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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...Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights...

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil
5:00 PM
Sunday
7:30 AM & 10:00 AM
Monday - Friday
7:00 AM
Holy Days of Obligation
7:00 AM & 7:00 PM
(unless otherwise indicated)

SACRAMENTS
Reconciliation
Saturday 4:15 PM & by appt.
Anointing of the Sick
1st Sunday of month after
Baptism & Matrimony
7:30 AM Mass & by appt.
Contact office manager

OTHER MINISTRIES
St. Vincent DePaul Society
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**Offertory**

February 22 & 23, 2020

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**CALENDAR**

**LOYOLA SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY:** Meeting today at 8:45 am in Brady Hall.

**ROSARY:** Today at 9 am at Mary’s Altar.

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH:** Does not meet today.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** No class today.

**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY:** Meeting today at 11:30 in the Gesu Room.

**RACIAL JUSTICE GROUP:** Meeting today at noon, at 4027 Fillmore St. We will view/discuss the movie 13th which shows how “Slavery did not end, it morphed!” All are welcome.

**RCIA:** Monday, March 2, 7 pm at Curé d’Ars Church.

**HEALING CIRCLE:** Tuesday, March 3, 7 pm, Family Center.

**YOUNG ADULTS SPIRITUALITY NIGHT:** Thursday, March 5, 7 pm in the Family Center.

**EVENING PRAYER:** Friday, March 6, 6:30 pm in the chapel.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Friday, March 6, 7 pm.

**FUNERAL PLANNING WORKSHOP:** Saturday, March 7, 3 pm in Brady Hall.

‘A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE’


**Notes from Fr. Dirk**

You “will know the truth, and the truth will make you free” (John 8:32).

Remember learning about the cotton gin (Eli Whitney, 1794)? And the steamboat (Robert Fulton, 1807)? (For extra credit and the chance to win a brand new washer/dryer combo: What was the name of Fulton’s steamboat?) I don’t recall our being given any context for either invention. We were nine years old. Inventions were good. End of lesson.

Or not. Context, whether in the study of Scripture or of history, is everything. That’s because everything is connected to everything else. In fact the cotton gin (from "cotton engine") and the steamboat (from "steam boat") were instrumental in the expansion of slavery – capitalism at its most brutal – over the first six decades of the 19th century. How so? The cotton gin – developed, BTW, on a cotton plantation near Savannah, Georgia – made it easy to separate cotton fibers from cotton seeds. As a result, the demand for cotton increased exponentially. By the middle of the 19th century the United States was producing 75% of the world’s cotton. As for Robert Fulton, steamboats made it easy to bring bales of cleaned cotton to market.

The cotton economy depended upon slavery. And for many, cotton generated untold wealth: There were more millionaires per capita in the Mississippi Valley than anywhere else in the United States. Did Eli Whitney and Robert Fulton intend to support the institution of slavery? I don’t know. I’m not sure it matters.

One hundred fifty-five years ago, the United States officially ceased being a slave-based economy. The last Black American known to have been born into slavery – Eliza Moore of Alabama – passed in 1948. A fair number of your fellow parishioners were alive in 1948.

OK, but many of us weren’t alive in 1948. So why are we still hearing about the “legacy of slavery?” I don’t know. Perhaps because slavery didn’t end in 1865 so much as it morphed. Please don’t take my word for it. Here’s how Douglas Blackmon put it in his 2008 Pulitzer Prize-winning book *Slavery by Another Name: The Re-Enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World War II* (Anchor Books, 2009): “Hundreds of forced labor camps came to exist, scattered throughout the South – operated by state and county governments, large corporations, small-time entrepreneurs, and provincial farmers. These bulging slave centers became a primary weapon of suppression of black aspirations.” (7).

There’s more, and in fact there’s far too much even for an entire shelf of pastor’s columns. Suffice it to say that the oppression, suppression and exploitation of Black Americans did not end in 1865 and in fact continues in one form or another to this day. Again, no one need – or should – take my word for it. That’s why we’ve had a carefully compiled Black History reading list available for the past month. The list will soon be posted on our website.

All, it is hoped, to your benefit. Dear ones, I know this is hard material. It’s hard to learn about, hard to read about, and hard to talk about, for everyone. I don’t know anyone who is comfortable with this material, and I’m aware that white Americans can react defensively when confronted with it. I’ve heard white Americans say things like, “With all of this aren’t you just continuing to divide America into us versus them? Aren’t we supposed to be one nation?” And then there’s the sometimes-heard, “Why can’t people get over it?”

Here’s why people can’t get over it: You can’t get over something that hasn’t ended. We live in a society that works for some Americans but not for others. None of us chose the circumstances of our birth, but I was born into a culture that worked for me in ways it did not work for Americans of color. It was unfair and unjust. It remains so. And, in my opinion, it’s especially unfair for someone to identify with the structures of wealth and power for purposes of getting ahead, only to claim that there’s no us or them when it comes time to assess responsibility for the mess we’re in.

Responsibility? You mean someone’s to blame? Not for slavery itself. That would be silly. None of us was alive in 1865. But for turning a blind eye to injustice in American society? For tolerating injustice in the Church? For supporting – inadvertently or not – a culture of racism? Different question.

And perhaps not the best question, at least in terms of moving forward. Blame and fault are loaded terms. For some, they are fighting words. Perhaps we could better say that those who benefit from America’s culture of racism are complicit and in any case responsible for helping to put things to rights. And it’s fair to say that we are all of us responsible for doing what we can to right the wrongs of the past and further God’s dominion of love and justice. Together. As one people.

