

# 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

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**Offertory**

December 29 &amp; 30, 2018

Offertory.....	\$4840.64
Children's Offertory.....	\$43.16
Building Fund.....	\$260.00
Fr. Brady Fund for the Poor.....	\$125.00
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.....	\$846.00

**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 in the Gesu Room.**WOMEN'S CLUB:** Now meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 11:30 am in Brady Hall.**STUDY GROUP:** Meeting today at 12:30 in the Family Ctr.**BIBLE STUDY:** January's date is Monday, January 28, 6:30 pm in Brady Hall.**RCIA:** Tuesday, January 8, 7 pm at Curé d' Ars Church.**PARISH COUNCIL:** Meeting Thursday, January 10, 6:30 pm in the Family Center.**YOUNG ADULTS SPIRITUALITY NIGHT:** Thursday, January 10, 7 pm in Brady Hall.**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS:** Saturday, January 12, 9 am in Brady Hall.**MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE BALL COMMITTEE:** Meeting Saturday, January 12, 1:30 pm in Brady Hall.**Notes from Fr. Dirk**

The other evening I ~~lecture~~ shared a few words with a group that included parishioners and non-parishioners. So far as I could tell, few of the non-parishioners were churchgoers, much less Catholics. No matter. Heedless of the wind or weather I plunged ahead. All seemed well – as evidenced by nods of agreement and the heartening absence of projectiles – until I said, “As they say, there is no Social Justice without the Gospel and no Gospel without Social Justice.” No projectiles – happily – but no nods of agreement either and in fact nothing but blank stares. Evidently most of the members of the group had not yet subscribed to the “As They Say” podcast. One young man's back stiffened. He was not smiling. Before he could rear back to throw something I added, “If you want to know more about that, you're welcome to come back on any Sunday.”

The connection between the Gospel and social justice can seem elusive, especially in a culture some aspects of which think of religion as more hurtful than helpful. In fact the idea of social justice without the Gospel is just not very

interesting. Here's an exercise that may help. Think of the least interesting thing you can think of. Justice without the Gospel is less interesting than that, unless you're one of those odd people who find uninteresting things to be particularly interesting. Which brings up the question of how people who are interested in uninteresting things feel about interesting things? Are they interested in them? No? But if they're not interested in interesting things then interesting things would be uninteresting in which case these same people who are interested in uninteresting things would be interested in things that are interesting. Go ahead: Run that one up the flagpole and see who salutes it.

Moving on, it's tempting for Christians to think that the Old Testament has little to offer us. Tempting, but not helpful. What we call the Old Testament contains the Scriptures that Jesus knew and studied. These Scriptures are where the prophets live. The prophets help us understand what God is like. The prophets in both Testaments reveal that God's law demands justice born of love. As the Jesuit John Donahue puts it in his essay entitled, “The Bible and Catholic Social Teaching: Will This Engagement Lead to Marriage?” (found in *Modern Catholic Social Teaching: Commentaries and Interpretations* (Washington DC: Georgetown University Press, 2005)): “What the Bible relentlessly affirms ... is that the love of neighbor is manifest especially in care for the weak and powerless” (page 12). He goes on to point out that the Bible throughout not only hammers home this connection but shows it to be “central to biblical revelation” (page 12).

“Relentlessly.” “Central.” “Revelation.” There you have it. This is what Jesus understood. It is what we are to understand as well. Social Justice is not an add-on or an option like the 8-track player in your old Dodge Dart. It's part of the way things are. In fact, if Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega then any version of reality that does not recognize that there is no social justice without the Gospel and no Gospel without social justice just isn't real. So let's live in the real world, and let's support one another as we explore these central connections. They are – as a wise parishioner puts it – the truest of truths.

As is this statement: You. Are. Beloved.

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Our next baptism preparation class is Saturday, January 12 at 9 am in Brady Hall. Parents and godparents are welcome.

### PEACE AND JUSTICE MASS

All are invited to St. Ignatius Loyola Church for the annual Peace and Justice Mass on Monday, January 21 at 8 am. Fr. Dirk and Fr. Joseph will concelebrate, and Deacon Clarence McDavid will be the homilist. All are invited! A continental breakfast will follow in Brady Hall. (There will be no 7 am daily Mass.)

### OUR ANNUAL YOUNG ADULT RETREAT IS FAST APPROACHING!

Join us at Sacred Heart Jesuit Retreat House in Sedalia, CO from February 1-3. The retreat, led by Fr. Joseph, will be mostly silent starting Friday night and ending with lunch on Sunday. It's a great opportunity at the beginning of the year to get away from the noise of life and find quiet with God and each other in this holy, beautiful place. Our focus this year will be on our gift as young adults. What does it mean to be a young adult? And what do we have to offer to the Church and to the world in this time?

#### Registration forms can be found at

[http://sacredheartretreat.org/assets/printable-reservation\\_form.pdf](http://sacredheartretreat.org/assets/printable-reservation_form.pdf). The suggested cost is \$200. Please feel free to contact Fr. Joseph ([FrJoseph@loyoladenver.org](mailto:FrJoseph@loyoladenver.org)) or [youngadults@loyoladenver.org](mailto:youngadults@loyoladenver.org) with any questions.

### YOUNG ADULTS

#### January Spirituality Night This Thursday in Brady Hall

Join the young adults for our new year/new book Spirituality Night this 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 details.

#### 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.

### ADDRESS CHANGES

This month we will be mailing statements for 2018 contributions made to St. Ignatius Loyola Church. If you have had a change in address in the past year, please let Kathy in the office know at [KMurzyn@loyoladenver.org](mailto:KMurzyn@loyoladenver.org) or call 303-322-8042.

### SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The collection supports the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior brothers, sisters and religious order priests served for years for little to no pay. Religious communities often do not have enough to meet the retirement needs of their members. The fund helps provide medications, nursing care and more.

### NEW AFRICAN HERITAGE COOKING SERIES

#### Starts Next Weekend!

Start the New Year with some new, wonderful flavor experiences. Join us for this fun-filled Sunday afternoon series to cook, taste and learn about African heritage foods and flavors – January 13, 20, 27 and February 3 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Sign up this Sunday in Brady Hall after Mass. Slots are limited. Classes will be held at Dahlia Center for Mental Health and Wellness. For more information, contact Charlotte McKinney 720-723-8453.

### 2019 MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE BALL

There is currently a waiting list for Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball tickets. If anyone is interested in being placed on the waiting list, please call Mary Sims at 303-870-2760. The date of the event is Saturday, February 23.

### COMPOST AND RECYCLE BINS

In addition to two Recycle Bins, Brady Hall now has a compost bin for your disposable items. Please see the charts/postings above the bins to assist in sorting which disposable item goes where. Please note: when possible, 1st Compost, 2nd Recycle, 3rd Trash. Thank you for helping us care for Our Common Home.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 01-06-19

7:30 am

Gordon Bishop<sup>+</sup>

10:00 am

People of the Parish

Monday, 01-07-19

No intention requested

Tuesday, 01-08-19

Intentions of the Celebrant

Wednesday, 01-09-19

No intention requested

Thursday, 01-10-19

Special Intention

Friday, 01-11-19

No intention requested

Saturday, 01-12-19

Theresa Adams

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

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

Please visit [usccb.org/bible/readings](http://usccb.org/bible/readings) for the daily readings.

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.