

ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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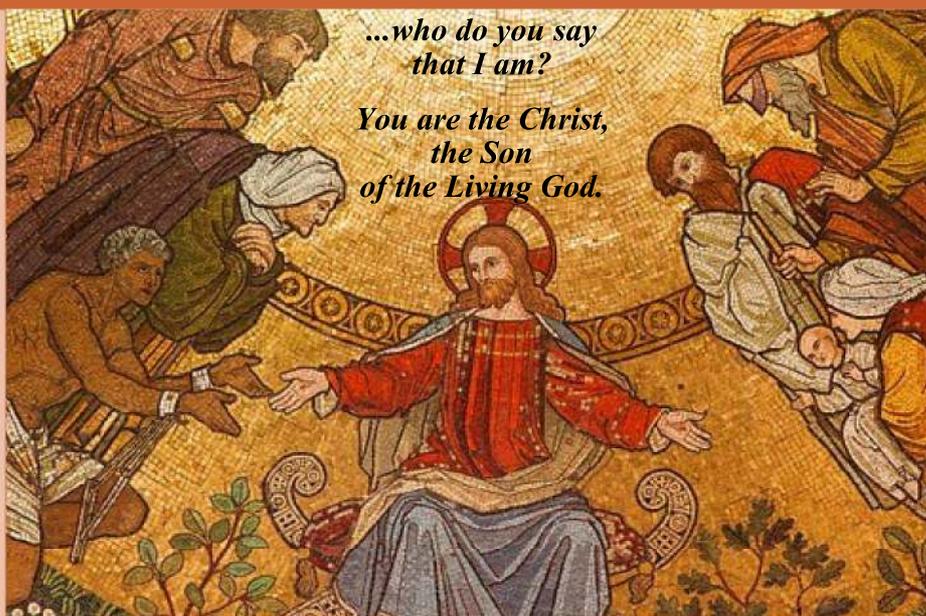
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MASS SCHEDULE

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	By appt.
Anointing of the Sick	1st Sunday of month after 7:30 AM Mass & by appt.
Baptism & Matrimony	Contact office manager

OTHER MINISTRIES

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Contributions Received

August 13 - 19, 2020

Offertory.....\$4246.15
Building Fund.....\$105.00

CALENDAR

REGISTER TO VOTE: Today from 8:45 – 10 am in the church parking lot. Contact Gwen langden2010@gmail.com for more information. Visit www.govotecolorado.com to register online.

ROSARY: Today at 9 am. The Glorious Mysteries.

LIGHTS FOR ELIJAH: Today at 7 pm on the York sidewalk. See next page for details.

PARISH TOWN HALL MEETING: Wed., August 26, 5 pm via Zoom. See loyoladenver.org that day for the link to join in.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Catholic Home Missions have worked tirelessly to support the Church in poor or remote areas of the United States. It extends assistance to the Church in 80 dioceses. Funds directly support faith formation, assistance to poor dioceses and parishes, vocations to the priesthood and religious life, family life and other vital ministries in the neediest and most remote areas of the U.S. (Please make checks payable to *St. Ignatius Loyola Church*.)

RSVP NEEDED FOR WEEKEND MASSES EACH WEEK

PLEASE NOTE THE UPDATE BELOW

Each week, please email Kathy, KMurzyn@loyoladenver.org by **Wednesday, 4 pm** to RSVP to attend Mass the next weekend. Please include Mass time preference(s) (Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 7:30 am and 10 am) and how many from your household. You will receive an email confirmation. **Requests received after the deadline will be invited to be 'walk-ins' if space allows. Thank you!**

Notes from Fr. Dirk

Catholic preachers are expected to stay out of partisan politics. Neither may they advocate for particular candidates. Are they then to avoid politics altogether? Short answer: No. It's simply not possible to touch upon the issues of the day in light of the Gospel – preaching, as I was taught, with the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other – without entering the realm of politics. More to the point – point? There's a point? – Catholic Social Teaching is by its very nature *political*, since it is about how we are to live together. And, as we sometimes find it convenient to forget, Jesus was deeply engaged in the politics of His day.

Preach, BTW, comes from the Latin for *proclaim*, which comes from the Latin for *shout* or *cry out*. At Mass, Scripture is not simply *read aloud*; it is *proclaimed*. And Catholics are called to *proclaim* the Gospel in word and deed. Which increases the chances of being yelled at. Some preachers try to avoid being yelled at by speaking in bland platitudes, which tactic works well enough until you run into a Catholic who's tired of being asked to sit there and listen to some guy talk about nothing for 20 minutes.

There's an election coming up. It's no ordinary election. Faced with multiple crises, we are a nation in crisis, and it goes deeper than *right* or *left* or party affiliation. We've lost our way. Our nation's soul is at stake.

