



ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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The Meaning of *Corpus Christi*

Dear Parishioners:

A luminous moon appeared in a vision to the Augustinian nun Juliana of Liege. The dark spot on the moon's full face, she was told in prayer, represented the absence of a feast of the Eucharist. Through Juliana, the church introduced the celebration of Corpus Christi into our liturgical calendar in 1264.

Did you know that when the feast of Corpus Christi was originally established, it had a twofold focus? The trouble is, only one focus received emphasis over the centuries: Christ's real presence in the Bread of Life. What I want to explore is the second focus, to recapture the original intent of this feast.

What was that original intent? It was that Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ, also refers to the whole people of God, the assembly, the gathering of the community of faith. The people are the Body of Christ. And one exists for the sake of the other.

In other words, the main reason that Jesus is the Body of Christ in the Eucharist is that we might be the Body of Christ in our world. To put it another way: the Jesus-presence in the Eucharist is for the sake of the Jesus-presence in the world through us. They are interconnected. And when that is forgotten, the full meaning of Corpus Christi is lost.

The Real Presence in the Eucharist exists only to make us the Real Presence in the world. When people break that connection, they wind up with in-house piety and the absence of Jesus' mission in the world. This feast was originally established precisely to connect piety and witness.

In prayerful reflection about Communion, St. Augustine heard the voice of Christ say, "You will not change me into yourself as you would food of your flesh. You will be changed into me." St. John Chrysostom wrote of the Eucharist: "Do you wish to honor the body of Christ? Feed the hungry."

At every Mass, Christ is the Real Presence intent on making us the Real Presence. When God's word is proclaimed at Mass, it is Christ speaking to us. When Christ the Priest offers Mass, it is Christ laboring to save us and to give us our mission.

It is clear that so many St. Ignatius parishioners appreciate the twofold focus of Corpus Christi. Nourishment at Mass leads to service in the world. Encounters with the demands of witnessing to Christ bring parishioners back to adoration.

Today certainly upholds the veneration of the Body of Christ in our tabernacles and monstrances. Yet even more, we celebrate the other focus of today's meaning. It is also the feast of the active Presence that we, nourished by the Eucharist, show to others as the Body of Christ. Corpus Christi reminds us of the Jesus-Presence in the Eucharist, and the Jesus-Presence in us.

That's what Corpus Christi is all about. We profess our faith in the Real Presence – in the Blessed Bread and in ourselves. At Mass, we break bread, and we are broken as bread in service. When you come right down to it, the real Presence is wherever we, nourished by the real Presence, do the works of the Risen Jesus.

Today's Readings:

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

Next Sunday's Readings:

Genesis	3:9-15
2 Corinthians	4:13-5:1
Mark	3:20-35

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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One of the works of Jesus is care for the Earth, not just for us, but for future generations. One way to celebrate Corpus Christi is to remember what Pope Francis says: that care for our home means care for the poor, including those most impacted by climate change.

A significant way to care for the earth is to support the Portland Clean Energy Fund (PCEF). Many of its tenets align with principles from our Catholic Social Teaching, and give us the opportunity to practice faithful citizenship. For example, PCEF supports the preferential option for the poor (“the last shall be first”) by benefiting low income households and people of color. It promotes the rights of workers to be competitive in the job market through job training, apprenticeships, and new opportunities for living-wage jobs.

Where will the money for PCEF come from? Billion-dollar retailers in Portland, such as IKEA and Walmart, will pay a 1% business license surcharge to fund PCEF if they earn \$500,000 in gross annual revenue within the city limits. This surcharge excludes groceries, prescription medications, medical services, and local businesses that do not reach the billion dollar threshold, such as Powell’s. The projects that PCEF funds will reduce the city of Portland’s impact on climate change and benefit all people of Portland, especially low-income residents. For example, non-profits will be able to weatherize homes for low-income renters to reduce their monthly energy use and costs.

Yet, the vision of PCEF will not come to fruition unless we collect the 40,000 signatures required to get on the November 2018 ballot. With only two months to collect signatures, we need your support. Please sign the petitions in the vestibule after all of the weekend Masses.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.

