

# ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*"Give me only your love and your grace, that is enough for me." —St. Ignatius of Loyola*

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

5:00 PM

Sunday

7:30 AM & 10:00 AM

Mon-Wed-Fri/Tues-Thurs

7:00 AM/12 Noon

Holy Days of Obligation

7:00 AM & 7:00 PM

(unless otherwise indicated)

## SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

By appt.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the office

Baptism & Matrimony

Contact office manager

## OTHER MINISTRIES

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**Contributions Received**

December 10 - 16, 2020

Offertory.....	\$5741.00
Building Fund.....	\$287.00
Fr. Brady Fund for the Poor.....	\$500.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$67.00

**CALENDAR****ROSARY:** Today at 9 am. The Glorious Mysteries.**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** Meeting today at 11:30 am via Zoom.**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Class today, 12:30 pm via Zoom.**MEDITATIVE PRAYER:** Monday, Dec. 21, 1 pm via Zoom.**PARISH TOWN HALL MEETING:** Wed., Dec. 23, 5 pm via Zoom. See [loyoladenver.org](http://loyoladenver.org) that day for the link to join in. You are invited to wear an ugly Christmas sweater!**CHRISTMAS EVE:** Thursday, December 24. The office is closed. *There will be no daily Mass at noon.***CHRISTMAS DAY** – Friday, December 25. The office is closed; *the office will also be closed Monday, December 28.***Notes from Fr. Dirk**

Something: It's been a year of chaos and crisis. Noted, unhappily. What do we have to look forward to? Ongoing crisis? Seems to me it depends on what we mean by *crisis*. As every schoolchild knows, the word *crisis* means a decisive point, whether as a turning point – either ~~for richer, for poorer~~, better or worse – or as a point at which a decision must be made. Of course crisis also means a time of exceptional difficulty.

So, are we to be in crisis for the foreseeable? There are difficulties ahead – and I needn't list them – but that's always been true. It helps me to think of *crisis* as having to do with consequences. The decisions we make or refuse to make today will have consequences. If I decide not to change the oil in the car – WAIT! WHAT? You're NOT going to change the OIL? IN the CAR? What are you, some kind of KNUCKLEHEAD? Didn't Dear Old Dad teach you to CHANGE THE OIL EVERY 3,000 MILES? – there will be consequences: Excessive wear on the engine, shortened service life, the need for expensive repairs, lifelong GUILT and SHAME.

What's ahead of us is life. Every day of it. And every day brings the chance to figure things out and make good decisions. And some things, though critically important, aren't as difficult as we might think. Take climate change. Critically important, and a legit crisis that demands immediate and ~~retail~~ wholesale action. Not, however, a technological crisis. We have the knowhow, and that's a good thing.

You know what makes everything better, crisis or no crisis? Community. Thinking things through together. Listening to one another. Working together. Attending to the important stuff together. Sharing. Supporting one another. Carrying the load together. Caring for one another. Building up the Kingdom together. The theme here? Together; together in Christ; together as one human family.

Another thing: ~~Not a single one of you has ever~~ Many of you have asked me to skip ~~never mention again~~ detail the process by which I ~~craft fashion plagiarize~~ write my Sunday homilies. Here's a ~~miserable~~ typical homily-writing Saturday:

7:30 Fresh from the shower morning prayers, take Rags over to Brady Hall to throw the ball for him.

8:00 Return to the rectory. Give Rags his post-play treat. Lie down for just a minute before beginning homily prep.

8:39 Awaken with a start.  
 8:45 After again drifting off to sleep, reawaken with another start. Drag weary self to the old ~~MeBook~~ MacBook.  
 9:00 Oops. Have to visit Mrs. Murphy.\*  
 9:15 Carefully and thoroughly wash hands, singing “Yankee Doodle” once through. Dog howls along.  
 9:17 Again, sitting at the ~~MeBook~~ MacBook. Thinking.  
 9:20 Realize that the shelf above my desk-table hasn't been dusted in ~~a day~~ awhile. Hard to write with all that dust around. Grab my trusty Swiffer® and get to it.  
 9:25 Hmm.... While we're at it, what else needs dusting?  
 9:26 Swiffer®.  
 9:40 If you're going to dust you might as well vacuum.  
 10:00 While we're at it, the stairs could use a vacuum, too. (BTW, do you call it a *vacuum cleaner*, *vacuum*, *vacuum sweeper*, or *sweeper*? For my mother – from Canton, Ohio – it was *sweeper*, as in “I ran the sweeper this morning.”)  
 10:20 Now that we're downstairs, the office could use a quick vac.

10:35 Sweeper still running, I notice that Rags is sitting there staring at me. He spends most of every day doing that. It's his way of saying, “I need something, but I'm not going to tell you what it is. Go ahead and guess.”