Our P(OTUS) is mentally ill. The stresses of office have made things worse. Illness brings suffering, and those afflicted with severe mental illness suffer greatly. Whether or not they can articulate it, they are in pain. In that they deserve our *compassion*. They also deserve appropriate care and treatment. A society that allows the mentally ill to wander the streets – perhaps out of a

misguided notion of personal freedom – is a society that has lost its way.

Even as they suffer, those with severe mental illness – driven by their own pain – bring suffering into the lives of those around them. As have many of you, I've seen that close at hand and in my own family. Those who are mentally ill deserve our care and compassion. At the same time, their destructive behavior must be prevented and stopped. You don't let a child who's in the midst of a tantrum smash the good dishes to smithereens.

Pivot. If you've been downtown of late, you'll have noticed that many of our streets have turned into refugee camps. It's unsightly. It's also embarrassing, but not because it's unsightly. It's embarrassing because it means that the society in which we live has again shown itself to be unable – despite record highs in the stock market, despite huge concentrations of wealth – to house, feed, educate and care for its citizens.

Pivot. Let's touch, ever so lightly, on another topic that is, for Catholics, part of any election-year discernment. By which I mean the *a*-word, by which I mean *abortion*. I've mentioned it from the pulpit, but only occasionally, for a number of reasons that I'd be happy to discuss with any of you. For the record, I'm wholeheartedly against it. At a minimum, I think it's bad public policy. At the same time – and despite the extremes of the bell curve – I do wonder whether anyone out there truly believes that abortion is, *in itself*, a good thing? Is there anyone out there who would not prefer – no matter how ferociously they may advocate for the *possibility* of abortion – a society in which there were *no* abortions? For my money, it's the attendant issues – our grim history of misogyny, the rights of women, the rights of the unborn, autonomy, self-determination et cetera – that make abortion such a complex and thorny topic. It's one thing to *say* that you're against abortion. It's quite another to put into place policies that serve to reduce the number of abortions in this country. You don't do that by cutting social programs that feed and house women and children. Or by making difficult lives more difficult still. Or by further dividing an already-divided people. Or by ignoring the common good.

We're preparing to vote for *candidates*, not for issues. As Bishop McElroy has said, "faithful voting involves careful consideration of the specific ability of a particular candidate to actually advance the common good. In making this assessment, opportunity, competence and character all come into play." We Catholics have God-given tools – the idea of the common good and the shining tradition of Catholic Social Teaching – to help us make good decisions about the men and women we elect to public office.

Breathe and ... pivot. At our last Town Hall Zoom (Wednesdays at 5:00!), Vicki Gibson mentioned that she'd like to have a group to pray with, even if virtually. (For much of my life I thought that *virtually* meant *truthfully* or *accurately* only to find, embarrassingly, that it means *almost*.) Others agreed. I think it's a GREAT idea. So let's try it and see what happens. You don't need a grotty old priest for this, although this grotty old priest is happy to help as needed. If you'd like to be part of a group that comes together (virtually) for prayer, please reach out to Vicky Gibson: gibsonv@comcast.net; text or phone 703.946.1009. If, on the other hand, you'd like to be part of a group that comes together (virtually) for Christian meditation, please reach out to Rose Meyler: rcmeyler@gmail.com; text or phone 303.514.8231.

As predicted, calls to our St. Vincent de Paul Society helpline are increasing. We're in the process of setting up a fund drive. Please stay tuned.

Now – is there anyone out there who can teach me to juggle? Mind you, by *teach* I mean without my having to *practice*. I've tried practicing. It's tiresome and hard on what's left of our household lighting. It was a lamp. Now it's shards.

Election year or not, you are loved. You were loved into life and you are beloved in life. Precious, that's what you are. So there.

NEWS AND EVENTS

LIGHTS FOR ELIJAH TONIGHT

The Loyola Social Justice Ministry invites you to join us as we mark the one-year anniversary of Elijah McClain's death. Meet on the York St. sidewalk this evening from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. This coincides with "Elijah's Walk Home" in Aurora. Elijah died following an encounter with authorities when he was walking home from a convenience store. **Masks and social distancing of 6 feet are required.** Bring lights to hold (battery operated candles, flashlights, light-up necklaces, etc.) in support for Elijah's family.

JOIN ONE OF OUR NEW FAITH STUDY GROUPS

We are beginning two new Faith programs in September - **Home Rituals** for families and **Online Faith Formation** for Catholics who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. To join either group, please email your name and the group you want to Kathy at kmurzyn@loyoladenver.org. The materials will also be available on our website. (For a description on Home Rituals, please see our 8/2/20 bulletin; for Online Faith Formation, our 8/16/20 bulletin: www.loyoladenver.org/bulletins/.)

Daily Mass: 7 am on M, W, F; noon on T, Th. No RSVPs needed. Please see the information below on attending Mass. Thank you.

