

ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

-St. Ignatius of Loyola



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*Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.*

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

magis@loyoladenver.org

Offertory

December 16 & 17, 2017

Offertory.....	\$6505.15
Children's Offertory.....	\$32.15
Building Fund.....	\$250.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$40.00
Fr. Brady Fund for the Poor.....	\$25.00

CALENDAR**ROSARY:** Today at 9 am at Mary's Altar.**CHRISTMAS DAY:** Monday, December 25. The church office is closed.**BIBLE STUDY/SHARING:** Does not meet this week. Will resume Monday, January 8.**RCIA:** Does not meet this week.**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

The church office will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Friday of this week with light hours on the other days. We will return emails and phone messages as soon as possible. The office will also be closed Monday, January 1 and Friday, January 5.

DECORATING THE CHURCH TODAY**All are Welcome!**

The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary and the Liturgy Committee will begin decorating the church for Christmas immediately after today's 10 am Mass. Anyone who would like to help is welcome.

Notes from Fr. Dirk

My Dear People of God:

It's no secret that Christmas (properly called the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord) begins at midnight on Monday the 25th (or at 5:00 on Sunday the 24th, at the first words of the Vigil of Christmas). Christmas is a feast with an Octave, which has nothing to do with music - although we look forward to beautiful and inspiring music (and to a bit of sacred theater) during our celebrations. Octave means that the principal feast continues for eight days. The most important feasts of the Church calendar have octaves. The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord occurs on January 1, which is also the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. The Christmas season ends and Ordinary Time begins on Tuesday, January 9th, after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. And now go ahead and impress your friends and coworkers with your sparkling knowledge of the Church calendar. And bear in mind that, even as the secular world quits thinking about Christmas on December 26, we Catholics are called to persist and persevere.

By the way, neither the Vigil nor the Christmas Masses count for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Which means that we'll be in Church twice on this Sunday. I agree with you that it's not fair, but as my sainted father would say when I protested having

to wash the car on Saturday afternoons, "Who said that life is fair?"

Although we made the announcement at last weekend's Masses, some of you may not yet know that our dear Fr. Tom Cwik will not be returning to Loyola in any capacity. Longstanding and potentially serious health problems - too complex to treat here in Denver - have resulted in his being recalled to St. Louis for the foreseeable future. There we hope he will regain his health and well-being.

You should know that Fr. Cwik would not have wanted to leave Denver before the end of his term. Sadly, his health concerns made a swift and unscheduled departure an urgent necessity. I have known Fr. Cwik for 27 years, and have long counted him as a friend. He came to Loyola with a good deal of creative and apostolic energy, and he has loved being our pastor. Many of you know him to be a compassionate confessor. Beneath a sometimes irascible exterior, he has a good and tender heart. He is a man of strong passions and solid ideas, and he helped to pave the way for the resurgence our beloved Loyola Parish has seen in the past few years. For that - and for so many other things - he deserves our gratitude and prayers.

At the request of Fr. Ron Mercier, our Provincial Superior in the Society of Jesus, Archbishop Aquila has graciously appointed me to serve as Interim Pastor until a new man comes on board next summer. I am at once grateful and sobered. In my 30 years as a Jesuit, I have served in a number of our parishes. Although I love them all, Loyola and her people have uniquely captured my heart. My desire is to serve you well so that together we may preserve the best of the past and look ahead to a bright future. Together we have been called to help build up the Kingdom of God.

All of us are ably assisted in our collective mission by our Parochial Vicar, the good and holy Fr. Roy Joseph (long may he be with us!), by our staff members Kathy Murzyn (our Office Manager and jack - and master - of all trades), Paula Sapienza (the gifted Director of our Ignatian Spirituality Program), Mike Woodridge (our splendid new Director of Music and Liturgy), and Patty Klopfenstein (our intrepid and incisive Bookkeeper). And we are twice blessed by a growing host of enthusiastic volunteers and by all of you. Perhaps it's a trite saying, but it's nonetheless true that without you - whether you've been here for 60 years or 60 minutes - our beloved parish would be nothing.

In closing, and as Luke 12:48 reminds us, "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." I hope we can see these words as the invitation they are: to give praise to the One Who is with us always, to strengthen the ties of love and kinship that bind us together in Christ, to continue to make our parish a place of welcome, and to bring - through word and deed - the Good News to all God's creation.

In Christ,

Fr. Dirk Dunfee, SJ, Interim Pastor

PS: Should you wish to send a card or other greeting to Fr. Cwik, you may do so in care of our Province Headquarters at this address: Fr. Tom Cwik, SJ, Jesuits of the USA Central & Southern Province, 4511 W. Pine Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108-2191. For the time being, I'd ask that you refrain from text or email messages and telephone calls.

NEWS AND EVENTS

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Mass – 5 pm
Mass at Midnight
Christmas Day Mass – 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.

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.

2018 CALENDARS

The 2018 calendars are available at the church entrances. Please take just one per family. Thank you.

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.

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.

2018 Mardi Gras Ball

Tickets for our February 3, 2018 Mardi Gras Ball will be available again after Masses throughout the month of January.

2018 Young Adults Retreat

Young Adults, please join us on the retreat 'Discerning the Vocation to Love.' The retreat is February 16 – 18, 2018 at Sacred Heart Jesuit Retreat House in Sedalia, CO.

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME UPDATES

Recycling Holiday Lights

You can recycle broken holiday lights until January 20, 2018 at the Cherry Creek Recycling Drop-off. For days, times, instructions, acceptable lights and directions, go to www.DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles.

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?! For more information, contact Romaine T. at romainetada@gmail.com or call or text at 720.352.1363.

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.

IMMIGRATION ACTION ALERT RESPONDERS

With recent attempts at immigration reform, a 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. If you are interested in helping this effort, please email Harriet at hem@ecentral.com.

CATHOLIC BABY UNIVERSITY

For expectant parents, this six-class series through the Archdiocese of Denver integrates childbirth education and Catholicism to help prepare for the baby. The 2018 sessions begin on Jan. 22, April 10 and Sept. 17. For more information on fees and complete dates, visit www.CatholicBabyU.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 12-24-17

7:30 am

10:00 am

5:00 pm

Midnight Mass

Monday, 12-25-17

Tuesday, 12-26-17

Wednesday, 12-27-17

Thursday, 12-28-17

Friday, 12-29-17

Saturday, 12-30-17

Ramón Jacquez⁺

People of the Parish

People of the Parish

Minnie Anzures⁺

People of the Parish

Joseph Meyers & Family

Intentions of the Celebrant

Evelyn L. Dunfee⁺

Henrietta Ugochukwu⁺

Monroe Blaylock

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Elizabeth Achuil, Taeja Billingsley, Loretta Burrell, James Castellano (recently deployed to Afghanistan), Deborah Cottle, Nelson Ezell, Jossy Eyre, Daniel Hogan, 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 24, 2017

Sunday:

4th Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16/Rom 16:25-27/

Lk 1:26-38

Christmas Day

Monday:

Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday:

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday:

1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday:

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Friday:

1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Saturday:

1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

Next Sunday:

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:22-40