

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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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:

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Offertory

November 25 & 26, 2017

Offertory.....	\$4438.28
Children's Offertory.....	\$64.55
Building Fund.....	\$4.00
Fr. Brady Fund for the Poor.....	\$95.25
Christmas Flowers.....	\$115.00
<i>E-Giving through Faith Direct for the Month of November</i>	
Offertory.....	\$6905.00
Fr. Brady Fund for the Poor.....	\$90.00
Building Fund.....	\$340.00

CALENDAR**ROSARY:** Today at 9 am at Mary's Altar.**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** No class today.**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** No class today.**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY:** Meeting today at 11:30 am in the Gesu Room.**KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER:** Meeting today at 11:30 am in the Family Center.**KICK OFF EVENT FOR YOUTH:** Today in Brady Hall after the 10 am Mass.**WOMEN'S CLUB:** Meeting is postponed until Dec. 10.**BIBLE STUDY/SHARING:** Monday, December 4, 6:30 pm in Brady Hall.**PRAISE, WORSHIP & ADORATION:** Tuesday, December 5, 7 pm in the church.**RCIA:** Tuesday, December 5, 7 pm at Curé d' Ars Church.**SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY:** Meeting Wednesday, December 6, 5:30 pm in Brady Hall.**ADVENT LECTURE SERIES:** Thursday, December 7, 6:30 pm in Brady Hall.**YOUNG ADULTS HOLIDAY GATHERING:** Thursday, December 7. Email youngadults@loyoladenvr.org for details.**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – HOLY DAY OF****OBLIGATION:** Friday, Dec. 8. Masses at 7 am and 6 pm.**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION:**

Saturday, December 9. Mass at 5 pm; potluck reception after in Brady Hall. See today's insert for more information.

NEW MISSALS

Beginning with Advent, we are using new missals in the pews. The version we have been using for many years is no longer being printed.

Notes from Fr. Dirk

My Dear People of God:

Advent is the season of waiting. How many times have we heard that? So many times that it no longer means much?

Some of you know that as part of my Jesuit training I spent some time in Zimbabwe. One of the British Jesuits there was fond of saying, when waiting for something over which we had no control, "Let's have a cup of tea and see what happens." I love that. Sometimes having a cup of tea and

waiting to see what happens is just the thing. But, and as I've noted in previous columns and homilies, the kind of waiting we're invited to in Advent is not passive. Although I hope you have all the hot tea (and scones with clotted cream) you want, Advent waiting differs in kind from idly sitting back, waiting to see what happens. In Advent we wait for something we know to be coming, and something our Good and Loving God has invited us to expect: God's becoming human in Christ Jesus. As Linus Van Pelt so memorably said in *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, "That's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown."

It's hardly a secret that our nation is in the midst of what looks to be an extended crisis of leadership and even identity. More to the point, some of our elected officials at national, state and local levels have seized upon the poisonous language and images of racial, ethnic and religious prejudice to encourage public behavior that many of us had hoped was on the wane. We've witnessed a startling resurgence in violent speech, violent behavior, intimidation and harassment directed at African Americans (who know these things all too well), Muslims, immigrants, Latinos, Jews, women and girls, and sexual minorities. Americans who survived the Holocaust report an unease they have not experienced in decades. The Nazi swastika – as much a sign of absolute evil as anything could be – is more evident than it has been since the Second World War. Frightening? You bet. Exhausting? You bet.

Nonetheless we do not despair. Perhaps we can think of Advent not only as a time of waiting but as the season of the Already-But-Not-Yet. We look forward to the birth of the Christ Child, but we also know that Christ Emanuel is in our midst, prompting us to become the women and men we most want to be. The Kingdom of God is already here, even as it is not yet here in its fullness. Advent is not an exercise in pretending that something which has already happened has not happened. That would be silly. Instead, Advent is the time of the Already-But-Not-Yet.

Given the state of things, and ever mindful of the Not Yet, let us grab the Already. Christ is coming, but Christ is already here. The Holy Spirit is here. God is here, always and everywhere present to every aspect of creation. Our Mother Mary is here, showing us the way to God. The saints encourage and inspire us. We are not helpless. We need not stand idly by while the world around us seems to unravel. In Christ we need not tolerate the intolerable.

But - and this is a considerable but - we must never adopt the attitudes and tac-tics of those who have allied themselves with darkness. We can practice non-violent resistance to evil and oppression, and we can do so by using not just our hearts but our heads. That's what Ignatian Discernment is about. So, let's be smart about resisting sin and evil, holding fast to our Christian principles. Aware that action includes not just deeds but words and prayers, let us remind America that this is God's world and that we are better than our worst selves. Let's work together, inspiring one another in loving companionship to show the world that we choose to be women and men of the Gospel. And, always, let us hold fast to what is good.

