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#### **Mass Schedule:**

##### **Weekends**

Saturday: 5:30 pm  
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30  
am, 5:30 pm

##### **Daily Mass**

Monday: 8:00 am  
Tuesday-Saturday:  
8:00 am, 5:30 pm  
Our church is open  
weekdays at:  
7:30 am and 5:00 pm

#### **Live-Streamed Masses**

Sunday: 9:30 am  
Monday-Saturday: 8 am

#### **Holy Communion**

In front of the Parish Office  
on Arden Way Sundays:  
10:30-11:15 only. Weekdays:  
Communion available at the  
Parish Office 8:30-9:00 am.  
Ring the bell.

#### **Reconciliation (Confession)**

Saturday: 3:00 pm and by  
appointment

#### **Parish Offices**

are open from  
10 am – 5 pm  
Appointments are preferred:  
(916) 482-9666

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In a dramatic video issued on August 17th, Pope Francis and several major church leaders from across the Americas issued a call to all who do not have a medical impediment to be vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus. "Vaccination is a simple but profound way of promoting the common good and caring for each other, especially the most vulnerable. Being vaccinated with vaccines authorized by the competent authorities is an act of love, a simple yet profound way to care for one another, especially the most vulnerable. And contributing to ensure the majority of people are vaccinated is an act of love...I pray that each one of us can make his or her own small gesture of love. No matter how small, love is always great: small gestures for a better future." The full video (subtitled in English, with original in Spanish) can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JWf3Ji1EaU>



In a related release, this past week Bishop Jaime Soto issued a statement that reads in part: "Doctrinal and moral guidance by both the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith at the Holy See and the Doctrine Committee of the United States Catholic Conference have provided the clergy and faithful with clear teaching that Catholic men and women may receive the COVID-19 vaccine in good conscience. Anyone with personal medical concerns about the vaccine should consult with a health care professional.

Both offices have reminded us of the moral obligations of charity. The individual disciple of the Lord Jesus should not only look to one's own personal benefit but also to the common good of public health that will be served by receiving the vaccine." In his letter, he clearly states that pastors may not issue letters claiming an official religious exemption for those who decide not to be vaccinated. The full text of his letter can be found at <https://www.scd.org/news/religious-exemptions-covid-19-vaccines>.

Finally, Bishop Soto invites every Catholic in the Diocese of Sacramento to write or call their state representatives during the week of August 23-27, 2021, to oppose SB 245. This bill expands abortion by removing deductibles, co-payments, and other cost-sharing. Information about this bill and useful resources are available on the Diocesan website at <https://scd.org/sb245>

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## BREAD IN THE BOAT



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This Sunday's conclusion to the Bread of Life discourse asks us all a hard question. The disciples of Jesus all struggled to understand his message, but when he called himself the Bread of Life, bread come down from heaven, whose body and blood becomes food for the world, he was, to put it mildly, just too much for some of them.

Some of them, many of them, began to peel away. Many saw Jesus as a good teacher, no doubt, and as a worker of occasional wonders. But bread of life? Not hardly. Because that's too hard to grasp, beyond our imaginings. It's so much easier just to follow some basic guidelines as best you can, try to get ahead, and keep your head down.

We find ourselves in a parallel situation today. Jesus asked them "And you, do you want to leave too?" And he asks us the same.

Many have jumped ship, left our communion, for many reasons. Some have been so hurt and scandalized by recent revelations of abuse of the vulnerable by those in authority that they cannot imagine finding their way back. Others are put off by the squabbles between traditional and progressive wings within the organization. Some question why God could allow a pandemic or natural disasters to unsettle our comfortable world. Still others question the relevance of belonging to a church community at all, when one can find God in nature or silence. Still others are simply bored, or lured away by what's bright and shiny. It's hard—maybe impossible—for Sunday mass to compete with a Superbowl halftime show or the latest rock-em sock-em video game. Some vote for humanistic agnosticism, a kindly "whatever" shrug of the shoulders.

In these dog days of summer heat and fire and doldrums, in the

midst of a raging pandemic, I find myself challenged by Jesus' question: Do I want to leave too? I suppose that if I'm honest I'll respond that there are days when I wonder. Days when the pieces don't fit together intelligibly. When the confusion, pain, and sorrow of the world seems overwhelming. Days when what is bright and shiny, novel and alluring, seems more much compelling than what is perennial, stable, and familiar. Days when it would be so much easier not to strive for what is good and true and beautiful, and to content myself with what is merely ok, mediocre, and gaudy. Days when "whatever" seems like a plausible response.

