



# ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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May 27, 2018

## Happy Memorial Day on Trinity Sunday

Dear Parishioners:

On this Memorial Day weekend, it is good for us to pray for all our military personnel who gave their lives so we could live in freedom. Originally established in 1868 to honor those who fell in the Civil War, Congress made it a national holiday in 1971 to recognize all who have made the ultimate sacrifice for love of family and country.

The Church also honors God as Trinity on the Sunday after Pentecost. Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit in power after the ascension of Jesus. Trinity Sunday acknowledges that because of Pentecost, God is understood as having a three-fold relationship among the persons of the one Divinity.

The feast of the Holy Trinity celebrates the somewhat sophisticated concept of three Persons in one God. Remember, the original Greek word “persona” is a theater term that means “mask.” In God there is one actor who wears three “masks” to play three roles while remaining one actor. Hence the reality of “three in one.” This analogous language tries to explain how God can be three-in-one.

In earlier times, the depiction of God was simple. The God of Jesus feels radically different from the God you meet in the Old Testament. In the Hebrew Scriptures, God seems to change from page to page, situation to situation. First, God wanted to be called *different names* at different times by various people. The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob was called “El Shaddai,” the Mountain God, the chief among the gods. But when God appeared to Moses, God said that his name was now “Lord,” the one and only God.

When God talked to the prophet Hosea, God said that the time was coming when Israel would no longer refer to their Creator as “Master,” but as “Husband.” Much later, Jesus revealed that God preferred the name “Father.” And God’s Son told the disciples that they could now call him “Friend” instead of “Master.”

Second, you can detect an apparent change in *the ethics* of God. God first appeared to be concerned mostly with religious and ceremonial matters: rituals, vestments, sacrifices, holidays, dietary laws, or cleanliness codes. This was the image that the priests naturally promoted. They wanted God to be uncontaminated by earthly things, and they also wanted to justify their lucrative jobs as officers of the Temple.

After a while, the prophets proclaimed that God was more interested in social justice than sacrifices. People should care more about the poor and marginalized the way God did. The prophets wanted people to construct social systems in harmony with God’s systems.

Third, you can see a gradual development in the idea of God’s *universality*. In the first pages of the Bible, God was portrayed as totally tribal. God favored the Israelites over all other tribes. But in later pages, it became clear that God loves all people. God’s preference for Israel was not a privilege but a responsibility. Israel’s favor was not to the exclusion of others but for their benefit.

Fourth, the *manner in which God operated in the world* underwent a transformation. In some places, God seemed to be an outside agent who decided to get involved now and then. Those interventions were miraculous, almost magical. In other places in the Bible, God is hyper-present, intimately involved in all aspects of creation. Paul proclaimed that “God works for good in all things.”

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### Today’s Readings:

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40  
Romans 8:14-17  
Matthew 28:16-20

### Next Sunday’s Readings:

Exodus 24:3-8  
Hebrews 9:11-15  
Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

*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

Finally there was the seeming *maturing of God's character*. Early on, God appeared to be violent, retaliatory, and even genocidal. The angel of death slaughtered Egyptian infants, God's power expelled Canaanites, wiped out Assyrians. But in later pages, God became more fair, less vindictive. And then God became totally nonviolent, merciful and loving when he appeared in the form of his Son.

It is usual to ascribe this apparent development, this "growing-up" of God not to changes in God but to changes in the biblical writers and the audiences involved in the various episodes.

True, but the Bible is more than a picture of God. It is the story of God's relationship with God's people. Even if God does not change, God can mostly be known only in ways that humans are prepared to respond to. In other words, God's "maturity" on Earth depends on human maturity.

On this Memorial Day weekend, when we thank God for our men and women in uniform who protect us with divine fidelity and provident care, it is good to ask how mature is our God. How kind, merciful and loving do you allow God to be by your own kind, merciful and forgiving character?

On this day when we appreciate our fallen heroes, let us honor the Father of Jesus by living for one another out of the Spirit of holiness that God breathes in us and through us. Let us thank Father, Son, and Spirit, the Trinity of Abundant Love, that dwells in the hearts of all our soldiers, sailors, aviators and marines.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.

### A Note from the Principal

*The world tells us to seek success, power and money; God tells us to seek humility, service and love.*  
-Pope Francis

Students expressed beautiful humility, love and service last week as they laid flowers to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary at the LJC before attending mass, presented their academic and social justice work to the community and sang a joyful song in our Spring concert. (What voices!)

Thank you to all who joined us in these moments. Thank you, also, for your incredible and on-going support of the school community. The Jog-a-thon grossed \$36,000 and we are so grateful.

And this: a small child showed up in the office with a rash, but reassured Mrs. Frangipani that she was okay because, "You know, I had that chicken pot pie shot." And so it goes.

Next up: spirit week is all next week. If you see a mountain climber, equestrian or snorkeler wandering around our campus, it's all in good fun as we enjoy the last week of May and celebrate school spirit.