10:36 Turn off the sweeper. Take Rags outside, after he runs to the other side of the rectory to get his ball. He keeps his favorite outside ball – outside ball is blue; inside ball glows in the dark – in the dining room. That way he always knows where it is. Smart pooch. My dad would have loved that – he, who was famous for saying, “Put that back where it belongs. That way you'll always know where it is. And change the oil.”

11:00 You know, the “dirt cup” on the vacuum sweeper could use emptying. I'm not sure why they call it a dirt “cup.” It holds a lot more than a cup. Of dirt.

11:10 As long as we're emptying the dirt cup we might as well wash the filters, of which there are three: Flat circular filter made of polyester fiber; foam filter in the shape of a fat tube; pleated paper ~~High Def hyperbaric hyperbolic~~ high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA-HEPA) filter. OK to wash the latter? No telling. Might as well try it and see what happens.

11:30 If the sodden mass of formerly pleated paper in my hand is any indication, it's not OK to wash the HEPA filter. Who knew?

12:15 Gosh, the folks at the local vacuum cleaner store are nice people. Helpful. Open on Saturdays. And they had just the HEPA filter I needed!

12:25 Back home. Filter in place. BTW, what's your favorite appliance? Mine? Washing machine; vacuum cleaner; sewing machine.

12:30 Dog is sitting there looking at me. Lunch time?

12:40 Back to appliances. In general yours truly is something of a Luddite. But some machines really have made life easier and better. Among these are the ~~Ronco Inside the Shell Egg Scrambler~~ the FryDaddy® the afore-mentioned sewing machine, the vacuum sweeper, and the washing machine. Truly labor-saving devices.

12:45 Luddite? Someone opposed to machinery or new technologies. Word comes from the 19th-century English textile workers who destroyed the machines they believed threatened their jobs and livelihoods.

12:47 Yes, but why Luddite? Supposedly originated with a textile worker and destroyer of machinery called Ned Lud, who....  
 \*Seeing a man about a horse.

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### RSVP FOR DECEMBER 26/27 MASSES

Please email Kathy, [KMurzyn@loyoladenver.org](mailto:KMurzyn@loyoladenver.org) by **this Wednesday, 4 pm to RSVP to attend Mass 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. **The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, so all RSVPs and rosters for these Masses will be finalized on Wednesday.** 'Walk-ins' are welcome if space allows.

### SENIOR SUPPORT DINNER

**Thursday, December 31 (Drop-off December 29)**

We will be providing a sack lunch for 80 homeless and low-income seniors who come to Senior Support Services for meals and other assistance. If you would like to help with the lunches, here are the items needed:

- cans of tuna (for tuna salad)
- cans of V-8 juice, chips, hot dog buns

Please drop off items to the porch at the church office on **Tuesday, December 29** by 3 pm. Please call Delores at 720-937-2924 with any questions. Thank you for your continued support!

### FOOD PANTRY SCHEDULE

The Loyola Food Pantry is currently open and staffed every Wednesday from 10am to Noon. If you or someone you know is in need of our pantry services but can't visit during the Wednesday time slot, please call and leave a message on the Loyola St. Vincent de Paul Society Assistance Line (303-955-2578). Someone will return the call to set up an alternative time to visit the pantry or a find a way to deliver items. Thank you.

### 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. Here are some of the names we are remembering through these special prayers:

Mary Kathleen Floyd	Theodore Floyd
Ronald Floyd	Donald Floyd
Theodora Floyd	Michael Floyd
Abraham Carter	Alzina Carter
Dennis Scott	Gertie Scott
Ann Mora	Manuela Vargas
M/M Jacob Ugochuku	Victims of Covid 19
M/M Felix Agwu	Casimir Ugochuku
Perpetua Agwu	Loyola Children
Wright-Ingram Family	Loved Ones

### END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your generous financial support of our parish this year. If you are planning to make any more donations that you would like to be included in your 2020 statement of contributions, please have them to the parish office **by Thursday, December 31, 2020.** Any 2020 donations that are mailed to the office need to be postmarked by December 31, 2020.

We will mail your statement of contributions next month. If you have had an address change in the past year, and haven't yet updated your information, please give your new information to Kathy in the office at [KMurzyn@loyoladenver.org](mailto:KMurzyn@loyoladenver.org) or 303-322-8042.

## 'LET EVERY HEART PREPARE HIM ROOM'

### 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Advent – LOVE

In this final week of Advent, our attention is on love.

Matthew 22:36-40 says,

*"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."*

### Prayer for the fourth week of Advent.

God, we have learned to love from being loved by you. And so today, let us enact that love. Let us live that love. We know that what the world needs now is more love. We need to remember how much you love each one of us and we must share that love with others. Amen.

Click this link for a unique look at the 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Advent:

<https://www.firstbornmusic.org/love-joseph>

### THANK YOU – CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Thank you so much to everyone who dropped off food and cash donations during last Sunday's food drive to help restock our Parish Food Pantry. The St. Vincent de Paul Society is so grateful for the parish's overwhelming support and generosity for the pantry. It is currently well stocked, thanks to you, and this will allow us to successfully serve families in need during this difficult time for so many. Thank you so much for your help!

