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AUGUST 29, 2021

THE TWENTY-SECOND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME



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:
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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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THE SOCIAL CONTRACT



The past several weeks we've been hearing increasingly loud and rancorous controversies erupt between the extremes of what some consider pharasaic imposition and observance of rules and what others call unlicensed libertarianism. The nexus of this controversy has been about how the COVID-19 virus and its variants can be contained and eventually eradicated. It points to the fundamental tension between MY individual rights and OUR communal obligations.

It's neither my intention, nor my competence to comment on politics in this place, nor to speculate on the intricacies of virology and disease prevention. Rather, in light of this Sunday's readings, I'd like to share a simple reflection on the relationship between the notion personal freedom and shared responsibility of without pontification in either direction.

What seems to be getting lost in much of the discourse in our culture these days is the profoundly social and communitarian dimension of our tradition. "I" dominates over "we." "Mine" is more powerful than "Ours". "I don't have to" often drowns out "We really ought to."

Until the 18th century or so, human juris prudence was generally considered to be divinely ordained. The gods, or God, ordained law because that's the way it was, and is, and will be forever. We were to obey, or face damnation or wrath. In all religious traditions, including the Judaism that Jesus practiced, strains of traditions built up, some deriving from an innate or co-natural human sense of right and wrong (premeditated murder is not kosher, for example); others like kosher itself were codifications of practical limitations that provide safety (better not to eat pork in a hot climate with no refrigeration), still others specified what is normative human behavior based on the practice of the prevailing

culture (slavery is acceptable, until it was not acceptable). With the enlightenment period, the notion of law a social contract, a remote descendent of ancient insights about the need for collaboration, gained traction: in the broadest of terms, we enter into a mutual agreement to collaborate as well as to compete, and agree to reward positive and punish negative behavior in the civil state as well as in religious practice.

Today's gospel presents to us Jesus' critique of the legalism of the pharisees with their tithes on mint and rue, their obsession with adherence that had lost track of the essentials. Did God the Father Almighty decree those tithes, or ban the eating of pork or send down detailed descriptions of priestly vestments or bathing rituals for those who had touched a dead body? Probably not. What came down from God, and, we might infer, what arose from the profoundest of human experiences, were principles, ten of them in the Mosaic Law, that specified in the most general terms how humans should behave toward God and toward each other. All of those were based on respect, not on domination or limited self-interest. Respect the greatness and holiness and otherness of God, respect parents and kin, respect life and family, respect sexuality, respect what belongs to others, respect the truth, respect the rights of others.

The human codification of the minutia was secondary to these overarching principles. Important, but not as important at the perennial truth of respect.

Great teacher that Jesus was, he took those ten precepts and synthesized them into two. Reaching back into the book of Deuteronomy, Mathew's rich young man reminds us that there are really only two laws: Love God, and love your neighbor as yourself. Not love God and love yourself, but love God and love your neighbor. Here, and in the the criteria for the judgement of the just and unjust in Matthew 25—I was hungry and you fed me, I was sick and your cared for me—we learn what the social contract is really about. It's not about me looking out for me alone, for my needs. My insistence on getting what's due to me, what's good for me, needs to acknowledge and be tempered by demands of the common good. That's where our Catholic social teaching begins.

We invite you to explore these complex questions and more in our year-long monthly series that begins on Sunday, September 19th. More information to follow.

Blessings,

Fr. Tom Lucas S.J.



THIS WEEK, AND ALWAYS WE REMEMBER

WE HOPE WE BELIEVE

Daily Mass Intentions

August 30 - September 3, 2021

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|------|------------------------------|---|
| 8/29 | Mon 8:00 am | John Domich † |
| 8/30 | Tues 8:00 am Tues 5:30 pm | Ray Moore † Dr. Alexander Gonsalves † |
| 8/31 | Wed 8:00 am Wed 5:30 pm | Margaret Rodrigues † Sampine Rodrigues † |
| 9/1 | Thur 8:00 am Thur 5:30 pm | Leonard Ammond † James Farr † |
| 9/2 | Fri 8:00 am Fri 5:30 pm | Kevin Starr † Rob Raab † |
| 9/3 | Sat 8:00 am | Christopher Paul Seastorm † |

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

August 2021

Cathy Edwards, Kaitlyn Baxter, Kaitlyn Harston,
Trudy Vantress Waggoner, Rosa Castaños, Michael
Abdollahzadeh

July 2021

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

June 2021

Rich Draffin, Mark Tonarelli, Sandy Dill, Ron Himes,
Alice Puim, Sara Lentsch

WEEKEND PRESIDERS

| | Sep 4/5 | Sep 11/12 |
|-------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 5:30 (SAT): | Fr. Lucas, S.J. | Fr. Tilley, S.J. |
| 7:30: | Fr. Lucas, S.J. | Fr. Wehr, S.J. |
| 9:30: | Fr. O'Neill, S.J. | Fr. Tilley, S.J. |
| 11:30: | Fr. Tilley, S.J. | Fr. Wehr, S.J. |
| 5:30 (SUN): | Fr. Tilley, S.J. | Fr. Lucas, S.J. |

"DREAMING AS FELLOW TRAVELERS, AS A SINGLE FAMILY"

Catholic Social Teaching Course at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish

Sunday Sept. 19, 2021

Session 1: A very brief history of Catholic Social Teaching

Fr. Tom Lucas S.J. Pastor, St. Ignatius Church

Lucas Sharma S.J., Deacon Candidate, Jesuit School of Theology at SCU

Sunday, October 3, 2021

Session 2: Life and the Dignity of the Human Person. Human

Anthropology and the Seamless Garment.

