

Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2019
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

THE YEAR OF SAINT LUKE – BEING THE GOOD NEWS BY PROMOTING GOD'S HOSPITALITY

This week's readings: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Gospel Luke 15:1-32

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER: The gospel passage begins with an accusation that Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. This is the gravest social accusation one could level at another because who you ate with was a reflection of your own status. To welcome sinners and to eat with them was to effectively become one of them yourself. In response to this accusation, rather than mounting an argument, the gospel writer has Jesus tell three parables about the lost being found. The answer to the accusation is that those dismissed as 'sinners' are the 'lost' who will be celebrated with extravagant rejoicing when they have been 'found' again through their acceptance of the message of Jesus.

The parable of the lost son is usually taken in isolation and rarely is heard in the full context of the three parables of the lost being found. We need all three to recognise the ridiculous nature of the celebration of the forgiving father's actions. All three parables display great folly. What shepherd would leave 99 of his sheep in the wilderness to go in search of just one? Similarly what woman is going to reveal to her friends how poverty-stricken she really is by inviting them to rejoice with her at the finding of one lost drachma – the least valuable of coins. When we come to the father rejoicing at his son's return, this too would have seemed a ridiculous folly. Because of his actions, the son completely shamed himself and his father. The father's expected and justified response would have been to turn his back on his son and banish him forever. To welcome him back would have been unthinkable to Jesus' audience. In an echo of God's ridiculous and unbounded loving forgiveness, the father welcomes his son with open arms and reclaims him as his own.

Historical Context – Scandal at the dinner table: The accusation that Jesus eats with sinners would have been considered incredibly insulting and defamatory. In that time, dining was as much a political act as it was a social one. Breaking bread together had incredible significance. To break bread or share a meal with someone was to acknowledge them as a person and to in some way become one with them. So to eat with sinners was to also become one with them – to become a sinner yourself. For Jesus to deliberately seek out opportunities to dine with sinners was scandalous behaviour. It challenged one of the basic social principles.

Scriptural context – Parables of the lost: The three parables that appear in Luke 15 are unique to the gospel of Luke – none of the other gospels use these parables. They are used by the gospel writer to further highlight a theme that runs throughout this gospel: the release and acceptance of those who are oppressed and afflicted. It stems from the declaration of Jesus' mission in Ch 4 when he reads from the scroll of Isaiah. More than any other gospel, this one portrays Jesus as having a special care and compassion for those who have been rejected by society.

Gospel Focus – Who is a sinner? The Jews at the time of Jesus had a particular view of sin and its consequences. Because of the multiple rules of purity and proper behaviour, it was almost impossible for an average person not to commit a sin at some time and sin was seen as making one impure. Sacrifice, worship and even baptism were means of restoring purity and removing sin. However, sin that was not acknowledged and rectified quickly would be punished by God. Those who suffered chronic illness, impairment or deformity were seen as being punished by God for their own or their parents' sin and Jesus challenged this interpretation.

Raise your voices ...

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Response to the Psalm: I will rise and go to my father.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Eucharistic Acclamation: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Communion Antiphon: How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

Being the Good News ...

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Whitehorse Deanery
Eastern Region
Archdiocese of Melbourne

Rev Father Gerard Johnson
Parish Priest

Sonya O'Farrell

Part-time Parish Secretary
Wednesdays, Thursdays &
Fridays

10.00am – 2.00pm

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SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil – 6:00pm
Sunday – 8:30am & 10:30am

WEEKDAY MASS & ROSARY:

Tues. @ 11.00am &

Weds. - Sat. @ 9:00am

Rosary prayed after Weekday Mass
times as listed above. All welcome.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am & 5.30pm

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed
for Adoration Wednesday
Start: 7:00pm | End: 8:00pm

WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS

By appointment and
six months (6) notice, please.
*(This helps with the planning of both
celebrations and Parents usually know
nine months in advance when their
baby is to be born).*

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Prayer to Saint Luke the Evangelist

Lord God, who chose Saint Luke to
reveal by his preaching and writings the
mystery of your love for the poor, grant
that those who already glory in your
name may persevere as one heart and
one soul and that all nations may merit
to see your salvation. Through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and
reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen!