A Note from the Principal

The journey to happiness involves finding the courage to go down into ourselves and take responsibility for what's there: all of it. -Fr. Richard Rohr OFM

The ending of a school year is such a frothy mix: joy, fatigue, poignancy, pride, gratitude...and all of it tinged with horse-racing-to-the-barn-energy. We have a few fast weeks to go, but there is already great joy in anticipating the bright weeks of summer that lie ahead, where we can read what we choose and play when we want, maybe even staying up and outside late into the warm night. Adults: do you remember that feeling?

And we are still learning like wild. Our 7th graders will travel next week to Ape Caves for science as the 8th graders take their last journey together to the Museum of Glass in Tacoma. There is such pride in what we’ve accomplished this year. Especially for our 8th graders as they look ahead to high school, all of them ready and most excited and nervous for the next step.

We hope you will join us to honor the amazing Class of 2018 on June 12. Please come to the graduation mass at 8:45 a.m. and to their graduation that night at 7 p.m. to hold them all in community, with love.



Blessings on your week!
Kelli Clark
Principal

Mass Intentions

Monday	June 4	Jim Emig
Tuesday	June 5 †	Jim Belott
Wednesday	June 6 †	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	June 7	Our Blessed Mother
Friday	June 8 †	Brian McPherson

In thanksgiving for the life of Jim Feltz

Tibbetts House Training: Sunday, June 10th

Catholic Charities will be hosting a volunteer training on Sunday, June 10th from 12:00-2:30 PM in Dillon Hall. They will discuss the resettlement process and the different roles volunteers can participate in. Childcare will be available and a light lunch will be provided. To RSVP for the training, visit our website at 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. Called to Protect trainings will be offered on **June 13th** at 6:00 PM, **July 15th** at 12:00 PM, and **August 28th** at 6:00 PM. For questions, please email cearnest@sipdx.org

Father's Day Retreat: June 15th-16th

Join the Faber Institute for a Retreat for fathers of all ages and all stages of life. The retreat will begin at 7pm on Friday evening with an opening session by Fr. Rick Ganz. Participants will leave at 9pm and go home for the night, and then return in the morning at 8:30am to continue the Retreat. The Retreat will conclude by 4:30pm on Saturday afternoon when participants will return home to continue in "Retreat mode" with their families. To RSVP, visit <https://faberinstitute.com/> and click on the events tab.

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Ecojustice Retreat: June 24th

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. We will have lunch with the community, 1 to 1 conversations with fellow parishioners, and sharing our interests and ideas for ecojustice in the coming year. Whether you've never attended an ecojustice event before and want to learn about the things that are happening or you're one of our fantastic leaders and everyone in between, you are all invited and we hope that you will join us! So please save the date and look for more information in the coming weeks.

Registration for Vacation Bible School is Open

Vacation Bible School is a joint program with Holy Family, St. Ignatius, Moreland Presbyterian, Trinity Lutheran, and Our Lady of Sorrows Churches. Camp runs from July 9th-13th at Holy Family Church for children ages 4-12. Teenagers and adults are needed to assist leaders. To register, click the link on our homepage at www.sipdx.org and for questions contact Beth Schaller at bschaller@sipdx.org

Red Cross Blood Drive: June 10th

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, June 10th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM in Dillon Hall. There is always a need for more donors so please stop by! To find out more about the donation process, check eligibility, and reserve a time to donate, visit www.redcrossblood.org.



Altar Server Training: June 14th and June 17th

Kids can serve the Church - All students who will be 4th through 8th grade in the Fall are invited to become an Altar Server. Training will be available on Thursday, June 14th at 3:15pm OR Sunday, June 17th after the 10:30am mass. If you want to serve and are not available for those opportunities then contact Tom Gay at 503-334-9092 or tgst3@comcast.net.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Registration for fall

Families of children in 2nd grade (or older) can now register their kids for next year's sacramental preparation program. The program meets in the fall starting Sept. 16th. Sessions are held from 9:15-10:15 a.m. to prepare students for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Registration materials are available in the vestibule of the church, online at our website www.sipdx.org and in the parish office. If your child is entering middle school and hasn't celebrated his/her First Eucharist yet, there is a program being offered specifically for that age group this summer at Our Lady of Sorrows (SE 52nd and Woodstock). For more information, please contact bschaller@sipdx.org.