

ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Colorado's Only Jesuit Parish - Warm and Welcoming

"Give me only your love and your grace, that is enough for me."

-St. Ignatius of Loyola



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*Today is born
our Savior,
Christ the Lord*

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Friday	7:00 am
Saturday Evening	5:00 pm
Sundays	7:30 am and 10:00 am
Holy Days of Obligation	7:00 am and 6:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation	Saturdays 4:15 pm And by Appointment
Sacrament of Anointing	First Sunday of the Month After 7:30 am Mass

OTHER MINISTRIES AND CONTACTS

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How can you help put our parish vision into action? Send your ideas to:

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*A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his scepter of power rests upon his shoulder,
and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.
Isaiah 9:5*

Offertory

December 17 & 18, 2016

Offertory.....	\$3615.25
Children's Offertory.....	\$72.41
Building Fund.....	\$13.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$25.00
Fr. Brady Fund for the Poor.....	\$525.00
<i>E-Giving through Faith Direct for the Month of December</i>	
Offertory.....	\$5720.00
Fr. Brady Fund for the Poor.....	\$90.00
Building Fund.....	\$255.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$80.00

CALENDAR**SPANISH MASS:** Today at 12:30 pm.**OFFICE CLOSED:** Monday, December 26 and Tuesday, December 27.**BIBLE STUDY/SHARING:** Does not meet this week.**RCIA:** Does not meet this week.**SENIOR SUPPORT DINNER:** Thursday, December 29, 5 pm. See next page for details.**NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE:**

New Year's Eve – 5 pm

New Year's Day – 7:30 am, 10 am

ENHANCING LOYOLA'S WELCOMING SPIRIT

Do you enjoy meeting new people? Do you have only limited time currently to participate in a ministry at Loyola? The Magis Welcoming Team has an opportunity for you! Consider becoming a Greeter at a Mass or a Mentor for new parishioners or an occasional Host at a special event (such as a coffee or a munchies and drinks gathering or dinner) for new parishioners. Curious? Learn more by coming to a one-hour Magis Welcoming Team Opportunity Session in Brady Hall on one of these 2017 dates: Saturday, January 14 at either 10:00 am or 6:00 pm or Tuesday, January 24 at 6:30 pm. Let us know you're coming (in case weather changes our plans). Contact: Cindy or Tony Prado-Gutierrez (303-478-9824 or prado-gutierrez@msn.com).

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Our senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests have offered their lives as a total gift to Christ in service to others. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Gifts to the *Retirement Fund for Religious* will help furnish their medications, nursing care, and other necessities.

Notes from Fr. Tom

Dear Loyola Parishioners and Visitors,

Christmas Day. Whether we are Christians or not, the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, the life of Jesus of Nazareth, the death of Jesus of Nazareth altered human history. Jesus' companions and their disciples formed a sect that became a religion that spread throughout the world. Like the Pope and Dalai Lama, Jesus is recognized as a spiritual leader close to God, a model of holiness and spiritual wisdom. Whether one believes He is Risen or Son of God or Messiah is another matter altogether. People acknowledge that the person of Jesus, who He is, how He is understood, what He means for humanity, has been a recurrent theme through the centuries.

For those among us who have said, "I will follow Him. I will follow Him as the model for my humanity. I will follow Him as the unique revelation of God", Jesus is born anew each time we return to His birth and rededicate ourselves to following Him, modelling Him, living like Him. While others see nothing but a child in His birth, we see a child who grew up and showed us the way to live lives of love, compassion, open-heartedness, forgiveness, justice and non-violence. This child came to show us how to change the world. It begins with changing ourselves, our perception of reality, our imaginations, our visions, our interior and exterior lives. And, change is hard and slow and incomplete until it isn't.

And, how do we and/or others come to dedicate ourselves to following Him? The same way His followers and subsequent generations of men and women came to be His followers, we/they experience Jesus alive. We/they experience Jesus alive within themselves but outside themselves. And, that experience leads to submission, to the submission of one's self to love, to the submission of one's self to total trust of the other, to the submission of one's self knowing it just feels right and safe to do so.

Once again, accept the invitation of Christmas to allow this child to enter your lives so deeply that, like a newborn, He takes control of your lives and alters your personal history and the world's going forward.

Have a blessed Christmas!