And Peter said "Lord, to whom shall we go? You alone have the words of eternal life."

I do know this. I'm in Peter's boat and I believe that Jesus had those words, *is* The Word. I know enough about history to see that things have always been upside down, that all human institutions including the Church itself, have always been made up of flawed, weak, and sometimes even venal and misguided people. I know that God can be found elsewhere. Yet I'm in this boat, Peter's leaky boat, that's filled with my people, people who have chosen to row together rather than to go it alone. And I guess it simply comes to this: I believe that the bread of life is in the boat with us.

That keeps me rowing together with you toward the far distant shore.

Blessings,

Fr. Tom Lucas S.J.



## THIS WEEK, AND ALWAYS WE REMEMBER WE HOPE WE BELIEVE

### Daily Mass Intentions August 23-28, 2021

- 8/23 Mon 8:00 am Eleanor Mello †
- 8/24 Tues 8:00 am William White, Jr. †  
Tues 5:30 pm Cheryl Ann McCarthy †
- 8/25 Wed 8:00 am Margaret Rodrigues †  
Wed 5:30 pm Novelito Buenaobra SI
- 8/26 Thur 8:00 am Dr. Alexander Gonsalves †  
Thur 5:30 pm Claire Mey SI
- 8/27 Fri 8:00 am Lyle Ward †  
Fri 5:30 pm Mary Margaret Naval †
- 8/28 Sat 8:00 am Sampine Rodrigues †

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Bernard Avila, Deacon Joe Symkowitz,  
Jack Kocunik, Evelyn Rucker, Mickey Turpen,  
Sr. Rosemary Huddleston, Angie Tonarelli

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

#### August 2021

Jordyn Rose Johnson

#### July 2021

Jeanne Campanelli, Fr. David Ayotte,  
Dee O'Malley, O.P., Rick Clark, Mary Ellen Lucero

#### June 2021

Cathy Edwards, Rich Draffin, Mark Tonarelli, Sandy  
Dill, Ron Himes,

### WEEKEND PRESIDERS

Aug 28/29 Sep 4/5

- 5:30 (SAT): Fr. O'Neill, S.J. Fr. Lucas, S.J.
- 7:30: Fr. Lucas, S.J. Fr. Lucas, S.J.
- 9:30: Fr. O'Neill, S.J. Fr. O'Neill, S.J.
- 11:30: Fr. Lucas, S.J. Fr. Tilley, S.J.
- 5:30 (SUN): Fr. Wehr, S.J. Fr. Tilley, S.J.

## BAPTISM PREP CLASS

The class will be taught online on Zoom, Monday, September 13th at 7 pm. All parents who wish their child to be baptized at St. Ignace Church need to attend a class before scheduling the baptism.



For an Invitation with the link to the online class for parents and godparents, the registration packet along with the child's birth certificate and the baptism fee needs to be in the office by Wednesday, September 8th.

For more information, contact Jean Nelson at [916-482-9666](tel:916-482-9666), ext. 233 or email [jnelson@stignatiussac.org](mailto:jnelson@stignatiussac.org). Registration packets are also available on the website or at the parish office.

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*&*

*The Russell Family*



## THE CENTER FOR IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH IN SACRAMENTO WILL OFFER THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS IN 2021-22 FOR THOSE INTERESTED: SEEL RETREAT & GIVING THE EXERCISES TRAINING

**SEEL** – the Spiritual Exercises in Every Day Life. Experience of the 19th Annotation version of the Spiritual Exercises involves meeting weekly with a spiritual director and daily prayer. The program runs from September 2021-May 2022. **Apply by September 15, 2021.** Visit: <https://www.stignatiussac.org/s/seel>

**Giving the Exercises** - Two-year training in understanding and giving the Spiritual Exercises, especially as exemplified in the 8-month 19th Annotation version of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Courses run from September to May. **Register by August 30, 2021.** Visit <https://www.stignatiussac.org/s/giving-the-exercises>

## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING COURSE



Beginning on September 19th and continuing until just before Easter, St. Ignatius Parish will offer an 8-session course on the principles of Catholic Teaching. Once each month on a Sunday evening after the 5:30 pm mass, engaging presenters from the Jesuit School of Theology at SCU/Berkeley, Cristo Rey and Jesuit High Schools, the Diocese of Sacramento, and Sacramento Loaves and Fishes will explore the seven pillars of our Church's social teaching and how they can undergird our identity as Catholics in our complex and changing world today.