*Patron Saint of artists, physicians,
surgeons, students and butchers.*

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER this weekend all who are sick, especially Gerald Chia, Bernardine O'Meara, Peter Murphy, Kathryn Holmes, Tony Grieve, Vicki Bowes, Jim Maguire, Keith Yelland and Nadia Tarquino and those Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For Fr Burns Huggan who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, may they rest in peace.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: Ordinary Time. **Monday:** Sts Cornelius, pope, martyr, and Cyprian, bishop, martyr; **Tuesday:** St Robert Bellarine, bishop, doctor; **Thursday:** St Januarius, bishop, martyr; **Friday:** Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gōn, priest, martyr and Paul Chōng Ha- sang & companions, martyrs; **Saturday:** St Matthew, apostle, evangelist; **Sunday Masses:** Eucharistic Prayer for use in Masses for Various Needs II. Eucharistic Acclamation No. II.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR this week during the Sunday morning 10.30am Mass.

A VOCATION VIEW: We are called to proclaim God's abundant love for all people. Become an instrument of that love. Our world needs you! (Luke 15:1-32)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "Everything I have is yours." (Luke 15:31) Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?

VALE MR ED WEEKES: Mr Weekes has been a member of our Parish School Staff since July 2016. Since then he has made a significant contribution to our School as Deputy Principal, Religious Education Leader and Student Wellbeing Leader, and for most of this year as Acting Principal. We wish him all the very best at Sacred Heart Kew as Principal there and pray he will be as influential there as he has been here, in educating the children in his care. Your **Felicitations** can be sent a.s.a.p. to the following email address: principal@slblackburnsth.catholic.edu.au

GRILL'D BURWOOD COMPETITION: St Luke The Evangelist PA Sensory Garden Project won the \$300. Our P.A. thanks you - one & all who supported this fundraiser for our Parish Primary School for we are now \$300 closer to meeting our target.

THE 6PM CHOIR will serve again on Saturday 28th September.

DISCERNING WHO THE SEVEN MEMBERS OF OUR NEXT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL WILL BE + FIVE EX OFFICIO (by virtue of one's position or status) =

12 PARISHIONERS IN TOTAL: We now move into the formal **DISCERNMENT** phase and we are all invited to PRAY to determine 'is God calling you to share your gifts and talents as a member of the next Parish Pastoral Council to build the faith community of St Luke the Evangelist?' **All Parishioners are invited to gather with the Steering Committee on Sunday 13th October from 1.30pm – 3.30pm in our Parish Hall for the Parish Discernment Gathering.** Please refer to the supplement this weekend for more details.

SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH FEAST DAY will occur this year on Sunday 20th October. We will have our usual 10.30am morning Mass then a Parish BBQ lunch to follow. It will be the end of **BOOK WEEK** in our Parish Primary School so you may see some of our Students in 'Book Character' at Mass and/or at our Parish BBQ. Mrs. **Liz Sullivan**, our new Parish Primary School Principal, will be coming too. All Parishioners are invited. A Jumping Castle will be available for all the chronologically Young Parishioners present.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, BOX HILL CONFERENCE - our conference is this year celebrating 80 years of service to the local community. A celebration Mass and morning tea will be held on Sunday 6 October at 10.15am at St Francis Xavier's Church, cnr Dorking and Whitehorse Roads Box Hill. We warmly invite any past conference members or the family of deceased members to join us. RSVP: by 30/9/19 to Kathy Sakowski - email: kmmsakowski@gmail.com

HOMELESSNESS: PREPARING FOR 2020, PARISH FORUM, TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER, 6PM FOR 6.30-8.30PM During 2019 churches and groups across the Melbourne metropolitan area co-operated to provide winter shelter to several hundred rough sleepers on the coldest nights of the year. One Parish Priest says "Not only are there homeless people in our area, our Parish needs homeless guests to minister to them. We need to give our parishioners an opportunity to participate in providing shelter" This forum will begin to prepare for next winter and help make connections between parishes, churches and groups that will make next year's winter shelter a success. Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne (Entry via car park off Lansdowne Street) RSVP: 20 September 2019 Cost: \$20.00 - concessions available, please contact Lucia Brick. Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BE0EB> Enquiries: Lucia Brick tel: 9287 5566 or e: lucia.brick@css.org.au

THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 12th October 2019 9.00am – 3.00pm in the Convent Grounds at 154 Cotham road Kew. This year all the proceeds raised will be forwarded to Sister Veneranda Myuku of the Franciscan Sisters of Charity, working at the **IKOMBO EPILEPTIC CENTRE** for the poor in the Mahenge Diocese of Tanzania. Enquiries please phone 9817 3715. See poster on our Church notice-board.

