

ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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June 2021

Celebrating the Year of St. Ignatius

Our Parish is named after St. Ignatius of Loyola. This is because St. Ignatius is our Patron Saint. This is probably the only church in Japan that is called by the name of a saint (in Japan, it is customary to call a church by the name of its location). In spite of the fact that the church is named after St. Ignatius, few people know who is St. Ignatius of Loyola.

He was originally a soldier. He lived a life of honor and liked martial arts, but almost died of a serious injury in a battle at Pamplona, Spain in 1521. This triggered a conversion in him which made him promise to live as a true knight who thereafter wanted to serve only Jesus. After his conversion, while studying to become a priest in Paris, he met St. Francis Xavier and others, and eventually founded the Society of Jesus in Rome. Since then, the Jesuits have spread all over the world, with churches named after St. Ignatius in many countries, many of which are quite large in various cities around the globe.

One of his main achievements was writing the "Spiritual Exercises" based on his personal spiritual experience and knowledge. The "Spiritual Exercises" is a prayer guidebook which has helped many people go through deep spiritual experiences. Also, the spirit of the "Spiritual Exercises" does not simply aim at experiencing God in a way which is unrelated to this world, but rather finds the will of God in daily life.

May 20 this year commemorates the 500th anniversary of the young Ignatius

being injured in battle, which eventually led to his conversion. As part of the commemoration of this event, the Jesuit Superior General Fr. Arturo Sosa SJ has announced the celebration of an "Ignatian Year" starting on May 20, 2021 and ending on July 31, 2022, the feast day of St. Ignatius. In addition, the Provincial Superior of the Japan Province, Fr. Renzo De Luca SJ, has called on not only the Jesuits but also the coworkers of Jesuit institutions to participate in and experience the blessings of these Ignatian Year celebrations. The Ignatian Year events are more about valuing our inner spiritual experiences than just having a commemorative event.

Therefore, together as a parish, we want to experience the blessings of the "Spiritual Exercises" more deeply in this "Year of St. Ignatius." We hope that this will nurture our journey of faith and help us discern the will of God so that we can organize our lives more in accord with that will.



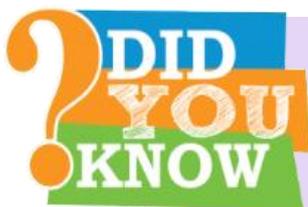
by Fr. Ryuichiro Hanafusa S.J.

"Mission 2030" is a set of guidelines for our parish activities and plans for the next 10 years. One among those guidelines, one is to "deepen our prayer experience, nurture our relationship with God, and thus achieve spiritual growth through the spirituality of St. Ignatius." The Jesuit ministry priorities (UAP-Universal Apostolic Preferences) for the coming 10 years (2019-2029) also have been announced and one of these is "to show the way to God through Spiritual Exercise and discernment." Since this point is very important in Ignatian spirituality, we would like, as much as possible, to put it into practice in our various parish ministries.

Keeping in mind the aforementioned points, the parish has planned in detail and formulated the following projects. (These projects are subject to change depending on the corona pandemic situation).

1. There will be a weekly online talk (in Japanese) based on the Spiritual Exercises. This online talk series will be available on the parish YouTube channel every Friday at 16:00 pm starting from Friday May 21. The link for this weekly talk is indicated below: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-Zwcc_MbnysQdyOByc-Q
2. We will be happy if everyone can make use of this online talk series for their personal meditation and prayer.

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That the English Sunday School catechists and the Angels' Group likewise have already produced their new videos for children? The latest is about "Pentecost". Pandemic times has never dampened their creativity and dynamism so the children's faith formation will continue to be nurtured. Ask for the link from the English Center or from the group members themselves.

The Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit? We celebrated Pentecost Sunday recently, a great Solemnity in the Catholic Church, but often we are confused about the difference between gift and fruit. Check it out at:

<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=530674854597943&set=gm.914422786076671> for a substantial explanation based on the CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. What gift of the Holy Spirit do you need most at this time?



That Japan was included in the list of 30 Marian Shrines that participated in the May Marathon Praying of the Rosary? It was summoned by Pope Francis to end the pandemic and for the resumption of social and work-related activities The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (Our Lady of Nagasaki) was featured May 21. Did you see it? It was endearing to see this little flock represent the Japanese faith before the eyes of the world. Link for access: https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2021-05/shrines-around-the-world-linked-for-recitation-of-the-rosary.html?fbclid=IwAR0nEtSCC1j7Kw897hAkXkG0R3IMTeYcjhkoX852RXc_5yivMN_s1SkuBQ4

That we continue to receive updates from the Philippines regarding how St. Ignatius Church's donation last December is being managed? After five months of preparatory work, the Ateneo de Naga University has finally launched, on May 31, the Housing Project (See April issue of the English Bulletin). They sent a picture of the Core Group managing it together with the leader-beneficiaries.