Fr. Tom

NEWS AND EVENTS

SENIOR SUPPORT DINNER

This Thursday

We will be providing and serving dinner to over 70 homeless seniors this Thursday, December 29. The menu is: red beans and rice, ham, corn bread, ambrosia and warm apple cider. If you can help by providing food or serving, please contact Charlotte at 303-861-7433 or Delores at 720-937-2924. Please bring prepared food to Senior Support Services at 846 E. 18th Ave. (18th and Emerson) by 5 pm.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Thank you to everyone who donated toward the flowers that we will enjoy during this Christmas season. Many of the donations were made in memory or in honor of someone. We thank you for sharing these loved ones with us and honoring them in this special way.

CHRISTMAS BASKET THANK YOU

Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers and especially our **Snow Storm Troopers** who helped last weekend with Loyola's Christmas Food Basket Outreach! Thanks very much to ALL who made this year's event so merry and a great success in spite of the cold temperature. Between Loyola and Curé d' Ars parishes, we distributed over 200 baskets of food, (in addition to over 60 extra turkeys and canned food, compliments of WalMart) and provided Christmas gifts for many of our parish children. We also thank St. Joan of Arc Parish for the generous donation of games and DVDs to include with the baskets.

We could not have done all of this without the loving support of our pastor, Fr. Tom, and all of you, our parish family; making this one spirit-filled Advent. God bless, and thank you!

END-OF-YEAR DONATIONS

Thank you for your generous financial support of our parish throughout the year. If you are planning to make any more donations to the parish that you would like to be included in your 2016 statement of contributions, please be sure to have them to the parish office **by Saturday, December 31, 2016**. Contributions given at 5 pm Mass on Saturday, December 31, 2016 will be included on the 2016 statements. **Please note:** contributions made on Sunday, January 1, 2017 will be included on the 2017 statements. Any 2016 donations that are mailed to the office need to be postmarked by December 31, 2016.

Thank you in advance for helping us maintain proper accounting practices as we conclude the end of the calendar year. If you have any questions, please call the parish office.

MLK RODEO

Monday, January 16, 6 pm

Special ticket pricing of \$18 is available for the rodeo, access to exhibits, vendors, child's petting zoo, free parking and more. To order, call 303-295-3959 and mention Curé d' Ars Church/Gardeners. Prices are not available to the general public and are subject to availability.

SAVE THE DATES!

Knights of Peter Claver Annual Breakfast

All are welcome to the Knights Annual Parish breakfast on Sunday, January 15, 2017 following both Masses. Enjoy biscuits, eggs, grits, sausage and more. Adults \$6, children 12 or younger \$4. See any Knight for tickets.

Care for Our Common Home Movie Night & Potluck

Please join us for our next movie night, potluck and discussion on Saturday, January 21 at 6:15 pm. We will be showing "An Inconvenient Truth." More details to come soon.

2017 Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball

Join us for this parish celebration on Saturday, February 18, 2017. Fun festivities, delicious food, dancing and fellowship. More information to come. Tickets go on sale January 7 & 8.

2017 Young Adults Retreat

The Young Adults Retreat will be Friday, February 17 through Sunday, February 19, 2017 at the Sacred Heart Jesuit Retreat House in Sedalia, CO. More details to come!

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

HUMANITARIAN AWARDS CONCERT

All are invited to a free community tribute concert on Tuesday, January 10 at the Boettcher Concert Hall, 1000 14th St. Doors open at 6 pm with a very light supper at 6:30 pm. Concert by the Colorado Symphony and Awards begin at 7:30 pm.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 12-25-16	7:30 am	People of the Parish
	10:00 am	People of the Parish
Monday, 12-26-16		Mo Maestes ⁺
Tuesday, 12-27-16		John Wolff ⁺
Wednesday, 12-28-16		Intentions of the Celebrant
Thursday, 12-29-16		Harold Kisner ⁺
Friday, 12-30-16		John Wolff ⁺
Saturday, 12-31-16		Martin Herbert ⁺

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Loretta Burrell, Baby Isaac Doll, Healis Duplantis, Jose Raul Esquibel, Jossy Eyre, George and Barbara Franke, Healis Howard, Lindsay Family, Cordell Robinson, Carol Ryerson, Fil Sapienza, Katie Scott, Melvin Scott, Barb Serceley

ETERNAL JOY FOR...

Baby Carina Marie Rose

Readings for the Week of December 25, 2016

Sunday:	Christmas Day Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18
Monday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday:	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Friday:	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Mt 2:13-15
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Next Sunday:	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21