

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

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

St. Vincent DePaul Society

Hotline for assistance
303-955-2578

Young Adults Group

youngadults@loyoladenver.org

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Contributions Received

December 17 - 22, 2020

Offertory.....	\$4258.00
Building Fund.....	\$170.00
Fr. Brady Fund for the Poor.....	\$100.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$175.00
Christmas Offering.....	\$1060.00
Gift to Parish.....	\$10,000.00
E-Giving through Faith Direct for the Month of December*	
Offertory.....	\$20,203.00
Fr. Brady Fund for the Poor.....	\$830.00
Building Fund.....	\$595.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$90.00

*Does not include final year-end giving through December 31.

CALENDAR**ROSARY:** Today at 9 am. The Glorious Mysteries.**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** No classes today.**PARISH TOWN HALL MEETING:** Wed., Dec. 30, 5 pm via Zoom. See loyoladenvr.org that day for the link to join in.**NEW YEAR'S DAY** – Friday, January 1. The office is closed; Mass at 11 am. Please see below. **The office will also be closed Monday, January 4.****RSVP NEEDED FOR WEEKEND MASSES EACH WEEK**Each week, please email Kathy, KMurzyn@loyoladenvr.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. Thank you for your help in this process.

Requests received after the deadline will be invited to be 'walk-ins' if space allows.**NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS/LIVE STREAM****Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**Mass this Friday, January 1 will be at 11 am. Please contact the office to check availability for seating. This Mass will also be live streamed on our facebook page [facebook.com/loyoladenvr](https://www.facebook.com/loyoladenvr).**SENIOR SUPPORT DINNER****Drop-off this Tuesday, 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!**Notes from Fr. Dirk**

[emoji of palm tree] Mele Kalikimaka [emoji of palm tree]

A i kēia manawa no kahi mea 'oko'a loa: Mele Kalikimaka means "Merry Christmas" in Hawaiian. You might store that away, on the off chance that you're in Hawai'i on Christmas Day. Which someday will probably not be this year, unless you're already in Hawai'i and are reading this. Which if you're in Hawai'i, why are you spending your time reading a ~~mercifully brief~~ an abbreviated version of the pastor's column?

One of the reasons you're not in Hawai'i (OK: The state's official name is *Hawaii*, without the glottal stop – or glottal *plosive*. Don't worry: I only just now learned the word *plosive*. Hawaii in Hawaiian is *Hawai'i*, which also happens to be the name of the state's largest island.) is because there's a pandemic and EVERYTHING IS DIFFERENT THIS YEAR.

It's true that lots of things are different this year. There will be 50 of us in church this evening at our 10:00 pm midnight Mass. No one in the congregation will be singing, because as we've all been told, SINGING IS DEATH. In many case, families and friends won't be together, except via Zoom or some such ("Mom, you gotta unmute...."). Some will spend the day by themselves. And many of us will have experienced profound losses over the past year.

BUT the essence of Christmas has neither disappeared nor changed. Not at all. Do you wanna know what Christmas is all about (Charlie Brown)? It's about the Incarnation: God with us. God entering into and sharing the fullness of the human condition. God as a defenseless infant, acutely vulnerable, very nearly born on the side of a street but through an act of kindness and welcome born instead in a stable and laid in a feeding trough.

God is with you in all of it: loneliness, disappointment, frustration, heartbreak, suffering, loss – and in gratitude, generosity, kindness, welcome, darewe say joy? One of my prayers for you at Christmas is that you experience less of the former and more of the latter. One of my prayers for us is that we name and claim gratitude, generosity, kindness, welcome, and joy in the weeks and months ahead as we pull together and support one another.

Although I hate to bring it up even as I admire him for bringing it up, the other evening our president-elect reminded us that even with the vaccines the pandemic is going to get worse before it gets better. That's the sobering news. The good news is that we know what to do, even though sometimes we forget that we know what to do. Here's the short list: Gratitude, Generosity, Kindness, Welcome....

Dear ones, at Christmas and always I wish you the joy of knowing that God is with us, that you are loved beyond all telling, and that love only increases as it is shared. Mele Kalikimaka.

NEWS AND EVENTS

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 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@loyoladenvr.org or 303-322-8042.

COLLECTION OF ITEMS FOR HOMELESS WOMEN

We have been asked to take a short break in collecting items. Please continue to check future bulletins when a new list is ready. Thank you again for all of the donations to support the women currently staying in shelters. Your thoughtfulness means so much!

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.

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@loyoladenvr.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.'

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.

'JOY TO THE WORLD!'

The angel said, "Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people. Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord. This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great assembly of the heavenly forces was with the angel praising God. They said, "Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors."

Prayer for Christmas

We have been waiting for this day, Loving God. We have prepared ourselves for this special day. On this Christmas Day, let us live as those who let hope, peace, joy, and love reign in our lives. As the candles burn brightly and light our path, let us live as those who have the Christ's light burning inside us today and everyday. Amen.

Click this link for a unique look at Christmas:

<https://www.firstbornmusic.org/christ>

POSITION OPENING

St. Ignatius Loyola Parish is looking to hire a part-time (up to 29 hours per week) Director of Faith Formation (DFF), with the possibility of becoming full-time in the future.

We hope to offer comprehensive faith formation across the board, built around Ignatian Spirituality and Catholic Social Teaching. As the pastor's representative, the DFF will develop and coordinate parish-wide programs of faith formation for all age groups. Collaborating with staff, employees and volunteers, the DFF will assess the faith formation needs of the parish and develop in-person and virtual programs in keeping with the traditions and goals of a Jesuit Catholic parish and responding effectively to the signs of the times. If interested, please email Kathy at KMurzyn@loyoladenvr.org for a full job description and qualifications required.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 12-27-20	7:30 am	Bonnie Watson ⁺
	10:00 am	People of the Parish
Monday, 12-28-20		Domingo Robles ⁺
Tuesday, 12-29-20		Andrew & Meg Selig
Wednesday, 12-30-20		Burley Syon
Thursday, 12-31-20		Evelyn L. Dunfee ⁺
Friday, 01-01-21		People of the Parish
Saturday, 01-02-21		Mary Howe Williams ⁺

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Elizabeth Achuil, Joyce Armstead, Taeja Billingsley, Loretta Burrell, Susan Carrillo, Joyce & Meredith 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 27, 2020 – Holy Family

Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Col 3:12-17; Lk 2:22-40

(Please visit usccb.org/bible/readings for the daily readings.)