THE CROYDON PARISH PLAYERS next performance – see Church noticeboard.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

PARISH MINISTRY ROSTER

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

		<u>14 AND 15 SEPT 2019</u>	<u>21 AND 22 SEPT 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Terry Wells	Lorraine Kermond
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Melina Barcellona	Engelina Nyhuis
	10:30 AM	Jenny Dixon	Sonya O'Farrell

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

		<u>14 AND 15 SEPT 2019</u>	<u>21 AND 22 SEPT 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Bernie Brennan	Terry Wells
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Godfrey Thong	Rosemary Donaldson
	10:30 AM	Teresa Rhynehart	Genevieve Hemsley

WELCOMER'S ROSTER

		<u>14 AND 15 SEPT 2019</u>	<u>21 AND 22 SEPT 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Terry Wells	Rita Gibb
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Marie Pekish	Don McKenzie
	10:30 AM	John LoGiusto	Pamela & Michael

SLIDE OPERATORS

		<u>14 AND 15 SEPT 2019</u>	<u>21 AND 22 SEPT 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Terry Wells	Terry Wells
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Rosemary Donaldson	Anthony Fernandez
	10:30 AM	Manny Gonzalez	Manny Gonzalez

CHURCH FLOWERS

14 SEPT 2019
Joan McHugh
21 SEPT 2019
Kate Skowronska

CHURCH CLEANING

21 SEPT 2019
Team 5 (Kellie's Team)
Kellie McCarthy, Emma Brodawka
Toni Wynne & Daniella
Manolopoulos

MAINTENANCE

5 OCTOBER 2019
Team 1
Bob Dimmattina &
Steve Kilroe-Smith

CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST: The next *Catholic Man Breakfast Series* takes place on Friday the 20th September 2019 and features Fr Leo Patalinbug. Fr Leo is being hosted to Australia by several Archdioceses, including The Archdiocese of Melbourne. He has a high profile as a chef, TV host and martial arts exponent which are tools in his real trade of 'evangelizing'. Cost is \$50 with group discounts available. The time is strictly 0700 – 0900 hours. There is a new venue being the Athenaeum Club, 87 Collins St Melbourne (not the Athenaeum Theatre) His talk will be "be a man and feed your family". **This event is cosponsored by the Office of Life Marriage and Family Office of the Archdiocese of Melbourne.** Enquiries: michael.bohan@menalive.org.au The *Catholic Man Breakfast Series* is an opportunity for men to gather and be encouraged and inspired in their faith.

PALMS AUSTRALIA: Discovering Global Mission - How can our skills create better opportunities for disadvantaged people? Communities in Timor Leste, PNG, Samoa, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to assist their development. Learn of Melbourne teacher **Kathy Brick's** experience mentoring local educators at schools in Samoa and South Africa, and how **sharing your skills** can **immerse you** in a **world of deep cultural discovery**. Qualified medics, teachers, tradies, business and admins are always required. **Discover Palms: Sunday October 27th @ 10:30am Jenny Florence Room Ross House 247-251 Flinders Lane MELBOURNE Call Palms now on 02 9560 5333 or see palms.org.au/assignments-abroad** See poster on our Church notice-board.

JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO: A brand new show on **the Journey!** We have **Pete Gilmore** back on the show, as well **Sam Clear**, **Bruce Downes** and of course **Mother Hilda Scott!** You won't want to miss **Fr Mark's** beautiful Gospel Reflection on the Gospel this week from Luke, we can't wait for you to hear it! Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au and to ensure that you never miss a show it can be sent to you each week as a podcast via email.

THE HERO'S JOURNEY ~ on this day, you will be invited to question your own Journey, to discern the presence of the Hero within, however unlikely that may appear at first. This Day will be held at Heart of Life in Box Hill and facilitated by a qualified Clinical Psychologist/Spiritual Director on Saturday, 21 September 2019 from 10 am – 4pm. Cost \$60. Enquiries and bookings can be made by reply email (holsc@bigpond.com) or to tel 03 9890 1101 or www.heartoflife.melbourne.