About an excellent site to know more about how to celebrate the "The Ignatian Year? Click ignatianspirituality@loyolapress.com and you will be led to the E-MAGIS, the NEWSLETTER OF THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY.com. Highly recommended is the topic on discernment (UAP 1 of the Jesuits) as applied in daily life. One website, #Ignatius500 likewise has a lot of interesting materials including short video clips.

That the First World Day for Grandparents and Elderly will be on July 25? The Dicastery for the Laity, Family, and Life announced that the theme is "I am with you always." Mark the date and access Vatican News to learn more about this topic. A highly recommended video is, "Gifts from a Parent's Deathbed," an NHK documentary available until February 27, 2022, which shows that goodness and hope continue to exist in what seems to be a "heavily-laden world".



That the church cleaning schedule was re-scheduled for autumn? Furthermore, that there will be no July-August issue of the Bulletin to give a break for the Media Team? The next issue will be in September.

IN THEIR EYES...

On Golden Week Project in St. Ignatius

Last May 3 and 5, 2021, ten members of the St. Ignatius International Youth Ministry (SIYM) participated in a GOLDEN WEEK Project held in St. Ignatius Church in collaboration with various volunteer groups. The project consisted of food/goods distribution and, in particular, free consultation and counselling for foreigners greatly affected by the pandemic.

The English Bulletin asked these youth volunteers to share their thoughts, feelings, and reflections on the experience. We share them here so that you can have a glimpse into their hearts and see what kind of young people we have in St. Ignatius Church. Pope Francis said, "They are not the future of the Church, they are the Church **now...**"

From Damian

It was my first time to experience an outreach event outside my home country (Philippines). Coming in, I was eager to participate and mingle with the people, as it is something I looked forward to most. Although we were not allowed to converse with the people as much as I would have wanted, we were still able to exchange smiles beneath our masks, as was evidenced by the way each individual's eyes glowed with warmth and relief despite the drizzly weather.

Personally, among many other things, I was reminded most about the goodness stored in each and every one's heart. People often joke about "having lost faith in humanity" and whatnot, but seeing the diversity of professionals, and students alike, who volunteered their time and effort in making this undertaking a success, it dawned on me that sometimes all we need to do is to give humanity an opportunity to show compassion and empathy. More often than not, people will come through.

As for the plethora of people who came in seeking help and solace, I was quite taken aback with their numbers. I have always had the image of Japan being a first-world country, and thought that there would be virtually little to none when it comes to people who are in financial need. Which is why, much to my surprise, when I arrived in the venue and hundreds of people came in, I had to reevaluate my perspective. As it turns out, there will always be people in need if we care enough to look for them.

Spending some time in events similar to this helped me appreciate more the blessings I have and to be grateful for the things within my reach. As stated in one of my favorite verses in 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, we receive blessings and comfort in order to share these with the world. I find this verse most relevant especially during these times when we are all in desperate need for compassion and understanding. Overall, I came into this event prepared to give and share what I have, but at the end of the day, I think I came home with more than I had when I left that morning.

From Ikumi, Kyo, Crystal, and Masato

We help organize the 4:30 p.m. Sunday English Mass. We have many church activities. But our potential is not limited only to these. We also know different languages and come from different backgrounds, so we wanted to share our strengths with those who are really in need in the midst of the pandemic. They told us we could send 5 or 6 members from the Ministry each day to serve.

Oh...! We felt helpless! What can we do now to help this person in front of me? We were earnestly thinking like this, every second. Faced with the people who came to the church, our brave resolve was quickly shaken.

But there is one thing I can say. It is only when we step out of the comfort zone of the inner circle of the church that I can witness true love. Even if we feel weak and wavering, we are together. We believe that the church welcomes everyone, especially those who are in need.

We have the Church...St. Ignatius. It seems simple enough, but this is a pandemic, and St. Ignatius is in the center of the metropolis. The power of the Holy Spirit is at work! Our church will become a stronger force and place, more than anything else. Maybe we should be aware of that.

