

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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Lord, let us see your kindness...

...and grant us your salvation.

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

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

Magis Leadership Team

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Offertory

December 9 & 10, 2017

Offertory.....	\$6737.86
Children's Offertory.....	\$16.52
Building Fund.....	\$43.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$37.00
Fr. Brady Fund for the Poor.....	\$377.52

CALENDAR**ROSARY:** Today at 9 am at Mary's Altar.**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Today at 10 am in the Gesu Rm.**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Class today at 11:30 in the school/convent/Family Center.**GIVING TREE DISTRIBUTION:** Today at 11:30 in the Gesu Room.**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY:** Will not meet today.**AFRICAN MASS:** Today at 1 pm.**BIBLE STUDY/SHARING:** Does not meet this week. Will resume Monday, January 8.**RCIA:** Tuesday, December 19, 7 pm at Curé d' Ars Church.**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE:** Wednesday, December 20, 7 pm. See below for details.**ADVENT LECTURE SERIES:** Thursday, December 21, 6:30 pm in Brady Hall. See below for details.**ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS:****LOYOLA ADVENT SERIES****Join Us This Thursday – Final Session**

Dr. Joshua Evans continues leading our Loyola Advent Series, 'Preparing for the Incarnation.' All are welcome this Thursday, December 21 at 6:30 pm in Brady Hall.

ADVENT PENANCE LITURGY

All are welcome to our Advent Penance Liturgy on Wednesday, December 20 at 7 pm. This special liturgy will include, Scripture, reflection and music followed by individual confessions. Several priests will be available. Please join us.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

The weekend Mass schedule for the Fourth Sunday of Advent (December 24) will be our regular weekend schedule. In addition, Christmas Mass times are:

*Christmas Eve – 5 pm**Mass at Midnight**Christmas Day – 10 am***CHRISTMAS CONCERTS**

The Children's Choir will begin its concert on Christmas Eve at 4:30 pm before 5 pm Mass.

The Midnight Mass choir, including a string trio, flute, guitar and piano, will begin its concert on Christmas Eve at 11:30 pm before Midnight Mass.

Notes from Music & Liturgy

People of God,

Welcome to the Third Sunday of Advent, which is traditionally known as "Gaudete" Sunday – Latin for "Rejoice." So here we are as Catholic Christians, deep into the season of Advent, in which we are waiting for the coming of the Lord at Christmas, and this Sunday, waiting in a joyful way. That seems to speak of a necessary ingredient called "Hope." In these days of drive thru food, drive thru banking, etc., waiting seems to be necessary less often than in the days and years before Jesus was born. With hope, however, living with the promise of the arrival of the Messiah, who would save His people, certainly would've made the waiting more tolerable and more logical. Without hope, it may have seemed like time spent waiting in vain.

So, what of those of us who celebrate Advent in a "joyful" way this Sunday? How are we assured that our waiting makes good logical sense? After all, we know Jesus came some 2000 years ago. He's already been here.

Consider this. The Bible is filled with good news, such as in Hebrews, Chapter 13 and verse 8 where it promises us that "Jesus is the same, yesterday, today, and forever!" So we know Jesus came to earth to save people back then – AND – still comes today to save people. He Hasn't changed. Today, He does it through the power of the Holy Spirit. In the book of Romans in the Bible, Chapter 10 and verse 13 promises us that "Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord (invoking Him as Lord) will be saved."

Also, we serve an unlimited Lord. When the blind man in the gospels heard Jesus was near, he cried out to Jesus hoping that Jesus would heal him; and Jesus did. The 'old' for the man was blindness; the 'new' was vision. When the woman with the issue of blood heard that Jesus was nearby, she fought the crowd with the hope and faith that if she could just touch the hem of His garment, she would be healed; and she was. No problem for the unlimited Jesus; the Healer. When Nicodemus was confused as to who Jesus really was, Jesus spent time with Nicodemus and imparted great wisdom in helping Nicodemus to understand. Unlimited Jesus; the Teacher. Jesus defied nature by walking on water and calming storms with His hand. Unlimited Jesus; the Miracle Worker. He fed over 5000 people until they were full, and did so with only two fish and five loaves of bread – and had 12 baskets of leftovers! No problem for unlimited Jesus; the Provider.

Ecclesiastes, chapter 3 and verse 1 tells us that there is a time for every purpose under the heavens. What time is it at St. Ignatius Loyola? This weekend, it is time to "wait" for our unlimited Lord Jesus, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. It is time to wait with the hope that Jesus will come to our lives this Christmas season in a brand new and unlimited way. Why wait rejoicing? The truth is, anything we've read or heard that Jesus has done in the past – He can do in the present! Anyway that He's touched someone else's life in the past, he can touch ours now. Whatever we face this year, is for Jesus, No Problem! While waiting for Jesus to touch our lives anew, let us do so filled with hope and rejoicing, because really, can you think of any other way that makes more sense? As we say in Mass – Peace be with you!

