

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

NOVEMBER 7, 2021

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Put Money in the Sunday Collection Now for Your Mansion in Heaven

Dear Parishioners:

At all the Masses this weekend, some witness speaker will urge the rest of us to give generously to the Sunday collection appeal for 2021-22. The parishioner will ask us to be good stewards of our money, to tithe "off the top," and to support the St. Ignatius Parish mission "to discern the urgent call of Jesus in our times." If you were the one giving the witness talk, what would you say? How would you persuade the parish to increase giving to cover our expenses?

You might say that Jesus is more interested in what we do for the homeless than how much we give in the Sunday collection. But Jesus actually did think about money a lot. Sixteen of his thirty-eight parables are about how to handle money and possessions. In the gospels, an amazing one out of ten verses deals directly with the subject of money. The whole Bible offers 500 verses on prayer, fewer than 500 verses on faith, but more than 2000 verses on money and possessions. The point is that money is a dominant force in life.

Consider this. When people take the measure of their spiritual lives, they examine their prayer life, Mass attendance, honesty, truthfulness, fidelity to spouse and family, their avoidance of violence or maligning another's reputation. The list could go on. But the fact is that the single most reliable, most accurate practical measure of one's spiritual life, how you stand with God, is your use of money. As St. Teresa of Calcutta used to say, show me your check-book and I'll show you what you value.

Today's gospel contrasts the scribes and a poor widow. Jesus points out the difference between the phony observance of religion-for-religion's sake, and authentic faith rooted in human reliance on God.

Jesus criticizes the scribes for religious posturing and for ignoring the needs of poor widows. Contrasted to the scribes is the widow. The reign of God has dawned in her life. Her worship is true. Out of her poverty, she gives "her whole living" – her very self – which the copper coins symbolize.

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### 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

Tuesday & Thursday  
At 12:00 PM



### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays -  
3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

OR by appointment  
503-777-1491

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE:

I would ask you to think of someone you love very much, your favorite person in the whole world. Imagine you are hiking together, you are tired and thirsty, and together you only have one apple. Imagine your beloved says, "Oh, I know you are really tired and thirsty, so you go ahead and eat the apple. I only want one bite." My question for you, "Which bite will give offer your loved one – the first or the last?"

The question about which bite you'd give of that apple is relevant to our Stewardship support of our church. As you plan your giving to support our parish mission, as you pray about what return you want to make to God for all your gifts, the image of the apple is helpful. Which bite do you want to give God, the first or the last?

One recommendation is to sign up for direct deposit or REALM. It helps the church plan our budget and helps you make a prayerful commitment. If you fill out the direct deposit form. If you have any questions, please call Patty Frangipani at 503 777 1491, extension 221.

Remember that apple on the hike. You are so grateful that your beloved wants you to find refreshment and renewed energy from the apple. Your beloved only wants one bite. Like the widow in the temple, may your gift back to God come from a trusting heart.

Thursday is Veterans Day. On the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month of 1918, an armistice between Germany and the Allied nations came into effect that ended World War I. Since then, Veterans Day honors and thanks all military personnel who served the United States in all wars, particularly living veterans. Pray in thanksgiving for the brave men and women in uniform who have served that we might be free. Pray for their safety and appreciation as they sacrifice to make our prosperity possible.

Grateful for all you have already given,

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

## WEEKLY JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION

**November 13** St. Frances Cabrini:

Patron Saint of Immigrants Why It's Important: "When we die and stand before the Gates of St. Peter, St. Peter is not going to ask to see our papers. How we responded to our brothers and sisters will be the question St. Peter asks. Because as people of faith, we are called to see Christ in every one we meet and, as our brothers' and sisters' keeper, we lovingly meet the needs of our neighbors."

**November 14** World Day of the Poor Why It's Important:

"Love for others, and in the first place, love for the poor, in whom the Church sees Christ himself, is made concrete in the promotion of justice."  
St. John Paul II

**November 20** Universal Children's Day Why It's Important:

"Can we really say that some children of God are more important than other children of God? Of course not, we are all children of God, equally."



## MASS READINGS

### Mass Readings for Nov. 7, 2021

1 Kings 17:10-16  
Hebrews 9:24-28  
Mark 12: 38-44

### Mass Readings for Nov. 14, 2021

Daniel 12:1-3  
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18  
Mark 13:24-32

## ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL



This last week, our 4th grade class led our school through a wonderful prayer service for All Saints' Day. As our students study and learn from the incredible examples of our Catholic Saints, it is the perfect time to begin our whole school service projects. During the month of November, our students will bring in non-perishable food items for St. Vincent De Paul to provide families with much needed assistance, especially as Thanksgiving approaches.



After Thanksgiving, we will shift to our Advent service project by bringing in various items to make Christmas boxes for the families

of the Community Transition School. The Community Transition School serves students challenged with stable housing. If you would like to participate in these projects with us, please drop off food donations to the parish office, or drop off socks, gloves, and winter hats in both children and adult sizes to our school office.