We who volunteered that day were inspired by these words of Pope Francis: **Dear young people, feel yourselves called to put your lives on the line. Do not be afraid to devote your life to God and to others; it pays! Life is a gift we receive only when we give ourselves away. Our deepest joy comes from saying yes to love, without ifs and buts. (#WYD 2020, April 5th from Pope's Twitter)**



Long lines starting from Yotsuva Intersection



Preparation for distribution



Social Welfare Section



SIYM volunteers

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Refresher Course for Eucharistic Ministers *by Raymond Gasu*



Last April 29, 2021, the English Center organized via Zoom "A Renewal Course for Current Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion (EMHC)." Seven of the current eight were able to attend. These participants underwent formation and commissioning during the time of Sr Abby Avelino, MC, when she was the Coordinator of John de Britto. Some are presently in their 8th year, others, in their 6th or 5th.

The course began with a Prayer for EMHC led by Sr Flor Florece, FI, our current adviser. The first part, facilitated by Adelfa Armentia, TA gave us the opportunity to share our joys and challenges, seek for clarifications, or ask questions regarding our ministry/role as experienced across time. All expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve, though feeling unworthy instruments before the Lord. Adelfa acknowledged the challenges we face and encouraged us to resort to prayer all the time. This part was followed by a short break wherein meditative music was played with accompanying captions to help us deepen in silence what was shared.

The second part was led by Sr Abby. Using a well-prepared power point slides, she again reminded us that our official name is **Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion**, not Eucharistic Ministers, as the latter refers to those ordained, like deacons, priests, and bishops. She spoke of the attributes of a true EMHC and the two main tasks required of us: to assist a priest in the distribution of communion at Mass and to take the Holy Eucharist to sick persons at home whenever they cannot make the trip themselves. We were also taken through all the necessary preparations before, during, and after Mass. Likewise, we were reminded to know well the proper names of the various items used by a priest in the celebration of the Mass. Lastly, Sr Abby encouraged us to continue seeing our role as a call and an opportunity to serve the Lord. The third part was led by Fr. Bony James, SJ. He gave a talk on the Sacraments and the Holy Eucharist in particular. Citing various sections of our Catholic doctrines and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, he reminded us that the Holy Eucharist is the center of all sacraments because it contains the whole spiritual good of the Church, that is, Christ himself. Through transubstantiation, the bread becomes the true Body of Christ and wine becomes the true Blood of Christ. He encouraged us, therefore, to do our best to prepare ourselves to be in a state of grace when we assist at Mass.

Mass in Honor of St. Joseph

On December 8, 1870, Pope Pius IX declared St. Joseph "The Guardian of the Catholic Church." On the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of that declaration, Pope Francis declared December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021 as the "Year of St. Joseph." In keeping with the universal Church, St. Ignatius Parish decided to hold a Memorial Mass, May 1, which is also the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. The plan was to afterwards enshrine his picture in Joseph Hall.

Unfortunately, because the State of Emergency was extended, the plan was not entirely carried out. The Mass was livestreamed, so many who wanted to attend the Mass could still participate, though virtually. The choir songs were pre-recorded. The homily, delivered by the Pastor, Fr Ryuichiro Hanafusa, SJ, spoke of gratitude of for how St. Joseph has been protecting our church. The full content of his homily is posted in the Japanese church website.



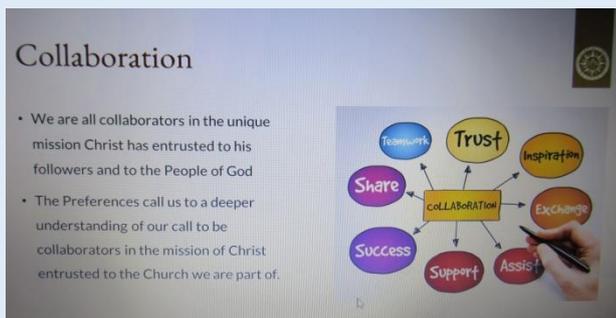
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3. Every Thursday from 18:45 pm, there will adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the main church, during which points for meditation form the Spiritual Exercise will be given to attendees.
4. Lectures on the Ignatian way of living and the Spiritual Exercises are also being planned. (The number of participants will be very limited. Please check with the parish office for details.) These sessions will be presented as follows:
 - Fr. Daniel Collins SJ and Fr. Manuel Silgo SJ (topic: Spiritual Exercises in our daily lives)
 - Fr. Hanafusa Ryuichiro SJ, Sr. Shinagawa Yoshiko, Sr. Nomoto Yoshiko (topic: Study of Ignatian Spirituality)
5. Everybody is encouraged to read books related to themes on Ignatian spirituality. Some recommended books (all in Japanese) are:
 - *Aru Junreisha no Monogatari* (The Story of a Pilgrim) (This is the autobiography of St. Ignatius), Iwanami Press.
 - *Kami no Yubi Koko ni Ari* (The Finger of God is Here) by Fr. Lee Sung-il SJ, Don Bosco Press.

