

# 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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## 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 7:00 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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**Offertory**

December 15 &amp; 16, 2018

Offertory.....	\$5730.62
Children's Offertory.....	\$111.87
Building Fund.....	\$90.00
Fr. Brady Fund for the Poor.....	\$105.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$110.00

**CALENDAR****ROSARY:** Today at 9 am at Mary's Altar.**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** No class today.**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** No class today.**CHURCH DECORATING:** Today after the 10 am Mass.**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR:** Rehearsal today after the 10 am Mass.**RCIA:** Does not meet this week.*The parish office will be closed December 24, 25 and 26.***CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S DAY SCHEDULE****Christmas Eve Mass** – 5 pm with Children's Choir

\*There is no 7 am daily Mass on December 24.

**Christmas Mass at Midnight** – Concert begins at 11:30 pm**Christmas Day Mass** – 10 am

\*There is no 7 am daily Mass on December 25.

**New Year's Day, Solemnity of Mary** – 11 am  
(Holy Day of Obligation)

\*There is no 7 am daily Mass on January 1.

**2019 CALENDARS**Our 2019 calendars are available at the church entrances.  
Please take just one per family.**DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS****Join Us Today!**

All are invited after the 10 am Mass today to help decorate the church. Join the Knights of Peter Claver, Ladies Auxiliary and the Liturgy Committee to prepare the church for our Christmas celebrations.

The regular bulletin and pulpit announcement deadline is the Tuesday before the bulletin date. If there is a deadline change, an email will be sent to ministry and committee chairs. Please call the office with any questions. Thank you.

**Notes from Fr. Joseph**

This past week my aunt sent me a series of Biblically-themed comic strips. One of them was on the Epiphany. You're familiar with the usual scene: the Magi (a.k.a. Three Wise Men) with their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh for the Holy Family. Well, this image was slightly different. The caption read, "After the Three Wise Men left, the Three Wiser Women arrived." At the manger scene were three women bearing their "wiser" gifts of fresh diapers, baby formula, and casseroles for the week!

Naturally that got me thinking (something dangerous I was just told) in this "season of giving," what it is that we desire to receive? A gift is an interesting thing. There is a lot of time, thought, and energy (and money) that goes into choosing them. Some people buy gifts as the year goes along, some receive wish lists to make the choosing easier, some do their best with whatever means they have with whatever might be left. As you know, there are families that can't give gifts and even some that don't by choice. That itself is a good reminder to us that what we desire to receive—gifts—are not always shopped for. There is indeed a lot that goes into gifts, the most important of which should be love.

The Church gives to us the season of Advent intentionally to stir within us the desire to receive love and especially Love Incarnate, Jesus. Think about the ways love/Love comes to us, to you, through the corporal works of mercy that have been our parish's focus this season. These are holy desires of you, a holy people. This kind of receiving may come quickly but will surely come over time, often in ways unexpected. The longing itself becomes a holy endeavor. It is a mark of holiness to desire something so important and so much so as to be willing to patiently wait for it, all the while becoming more able to receive. It is a mark of holiness to complete Advent well, even when we don't always concretely see the gift. The desire for love can be like that. As Saint Augustine says, our whole life is an exercise of holy desire: "You do not see what you long for, but the very act of desiring prepares you, so that when He comes you may see and be utterly satisfied."

The Holy Family helps us keep our focus on what we deep down truly need and desire to receive. We could definitely argue which trio was really the "wiser" one. However, I have a feeling that as helpful as the men's riches would have been long-term and as practical as the women's gifts were more immediately, our beloved Mary and Joseph weren't comparing those gifts. Rather, I imagine their great consolation from the love behind those gifts, the unexpected love received from the presence of visitors to their poor family for whom no one had room. And I can't even begin to imagine the greater consolation of the Love behind those loving visits, i.e. the long-awaited presence of Jesus in the midst of their family. Just try imagining that! Receiving the loving presence of others, receiving the loving Presence of Jesus. Those are the "presents" that all of us can receive in ways expected and unexpected and ultimately satisfy our Advent longings well into the new year. May our dear Jesus grace us with those desires ever anew!

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### 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.

### YOUNG ADULTS

#### January Spirituality Night – Date/Location Change

Join the young adults for our new year/new book Spirituality Night on Thursday, January 10 at 7 pm. We will discuss through chapter 2 of *The Great Divorce* by C.S. Lewis. Join us for prayer, conversation, and fellowship. We will meet in Brady Hall this month. Contact [youngadults@loyoladenver.org](mailto:youngadults@loyoladenver.org) for more information.

#### January Happy Hour

Please mark your calendars. Our happy hour for January will be held on Thursday, January 24. The fourth week instead of the third week. More details to come about time and location.