ARE YOU A SPIRITUAL LEADER? – The Spiritual Leaders Program is a one-year, part-time program held on Friday mornings (and some afternoons) in Box Hill, Vic. It is suitable for people in various positions of leadership, spiritual formation and outreach ministries such as community leaders, nurses, school principals, ministers, lay ecclesial ministers, and chaplains. The program, which commences in Feb 2020, focuses on personal integration of the theory and practice of a contemplative, discerning approach to pastoral ministry. Fee-Help may be available. Apply to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Brochure and application form at www.heartoflife.melbourne or tel 03 9890 1101.

CELEBRATE LIFE CONCERT WITH CATHOLIC ARTISTS at 7.30pm on October 11 with Fr David Lemewu & Georga Byrne who's a professional jazz singer who sings at catholic youth festivals and other acts including scenes from the cog theatre groups musicals and dance groups. Not for profit fundraiser. Limited tickets sold at half price only \$12. Don't miss out on early bird for Christian musical entertainment by most talented artists. For more info www.trybooking.com/BEVLD or telephone 0413398528.

SAFETY STATEMENT: We are committed to a safe and nurturing culture for all children and vulnerable adults in our Church. Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Blackburn South holds the care, safety, wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults as central and fundamental responsibilities of the Church. This commitment is drawn from and inherent to the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and the sanctity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel. <http://pol.org.au/blackburnsouth/Policies.aspx>

Parish Groups & Contacts

by ... Promoting God's Hospitality

Lectors, Welcomers, Collectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, & Rosters

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Jess Kilroe-Smith - 0452 613 863

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Child Safety Officer

Darren McLean - 0417 774 504

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Steve Brennan

Parish Accountant

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Toni Plevier

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Megan McLean 0419 347 693

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to the housebound

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Fete Committee

T.B.A.

Parish School

Education Advisory Board

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Parish School

Parents' Association

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St Vincent de Paul Conference

For Assistance: 1800 305 330

(Monday to Friday 10am-3pm)

Parish Contact: Margaret Gearon

RECRUITMENT NOTICE:

These Parish Groups welcome new members who choose to participate in the life of the Parish in these ways - would you like to make contact with one or more of them?

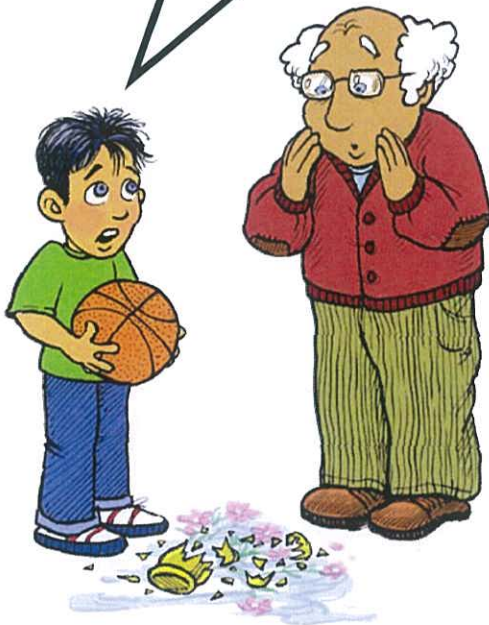


I was lost but now I am found



24th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

Sometimes it's hard to say I'm sorry. What could the boy say to show he is sorry for breaking the vase?



God wants us to know that he will always forgive us. Draw yourself saying this prayer to God.

Dear God,
help me when I turn
away from you.
You always call me back,
help me listen to your voice.
Give me the strength to
forgive as you forgive.
Amen.

Complete the Text maze:



START

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FINISH



"He was lost and now has been found."

How Ignatian Spirituality Gives Us a Way to Discern God's Will

By David L. Fleming, SJ

What shall we *do*? We should not do anything wicked and we should not do anything absurd. Between these boundaries lie a vast number of possibilities. We face large decisions: schooling, career, work, state of life, relationships, weighty commitments. Every day we face smaller decisions about our priorities and goals, how to spend our time, what to pay attention to and what to put off for another day. How do we make these choices? How do we weigh competing values? How do we discern the right path?

Ignatian spirituality gives us a way to approach these questions. To follow Jesus we need to know how to make good decisions. Ignatian spirituality helps us approach this challenge in a practical way.

What Do We Want?