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Presentation on The Ignatian Year and the Four Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAP) by Miguel Evangelista



The Ignatian Year and the Universal Apostolic Preferences of the Society of Jesus were shared and presented by Fr Bony James SJ, during the John de Britto International Meeting May 15th. It was attended by representative leaders of the 16 Ministries and Groups belonging to the English-speaking community, as well as regular volunteers including the Japanese.

During his presentation, Fr Bony presented a power point highlighting the different dimensions and some specific courses of action that members of the community can partake in. He said that, actually, we have already been doing these UAPs, for example, accompanying young

people, attention to the poor and, to some extent, experiencing the Spiritual Exercises and discernment. Perhaps, the new aspect is greater consciousness toward collaborating in the care of our common home. He emphasized continuous collaboration and networking among the different communities.

This message was constructively welcomed by those who attended. Some expressed their appreciation and gratitude for the Jesuits' openness, sharing, and invitation for the laity to partake in the same mission. As the world continues to face the challenges and uncertainties brought up by the global pandemic, the call for conversion highly resonated —a call for ongoing and continuous one in our personal, social, and institutional aspects of life, in other words, renewal of minds and hearts. As such, members felt the need to raise greater awareness and promote the Ignatian Year and the Universal Apostolic Preferences, especially to those who do not yet know them.

Sr. Flor, one of our Coordinators added, "In our planning of projects for the rest of the year, the points suggested by Fr Renzo De Luca SJ, the Provincial of Japan, published in the May issue of the English Bulletin, could be a good guide: **How will our activities in the Center lead to an experience of "conversion"? How will our plans tie-in with the Universal Apostolic Preferences? How can they be occasions to deepen collaboration, communication, and networking?** These could also be good points for evaluation at the end of the fiscal year.

From The Vatican by Cristopher Wells



Missing the Pope's nuggets of wisdom lately? Here, we share with you a concern that knows no seasons nor bounds, something we all experience in daily life - **difficulties in prayer**. Here is an article published in VATICAN-NEWS. The Link for this article is shared here <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-05/>

Speaking at the Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis identified three difficulties we often experience in prayer: distraction; feelings of dryness or barrenness; and "acedia," a certain listlessness in prayer.

Distractions. Distraction is a common experience, not only in prayer but in all we do. "The human mind finds it difficult to dwell for long on a single thought; we all experience this constant whirlwind of images and illusions in perpetual motion, which accompany us even in our sleep." But if we give into this temptation, said the Pope, we are unable to do anything well. The Pope explained that distractions are not sinful in themselves, but we must nonetheless fight against them. To do so, we must embrace the Gospel virtue of perseverance. We do not know the day or hour in which Jesus will come, and so we must be watchful, striving to concentrate and be attentive to the task at hand.

Aridity. Aridity or "dryness" in prayer – when prayer seems to do no good, and inspires no joy or enthusiasm – is different from distraction in that it doesn't always arise from within us. Sometimes, said Pope Francis, God Himself allows us to experience this spiritual dryness, and at such times we must rely on "pure faith."

Acedia. Acedia, sometimes called sloth, "is a real temptation against prayer, and more generally against Christian life," Pope Francis said. Quoting the catechism, he described it as a form of depression due to "lax ascetical practice, decreasing vigilance, and carelessness of heart." As one of the seven deadly sins, "it is fueled by conceit, and can lead to the death of the soul."

Perseverance in prayer. In the face of this "succession of enthusiasm and discouragement" in prayer, Pope Francis called on Christians to persevere, to always keep walking. "All the saints have passed through this 'dark valley'," he said, and we should not be scandalized when we hear about their struggles with prayer, "the account of evenings of listless prayer, lived without taste." At those times, the Pope continued, we must learn to remain constant in prayer. "Believers never stop praying!" he insisted. Even if, like Job, we complain and protest against God, "we know that at the end of this time of desolation" God will answer us. "God will gather up even our harshest and most bitter expressions with the love of a Father, and consider them as an act of faith, as a prayer," concluded Pope Francis.

Special Feature



So You Want to Get Married!