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 12-20-20	
7:30 am	Jason Abernethy <sup>+</sup>
10:00 am	People of the Parish
Monday, 12-21-20	Byron Syon
Tuesday, 12-22-20	Valdez LeFrere <sup>+</sup>
Wednesday, 12-23-20	Intentions of the Celebrant
Thursday, 12-24-20	
3:00 pm	Children of Our Parish
5:00 pm	Parents of Our Parish
10:00 pm	Those Cared for by Our Ministries
Friday, 12-25-20	
7:30 am	Elders of Our Parish
10:00 am	People of the Parish
Saturday, 12-26-20	Monroe Blaylock

### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Elizabeth Achuil, Joyce Armstead, Taeja Billingsley, Loretta Burrell, Susan Carrillo, Joyce Clabaugh, Deborah Cottle, Jason Doty, Ed Ekel, Ann Feighny, Barbara Floyd-Hall, Margie Fry, Notasha M. Garcia, Clarence Grier, Daniel Hogan, Healis Howard, Anne Jackson, Isaac Joseph, Jim Kindblade, Timothy Kindblade, Jamar Lindsay/Family, Tony Lutrey, Kelly McEnany, James McKinney, John Meyler, Mathue/Nicque Moore, Jeff Pavek, Melissa Piazza, Christina Pittaluga, Tim Potter, Ronda Pruett, Marcello Puma, Megan Reinholtz, Cordell Robinson, Carol Ryerson, Paul Scheafbauer, Katie/Melvin Scott, Barb Sercely, Mary Sewing, Angelita Sims, Ken/Carmen Therence, Linda Vialpando

**Sunday, December 20, 2020 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

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

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## 2020 CHRISTMAS MASSES

Our Christmas Mass times will be:

Thursday, Christmas Eve, 3 pm (Children's/Family Mass)  
Thursday, Christmas Eve, 5 pm (Children's/Family Mass)  
Thursday, Christmas Eve, 10 pm  
Friday, Christmas Day, 7:30 am  
Friday, Christmas Day, 10 am  
Friday, New Year's Day, 11 am\*

The 3 pm and 5 pm Christmas Eve Masses will be geared to children. Per our guidelines for attending Mass listed here on this page, families with children younger than 10 years old may sit together in one pew (up to 6 six people at these two Masses only).

Seating at the remaining Masses will follow the guidelines that the regular 5 pm Saturday and 7:30 am Sunday Masses currently practice: Everyone will be seated at a blue X, six feet apart, even if in the same household. **Please note: families may NOT sit together at the 10 am Mass on Christmas Day. They are encouraged to attend one of the Children's Masses.**

The Christmas Eve 5 pm and 10 pm Masses will be live streamed via our Facebook page: [facebook.com/loyoladenver](https://facebook.com/loyoladenver). The 10 pm Mass will be available to view at any time on Christmas Day on our website [www.loyoldenver.org/video/](http://www.loyoldenver.org/video/)

**If you have not already sent in an RSVP for Christmas Mass:** Rosters for the Christmas Masses have been completed, and those on a waiting list have been contacted. If you would like to see if any of the Masses still have seats available, please call Kathy at 303-322-8042 **no later than this Tuesday by 4 pm.**

Due to the upcoming short holiday work weeks, please RSVP for the New Year's Day 11 am Mass **by Tuesday, December 29, 4 pm.** Priority will be given to parishioners; after December 29, RSVPs will be open to guests and visitors.

Please call the parish office with any questions. Thank you for your help as we plan these special liturgies.

**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 North or South doors only.
- 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 let Kathy know when you email your RSVP for Mass to her at [kmurzyn@loyoladenver.org](mailto:kmurzyn@loyoladenver.org)
- 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.'

### COLLECTION OF ITEMS FOR HOMELESS WOMEN

#### List Updated This Week

We continue to collect items to help the women staying in shelters during the pandemic. Please see the updated items:  
shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste  
underpants - small and medium, pants, winter jackets-3x & 4x  
gloves, winter scarves, face masks, sleepwear, warm slippers  
winter boots size 8—10, disinfectant wipes, bath towels  
adult coloring books, colored pencils & small pencil sharpeners  
**Please DO NOT bring these donations to the church.** Deliver any donations to designated boxes **at either 1446 Detroit, Denver 80206 or 2591 Eudora, Denver 80207** (box is inside the gate on the south side). Call Sally at 303-523-7601 with any questions. Thank you for your continued support!

To sign up for egiving, please visit Faith Direct® at [faith.direct/CO524](https://faith.direct/CO524) or Text-to-Give via Faith Direct® by texting the word 'enroll' or the amount to 303-529-7436. Thank you for considering supporting the parish in this way!

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.