Ignatius would first have us be clear about the ends that we seek. Again we return to the Principle and Foundation for clarity about the values that should govern our choices. Everything in this world is presented to us “so that we can know God more easily and make a return of love more readily.” Thus, “our only desire and our one choice should be this: I want and I choose what better leads to God’s deepening life in me.” Our loving relationship with God is the goal and end of our life. All of our choices are means, steps toward reaching our goal. We enter marriage or choose a career or start a business as a way to deepen our relationship with God. All of these important choices are means, not ends in themselves. It is easy to lose sight of this and treat choices as the ends. Our first choice or decision is simply to be a follower of Christ. Everything else—all our choices, big and small—follows from this.

The Analytical Approach

When we have our end clearly in sight, then we are able to tackle the complexities of decision making. One way is the analytical approach. In trying to choose between two goods, we might list pros and cons in two columns on a sheet of paper. If we are perplexed, we might also ask some friends what they think. Then we make a decision, offer our decision to God for his blessing, and pray for a consolation of peace as God’s gift to us.

Ignatius calls this type of decision making a “third-time” choice. “First-time” and “second-time” choices are decisions guided by our hearts, where confirmation comes not from the reasoning intellect but through a discernment of the meaning of the different movements of the emotions and feelings. This is Ignatius’s greatest gift to us about decision making. It may be called the gift of the reasoning heart.

Sometimes the Choice Is Clear

A first-time choice is a decision that is unmistakably clear. We *know* what is right. Ignatius cites two examples of first-time choice in the New Testament: the conversion of the apostle Paul, and the call of the tax collector Matthew. Neither man had any doubt about what God wanted of him (at least in these situations). First-time choices are not rare. We probably know people who never had any doubt about what they should do at major turning points in their lives. Some people are sure about their marriage spouse at a first meeting in this graced manner.

Others are sure about their religious-life vocation or priestly vocation in a similar way. You may have had this experience yourself, at least in some circumstances.

When the Choice Isn't So Clear

Second-time choices are situations where the preferred choice is not entirely clear. We are presented with alternative courses of action that all seem attractive to some degree, and we are not blessed with the gift of a clear certainty about what to do. In these cases, Ignatius says that we can discern the right choice by attending to the inner movements of our spirit. In particular, feelings of “consolation” and “desolation” will signal the correct course of action. Ignatius always carefully puts the word *spiritual* before consolation and desolation. For him spiritual consolation is our experience “when some interior movement in the soul is caused, through which the soul comes to be inflamed with love of its Creator and Lord.” Ignatius more simply describes consolation as every increase in hope, faith, and charity. Spiritual desolation is just the opposite. The words Ignatius uses to describe it include darkness of soul, disturbance, movement to things low and earthly, disquiet of different agitations and temptations. Ignatius’s understanding of the importance of these feelings dates back to the very beginning of his conversion to a fervent Christian faith when he learned to pay close attention to his feelings.

Second-time choice is not simply a matter of “feeling peaceful” about a proposed decision. The feelings of spiritual consolation and spiritual desolation must be carefully assessed. Complacency and smugness about a decision can masquerade as consolation. At times, desolation can be a timely sense of restlessness pointing us in a new direction. Ignatius discusses how to work with his guidelines for discerning at some length in his “rules for discernment of spirits” at the end of the Spiritual Exercises.

Trusting Your Feelings

It seems surprising (and somewhat risky) to trust our feelings to the degree Ignatius does, but this approach to discernment is entirely consistent with his vision of the Christian life. The Ignatian perspective tells us that we live in a world that is permeated by God, a world God uses to keep in touch with us. We seek to follow Jesus. We carefully observe him in the Gospels and we enter into these Gospel scenes using the methods of Ignatian contemplation through imagination. We come to know who Jesus is and strive to make him the center of our lives. We make our decisions within the context of this relationship of love. It is a relationship of the heart. Our heart will tell us which decisions will bring us closer to Jesus and which will take us away from him.

Ignatian discernment, then, holds that our Christian choices are often beyond the merely rational or reasonable. “The heart has its reasons of which the mind knows nothing,” Pascal said. This is fine—as long as the heart has been schooled by Christ.

It is often said that Ignatian spirituality forms us to be “contemplatives in action.” We can understand this somewhat paradoxical term if we see that the goal is action and discernment is the means. Discernment guides us to decisions that will join us ever more closely with Christ and with our working with Christ in the world. Contemplation of Jesus in the Gospels is the essential discipline that makes discernment possible. The practice of imaginative prayer teaches us who Jesus is and how he acts and how he decides. This kind of contemplation schools our hearts and guides us to the decisions that bring us closer to God.