By Sr. Flor M. Florece, F.I.

June is usually associated with weddings. Even the Pope's intention for this month is "The Beauty of Marriage" and the Parish Prayer intention highlighted the same theme (see page 8).

I have been handling the English Pre-Cana Seminar in St. Ignatius the past three years. It is for couples intending to get married. It is a series of some 6 modules of two hours each, given ideally four months before the intended wedding date of the couple. The name of the course takes its inspiration from John 2: 1-11, The Wedding in Cana.

So far, I have accompanied very interesting combinations. Examples are: Malaysian-Japanese, Australian- Vietnamese, Filipino-English, French-Brazilian, Korean-American, etc. Thus, the topic of Inter-Cultural Marriage is an essential feature. Also, it is rare that the couple are both Catholics. One of the partners is likely to be a Protestant, Buddhist, Shintoist, of no particular religious denomination, or even an atheist! Some come not because they want the seminar. The majority see it simply as part of the requirement for a church wedding. Many plan to have the ceremony not necessarily in St. Ignatius, but actually in their home countries. It just happens they are in Japan because of work and thus find it convenient to do the course while here.

Recently, I thought of contacting several couples who finished the course just before the pandemic times and ask them: **Has the Pre-Cana helped prepare them for married life? What did they find helpful/not helpful in the course? What are their suggestions to improve the course?**

Couple A: We felt very grateful that we had the chance to study with you, even if he felt that, regardless of religion, it is "just so you know." As you can imagine, things happened to us exactly as you mentioned: we argued about how to adjust our life, got frustrated when I thought he could not understand my feelings, he also felt upset when things did not happen the way we expected, he being in his native clime when we are back in his country, all the drama ... But, in the end, we are very lucky to have made it through. Everything we learned really helped. You reminded us about 'the wine' in married life. We will try our best to remember it through our daily life. Also, on to how to "refill" it before it runs out!

Couple B: Loved it! Pre-Cana was definitely a benefit for us. It helped us understand each other. We learned how to communicate our individual needs and talk of our differences. It gave us an opportunity to discuss important issues and topics with the help and guidance of a counselor. Now that we are married, it made it easier for us to talk about our problems and be wiser in making decisions. It strengthened our faith in the Lord.

Couple C: My husband and I both felt that it was a good experience for us to take time and consider what it meant to be married and whether this would be the right step for us. In our case, it was only you and us, so it was nice to have the small, private conversations. I appreciated the opportunity to ask questions and receive immediate, direct answers. It was also good to have additional reading materials and advice on topics such as compatibility and conflict resolution.

Couple D: I think it gave us a better understanding of the significance of the wedding and the commitment that goes with it. We liked to hear about the various examples that you shared, and as a result we too could reflect about them as a couple. I think it gave us a better understanding of each other and since we could share a lot of things during the sessions, it gave more understanding of each other's past.

Points for Improvement

Feedback 1: At some later sessions, especially when we studied about Catholicism and Church teachings, there was not much interaction, which sometimes caused us to lose focus. Therefore, it would be nice if you could ask questions. Instead of "Do you have any questions?", it could be "Do you agree or not agree, and why," because if all we do is study, we get passive. We need a trigger from you to think and speak out. This way, you could also focus more accurately on areas where the couple is less knowledgeable. I know some couples who only want to study to finish the course, but for us, we had fun studying and interacting with each other and with you.

Feedback 2: We felt that dealing with the paperwork was difficult. We had to send a lot of documents back and forth, wasting time and resources. There was also some confusion about which documents were needed and when we would need to submit them to the government to report our marriage. We recommend creating a checklist and timeline about these documents so as to make the experience smoother

Feedback 3: On one side, I liked the fact that the seminar was very custom-made for us and very private so we could share very easily and openly, but I think it would be great to be able to meet with other couples in one or a few sessions if possible so as to be able to discuss various perspectives more and get insights into the good or bad points of relationships.

St. John de Britto English Center Ministries and Groups

On-Line ROSARY for CHILDREN

by Lucelle Picasos (Parent)

The original plan of our Group was to have the traditional LIVING ROSARY on the Church lawn on Sunday May 23, but it was canceled due to the extended State of Emergency. It was held via ZOOM instead, same time, same day. The children had been looking forward to taking part in it. No wonder! They are dear to Jesus' heart!