We are searching for a middle school math teacher. If you or someone you know might be interested in this job, please reach out to our school office at [sispdx.org](http://sispdx.org).

May we take time to notice the stunning fall colors as we appreciate and celebrate care for God's creation. As we hear in Isaiah chapter forty, verse eight, "The grass withers, the flowers wilt, but the word of our God stands forever."

Carol Pausz  
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### TITHING

*Financial report (July 1, 2021—June 30, 2022):*

*Needed for the month of October*

\$41,400 .00

*Amount received through 10-24-2021*

48,334.57

*Thank you, may you be blessed abundantly for your generosity!*

### DAILY PRAYER INTENTIONS



*Please keep in your prayers*

Monday Nov 8

† Gerard Barnes

Tuesday Nov 9

† Hoang Tran

Wednesday Nov 10

† Leo Patrick O'Brien

Thursday Nov 11

† Jim Emig

Friday Nov 12

† All Veterans

# FEASTE OF THE NATIVITY

Please come join us for the

## Feaste of the Nativity

PAGEANT, CONCERT & FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, DEC. 11, 2021 || 10AM-4PM

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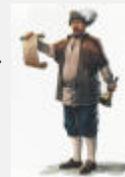
**Wes Hale and huzzah! A few new items for your consideration, my dear Feasters!**

- Anyone interested in singing in the pageant at the Feaste, we'll be rehearsing on Tuesday, November 16 and 30 at 7pm, as well as on Saturday, Dec. 4 at 10am. There are five songs (three of which I can almost guarantee you already know, as in "Deck the Halls" but with slightly different words). You will have music in your hands! In other words, no memorizing needed. Let me know if you're interested in joining us for this. There are two pageant performances on the day of the Feaste -- Saturday, December 11, at 1 and 3pm.

- Your generosity is astonishing, and most welcome! I'm afraid we will have quite a few warrants out for your arrest at the Feaste, as so many of you are guilty of Overwhelming Generosity. Truly -- thank you. And if you'd still like to give, we will be most grateful. See our sponsor categories below.

- We still need pop-up tents! As one of the lyrics in our pageant song goes, "Dark and dull night, fly hence away, And give the honour to this day, That sees December turned to May." That is our prayer, and we have lots of people praying it. And, we'll be ready for whatever the Lord blesses us with, so if you've a tent we can borrow, I'd be much obliged.

- We'll need help setting up that morning prior, on Friday, Dec. 10 at 9am. I have some folks who've said they can be here, and will gladly welcome more! As I mentioned in my Realm e-mail, we'll be honoring Fr. Craig with a goodbye and Fr. Mike with a hello at the Feaste, with a Kings' Table along with ceremonial blessings and fun. Looking forward to seeing you there!



**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. [jbyrd@sipdx.org](mailto:jbyrd@sipdx.org)



**sponsors**

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

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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)

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## CCHD

Next week, Nov 14th, our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than thirty-eight million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd)



Look for **collection envelopes** in the vestibule and at the doors.

## STILL LOOKING FOR MASS VOLUNTEERS



### **Ushers/Sacristans/Lectors needed:**

We are currently looking for ushers for our 5pm Vigil Mass. We are also looking for ushers, sacristans and lectors for our 7:30pm Contemplative Mass. . **Sacristans** – Unlocking doors, turning on lights, lighting candles, preparing vessels before Mass, and ringing the bells at the beginning of Mass. **Lector:** Read the 1st and 2nd reading, and the Prayers of the Faithful during Mass. Contact Sarah Faux, Coordinator of Liturgy, at [sfaux@sipdx.org](mailto:sfaux@sipdx.org) if you are interested or need further information.

## LENDING YOUR EXPERTISE

Looking for some coaching from a Mechanical Engineer as we walk through our facilities here at the church and the school, and think how to best proceed with care and/or upgrading our boilers in particular. If you have a heart for systems, and some time you could spare, please contact Joseph Byrd at [jbyrd@sipdx.org](mailto:jbyrd@sipdx.org) or 503-777-1491, ext 238. Would love to explore how to look toward the future in saving energy, controlling costs, and helping to make our systems more green and earth friendly.

## IGNITE - CONTINUES, NOV 14TH AT 6PM

November 14th-Contemplative Conversation; Nov 28th-Action Activity—Love Thy Neighbor; December 12th -Blessed are Those Who Hunger and Thirst For Righteousness—Contemplating the Incarnation **Come to one class, come to all—as you desire**, contact Grace to get on the mailing list [gbyrd@sipdx.org](mailto:gbyrd@sipdx.org) or go to [sipdx.org/ignite](http://sipdx.org/ignite) for details Zoom meeting ID: 833 9062 2228, passcode: IGNITE



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