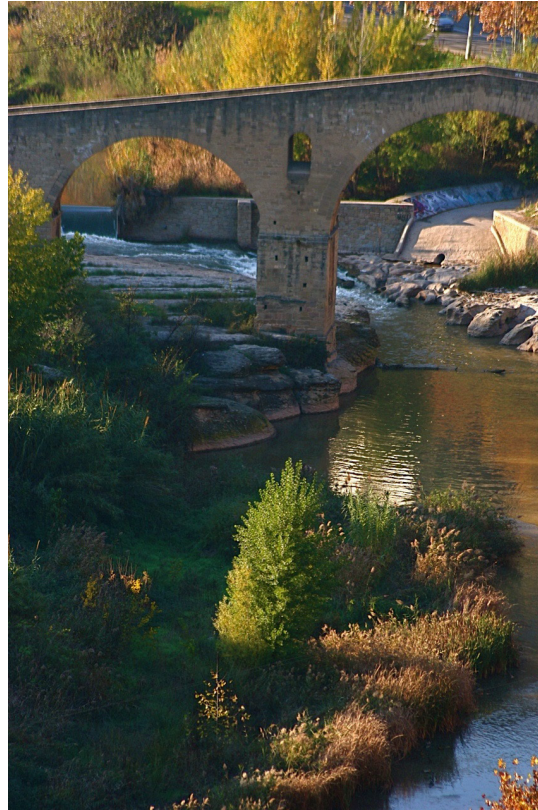


The Journey of Ignatius

Part II - Manresa: Finding God in All Things

In those days God dealt with him in the same way as a school-master deals with a child—teaching him.

-The Autobiography of Ignatius Loyola, §27-



In 1491, the year before Columbus set sail for the Indies—only to encounter the somewhat cumbersome obstacle of the two continents of North and South America—Iñigo de Loyola, the thirteenth child of a family of minor nobility, was born in his family home in the Basque region of northern Spain. On the cusp of the modern era, in the waning days of medievalism, Iñigo harbored in his heart a love of chivalry and swordplay. His favorite books were the romances of knights

and villains, and though he had little formal education, he would seek out books mentioned in Cervantes' description of the library of Don Quixote—a tale released about a century after his birth. Yet, if his eyes and heart sought the mythical past, in the world Iñigo inhabited, the modern era was already beginning to form. The unification of Spain marked a significant moment in the rise of the nation-state, even as feudalism was beginning to give way to a mercantile economy. Technology, especially the creation of movable type by Gutenberg, was changing the educational system and would, in the long-run, challenge the Church. Meanwhile, authors such as Erasmus and More, and movements like the New Devotion (from which we get Thomas à Kempis' *The Imitation of Christ*) were beginning to develop a more humanistic theology out of the heavily penitential tradition of the Middle Ages. Thus, Iñigo's thoughts of chivalry were already more nostalgic than realistic, more sentimental than descriptive, and he—already drawn to the newly developing cities—would become, under his new name of *Ignatius*, not so much the last of the medieval religious founders, as the first founder of a modern religious order.

The transformation of Iñigo the courtier into Ignatius the founder is, in many ways, a model of the spirituality of the Jesuit Order that Ignatius founds. It is a transformation rooted not in theology so much as in life—in his pilgrimage from a Basque village to

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 28, 2013

Homily Next Week:
Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

Readings for August 4, 2013

FIRST READING: ECCLESIASTES 1:2; 2:21-23
SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-5, 9-11
GOSPEL: LUKE 12:13-21

Summer Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday - 5 pm
Sunday - 9:30 am, 5:30 pm

Weekday Mass Schedule
Monday - Friday - 7 am
Arrupe Room, Parish Center

Reconciliation
Saturday - 3:30-4:15 pm in the Church
or by appointment

Parish Center Hours
Monday-Thursday - 8 am - 4:30 pm
Friday - 8 am - 3:00 pm
Saturday - 9 am - 1 pm
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the heart of Christendom, and in the pilgrimage we still take, as Jesuit and lay partners called to build bridges from the heart of the Church to its frontiers. Looking at the journey of Ignatius, it is possible to better understand our own journey and so, hopefully, to better live our Jesuit mission here as companions at St. Joseph Parish.

