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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
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Offertory

February 29 & March 1, 2020

Offertory………………………………………………………………$6241.78
Children’s Offertory………………………………………………….+$82.00
Building Fund………………………………………………………………+$411.00
Easter Flowers…………………………………………………………..+$80.00
JRS Match…………………………………………………………………..+$1075.00
Ash Wednesday Offertory………………………………………………+$949.00
2nd Coll./Central & Eastern Europe……………………………..+$379.00
2nd Coll./Black & Indian Mission…………………………………+$655.50

CALENDAR

ROSARY: Today at 9 am at Mary’s Altar.
CHILDREN’S CHURCH: Today at 10 am in the Gesu Room.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Class today at 11:30 in the school/ convent/Family Center.
KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER LADIES AUXILIARY:
Meeting today at 11:30 in the Gesu Room.
LENTEN LECTURE SERIES: ‘Saved in Hope.’ Today at
11:45 in the church. (Sundays through March 29.) The encyclical
can be found on our website. Click the ‘Saved in Hope’ tab on
the main page.
ASBS: Today at 1 pm in Brady Hall.
‘A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE’: Monday, March 9,
6:30 pm in Brady Hall. Please read Deuteronomy 1:1—17:20.
RCIA: Monday, March 9, 7 pm at Curé d’Ars Church.
HEALING CIRCLE: Tuesday, March 10, 7 pm, Family Center.
PARISH COUNCIL: Meeting Thursday, March 12, 6:30 pm in
the Family Center.
EVENING PRAYER: Friday, March 13, 6:30 pm in the chapel.
STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday, March 13, 7 pm.
BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS: Saturday, March 14,
9 am in the church.

Notes from Fr. Dirk

First, some perspective: As of today (Friday, March 6),
there are around 200 (per National Public Radio; the Centers for
Disease Control reports 164) cases of COVID-19 in the United
States. Washington – the state with the most confirmed cases –
reports 70. There are two confirmed cases in Colorado. At 200
cases out of 331 million Americans, that’s .00006%. Myself, I
can’t count that low.

How does this compare with the seasonal flu? The CDC
(cdc.gov) estimates that there have been 32 MILLION cases of
flu so far this season. Thirty-two million out of 331 million is
9.7%. The coronavirus does not cause flu.

OK. Perspective aside, here’s how we’re handling the
situation at Loyola Parish. We’re being proactive. We’re not
going to panic. There’s no reason to panic. Instead, WE'RE
GOING TO spray everyone down with Lysol® and wrap them in
plastic wrap TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER. Here’s how:

• Beginning with this weekend’s Masses, we’ll
TEMPORARILY suspend Holy Communion under two species.
In other words, FOR NOW we’ll offer Holy Communion only in
the form of the consecrated bread. No wine, and please no
whining. Canon Law is cool with this option.
• FOR NOW we’re offering Holy Communion
in the hand only and NOT on the tongue. That’s to avoid
accidentally touching tongues or lips.

• AS ALWAYS, our priests and Eucharistic
Ministers will sanitize their hands with alcohol-based hand
sanitizer (recommended by the CDC) before distributing Holy
Communion. Additionally, hand sanitizer is available at every
exit.
• Beginning with this weekend’s Masses, we’ll
TEMPORARILY refrain from shaking hands, holding hands,
bumping fists, or embracing one another while we’re together in
church. FOR NOW,
• FOR NOW we have removed the water from
our holy water fonts.
• FOR NOW we will no longer bring the gifts
up at the offertory.
• The priest is required to wash his hands with
soap and water before presiding at Mass IN ANY CASE.
• Sacred vessels (patens, plates, bowls, chalices
and cups) are ritually purified after Communion and then
ALWAYS washed thoroughly with soap and water.
• We’re taking extra steps to clean and sanitize
doorknobs, light switches and other surfaces in the church.
• We’ve recruited a crack team of health-care
professionals (physicians and nurses, all parishioners) to help us
with all of this.

Things will be different for a while, but these
precautions needn’t change the character of our worship. Again,
THIS IS WHAT WE’RE DOING TO TAKE CARE OF EACH
OTHER. And we can be creative and even have a bit of fun with
all of it. For example, think of some of the non-contact ways you
can greet your sisters and brothers:

• Polite bows. (Yawn.)
• Namaste-style bows. For Hindus, the gesture
means, “I bow to the divine in you. A Christian version might be,
‘I reverence the Holy Spirit within you.’ Nice.
• Enthusiastic waving.
• Jumping up and down excitedly. (Rags votes
for this one. Also tail wags.)
• Vulcan “live long and prosper” salutes.
• Peace signs.
• Semaphore.
• Military-style salutes, smartly done.