The Mysteries were led by children of the Sunday English School Group, supported by their families. It was endearing to hear their "clear, sweet, angelic voices" pray the Our Fathers and Hail Marys, with their fathers and mothers continuing the second half of the prayers. Five children read the intentions. One could feel their purity of heart in addressing God with their prayers: 1. that every child may find security and love in their family; 2. that each child may have access to good education in order to fulfill their dreams and lead a life with dignity; 3. for children who are victims of bullying, abuse at school or at home, or exploited as cheap labor; 4. for the healing of children of broken families, those being raised by single parents who are struggling to educate their children; 5. for children who are sick, homeless and hungry, who feel frightened and abandoned.

The children's feelings:

Two sisters said, "We are thankful that the "Living Rosary" still continued despite the pandemic. We had the chance to pray together with our friends and other families."

"It was nice to see everyone's face and pray too for the healing of children with single parents."

One little boy was truly excited to lead the prayers, especially the petition he read regarding "each child's access to good education...". His sister was grateful that their grandmother was able to join in on ZOOM as well.

The Living Rosary reminded us once again of why families should pray together. It is inspiring to see people come together to pray and share their devotion. It makes you feel connected. It evokes a feeling that you belong and are not alone, that we are united with the same purpose. With the pandemic continuing, we are cut off from the outside world. For some, this can be very difficult. We should continue to pray the Rosary. May the devotion of the children to Mother Mary become deeper and let her gentle love for us fill the hearts of all families with HOPE, especially in these continuing pandemic times!



The Power of the Rosary

by Kay Tabata

Everything happens for a reason. Nothing in life is arbitrary, it is all for a purpose—to give glory to God. All the things that are happening are connected and will eventually fall into place, like pieces of a puzzle designed to form a whole magnificent picture. The question is: How do we see our purpose and fulfill it. We come to Our Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother. As Mediatrix of Graces, Mary comes to our aid to help us be reunited with God.

It happened to me not so long ago, when I experienced being engulfed by this tremendous fear, a fear of the unknown. I remember I could barely sleep because I was terrified of the dark, bringing back memories when I was just a kid. But I also remembered my Mom, who would always comfort me. When we were sad, hurt, or sick, who comforted us the most? Our mother!

I asked myself why I had to go through this. Every day I pray, on Sundays I go to church, I read the Scriptures, what else could be lacking? Somewhere at the back of my mind, I heard the voice of God... One day, I told my Mom, "Let's have an Online Rosary Prayer!" As we continued to pray the rosary, my fear gradually disappeared. It turned into courage, and my courage became a renewed faith. Since then, our family prays the Rosary every night.

The above experience led me to suggest the Online Rosary Prayer to the St. Ignatius Ushers Group. During this coronavirus pandemic, many are tempted to fear, be anxious, and even despair. But every crisis in life is also an opportunity to turn to our beloved Savior in TRUST, so as to rest everything in his merciful hands. In our darkest moments, who would better care and understand us more than the Mother of God? Jesus listens to Mary. Mary listens to us, her beloved children!

My heartfelt gratitude to the Ushers Group. Their devotion and enthusiasm made it possible for us to commence the Online Rosary Prayer May 3rd with the participation of 25 attendees. From here on, it is to be held every first Monday of the month at 9 pm. The next meeting is on June 7th.

Important Notices

Schedule of Masses, etc.

WEEKDAYS: All in Japanese, Main Church

7:00 AM*	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
12:00 NN / 6:00 PM*	MASS OR EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
6:00 PM (SATURDAY)	ANTICIPATED MASS FOR SUNDAY

SUNDAYS: Main Church

7:00 AM / 8:30 AM / 10:00 AM / 6:00 PM	JAPANESE MASS		
12:00 NN	ENGLISH MASS**	1:30 PM	SPANISH MASS
3:00 PM	VIETNAMESE MASS	4:30 PM	ENGLISH MASS**

Note:

- * To register and confirm whether there will be Mass or Eucharistic Adoration, please access <http://www.ignatius.gr.jp> or call the **Parish Office 03-3263-4584**
- ** Limited to 100 attendees. Registration is open starting Monday, 9:00 AM and ends Friday 5:00 PM or when the number limit is reached. To register, access the QR codes below or the English website, www.stignatius.jp/en/
Confessions are already resumed along with the Mass. The place is back to the church foyer (front of the church)

Pope's Prayer Intentions for June 2021

The Beauty of Marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage: with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

Mission 2030 Prayer Intention: Month of June

We pray for those who are going to get married. Through the intercession of St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary and by the grace of God, they may love, help and forgive each other throughout their lives.

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St. Mary's Chapel, a popular venue for weddings

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4:30 PM



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