

**MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU
WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE!
MAY YOU ABOUND IN HOPE BY
THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!**

*Sixteenth Sunday
of Ordinary Time*

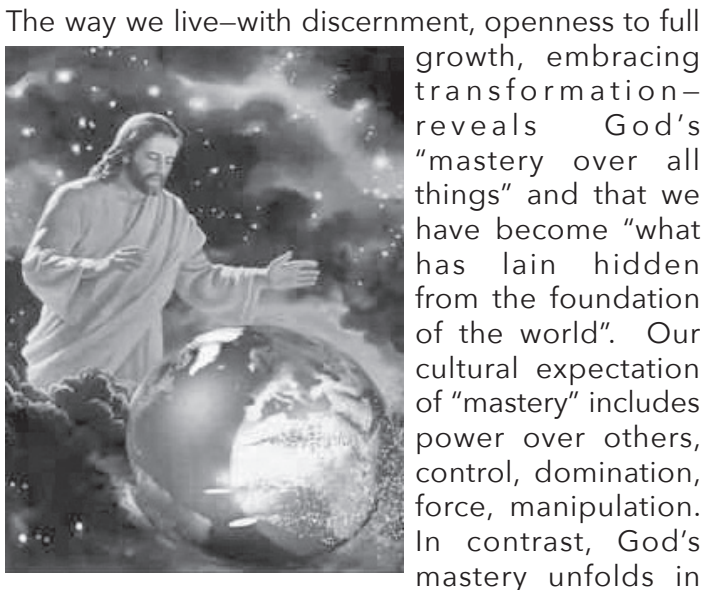


San Ignacio de Loyola Parish

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REFLECTION ON THE WORD

WHEN is the kingdom of God at hand?



The way we live—with discernment, openness to full growth, embracing transformation—reveals God's "mastery over all things" and that we have become "what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world". Our cultural expectation of "mastery" includes power over others, control, domination, force, manipulation. In contrast, God's mastery unfolds in the strikingly different ways described in today's first reading from the book of Wisdom, a mastery so complete that God can afford to wait for the fruit of growth and transformation to emerge. God's mastery is exercised by care, justice, clemency, leniency, patience. This mastery exceeds our own ways of dealing with each other. This mastery is not directed to control over, but rather is directed to nurturing life out of all that God loves. The kingdom of heaven is at hand when we respond to God's mastery—God's love—and allow God to be present to us, transforming us into more perfect images ourselves of divine Presence.

Words to reflect upon: nurturing life out of all that God loves

LITURGY IV

THE CELEBRATING ASSEMBLY

Mass is something we do together. It is not something the priest does while we watch. We all have important tasks to do. In days past people were brought up with the thinking that we "attended" Mass in the same way you would go to a concert or a movie. Not true.

There are four important tasks or steps for an assembly:

WE GATHER.

WE LISTEN.

WE RESPOND.

WE ARE SENT.

(see The Order of Mass handout)

If we understand these steps as an assembly we will better understand what it means to say that Sunday Mass is not a private act, but something we all do together. It is in this sense that we say that we are all celebrants. A worshipping community that begins to believe in itself and act as God's priestly people will unleash tremendous power for life.

It is through that faith experience that God touches us and we touch God. **If we actively work at the task of being an assembly, then we will see what a difference that can make.**

— Caroline Thomas & Fr. Richard Husted

*"Liturgy is an action of the church
in which the community experiences
faith as something living."*

**- We ourselves need to make the
connection between what we do
in the liturgy and what we do in
the rest of life -**

living
liturgy



*"...respect creation. One cannot sully
a painting without offending
the artist who created it."*

— Pope Francis

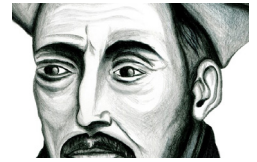
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THIS TUESDAY, JULY 25TH, LET US PRAY:

- for politicians—both faithful and unfaithful;
- all elected officials, all appointed officials;
- for political leaders;
- for God to raise up prophets!

For Peace...





**Next Monday, July 31st, is
the FEAST OF SAN IGNACIO DE LOYOLA,**

the founder of the Jesuit Order and the patron saint of our parish. We are blessed indeed to be members of a Jesuit community and able to participate in the multiple blessings of Ignatian Spirituality. In celebration and thanksgiving for these blessings, our bulletin will be presenting just a few of them for your consideration. We will also include links to useful Ignatian spirituality web sites and lbogs where we can find other valuable resources and insights. May the wisdom of the Holy Spirit help us on the journey!

SUSCIPE

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
my memory, my understanding,
and my entire will,
All I have and call my own.
You have given all to me.
To you, Lord, I return it.
Everything is yours; do with it what you will.
Give me only your love and your grace,
that is enough for me.



St. Ignatius of Loyola

. . . do you speak Ignatian?

How many do you know? (Feel free to google a few...)

**Magis
Discernment
Ignatian**

(careful with this one, not always what you might think)

Finding God in All Things

A.M.D.G. (????)

Pray without Ceasing!

Let us lift our hearts in prayer to God as we pray for:

The Sick: Fr. Vega and family, Rudy & Sonia Méndez, and Don Maziarz.

Missionaries and Evangelizers: Marita Bosch and those who join her in the Amazonia mission.

For Peace in the Middle East, once again: that the Spirit of God's word may bring an end to violence in areas of conflict and bring forth a new day of healing and reconciliation in these troubled lands.



WHAT IS THIS "IGNATIAN THING"?

When Ignatius began to look at where God was truly leading him, God was nudging him not toward withdrawal but toward engagement. Not toward suspicion but to trust. Not toward an unloving removal from human life but a love of human life.

Gradually what came into Ignatius' mind was that everything God does comes as a helping presence. Everything that is not from God comes as a destructive presence. So when I move away from love or life, God's not there. But when I move toward love or life, God is there. Ignatius called this movement **discernment of spirits**. Discernment was a way of sifting through the movements in his heart.

Gradually what he felt drawn to was this wonderful expression, "to help people." He didn't know what it meant in the beginning. He was awkward about what it meant—how he understood it. It took him a number of years of study and trial and error to finally say what most helps people. . .

Ignatius said, **first of all, people have to know that God is love** and I want to preach that.

Secondly, people have to **learn how love can enter into their lives as a basic way of being human**.

Thirdly, most people that come to talk with me have a part of their life in which something is screwed up. They need to be reconciled. They're mad at some relative. They're unhappy about where their life has gone. Or they just feel that somehow or another they're not as good as they could be. And so **they need some kind of reconciliation**, some way of being at home with who they are in the world in which they live.

Finally, Ignatius realized that **people need education**. He didn't think of schools at the beginning. The schools came gradually. But he did think of how important it was to educate both the mind and the heart. And we call that whole connection of educating mind and heart, the ministry of the word: the way in which the word of God can come to life in people through preaching, teaching, through personal counseling and conversation.

When people ask, "What is this 'Ignatian thing' that Jesuits invite us to understand?," tell them it is just one more human experience of life's non-negotiables but channeled in ways that help other people.