### CHRISTMAS OUTREACH THANK YOU

We are especially blessed to have so many of you, our parish family, to thank for the outpouring of help for this year's annual Christmas Outreach!

Along with our sister parish Curé d'Ars, we provided **200 Christmas Food Baskets**. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! We thank: all the incredibly generous donors who gave to our Christmas Food Basket fund and to the truck rental to bring the food to church; all the Giving Tree Angels and our Adopted Family Angels ... over 75 children of our parish received Christmas gifts! all the many hands-on volunteers including cookie bakers, chili and soup makers, Santa Sack contributors (who provided over 160 sacks of toiletries), box makers, Brady Hall transformation design team, sign makers, station workers, truck unloaders, box filler-uppers, box deliverers, and 2 men and a truck team.

Many thanks to: Curé d'Ars for all the handmade caps and mittens; St. Joan of Arc Parish which provided over 200 toys, board games and family DVDs; that wonderful and outstanding dynamic duo...Fellowship Committee... Mary McEnany and Kelly McEnany and the dedicated crew of hosts and hostesses who served our guests and volunteers; the super team of Care for Our Common Home for breaking down the many boxes for recycling.

Thanks to all our vendors: Wal-Mart which provided the food at a super great discount; Dollar Tree for a surprise donation of toys for St. Elizabeth School's toy collection; Costco, Sprouts and Trader Joe's for their generous donations.

We are truly grateful and thankful for all the many blessings of support and help from all of YOU to make this one of the most spirited Advent activities. Many hands make light work!

*-Thanks and God bless, Toni Armstead and Committee*

### ADVERTISERS FOR THE CHURCH BULLETIN

If you are interested in advertising your business on the back of our church bulletin, please contact Debbie George at JS Paluch Company. She can be reached at 719-313-9481 or [georged@jspaluch.com](mailto:georged@jspaluch.com).

### SAVE THE DATE!

#### Peace and Justice Mass

All are invited to St. Ignatius Loyola Church for the annual Peace and Justice Mass on Monday, January 21, 2019 at 8 am. A small reception will follow in Brady Hall. (There will be no 7 am daily Mass.)

### MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RODEO

The National Western Stock Show welcomes the Archdiocese of Denver and Black Catholic Ministries to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Rodeo on Monday, January 21, 6 pm. Special pricing for tickets. To order, visit [www.tinyurl.com/nwpromo](http://www.tinyurl.com/nwpromo) and enter promo code ARCHDEN. Ticket will include: all day admission, Trade Show entry with 900 vendors, National Western Nursery, Petting Farm, Livestock Exhibits and more. Or call National Western 303-295-3959.

### IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS

#### More Spiritual Reflectors Needed!

Have you completed the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius and feel called to guide others in their spiritual journey? If so, we are looking for spiritual reflectors for Ignatian Volunteer Corps. This is only a 1 hour/month volunteer commitment and connects you with incredible members of IVC. The reflector simply guides an individual member of IVC in his or her spiritual journey during a 1 hour/month meeting from Sept.-June. Please contact Erin Benson at [ebenson@ivcusa.org](mailto:ebenson@ivcusa.org) or 303-394-2997 if you think that this may be something God is calling you to offer.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 12-23-18

7:30 am

Jessie Peterson<sup>+</sup> & Chris Walsh<sup>+</sup>

10:00 am

People of the Parish

Monday, 12-24-18

5:00 pm

Special Intention

Midnight

No intention requested

Tuesday, 12-25-18

People of the Parish

Wednesday, 12-26-18

Dora Lucero<sup>+</sup>

Thursday, 12-27-18

Dr. Harritt<sup>+</sup> & Pauline<sup>+</sup>

Friday, 12-28-18

Evelyn Dunfee<sup>+</sup>

Saturday, 12-29-18

Monroe Blaylock

### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Elizabeth Achuil, Angela Anderson, Paul Appel, Taeja Billingsley, Louise Bouta, Loretta Burrell, Deborah Cottle, Nelson Ezell, Jossy Eyre, Clarence Grier, Daniel Hogan, Clifton J. Howard Jr., Daniel J. Howard, Healis Howard, Walter S. Howard, Isaac Joseph, Jamar Lindsay, Lindsay Family, Marian McDowell, Kelly McEnany, James McKinney, Ronda Pruett, Marcello Puma, Cordell Robinson, Carol Ryerson, Beatrice Scott, Katie & Melvin Scott, Barb Sercely, Mary Sewing, Angelita Sims, Ken & Carmen Therence, Linda Vialpando

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If you have been abused by a Jesuit, please call the Central and Southern Province of the Society of Jesus to speak with a professional assigned to cases of abuse, 314-361-7765. You may also call the Archdiocese of Denver, 720-239-2832 or our parish office, 303-322-8042. You may be assured of compassion and discretion.