Manresa: Finding God in All Things & All Things in God

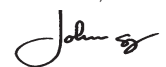
The military career of Iñigo de Loyola ended abruptly when a cannonball struck his leg in a battle against the French at Pamplona. After two operations, which almost killed him and left him with a permanent limp, he is carried home to Loyola to recover. During his recovery, he has a "conversion" experience, which transforms his desire for worldly honors into a desire for heavenly ones. Determining that he should become another St. Francis of Assisi or another St. Dominic, Iñigo begins with a naïve sense that "if Dominic did such and such, then I shall do such and such. If Francis did such and such, then I shall do such and such." Thus he leaves Loyola in 1522, going first to the monastery at Montserrat, where, still living a chivalric ideal, he stands vigil before the Black Madonna and lays down his sword and shield. From there, the would-be saint travels to the small village of Manresa, where, while living in a cave beside the River Cardoner, he proceeds to do penance, to pray, and to work in a hospital for the poor.

It is while he is in Manresa that the Pilgrim—as he later called himself—undergoes an intense spiritual experience, when the designs of his life collapse around him; and he gradually comes to see the egoism at the heart of his new-found devotion, and the need to let go of that pride in submission to God's love. Sensing that God is teaching him, "as a schoolmaster deals with a child," the Pilgrim, on the edge of despair, opens himself to a series of insights offered by God, and so begins to recognize—to discern—how God speaks to every human heart. Noting the movements of God within himself, Iñigo begins to compose what we now know as his *Spiritual Exercises*. These prayers and meditations form the essence of Ignatian spirituality—grounding the 30-day silent retreat that each Jesuit takes during his first year in the Society, the extended retreat known as the *Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL)*, and all the works and ministries that arise from the Jesuit tradition.

The *Spiritual Exercises* are broken into four metaphorical weeks, which act as a school of prayer intended to lead an individual into a personal (i.e., intellectual, emotional, and even sensual) encounter with the Jesus of the gospels and with the Jesus alive in his or her own life. These are not exercises meant merely for priests or religious (at the time of Manresa, Ignatius was neither), but for every woman or man living life in the world.

Moving from merely discursive prayer to a "felt-knowledge" ("*sentir*"), the *Exercises* push us to an attitude of attention and engagement in a world "*charged with the grandeur of God.*" Crucial in all this is Ignatius' insistence on the goodness of everything in the world—all life is a vehicle for the revelation of a God who wants to be known by each one of us; we need only look with a properly ordered disposition. What the Manresa experience gives to Jesuit spirituality, it gave first to Ignatius himself, by driving from him the desire to simply imitate the sanctity of others, and by showing him that all life (including all of his life) proclaims God's presence, if we will allow ourselves to see it. As he put it, later in his life, this time in Manresa gave him the awareness that one can—indeed, must—see "*God in all things and all things in God.*"

At St. Joseph, the echoes of that Pilgrim's experience on the River Cardoner continue to resonate. We hear them in our method of education and formation, where, avoiding a prescribed and narrowly focused "religious" education, we promote formation respectful of and interested in the world; a world of multiple cultures, of multiple ideas, of multiple disciplines, and of diverse persons each of whom knows the divine primarily through his/her own experience. We hear the echoes in our promotion of personal spiritual growth. One cannot—should not—become a "little Ignatius," any more than Ignatius could become Francis or Dominic; rather, each person must realize their own identity by appropriating the knowledge of the world into their own life. Far from a therapeutic or self-indulgent approach, however, this notion of self-appropriation calls each of us to even greater rigor; for it calls us not only to see the world fully, but also to see ourselves in relation to that world where we—and God—will be revealed. Finally, we hear the echoes in our call to discernment, where our freedom is an essential avenue to salvation. In a world without a *cookie cutter* God, we must grow to recognize that no single answer or approach can ever be adequate to all situations. Instead of coming up with unreformable policies or approaches—our own idealized "*Dominics*" or "*Franceses*"—we are called to be women and men of discernment, who can read the particular moment of encounter and understand how the divine unfolds within it. This does not mean the abandonment of all guidelines, but the abandonment of all that would remove human choice and experience from our decisions. The surprising intrusion of an actively creating God, which Ignatius came to know in Manresa, removes from us the easy excuses of policy, tradition, or public opinion; and requires of us that we listen to our conscience, read in the "*signs of the times.*"