Mike Wooldridge

NEWS AND EVENTS

MASS ON JANUARY 1, 2018

Daily Mass on Monday, January 1, 2018 *will be at 10 am instead of 7 am*. Though this is not a Holy Day of Obligation, we will celebrate the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE In Gratitude

Thanks to the vast generosity of our Loyola community, the celebrations for Our Lady of Guadalupe were most spiritual, energetic and joyful! Abundant gratitude to all adults and kids who wrote note cards, decorated, moved furniture, carried Our Lady's painting, brought the quilt and other images, sang, brought food for the potluck, lighted ovens, served, set-up, washed dishes and tablecloths, cleaned-up Brady Hall, and coordinated the piñatas – and to the children who enthusiastically whacked away at the piñatas so their candy could be shared! Muchisimas gracias a todos for making it happen!

-Cindy and Tony Prado-Gutierrez

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

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 2017 statement of contributions, please be sure to have them to the parish office *by Sunday, December 31, 2017*. Any 2017 donations that are mailed to the office need to be postmarked by December 31, 2017.

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. *If you have had in address change in the past year, please give your new information to Kathy in the office at 303-322-8042 or KMurzyn@loyoladenver.org.*

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME UPDATES Batteries

To date we have collect 335 pounds of batteries. Thank you for dropping off your batteries, please continue to do so to prevent toxic materials from going into our land fill and ground water.

December Lending Library

Since we are not having a monthly library in December, please return any books you checked out to the donation boxes at the church entrance. And donations of materials (books, magazines, DVDs) relating to physically or spiritually caring for our common home are appreciated.

New Members Welcome!

How about a New Year's Resolution to join the Care for Our Common team?! ALL are Welcome. For more information, contact Romaine T. at romainetada@gmail.com or call or text at 720.352.1363.

PARISH CALENDARS

The 2018 parish calendars will be here soon. There was a slight delay in production, so they will deliver them to us as soon as possible.

SAVE THE DATES

Knights of Peter Claver Breakfast

All are welcome to the Knights Annual Parish breakfast on Sunday, January 14, 2018 following both Masses. Enjoy biscuits, eggs, grits, sausage and more. See any Knight for more information.

2018 Mardi Gras Ball

Tickets for our February 3, 2018 Mardi Gras Ball will be available again after Masses throughout the month of January. To be put in the drawing to be a participant in the 2018 Mardi Gras Court, please purchase your ticket by January 7. Join us for this special parish celebration complete with fun festivities, delicious food, dancing and fellowship.

2018 Young Adults Retreat

Young Adults, please join us on the retreat 'Discerning the Vocation to Love.' The retreat is February 16 – 18, 2018 and will be at Sacred Heart Jesuit Retreat House in Sedalia, CO. It is co-sponsored by St. Ignatius Loyola Church and the Ignatian Spirituality Program of Denver. For more information, brochures are at the church entrances or visit www.ignatianspiritualitydenver.org/retreats/calendar/.

IMMIGRATION ACTION ALERT RESPONDERS

With attempts at immigration reform over the last few years, a dedicated group of Loyola parishioners has contacted elected officials to craft just and humane legislation in accord with values outlined by the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops. The work continues, and more voices are needed. If you would like to join this effort, please send your name and e-mail address to Harriet Mullaney at hem@ecentral.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 12-17-17	7:30 am	Dottie Litz ⁺
	10:00 am	People of the Parish
Monday, 12-18-17		Henrietta Ugochukwu ⁺
Tuesday, 12-19-17		Kathy O'Leary & Family
Wednesday, 12-20-17		Marguerite Meyers & Family
Thursday, 12-21-17		Dan O'Leary & Family
Friday, 12-22-17		Intentions of the Celebrant
Saturday, 12-23-17		Dora Lucero ⁺ and Mo Maestas ⁺

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Elizabeth Achuil, Taeja Billingsley, Loretta Burrell, James Castellano (recently deployed to Afghanistan), Deborah Cottle, Nelson Ezell, Jossy Eyre, Healis Howard, Isaac Joseph, Lindsay Family, Marian McDowell, Kelly McEnany, Cordell Robinson, Carol Ryerson, Beatrice Scott, Katie Scott, Melvin Scott, Barb Sercely

Readings for the Week of December 17, 2017

Sunday:	3rd Sunday of Advent Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday:	Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday:	Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday:	Sg 2:8-14/Lk 1:39-45
Friday:	1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Saturday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Next Sunday:	4th Sunday of Advent 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16/Rom 16:25-27/ Lk 1:26-38