The course will explore scriptural roots, our rich and varied tradition, and the important emphases of Vatican II. It is designed to challenge us to respond here and now and find new ways to follow the Gospel as we evermore become men and women for others. We encourage you to join us in this first series in a multi-year exploration of our faith in troubled times. Watch here for further information.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE & YOUNG ADULT COORDINATOR



Looking to serve others here at St. Ignatius? Desiring to deepen your spiritual life in a community of young adults? Consider applying for the Social Justice and Young Adult Ministries Coordinator. The coordinator works

with our volunteers to serve the underserved and marginalized in our community, especially those suffering from hunger, housing insecurity, and homelessness. The coordinator is also responsible for promoting our pastoral ministry with young adults and coordination of volunteers in social ministries. Full-time with benefits. Please submit a resume and an electronic application

<https://www.scd.org/sites/default/files/2021-01/DOS%20Application%20Form%202021.pdf> to [ctilley@stignatiussac.org](mailto:ctilley@stignatiussac.org).



## REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR K - 8TH GRADE IS NOW OPEN

Do you have a child/children who attend public school? Do you know that St. Ignatius has a Religious Education Program designed to help you and your children grow in faith and learn about Jesus, Scripture stories and the teachings of the Catholic faith? Do you have children in your household who need to receive the Sacraments of Initiation – baptism, eucharist, or confirmation? Our Religious Education program can assist your children to complete those sacraments and more. We ask that families who are seeking to participate in our Religious Education Program be registered at our Parish. Classes begin Sunday, September 19, 2021. **If we have not received your registrations by August 1st please include thirty dollar late fee for each family registration. We will not accept any more registrations after August 30th.**

Registration packets were mailed to all families that participated in the program previously. If your child is new or you need registration forms, they are available at the Parish Office and on our website – [www.stignatiussac.org](http://www.stignatiussac.org).



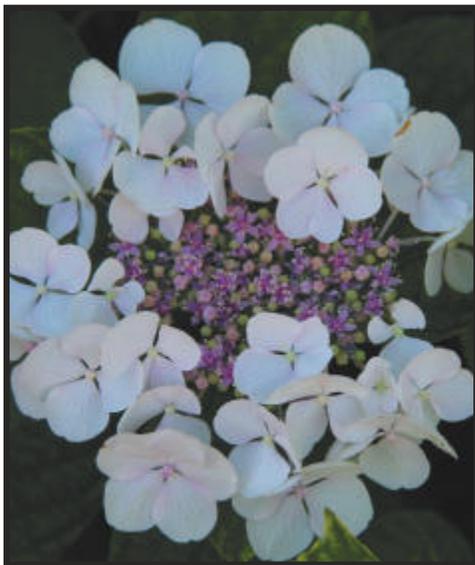
## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS ST. IGNATIUS OFFERS:

**Religious Education Classes for Faith Formation** – This faith formation program is for children (Kindergarten through 8th grade). It prepares children to receive sacraments that are age-appropriate – Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

**First Eucharist Program** - Our First Eucharist program is a two-year program. If you have school-age children who need to receive Reconciliation and Eucharist, please register them as soon as possible.

**Confirmation Program** - Our Confirmation Program is a two-year program. Your child needs to be at least a 7th grader, have been baptized, and received 1st Eucharist to begin the pre-confirmation program.

**Questions or need more details?** Please contact Fatima Avila-Ohlsen, Director of Catechetical Ministries at (916) 482-9666, ext. 238, or email [fohlsen@stignatiussac.org](mailto:fohlsen@stignatiussac.org)



## THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION - RCIA

St. Ignatius Loyola Parish - RCIA Classes start Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at 7:00 PM. This program is for adults seeking to become Catholic or to complete Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. If you are interested, please contact Fatima Avila-Ohlsen, Director of Catechetical Ministries for a registration form and an interview at (916) 482-9666, ext. 238, or email [fohlsen@stignatiussac.org](mailto:fohlsen@stignatiussac.org).

A registration packet is available at the Parish office and on the website. [www.stignatiussac.org](http://www.stignatiussac.org)



## WELCOME BACK TIGERS

We are so happy to welcome back all our students at St. Ignace School! August 16th at 7:45 a.m. the gates opened and officially started the new school year. With Covid-19 numbers increasing again, the school is prepared for any outcome that they might face. Good luck to all our students and faculty as they embark on the 2021-2022 school year! Go Tigers!



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