(Next Week: Part III - La Storta: Beneath the Banner of the Cross)



Prayer



St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: To be able to discern an early retirement or stay longer . . . For the intentions of Brady, Danny, Michael, Diane, Scott, Joseph and Jack . . . For those who are ill, we pray for their comfort and support of family and friends . . . For the Agape youth and leaders who are preparing for their service mission to the migrant farm communities next month.

Prayer Tree



*"Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, Understanding, my entire will.
Give me only your love and your grace.
I ask for nothing more."*

~ St. Ignatius Loyola

If you have petitions you would like included in the prayer tree, including birth announcements, illnesses and deaths, please call the parish office at 206-324-2522 ext 100 or email rleet@stjosephparish.org

Summer greetings and blessings
from the
Ignatian Spirituality Center
as we commemorate
the Feast of St. Ignatius
July 31st, 2013

Love consists in sharing
what one is and what one is
with those one loves.
Love ought to show itself in deeds
more than in words.

~St. Ignatius of Loyola

Sacred Silence

A time for silent prayer and peace

The Sacred Silence prayer group gathers on Monday nights at 7 pm in the Church for an hour of silent prayer. Newcomers always welcome. Open to all types of prayer practice. People are encouraged to use whatever silent prayer practice works best for them whether it is centering prayer, Ignatian imagination or another prayer. Time is spent both sitting and walking in silence.

For information on Sacred Silence and silent prayer contact Jim Hoover at jhoover3law@questoffice.net or 206-286-0313.





Community

The Feast of St. Ignatius

Wednesday, July 31st, 7 am

Please join us for mass at 7 am in the Parish Center followed by a coffee hour celebration.

Parish Holy Hour

Thursday, August 1st, 7- 8 pm, join the Choose Life Ministry for a Rosary with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, in the Loyola Chapel of the Parish Center. All are welcome!

"What will save the world? My answer is prayer. What we need is for every Parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hours of prayer."

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament...will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth."

-Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Choose Life Ministry Meeting

Sunday, August 4th, 7 pm, at Jackie Quinn's house. 918 18th Ave E. All are welcome! For information or questions on either of the above meetings, call Jackie Quinn, 206-324-1780, Tom Cannon, 206-322-4819, or Mary Ott, 206-324-7459.

Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life

September, 2013 through May, 2014

Would you consider spending the next nine months falling in love with God? If so, join SEEL for a nine month retreat engaging in the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius. This is a nine month experience from September through May and is a powerful, life-changing program of prayer and reflection that can be accomplished by people of varied backgrounds and Christian traditions in the midst of their busy lives. Retreatants commit themselves to praying one hour a day, meeting twice monthly with a Spiritual Director, and to attending monthly Saturday retreat days. Apply online at <http://www.seelpugetsound.org>. For more information contact SEEL Puget Sound.

Come and See what the Catholic Faith has to offer

Tuesday July 30th

7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

St. Joseph's Parish Center

- Are you, your spouse, a friend, or an acquaintance a member of another faith tradition but worship regularly here at St. Joseph's?
- Are you experiencing God's call in your life and seeking Baptism or full communion with the Catholic Church?
- If you are, please consider participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. The RCIA is an opportunity to explore with others what the Catholic Church has to offer. It is an opportunity, through a process of discernment and gradual conversion to become a full member of the Catholic Church.