Science Minute: Are viruses alive? Nope. At least that’s
the general consensus. A virus (more properly called a virion) is
essentially a packet of genetic material (in the case of
coronaviruses, RNA or ribonucleic acid) in a protein shell. That’s
about it, usually. Some viruses – including the coronavirus – have
an outer layer called an envelope, often consisting of proteins and
phospholipids (Remember the phospholipid bilayer from
chemistry class?). Viruses are not cells. They don’t have the
ingredients that cells do. No arms, legs, eyes or ears. Or
noses. No brains either. They can’t move on their own. They
don’t eat. They only “reproduce” – ahem – when they bind to
living cells and force – in an inanimate sort of way – the cells to
make copies of the virus. VIRUSES NEITHER LAUGH NOR
weep.

My dear Jesuit friend Fr. Greg Croft – now with Jesus,
late of the British Province of the Society of Jesus – was fond of
saying “All biology is chemistry, and all chemistry is physics.”
That’s a water-cooler freebie for you.

We’ll keep you updated. We’re going to get through
this. Meanwhile, be assured that you, dear ones, are beloved.
NEWS AND EVENTS

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Our next baptism preparation class for parents and godparents is Saturday, March 14 at 9 am in the church.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

All are welcome to our Lenten Parish Reconciliation Service on Tuesday, March 24 at 7 pm in the church. The service will include prayerful reflection and music followed by individual confessions.

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.

COOK NEEDED FOR XAVIER JESUIT CENTER

Xavier Jesuit Center north of the Regis University campus is looking for a part-time cook, for the (mostly) retired Jesuits living in the residence, to plan and prepare meals on Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00 am -7:00 pm. No shopping is required. Wages are negotiable. If interested, contact Fr. Bill Oulvey, woulvey@regis.edu.

JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE

A donor has offered to match up to $5,000 in Loyola donations to Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS). The match will run through March. 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. For more information, visit https://jrs.net/en/our-work/our-impact/.

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

COMPASSIONATE CARE MINISTRY

Ministers are available to visit folks at home who are regularly or temporarily homebound due to illness, injury, age or disability. Eucharist, prayer, and fellowship joyfully provided. If you or someone you know would benefit from our ministry, please contact Mary Murray at gardenmcm@comcast.net or 303-916-9501. Those interested in volunteering as a Compassionate Care Minister may also contact Mary.

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; 7 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.

THANK YOU

St. Ignatius Loyola 2020 Mardi Gras Ball Fundraiser

Donald and I would like to recognize and extend a special thank you to Fr. Dirk Dunfee SJ, Pastor; Fr. Jonathan Harmon SJ, Associate Pastor; Kathy Murzyn, Office Manager; James Baca, Photographer; Mark Mauries, MC; Marvin Minor, DJ; Officer Timasha Haliburton, Security; the Colorado Vincentian Volunteers, the Brady Hall Committee, the parishioners who bought tickets, donated tickets, gave donations and the volunteers who helped serve and clean up.

A heartfelt thank you to the Mardi Gras Ball Committee for their loyalty, support and hard work. We thank God for another blessed Mardi Gras celebration. Our gross for the 2020 St. Ignatius Loyola Mardi Gras Ball Fundraiser was $7,545.00.

Thank you all and God Bless, Donald and Mary Sims, Sr.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 03-08-20
7:30 am  Adrienne Gravit
10:00 am  People of the Parish

Monday, 03-09-20
No intention requested

Tuesday, 03-10-20
Intentions of the Celebrant

Wednesday, 03-11-20
No intention requested

Thursday, 03-12-20
Andrew Selig

Friday, 03-13-20
No intention requested

Saturday, 03-14-20
Celia Bart

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Jason Abernethy, Elizabeth Achuit, Taeja Billingsley, Louise Bouta, Loretta Burrell, Susan Carrillo, Deborah Cottle, Jason Doty, Ed Ekel, Jossy Eyre, Ann Feighnly, Barbara Floyd-Hall, Notasha Maria Garcia, Clarence Grier, Daniel Hogan, Healis Howard, Anne Jackson, Isaac Joseph, Timothy Kindblade, Jamar Lindsay, Lindsay Family, Tony Lutrey, Mary McGinney, James McKinney, Jeff Pavek, Melissa Piazza, Christina Pittaluga, Barry Porter, Ronda Pruett, Marcello Puma, Megan Reinholtz, Cordell Robinson, Carol Ryerson, Beatrice Scott, Katie & Melvin Scott, Barb & Rachel Sercely, Mary Sewing, Angelita Sims, Ken & Carmen Thorence, Linda Vialpando

Sunday, March 8, 2020 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9

(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.