Blessings on your week!  
Kelli Clark  
Principal



### International Dinner: Thank you!

Thank you to all those who attended our international dinner and helped make it a success! We especially want to thank all those who helped set up and clean up, shared a dish with us, received food, MCed, provided entertainment, and helped plan the event. Photos will be available on our website at [www.sipdx.org](http://www.sipdx.org)

### Mass Intentions

Monday	May 28	Jim Emig
Tuesday	May 29 †	Sandra Smith
Wednesday	May 30 †	Kirk Huffstetler
Thursday	May 31 †	Rose Line Amalu
Friday	June 1	Bona Venture Oh & Family

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## **PCEF Signature Collection**

Help St. Ignatius' ecojustice team get the Portland Clean Energy Fund (PCEF) on the November 2018 ballot! PCEF would provide funding to weatherize homes, build rooftop solar, provide job training, grow local food production, and fund green infrastructure. Projects supported by PCEF will benefit all people in Portland, but will especially assist low-income residents, communities of color, chronically unemployed people, and others who are often disadvantaged. Signature gatherers will be in the vestibule following all masses to answer questions and collect signatures. If you are interested in joining our signature gathering or data entry efforts, please contact Caroline Earnest at [cearnest@sipdx.org](mailto:cearnest@sipdx.org)

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## **Tibbetts House Training: Sunday, June 10th**

Catholic Charities will be hosting a volunteer training on Sunday, June 10th after the 10:30 mass here at St. Ignatius. They will discuss the resettlement process and the different roles volunteers can participate in. The training will take around 2 hours and childcare will be available. To RSVP for the training, visit our website at [www.sipdx.org](http://www.sipdx.org) and click on the link on our homepage. Volunteers interested in participating with the ministry of the Tibbetts House are required to attend training by Catholic Charities to complete their background check and complete the Called to Protect training as well. For questions, please email [cearnest@sipdx.org](mailto:cearnest@sipdx.org)

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## **Marriage Enrichment “Creating Shared Meaning”: Sunday, June 3rd**

Join us to devote some intentional time to your relationship while also building community with other couples. We will use John Gottman's book, *The Seven Principles of Making Marriage Work*, to guide our time. Registration is limited to 14 couples and our hope is to have couples from a variety of stages of life. Questions? Please contact Beth Schaller at [bschaller@sipdx.org](mailto:bschaller@sipdx.org). Family dinner time is in Dillon Hall from 4:15-5:00 p.m. Childcare and children's open gym time available from 5:00-7:00 p.m. for a small fee.

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## **Thank you for the Success of the Spring into Action Appeal!**

Thanks to your generous support of the Spring into Action fund, we exceeded our goal and raised over \$300,000. Thank you for your prayerful contributions. We are now launching the “Much to do Together” appeal, which is focused on raising funds over the next six months to support projects that will renew and repair our campus facilities in an ecologically just way and for expenses associated with feasibility studies for campus renewal projects. For more information on the new appeal or the status of the campus renewal project, visit our website at [www.sipdx.org](http://www.sipdx.org)

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## **Immigration Justice Meeting: June 3rd**

An Immigration Justice meeting will be held on Sunday, June 3rd following the 10:30 mass. We will discuss the continued efforts of the group and start to plan our summer educational series focused on Refugees in preparation for the Tibbetts house. For questions, please email [cearnest@sipdx.org](mailto:cearnest@sipdx.org)

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## **Ignatian Fellowship Transition & Ecojustice Retreat**

After two wonderful years at St. Ignatius as the Ignatian Fellow, Tyler will be transitioning at the end of June to a new job at the University of Portland as the Program Manager for the Immersion Program. Join him and our parish community for his final Ecojustice retreat following the 10:30 mass on June 24th. We will reflect on the year and plan for the upcoming year as well. Join us for this final sendoff!

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## **Cornhole Tournament: Saturday, June 2nd**

It's time for the Annual Cornhole Tournament to benefit CYO! The tournament will take place on Saturday, June 2nd from 6:00—10:00 PM in Dillon Hall. Dinner and drinks are included with tickets: \$20 for spectator seating, \$30 per single player, \$60 per couple. To RSVP, contact Michele McKay at (971) 400-1087 or at [Michele.mckay@me.com](mailto:Michele.mckay@me.com)

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## **Final Spring Service Opportunity: Tideman Johnson Clean-up**

On Saturday, June 2nd from 9 AM-12PM St. Ignatius will participate in a work party to remove invasive species at Tideman Johnson Natural Area. This is an opportunity for all ages to get involved and beautify a natural area. Tools and gloves will be provided and a free BBQ for volunteers will be held after the event. A sign up sheet can be found in the vestibule, or email Tyler Wagner at [twagner@sipdx.org](mailto:twagner@sipdx.org)

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