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December 23, 2018 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

Trust Even in the Dark

Dear Parishioners:

The birth of the long-awaited child is hours away. The December nights have grown longer and darker. In this season of political turmoil and ecclesial scandal, faith seems so very fragile and threatened. Refugees amass at the border, homeless people seek winter shelter, and one in five children goes to bed hungry in this richest country in the history of civilization. Yes, now more than ever, we need the child of light in our winter darkness.

The first reading from Micah promises that an obscure town would one day be the birthplace of the Messiah. The second reading from Hebrews promises that the sacrificial death of Jesus atones for the sins of the whole world. A glimmer of light in the dark. A spark of hope in the winter of our discontent. But it is still dark, and we are still waiting through the long night, waiting for dawn, waiting for God's promise to be fulfilled.

This last weekend of Advent, Luke's gospel gives us Mary as the woman of faith. Only a teen-age girl, Mary was engaged to the village carpenter when the angel Gabriel announced that she would bear a very special child.

Later, Mary went to visit her aging relative, Elizabeth. So there is not just one special birth, but two. Elizabeth and Zechariah are the New Testament counterparts to Abraham and Sarah of the Old Testament. Elizabeth and Sarah are well past their child-bearing years. Yet both of their sons, Isaac and John, play key roles in God's plan. John is the last of the prophets of the old covenant, and the forerunner of Jesus.

God's messenger asked for Mary's cooperation in God's plan, a plan that would change everything. Imagine heaven and earth holding its breath as Mary ponders her response. Imagine God putting his whole plan for saving his creatures in the hands of an unlettered peasant girl from an obscure backwater of a strange religious sect of the Roman Empire.

When Mary accepted the angel's announcement, she did so in faith. Mary embodied the words of Dostoevsky, that "love in action, as opposed to love in dreams, is a harsh and dreadful thing." Without full knowledge, she accepted even though that acceptance threatened her with Joseph's puzzlement and her possible execution for bearing a baby out of wedlock. All through the terrible darkness of her son's passion and death, Mary kept trusting in the dark long before dawn, and she gave us hope. She waited for the vision of God to be fulfilled, and she deepened our faith.

We, too, can be people of hope, like the maiden Mary. As Advent comes to an end, it becomes sharply clear that Advent is not just a season but a condition of the heart and our life in common. We wait and watch for the vision and the dream of God to come, trusting in God's faithfulness and promise. We remember that God came to us in Jesus of Nazareth in the middle of the night -- before the dawn broke.

We believe God and the Risen Jesus still come that way. We are asked to wait expectantly. We are invited to feel the light of God's presence and trust in the Divine coming even when the dawn is dark.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.
Pastor

Today's Readings:

Micah	5:1-4a
Hebrews	10:5-10
Luke	1:39-45

Next Sunday's Readings:

Samuel	1:20-22, 24-28
John	3:1-2, 21-24
Luke	2:41-52

Preaching Next Sunday:
Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.

Mass Schedule:

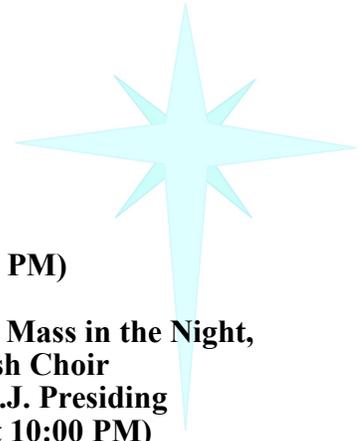
Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM
Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:30AM
Sunday Contemplative: 7:30PM
Daily: Monday 8:00AM in church
Tuesday - Friday 8:00AM La Storta Chapel
Centering Prayer: Friday 7:00AM
Anointing Mass: First Friday 8:00AM
First Saturday Mass: 8:00AM
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30-4:30PM
or by appointment with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

December 24, 2018 Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Children’s Mass
Craig Boly, S.J. Presiding
(Crib blessing)

7:30 PM Evening Family Mass
Craig Boly, S.J. Presiding
(Christmas music beginning at 7:00 PM)

10:30 PM Traditional Mass in the Night,
led by our Parish Choir
Dan Sullivan, S.J. Presiding
(Caroling at 10:00 PM)



December 25, 2018 Christmas Day 10:00 AM Family Mass Craig Boly, S.J. presiding

December 30, 2018 Feast of the Holy Family (8:00AM , 10:30AM & 7:30 PM Masses)

Peace Mass—Tuesday, January 1, 2019 at 10:00AM



New Year’s Day 10:00AM Peace Mass
(Refugee Ministry) —Holy Day Mass
Dan Sullivan, S.J. presiding

Looking for a part-time job?

Our Sunday nursery care from 9am-noon needs an additional childcare provider to share responsibility for Sunday childcare. Questions or interested? Contact bschaller@sipdx.org.

Complimentary Resource for Children’s Liturgy Families

Please stop by the Welcome/Info Desk in the back of the Church this Sunday to pick up your copy of “Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families 2018-2019.” This resource provides each Sunday’s gospel as well as ideas for living the gospel at home and questions to use on the way to and from mass (the questions are designed more for school age children but could be adapted to younger ones). We hope you enjoy this gift for your home.

Office Hours

The office is closed Dec 24—Dec 27

Open Dec 31st from 9am until noon.

Closed Jan 1, 2019

**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](http://www.sipdx.org/registration)**

Mass Intentions

Monday	December 24	Christmas Eve
Tuesday	December 25	Christmas
Wednesday	December 26	† Bettee Frank
Thursday	December 27	† Amelia
Friday	December 28	† Jim Emig

In Thanksgiving for the life of Tom "Zeke" O'Leary

Epiphany Family Potluck

Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019 in Dillon Hall from 5:00-6:30 p.m.



Bring a favorite dish from your family's ethnic tradition to share. Please sign up on the website at www.sipdx.org or follow this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DAFAA28A1FA7-epiphany>
The gym will be open for play while adults visit.

Senior Day Out—Tuesday, January 9th

Join the senior ministry for their monthly mass & luncheon.

Mass will be at 12:15 at the Loyola Jesuit Center with a meal & sharing to follow. Everyone is welcome.

Please RSVP to **Judi Van Cleave** at **503-234-1147** prior to day of event. If you can help with picking up or taking home people, that would be greatly appreciated!

Enneagram & Marriage

Sunday, Feb. 10, 2019 at the Loyola Jesuit Center from 4:45-7:00 p.m.

Presenters: Joseph & Grace Byrd, certified Enneagram instructors

Learn more about yourself, your partner, your relationship, and your faith through this powerful tool.

Questions: Contact Beth Schaller at bschaller@sipdx.org.

Welcome and Hospitality

Do you value building community and making others feel welcome? Volunteer 15 minutes after mass to host the "welcome and info table" in the vestibule of the church. Contact Gretchen for more information: gschissel@sipdx.org.

Mom's Group: Sorting

Advent Giving Tree "Welcome Boxes"

Mom's group will meet the 2nd Sunday of January (Jan. 13) to sort the Advent Giving Tree donations. Please join us from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the parish office dining room. Childcare is available in the nursery.

Dad's Group – book study

The Dad's group is currently reading Matthew Kelly's Rediscovering Jesus together. Copies are still available and you are invited to join them on 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the parish dining room. Childcare is available in the nursery.

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Songs of St. Ignatius vol. 1

St. Ignatius' own Joseph and Grace Byrd have recorded a 'Yuletide Aurora', a Christmas CD

CDs will be available to purchase for \$20 at the Information Desk in the Vestibul after the 8 and 10:30 Masses, and through the Parish Office.

Yuletide Aurora



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