NEWS AND EVENTS

HOLIDAY BAKE SALE NEXT SUNDAY

The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary will have its Annual Christmas Bake Sale after the 7:30 am and 10:00 am masses on Sunday December 10 in Brady Hall. Pies, breads, cookies, cakes and other yummy treats will be available!

PRAISE, WORSHIP AND ADORATION

This Tuesday, December 5

All are invited to our monthly Praise, Worship and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Come expecting to be lifted in spirit, moved in deep worship, and blessed by the true presence of Jesus. Join us at 7 pm in the church.

YOUNG ADULTS – DECEMBER

Join Us this Thursday

Join the young adults this Thursday, December 7 for a joint spirituality night and Christmas potluck. We will discuss the remainder of *Tattoos on the Heart*. Bring a side, appetizer, drink, or dessert to share if you wish! We will meet at Kelly and John's house starting at 7 pm. See young adult emails or Kelly, Sydney, or Sarah for address and more details. Or contact us at youngadults@loyoladenver.org.

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

Volunteer Opportunities – Please Help Us!

Santa Sacks: Santa Sacks will be given out with the Christmas Food Baskets. Empty gift bags are available at the entrances of the Church this weekend. ***Please return them by next Sunday, December 10*** filled with toiletry items such as: soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, lotion, lip balm, deodorant, hairbrush, comb, baby items, etc.

Giving Tree: Please take an ornament with a child's gift request, return the wrapped gifts with the ornaments attached ***by Friday, December 15***, and place the gifts under the Giving Tree. The gifts will be distributed on Sunday, December 17 in the Gesu Room after the 10 am Mass.

Homemade Christmas Cookies: We would like to include a tin of homemade Christmas cookies with the food baskets. If you would like to bake cookies, please sign up in Brady Hall after the Masses this weekend and next. The cookies need to be delivered ***by Friday, December 15*** for distribution on Saturday, December 16.

Volunteer: There are several activities where you can make a difference! On ***Friday and Saturday, December 15 and 16*** during our Christmas basket project. Please help in any capacity: set up, food pick up, unpack food, fill baskets, deliver baskets, clean up. You can sign up in Brady Hall after the Masses beginning this weekend.

Hospitality: Make a warm dish to serve our guests during the Christmas basket distribution. If you can help, please sign up in Brady Hall beginning this weekend.

LOYOLA ADVENT LECTURE SERIES

Begins this Thursday, December 7

Our Adult Education Program is sponsoring a special Advent Series featuring our speaker Dr. Joshua Evans, instructor of Ethics at Regis University. Dr. Evans will lead us in a three-part series on ***Preparing for the Incarnation***. Join us in Brady Hall from 6:30 – 8:00 pm on Thursday, Dec. 7, 14 and 21.

GOD SO LOVES THE WORLD

Ignatian Advent Evening of Prayer

This Advent, contemplate Love come down from heaven, fully incarnate in Christ Jesus. *How does Love come? What does Love do? How does Love affect and move us?* Join us **Tuesday, December 12, 7-8:30 pm, at St. Ignatius Loyola Church**. The suggested offering is \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door. Scholarships are available. For more information and to register, call or email the Ignatian Spirituality Program office: 303-320-9995, ignatianspiritualitydenver@hotmail.com. For more information, see our web page: ignatianspiritualitydenver.org/retreats/calendar/.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The collection for Retired and Infirm priests enables many of our retired priests to continue ministering in pastoral settings and allows for their financial needs to be covered. The fund will also assist with increasing housing and medical expenses.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 12-03-17	7:30 am	People of the Parish
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Monday, 12-04-17		Clyde+ & Elizabeth+ Therence & Family & Pat Heeter
Tuesday, 12-05-17		Henrietta Ugochukwu+
Wednesday, 12-06-17		Intentions of the Celebrant
Thursday, 12-07-17		Armando Ruiz+
Friday, 12-08-17	7:00 am	People of the Parish
	6:00 pm	Mabel Rogers+
Saturday, 12-09-17		Eddie Cordova+

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Elizabeth Achuil, Taja 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 3, 2017

Sunday:	1st Sunday of Advent Is 63:16-17, 19, 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
Monday:	Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Immaculate Conception Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38 St. Juan Diego
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Advent Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-149/Mk 1:1-8