

ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*Prepare the way of
the Lord, make
straight his paths.*

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

See Bulletin for Times

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

Saturday @ 4:15 PM or by appt.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the office

Baptism & Matrimony

Please call the office

OTHER MINISTRIES

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Contributions Received

November 30– December 6, 2022

Offertory.....	\$7999.47
Children’s Offertory.....	\$68.00
Building Fund.....	\$317.00
Fr. Brady Fund for the Poor.....	\$150.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$466.00

WEEKLY CALENDAR

FOOD PANTRY FOOD DRIVE: Today from 8 am to noon at the garage at 23rd and Gaylord.

HOLIDAY BAKE SALE: Today in Brady Hall after both Sunday Masses.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Classes today at 8:45 am in the Family Center (Kinder in the Gesu Rm.)

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

LOYOLA FAMILY MINISTRY: Gathering today, 8:50 am in Brady Hall.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH: Today at the 10 am Mass.

LOYOLA MEDITATION COMMUNITY: Prayer session Monday, Dec. 12, 1:00 pm. See next page for Zoom link.

RCIA: Monday, Dec. 12, 7:00 pm at Curé d’ Ars Church.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE: Tuesday, Dec. 13, 7:00 pm in church.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Thursday, Dec. 15, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKET PREPARATION: Friday, Dec. 16, 6:00 pm; Saturday, Dec. 17, 9:00 am in Brady Hall.

HOLIDAY BAKE SALE TODAY AFTER BOTH MASSES

St. Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Anita Grier Court 397 is hosting a holiday bake sale. Please come by to see the delicious goodies. We will have special cupcakes, cookies and milk for Sunday Fellowship.

Notes from Fr. Dirk

FIRST, words of praise and gratitude for the members of our Parish Council: Kuni Etuk, Tony Gagliano, Paul Jeske, Mary Leisring, Sadaraka Sadaraka, Y. E. Scott, and Marisol Velez. Praise and gratitude both ongoing and in general and IN PARTICULAR for organizing and hosting last weekend’s Town Hall meetings. I could not be more proud of them or more grateful for their sterling leadership. Which – sterling leadership – will continue to be important in the months ahead. Are we blessed? Darn tootin’ we’re blessed.

REgarding said Parish Council, we’re about to add some new members. And, sad to say but said nonetheless with affection and gratitude, Marisol Velez is stepping down. To spend more time with her family. No, not LOL but really. That’s the reason. Anyway, more on these exciting developments in early January.

Here’s something you already know: The Second Vatican Council affirmed – in *Lumen Gentium*, the Council document on the Church – the traditional understanding of the Church as a hierarchy, instituted by Jesus Christ. Officially, the

Church is governed by her bishops with the Bishop of Rome as their head. This way of governing a church is called *episcopal* – from the word for *bishop* – and is common among the world’s Christian churches, including those belonging to the worldwide Anglican Communion which itself includes – natch – the Episcopal Church. Other small-e episcopal churches are the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Coptic Orthodox Church. The United Methodists, maybe. Lutherans, probably not.

Presbyterians, definitely not. Zen Buddhists, category error.

Got all that? Why do I bring it up? Because it’s all too easy to use the fact that the Church is not a democracy – or even a democratic republic – as a reason for self-silencing, as in “What would be the use of saying something anyway?” I mean, really. Haven’t the crowned heads of Europe concluded – some of them after a process we may euphemistically call “encouragement” – that monarchy, responsiveness and accountability can coexist? (They have.) And hasn’t Pope Francis called for “not a new Church, but a different Church?” (He has.)

Random thought: The Society of Jesus has been described as an absolute monarchy, tempered only by the disobedience of its subjects.

And so to the Synod on Synodality, also known as the Synod. Listening, institutionalized. An exercise in communal discernment on a global scale, grounded in the conviction that every human being has access to the Holy Spirit. We participated in the Local and National Phases when we had our listening sessions earlier this year. In process and still to come are the Continental and Universal Phases. Yes, *phases*, but for Pope Francis the Synod is not just a phase we’re going through. About which yours truly went through one or two phases that I’m still stuck in. Anyway, synodality is instead a new way of proceeding for a 2,000 year-old institution that remains, through thick and thin and twists and turns, inspired by the Spirit. About which “the arc of the moral universe is long but it bends toward justice.” Who said that? MLK, paraphrasing the words of Unitarian preacher and abolitionist Theodore Parker, uttered during a sermon in 1853 at the church of the 28th Congregational Society in Boston.

To further invest in your not losing hope, here are the considerably more recent and in fact only the other day words of the Very Reverend Michael Ryan, the pastor at St. James (Catholic) Cathedral in Seattle as he reflected on his experience of synodality:

“Reading over the reports and reflecting on them, I found myself thinking how blessed I am to be pastor of a parish that is full of people who love the Church so much that they embrace it, affirm it, celebrate it, and thank God for it, but at the same time are not at all afraid to criticize it, challenge it, question it, and express anger, disappointment, and frustration with it. ... I think our parish can never be quite the same as a result, and I’m willing to bet that the same is true for the entire Church.”