OK, Quiz answer: The North River Steamboat, renamed the Clermont. You get credit for knowing either name. If you answered Steamboat Willie, nice try. At least you’re thinking of steamboats. And animated mice, because as every schoolchild knows, Steamboat Willie – released in 1928 by Disney and the first animated film to use synchronized sound – was Mickey Mouse’s official debut.

Hard topics or easy, be assured that you are beloved, beyond measure. And be at peace, in and out of Lent.
Please see today’s insert from Fr. Dirk regarding the Coronavirus.

GLUTEN ALLERGY
Any time you would like to receive a low gluten host at one of our liturgies, please be sure to notify an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at least 5 minutes before Mass starts.

LOYOLA LENTEN LECTURE SERIES
Sundays at 11:45 am – Starts Next Sunday
All are invited to join Fr. Harmon for a four-part series. Sundays in March: 8, 15, 22, 29 at 11:45 am in the church. Father will share insights and offer discussion on Pope Benedict XVI’s encyclical ‘Saved in Hope.’ The encyclical can be found on our website. Click the ‘Saved in Hope’ tab on the main page.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY LENTEN RETREAT
‘We Proclaim Your Death, O Lord & Profess Your Resurrection’
Using meditations offered by St. Ignatius and Scripture, this 5 Week retreat will guide retreatants to look for ways to identify with the suffering Jesus so to find the power and joy of the risen Christ who offers his life to us. Wednesdays: March 18, 25; April 1, 15, 22, 29 pm in Brady Hall. Registration forms are available at the church entrances. Suggested offering is $45, and the deadline to register is March 13. Call Joe at 303-320-9995 with questions.

COFFEE AND CHOCOLATE SALES
The Care for Our Common Home and Loyola Social Justice ministries will be holding a coffee, chocolate and more sale after Sunday Masses on March 22 and March 29. This is not a fundraiser but an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters in earning a fair wage and working the earth respectfully and sustainably. The products are purchased from Equal Exchange which builds long-term trade partnerships that are economically just and environmentally sound.

DENVER JESUIT ALUMNI NETWORK FISH FRY
Please join us for our 3rd Annual Fish Fry! Your ticket includes GB Fish & Chips, non-alcoholic beverages, dessert and a small donation to Arrupe Jesuit High School. Friday, March 13, from 5 to 8 pm at Arrupe Jesuit High School, 4343 Utica Street, Denver. $20 for adults in advance, $15 for kids in advance, $25 at the door. Purchase tickets at: https://fishfrytickets.eventbrite.com

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Spend time in Lent and Easter to embrace the gift of self by taking care of your body, mind and spirit. Find joy in your own uniqueness this Lent as you prepare your hearts to be magnified this Easter. Sessions include time for silence, Christian meditation, prayerful body movements, creativity and personal reflection. Join us on Tuesdays at 7 pm in the Family Center: March 3, 10, 17, and April 14 and 21. Please call Allison at 440-409-1344 with questions.

COURT ACCOMPANIMENT TRAINING
American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) will hold a Court Accompaniment Training. This training is for people interested in accompanying immigrants to their Court dates. The training will be held Thursday, March 5 at Park Hill United Methodist Church 5209 Montview Blvd. from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. See a member of the Immigration Committee of the Loyola Social Justice Ministry for more information.

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The Black and Indian Mission Collection helps diocesan communities build up the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among African American, Native American and Alaska Native people of God. Programs include catechesis, education, evangelization and vocations.

THANK YOU FROM THE JR. DAUGHTERS
The Junior Daughters of the Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver thank you for generously giving to our annual “Valentines Day Chocolate Bags!” As usual, our Loyola family went above and beyond to support our February fundraiser. Thanks to you, the funds will be used for our Junior Daughter Conference this summer where our Catholic girls will join with other Junior Daughters from all over the nation to further deepen their faith.

JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE – MATCHING DONATIONS
A donor has offered to match up to $5,000 in Loyola donations to Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS). Please make check payable to ‘St. Ignatius Loyola Church’ and note JRS Match in the memo. JRS serves more than 600,000 displaced persons in more than 50 countries. It provides assistance, education, and guidance to some of the world’s most shattered, vulnerable and poorest people. See https://jrs.net/en/our-work/our-impact/

MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday, 03-01-20
7:30 am Bonnie Watson* 10:00 am People of the Parish
Monday, 03-02-20 No intention requested
Tuesday, 03-03-20 Cindy Steward*
Wednesday, 03-04-20 Intentions of the Celebrant
Thursday, 03-05-20 Aileen Delaney*
Friday, 03-06-20 Denise Ward*
Saturday, 03-07-20 Stephanie Valdez*

PLEASE PRAY FOR...
Jason Abernethy, Elizabeth Achui, Taeja Billingsley, Louise Bouta, Loretta Burrell, Susan Carrillo, Deborah Cottle, Jason Doty, Ed Ekel, Jossy Eyre, Ann Feighery, Barbara Floy-Hall, Natalia Maria Garcia, Clarence Grier, Daniel Hogan, Heals Howard, Anne Jackson, Isaac Joseph, Timothy Kindblade, Jamar Lindsay, Lindsay Family, Tony Lutrey, Kelly McNaney, James McKinney, Melissa Piazza, Christina Pittaila, Barry Potter, Ronda Pruett, Marcello Puma, Megan Reinholts, Cordell Robinson, Carol Ryerson, Beatrice Scott, Katie & Melvin Scott, Barb & Rachel Serceley, Mary Sewing, Angelita Sims, Ken & Carmen Therence, Linda Vialpando

Sunday, March 1, 2020 – 1st Sunday of Lent
Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11 (Please visit 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.