Lucas Sharma S.J., Deacon Candidate, Jesuit School of Theology at SCU

Sunday, November 7, 2021

Session 3: The Dignity of Work and Worker's Rights

Deacon Matthew Yim S.J., Jesuit School of Theology at SCU

Sunday December 5, 2021

Session 4: The Option for the Poor: Who are the poor among us?

Racism in America

Fr. Bart Landry, CSP, Coordinator, Black Catholic Ministry,
Diocese of Sacramento

Sunday January 9, 2022

Session 5: Solidarity and Migration in a world of Xenophobia

Fr. Chris Calderón, S.J. Dean of Students and Justine Javier,
Director Campus Ministry, Cristo Rey High School.

Sunday February 6, 2022

Session 6: Homelessness and Urban Poverty: Rights and Responsibilities

Angela Hassel, Executive Director Sacramento Loaves and Fishes

Sunday, March 6, 2022

Session 7: Discernment and Forming Persons for Others at School and Church

Annie Crew-Renzo, Assistant Principal for Mission and Vision,
Theology Chair, Jesuit High Sacramento.

Sunday April 3, 2022

Session 8: Care for God's Creation: Ecological Justice and Laudato Si

Sara Brabec, Director of Service and Justice, Jesuit High,
Sacramento

All dates are subject to change, but all presentations (approximately 45 minutes) will take place in St. Ignatius Church on Sunday evenings at 6:45 pm, and will be followed by informal conversation.



THE CENTER FOR IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

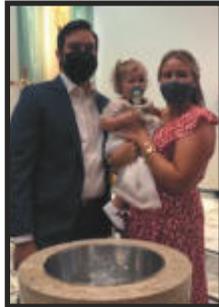


ST. IGNATIUS PARISH IN SACRAMENTO WILL OFFER THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS IN 2021-22 FOR THOSE INTERESTED: SEEL RETREAT & GIVING THE EXERCISES TRAINING

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>

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. Ignatius 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](tel:233) or email jnelson@stignatiussac.org. Registration packets are also available on the website or at the parish office.

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The Legrand Family
&
The Russell Family



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.



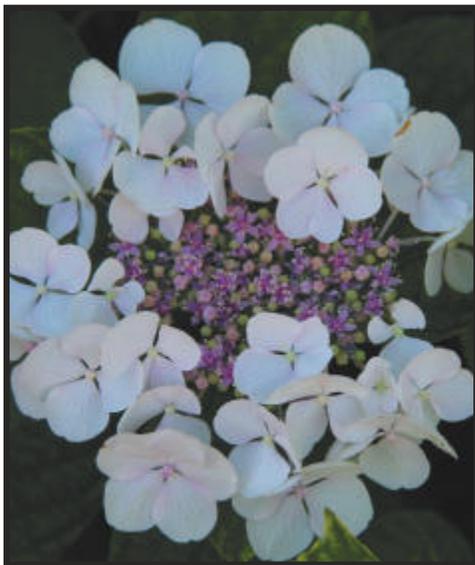
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS ST. IGNATIUS OFFERS:

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



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.

A registration packet is available at the Parish office and on the website. www.stignatiussac.org



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ONLINE GIVING

A season of change for our Capital Campaign Department!

Earlier this year, we moved to a new piece of software to track our Capital Campaign pledges and transactions together. The first part of the change was getting all the active pledges into the new system.

Our current online giving site: WEBCONNEX is closing as of September 1st. We are switching to our regular electronic gift-giving site named WeGather/WeShare. At your earliest convenience, would you please call Laura (ext. 212) or Amy (ext. 200) at the parish with your preferred credit card or checking account number that you use to submit your automatic payments? We do not store these numbers for your safety and are unable to make the switch without your help.

One last very sad note: after five years of dedication and service, Sue Kneer, our Capital Campaign Administrator has retired to spend more time with her family and especially her grandchildren. The staff and I are saddened for our loss of a great team member but happy she now has time to savor her family and chauffeur her grandchildren!

Should you have any questions about your pledges and gifts to the Capital Campaign, please feel free to reach out to us at 916-482-9666 ext. 212 or send an e-mail to campaign@stignatiussac.org. Fr. Chuck Tilley, S.J. or Laura Chacon will respond to your concern.

We all thank you for your generosity as we enjoy our new building. You have helped to make this happen.

Grateful for Our Past, and Hopeful in Our Future.



CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS!

Please come and join us in stitching items of warmth and comfort for those in need. All experience levels welcome.



We meet the first Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be September 1st 1-3pm in the Ministries room.

For questions call or email Barbara Bravo 916-708-9867 bbravogm@gmail.com



St. Vincent de Paul will be doing a collection during mass from August 28-29th. At St. Ignatius, St. Vincent de Paul helps our neighbors in need of rent and utility assistance. If you or someone you know resides within our Parish boundaries (zipcodes 95815, 95825, and 95864) and is falling behind on expenses, call (916) 775-5748 to request help from our conference. All assistance inquiries are kept confidential.

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