FOR THOSE ATTENDING MASS THIS WEEKEND

Your health and safety are the reasons the following guidelines are in place. **Everyone who comes to Mass must follow these instructions.** Thank you in advance for caring for one another by adhering to these. Volunteers will be at each Mass to help you.

- Arrive 15 minutes before Mass begins.
- Use the East/York St. doors only (unless elevator needed).
- Everyone 3 years+ MUST HAVE a mask on (covering nose and mouth) to enter the church. (We do not have extra masks.)
- Check-in at the main door with a volunteer. Via your RSVP and response earlier in the week, your name is on a list for Mass.
- Use the hand sanitizer at the entrance as you come in.
- When entering and exiting, maintain 6 feet distance.
- When entering and exiting, please do not socialize or congregate with one another.
- Sit only where the blue Xs are on the pews. (At the 10 am Mass, households with children under 10 may sit together in a pew.)
- If you need a low gluten host, please email Suzie at Suzie@loyoladenver.org by noon on Saturday, August 22.
- The congregation cannot sing. Please refrain from singing.
- Do not enter the sanctuary, including: Mary's Altar, the Parish Book of Prayer, the sacristy to see Father, the music area.
- The lofts are not available and have been roped off.
- Communion will be brought to you.
- Please refrain from lighting candles at the side shrines.
- The restroom is located in the vestibule. Those under 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- Do not hold hands during the 'Our Father.'

To sign up for giving, please visit Faith Direct® at faith.direct/CO524 or Text-to-Give via Faith Direct® by texting the word 'enroll' or the amount to 303-529-7436. Thank you!

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.

Sunday, August 23, 2020 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

WHAT IS IGNATIAN DISCERNMENT?

It is easy to misinterpret the term, discernment. There is discernment of God's will, and there is discernment of spirits. In the formal, spiritual sense of the term, equating discernment with decision making is not exactly accurate. It often involves decision making, but decisions are a result of prior interior work that is part of a process of discernment. On the other end of the spectrum, discernment of spirits is not as complicated or opaquely mysterious as might be associated with ethereal beings that lurk around us like Hollywood-induced images of ghosts.

Discernment of spirits, in Ignatian sense, is primarily about inner freedom necessary to make choices in our lives that are unrestricted from attachments, addictions and compulsions, what Saint Ignatius called, "inordinate attachments." Things we are attached to either by habit or through fear or physiological or psychological addiction direct our behaviors which, to greater and lesser measure, restrict our freedom and the flourishing of our true selves. Choices we make are prone - often unconsciously - to the influence of those things in our lives to which we are attached.

God's loving compassion in Christ shows us a way forward. When light for which we pray shines on the internal movements within us that influence how we act, we can discover the truth of our motivations. Ignatian discernment is the process that proceeds from the request for that revelation; for the affective sensations toward or away from something. Becoming aware of how we are drawn toward something or repelled from something is not for purposes of self-induced moral judgement. The purpose is to discover the way God might be using the "data" of our sensed experience compassionately to show us a way forward.

The Jesuit tradition has passed along Ignatius' realization that God is not distant and removed but present in the intimate affections of persons' hearts and spirits. When this is revealed to someone through prayer and grace, a person can make practical use of these internally recognized movements, that which Ignatius called consolation and desolation.

The recognition of consolation and desolation is one of the first steps in the process of discernment. Learning how to recognize both consolation and desolation and the roles they play in discernment are critical elements in the process of discernment. We will explore these concepts in more depth next month.

For more on the Ignatian Spirituality Program of Denver, visit <https://ignatianspiritualitydenver.org/> or call Joe, 303-320-9995.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 08-23-20	
7:30 am	Josiah Warren
10:00 am	People of the Parish
Monday, 08-24-20	Ronald Ingram & Barbara Wright-Ingram
Tuesday, 08-25-20	Antelmo Terrazas & Family
Wednesday, 08-26-20	Intentions of the Celebrant
Thursday, 08-27-20	Students and Teachers
Friday, 08-28-20	No Intention Requested
Saturday, 08-29-20	Lauri Santos

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Elizabeth Achuil, Taeja Billingsley, Loretta Burrell, Susan Carrillo, Cubie, Lizzie Mae & Felicia Charles, Deborah Cottle, Jason Doty, Ed Ekel, Ann Feighny, Barbara Floyd-Hall, Notasha Maria Garcia, Clarence Grier, Daniel Hogan, Healis Howard, Anne Jackson, Isaac Joseph, Jim Kindblade, Timothy Kindblade, Jamar Lindsay & Family, Tony Lutrey, Kelly McEnany, James McKinney, Jeff Pavek, Melissa Piazza, Lawrence Pierre, Christina Pittaluga, Barry Porter, Tim Potter, Ronda Pruett, Marcello Puma, Megan Reinholtz, Cordell Robinson, Carol Ryerson, Katie & Melvin Scott, Barb Sercely, Mary Sewing, Angelita Sims, Ken & Carmen Therence, Linda Vialpando