Hear, hear, Father. I could not have said – and did not say – it better myself. But it’s one of the too-numerous-to-mention things I love about this parish that I love so much. And here’s the thing: The Spirit is alive and at work in the world. And in the hearts of people of good will everywhere. And in the Church, despite our best attempts to replace God’s ways with our ways. And you, dear ones, are beloved. Always and everywhere.

NEWS AND EVENTS

ADVENT EVENTS THIS WEEK

Parish Reconciliation Service This Tuesday

Join us **Tuesday, December 13** at 7 pm. We will have a brief prayer service followed by individual confessions.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

This Thursday, December 15, 5 pm to 8 pm

Join the Young Adults Ministry for a special Advent Adoration. Come be in the presence of Christ and join us for a special time of prayer and reflection. There will be a reflection, time for silent Adoration and music. We will end with Benediction. No sign-up is necessary, please come at any time for as long as you wish!

LOYOLA MEDITATION COMMUNITY

We have come to know Advent as a time of waiting. What is it you are waiting for? Loyola's meditation community will come together on **Monday, December 12** to rejoice in God's presence within and among us. We will praise our God in prayer. Our Zoom session opens at 12:50 pm with prayer from 1:00 - 1:30 pm. You are most welcome! Zoom: <https://bit.ly/3mqMhDh>

LOYOLA FOOD PANTRY FOOD DRIVES

December 11 and 18, 8:00 am-Noon

Please note schedule change due to Christmas

Thanks to all for your ongoing support! We continue to struggle to keep the shelves stocked. Please help us restock in December on the 11th and 18th by bringing any of these non-perishable grocery items to the pantry/garage at the corner of 23rd and Gaylord: *Paper towels, toilet paper, laundry soap, dishwasher soap, toothbrushes, other toiletries, reusable grocery bags, cooking oils, mayonnaise, Miracle Whip, mustard, ketchup, pancake syrup, pancake mix, canned fruit, diced tomatoes, tomato paste, tomato sauce, canned chicken and salmon, hearty soups, canned chili, sloppy joe mix, canned stews, spaghetti sauce, baked and other canned beans, jelly, coffee, sugar, flour, crackers, rice, taco seasoning and shells, Hamburger and Tuna Helper, salsa, hot sauce, honey, pasta, rice and cereal/oatmeal.* Cookies, granola bars, juice boxes and snacks are appreciated as well.

*At this time, we do not need canned tuna, canned vegetables, and peanut butter. Please no expired or damaged items!

Financial donations are also accepted, checks payable to St. Vincent de Paul Society. Food donations can also be dropped off at the parish office Monday through Friday. Thank you for your continued generosity. You are truly making a difference!

REQUEST A CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKET

Parish families experiencing financial challenges this year are invited to sign up to receive a Christmas Food Basket to help with Christmas dinner. To sign up, see Miss Toni in Brady Hall after Masses this weekend or contact the parish office at 303-322-8042 or KMurzyn@loyoladenver.org. Baskets will be available to be picked up in Brady Hall on Sat., Dec. 17 from noon to 2 pm.

SENIOR SUPPORT DINNER

On **Thursday, December 29**, we will be providing sack lunches for approximately 70-80 homeless or low-income seniors who come to Senior Support Services for meals and other assistance. We will be making ham and chicken sandwiches. Please see next weekend's bulletin for more details. Thank you for supporting this ministry and the Seniors we serve! For more information, please call Delores at 720-937-2924.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OUTREACH PROGRAM

A Few Reminders for this Week!

Santa Sacks Please return filled Santa Sacks by Friday evening, Dec. 16 with any of these items: *soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, lotion, lip balm, deodorant, hairbrush, comb, razors, shaving cream, after shave, tissue, socks, washcloths, nail clippers, stamps, candy, baby items.*

Giving Tree Please return the wrapped gifts with the ornaments attached no later than Friday, December 16. Place gifts under the Giving Tree after Mass on the weekend or bring them to the church office during office hours. The gifts will be distributed on Sunday, Dec. 18 in the Gesu Room at 11:30 am.

You can help! Join us Friday and Saturday, Dec. 16 and 17 during our Christmas basket project. Please help in any capacity: set up, food pick up, unpack food, fill baskets, deliver baskets if necessary, clean up. Sign up in Brady Hall after Masses this weekend. We will begin at 6 pm Friday and 9 am Saturday. Our guests will begin arriving at noon to pick up their baskets.

Thank you for helping us make this a Merry Christmas for our community members and neighbors!