If you are interested contact Deacon Steve at 965-1646 or steve@stjosephparish.org **All are welcome in this journey of faith.**

St. Joseph's Young Adult Social

Wednesday, July 31st at 7 pm

St. Joseph's Parish Center

Looking for community? A place to discuss faith and life with others in their twenties and early-thirties? Join us at St. Joseph's for a young adult social in the parish hall!

This is a great opportunity for parishioners and visitors to come together and get to know one another. We will have food, activities, and good conversation to engage our young adult community at St. Joseph! So if you are in your twenties to early thirties, come hang out with us over some pizza and beverages on Wednesday, July 31st from 7-8 pm. Hope to see you there!

For more information, please contact Sara Hogenson at sara.hogenson@gmail.com or Deacon Steve Wodzanski at (206) 965-1646.



Social Ministry

Good News People

Bringing hope in hard times

The Good News People program is an engaging parish-wide, small group, community-building process. On this journey you are invited to pray, reflect, learn, discuss and grow into a deeper understanding of what it means to live as a disciple in today's world.

Each session includes prayer, reflection on sacred scripture, teachings from the Catechism, stories of "Good News" people, discussion and sharing as well as a specific focus on a virtue for the week.

Session Themes

FALL

1. **God is Love**
2. **The Word of Life**
3. **The Word Made Flesh**
4. **Created in God's Image**
5. **Baptized in Christ**
6. **Becoming Disciples**
7. **Nourished by the Sacraments**

*Renewed Hope + Greater Love
+ Faith in Action = Good News!*

SPRING

8. **True Happiness**
9. **Freedom, Responsibility & Grace**
10. **The Kingdom of God**
11. **God Lifts Up the Lowly**
12. **Called to Community**
13. **One Body in Christ**
14. **Called and Sent**

*"God has anointed me to bring
good news to the poor..."
-Luke 4:18*

Right now we are recruiting facilitators and hosts – let us know if you are interested. In fact, if you would like to form a group of your own to join you on the journey – let us know as well. On August 4th there will be a meeting of facilitators/hosts at 7 pm in the Parish Center. In September we will start recruiting participants. By

then we should know better when and where groups will meet and hopefully you will be able to choose a day and time that accommodates your needs. If you are interested, please contact Deacon Steve Wodzanski at 206-965-1646 or steve@stjosephparish.org or Vince Herberholt at vherberholt3@comcast.net



Parish Blood Drive

**Right now, in this very instant, someone nearby is alive
because of a blood transfusion.**

Because of you.

Your gift helps real people right here, right now. You may not ever get to meet the individual you save, but know that they are forever grateful for your generosity. Please join us at the next St Joseph's Parish Blood Drive to share your unique and special gift.

Monday, Aug 12th

1:00 pm to 7:00 pm (closed 3:00pm to 3:45pm)

St Joseph's Parish Center

Appointments are recommended for smooth donor flow, although we will accept walk-ins wherever possible. Appointments available with Renee Leet in the Parish office, rleet@stjosephparish.org

Three reasons to donate blood on Monday, August 12th:

1. In an hour you could sit in traffic, catch up on emails, peruse Facebook, OR you could be a real hero and save three lives. No sacrificing a whole day. Can you think of another volunteer gig that takes less time that's more impactful?
2. According to the Mayo Clinic a blood donor can burn up to 650 calories by donating blood. In other words, you don't have to feel bad about following up your donation with your yummy cookies.
3. It matters: It costs you nothing and gives someone everything.

For questions about health and eligibility to donate, please call 1-800-DONATE-1 or email donorsched@psbc.org. Thank you for being a part of our extraordinary community.

Agape 2013

Please join us in blessing our middle school youth group as they travel to work in the migrant farm communities of Whatcom county. May they be a blessing to the families they serve and come home inspired by Catholic social teachings!

