike, to a service project. Talk to Grace if you are interested!



Registration is open for 2021-2022 First Reconciliation & Communion

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

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Many thanks to Boy Scouts Crew 351 for their donations to the St. Ignatius St. Vincent de Paul pantry in July. Their ongoing support is much appreciated and our clients greatly benefit from their efforts. In June pantry volunteers delivered 750 lbs of food to 30 individuals from 12 families. If you know someone who is food insecure or needs utility or rent assistance, refer them to the SVdP Portland Council at 503-235-8431 and their requests will be forwarded to the pantry.



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