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Partners in Reconciliation

Dear Parishioners:

A court-appointed psychologist told Nicky Cruz, then 19, that he was headed to jail, then to the electric chair, then to hell. Cruz was the leader of the Mau Maus, the most violent gang in New York City. "I got high on hatred," he used to say.

Through pure grace, not long afterward, Cruz accepted faith in Jesus. Today, Cruz is an evangelist who has led thousands of gang members away from lives of violence and addiction. His experience gives him credibility.

The first disciples had a personal experience of Jesus. Yet it was still hard for them to grasp what it meant that Jesus was still alive with a difference. What about us? Like those in today's gospel, some people today question the meaning of resurrection. Did the first disciples simply see a phantom spirit? Were claims about a risen Christ just warm fuzzy feelings about a dead person whose teachings "came alive" for them?

Luke responds to these questions in today's Gospel. Jesus says that spirits don't have flesh and bones, and he eats fish to make the point that he is actually present in a body. Moreover, he is really the one who died on the cross, for he shows them the wounds on his hands and his feet. Likewise, resurrection faith discloses that Jesus the Christ is still alive in the world and working to change the hearts of people like Nicky Cruz.

Today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles shows Peter preaching the good news of "Christ alive" to the Jews. In ecumenical fashion, Peter stresses that while the God of the Hebrews glorified Jesus, their leaders killed him out of ignorance. Peter points out that the Old Testament texts referring to Christ speak of Christ crucified. So it is no wonder that resurrection faith discloses that every human road to God is going to cost some suffering too.

Peter notes that God constantly adjusts his plans (as it appears to us from our human perspective) to deal with human failures, so that if people cooperate, God may bring something positive out of suffering.

This does not mean that God cancels all the injuries and fully reinstates all the opportunities people may have blown. The human community is not excused from repentance and atonement. Peter still insisted that his audience reform their lives. The project of personal maturing aims to make amends for past harms whenever possible.

Jesuit theologian Karl Rahner wrote, "Very soon, all Christians will either be mystics – or they will not believe at all." By being a mystic, Rahner does not mean that people will have visions or ecstasies. Being a mystic means experiencing God as real in daily life.

Jesus realized that his new presence to his disciples was different from what it was before his death. In today's appearance, he says in effect "I am telling you again what I tried to help you understand so many times before." He then gave them the three keys to understanding his mission and preaching.

First, God's messiah was not what they expected, but instead was the One who suffered and rose from the dead. Second, in his name they were to preach conversion and forgiveness. And third, they were to spread that message from its birthplace in the heart of Israel to the entire world.

Today's Readings:

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19
1 John 2:1-5a
Luke 24:35-48

Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12
1 John 3:1-2
John 10:11-18

Preaching Next Sunday:
Fr. Boly

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM
Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:30AM
Sunday Contemplative: 7:30PM
Daily: Monday 8:00AM in church
Tuesday - Friday 8:00AM La Storta Chapel
Centering Prayer: Friday 7:00AM
Anointing Mass: First Friday 8:00AM
First Saturday Mass: 8:00AM
Communion Service: Saturday 8:00AM
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30-4:30PM
or by appointment with a priest

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When a crucified and risen Savior proclaims a message of salvation and forgiveness, it is not easy to take in or live out. All four evangelists portray the difficulty of grasping the message. This revelation overturns ordinary expectations and creates a new horizon of human meaning. What is that meaning for us as a Jesuit parish?

Fr. General Arturo Sosa says that the mission today of all Jesuit enterprises is to work toward reconciliation between nations, tribes and cultures. It is to be a bridge between warring factions in communities and families. Father General Sosa wryly notes, "When you are a bridge, it means you are willing for both sides to walk on you."

Or as Jesuit paleontologist Teilhard de Chardin might have said it, "The cosmos is aglow with the glory of God. Those who see it bask in the sunlight. Those who don't see it lather on sunscreen." Our recognition of the Lord Jesus as risen means our pledge to partner with him in his mission of reconciliation.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.

A Note from the Principal

We are the Easter people and Hallelujah is our song! -Pope John Paul II

If you were on the road to Emmaus today, you would be headed to Moza. Andrew Keller, 6th grade, represented St. Ignatius School in the state geography bee last weekend and he might be able to tell you that Moza is on the western edge of Jerusalem. We are proud of you, Andrew!

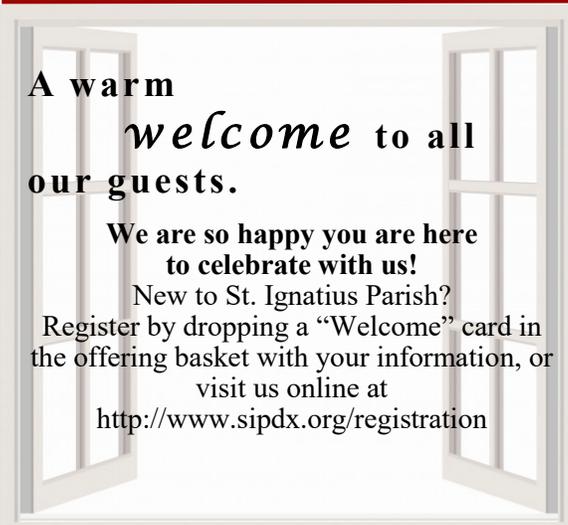
Thank you to all of our families who came for spring conferences. Truly, a strong home-school partnership is one of the strengths of St. Ignatius School.

Students are racing with Mario to save Princess Peach and raise resources for school programs. We hope you will help in the battle. If you would like to be connected to a student, please contact the school office: 503-774-5533.

The St. Ignatius Athletic Association (CYO) runs local athletic programs for kids. They have wonderful deals on spring bedding plants and all goes to support CYO. Forms are due on the 16th and plants are available for pick-up on May 2. Please pick up forms in the school office or email stignatiuscyo@gmail.com.

Finally, we hope you will join us for the School Easter Mass on Wednesday, April 18, at 8:45 a.m.

Blessings on your Easter!
Kelli Clark
Principal



**A warm
welcome to all
our guests.**

**We are so happy you are here
to celebrate with us!**

New to St. Ignatius Parish?

Register by dropping a "Welcome" card in
the offering basket with your information, or
visit us online at

<http://www.sipdx.org/registration>

St. Ignatius School Jog-a-thon!

The evil Bowser has captured Princess Peach! The only way to rescue her is to help Mario and Luigi race for Peach with the St. Ignatius students! Please join us for this annual community-building event, taking place at your very own St. Ignatius, **Friday, April 20th at 1:45pm**. Come cheer on your Gators as they run laps to fundraise for the school! Please note the date is the April 20th and not the 26th as listed in the Magis.

Mass Intentions

Monday	April 16 †	Amelia
Tuesday	April 17 †	Roseline Amalu
Wednesday	April 18 †	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	April 19 †	Cordelia Odilo
Friday	April 20	Jim Emig

SEEL Retreat Opportunity: Registration closing!

You're invited to join the SEEL directors in May for an "everyday" retreat titled *Inner Peace Through Divine Love*, based on the First Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Retreatants will meet all five Wednesdays in May beginning on May 2. More information and applications can be found in the back of the church. Registration deadline is **April 18th**. Please call 503-730- 8870 or email info@seelportland.org to register for the retreat. Fee: \$35, includes book.

Archdiocesan Training: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Msgr. Gerard O'Connor will present a training session for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and present the new norms of the Archdiocese with some best practices for those involved with this important ministry. Msgr. Will discuss some special considerations for those who minister to the homebound and those in nursing homes, hospitals, and other institutions. The training will be held on Saturday, April 21st at St. Rose of Lima in Portland from 8:00-11:30 AM. Each attendee will receive a copy of the *Vademecum* containing the Archdiocesan norms and the Rites for Communion to the Sick. For more info contact Tina Auerbach at tauerbach@sipdx.org

St. Ignatius Earth Day Celebration

Since Earth Day falls on a Sunday this year, St. Ignatius will be celebrating in a very special way! Join us on Sunday, April 22nd for a ecologically focused liturgy at the 10:30 mass, followed by a community celebration. St. Ignatius' Ecojustice community will be hosting an event with food, fellowship, reflection, stories, and action. Join us for a sandwich bar, reflections on ecojustice in our own communities, and to share your own stories. All are welcome to this event, and there will be a program for children to participate in as well.

Novena of Grace Beneficiaries

The Novena team is happy to announce that after expenses for our nine days of healing prayer for peace, donations in the amount of \$4,000 will go to help the Jesuit Formation Program. We are thankful for this generosity and also for the attendees who value this ministry and signed up to help in some capacity next year. During the early part of summer, we will be contacting these people to ascertain how they would like to serve. Many thanks, Katie Hennessy, Sarah Weller, Brittany Wilmes & Mike Buck

Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL)

Do you desire to deepen your prayer life and grow in your relationship with God? Consider making the Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL). Applications are now being accepted for 2018-19. Please visit our website: seelportland.org for more information or call Janet Buck at 503-951- 8682. If you'd like to learn more about SEEL, please join the SEEL team for an Information Night on Monday, May 14, at 7 PM at the Loyola Jesuit Center.

Volunteer at St. Andre Bassett

St. Ignatius is looking for 8-12 volunteers to serve at St. Andre Bassett on Friday, May 11th from 6-9 PM. Volunteers assist with welcoming our guests, serving food and drinks, helping in the kitchen, and most importantly, providing hospitality. Youth age 12 and older may volunteer with adult chaperones, and dinner is provided. This is a wonderful opportunity to practice the service of presence. There is more information and sign up sheet in the Church Vestibule.

Save the Date: Walk for Water

The Walk for Water is an annual event that raises awareness and funds for the 1 billion people around the world who have to walk and carry water each day. Join Water 1st and St. Ignatius' team to fundraise and walk around Laurelhurst park, carrying as much water as possible. The walk will take place April 29th at 1:00 PM, registration details can be found on our website. Join the largest team at the Walk for Water and help raise awareness around this global issue.

Save the Date: St. Ignatius' International Celebration!

On Sunday, May 20th, St. Ignatius will commemorate the return of our International Celebration! Join us for a global Mass for Pentecost at 10:30 AM followed by our celebration potluck in Dillion Hall. There will be food, games and activities, and entertainment for the whole family! If you are interested in bringing a dish that represents your heritage, please contact Caroline Earnest at cearnest@sipdx.org. Join us as we celebrate the richness of our Parish Community.

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