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you very much for your generous financial support of our parish. If you are making any more donations that you would like included in your 2022 statement of contributions, please have them to the parish office by Sat., Dec. 31, 2022. Any 2022 contributions that are mailed to the office need to be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2022. We will mail statements next month. If you have had an address change and haven't yet updated your information, please contact the office at 303-322-8042 or KMurzyn@loyoladenver.org Thank you again for your support.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 12-11-22	
7:30 am	Bonnie Watson ⁺
10:00 am	People of the Parish
Monday, 12-12-22	Chuckie Armstead ⁺
Tuesday, 12-13-22	Jim Kindblade ⁺
Wednesday, 12-14-22	Intentions of the Celebrant
Thursday, 12-15-22	Fr. Joseph Ly ⁺
Friday, 12-16-22	Paul Gan
Saturday, 12-17-22	Andrea Beranek ⁺

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Victor Abad, Jr., Elizabeth Achuil, Paul Appel, Joyce Armstead, Eugenia Arsense, Benjamin Baszler Family, Mary Bergles, Taeja Billingsley, Raquel Sanchez Bishop, Gray Buckley, Mary Ellen Buning, Loretta Burrell, Susan Carrillo, Joyce & Meredith Clabaugh, Deborah Cottle, Ann Durkin, Ed Ekel, Ann Feighny, Barbara Floyd-Hall, Valerie Francis, Margie Fry, Notasha M.Garcia, Jean Giles, Clarence Grier, Hollis Hafner, Carrie Hamilton, Gayle Hamlett, Patty Harvey, Healis Howard, Tylah Howard, Connor Jennison, Wardell Jones, Isaac Joseph, Jamar Lindsay & Family, Lorene Lee, Jonny Lewis, Judy Lewis, Tony Lutrey, Josephine Martinez, Brody McDonald, James McKinney, Mary Ann Montgomery, Mathue/Nicque Moore, Antonia Moreno, Mary Muldoon, Carol Nettles, Michelle Padilla, Ronda Pruett, Gail Pugh, Marcello Puma, Peter Quintero, Romany Redman, Megan Reinholtz, Cordell Robinson, Robert Saldano Family, Paul Scheafbauer, Katie/Melvin Scott, Barb Sercely, Mary Sewing, William Sexton, Angelita Sims, Gary Slaven, Deneen Stevenson, Romaine Tacznosky, Ken/Carmen Therence, Linda Vialpando, Josiah Warren, Beverly Wilson.

Sunday, December 11th – Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Please visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings for the daily readings.

please see the flyer on next two pages

An Update from Loyola Social Justice Ministry

A Note of Thanks...

As a reminder, members of our ministry recently began working with Denver Community Church to support immigrant families arriving in Denver from Central and South America. Loyola parishioners overwhelmed us with your generous donations for children in those families through our collection last weekend. Thank you so very much! Altogether, we received 3 car loads of donations. Especially with the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe this Monday, let us lift up these new members of our Denver community in prayer.



Listen. Put it into your heart, my dearest child, that the thing that frightened you, the thing that afflicted you is nothing: Do not let it disturb you...
Am I not here, I who am your mother?
Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not the source of your joy? Are you not in the hollow of my mantle, In the crossing of my arms?
Do you need something more?

(Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego 1531)



An Invitation...

With this “thank you” message, we also want to take an opportunity to introduce our ministry to new parishioners and to remind long-time parishioners about the LSJM’s mission. Scripture reminds us....

Open your mouth in behalf of the mute, and for the rights of the destitute;

Open your mouth, judge justly, defend the needy and the poor. (Prov. 31:8-9)

As a broad call to fight inequality in our community and the world, social justice encompasses a range of issues. This year, LSJM has adopted a quarterly schedule for our community organizing. We focus on public education programming and direct-action for one issue (such as immigration), for a two-to-three-month period, while working on other issues behind the scenes. This distinction between education and direct-action is key, because the parish looks to us to provide both. The most challenging aspect of direct action in social justice work is logistical: identifying whom to help and how, then spreading the word. As we strengthen our focus on direct-action this year, we ask parishioners to stay tuned for new volunteer opportunities. As with our support for immigrants arriving by bus recently, we often find opportunities to help arising suddenly, with a quick need for assistance. We thank you in advance for supporting us in these efforts.

As we continue our focus on immigration through December and into January, we want to announce our key-note education event, “*Welcome Like Jesus.*” Please join us in Brady Hall on *Sunday, January 29*, for a conversation with members of our parish who will share their own experiences as immigrants. We will also share new direct-action opportunities as they come up. Please email us to join our contact list and check the parish bulletin to stay updated. We look forward to seeing you then!

Things to Consider...

*"As we contemplate the vast amount of work to be done for justice and peace in this world,
we trust that we will find the grace to accomplish, to believe in,
and to hope for the greatest things.*

*As we gather here, we look for grace in the smallest things,
and are sustained by our confidence in God's presence
in our work and our gatherings."*

- St. Peter Faber, SJ

How do our Jesuit and Ignatian calls for social justice work speak to you? How can LSJM best serve you? We recognize that your time is limited, especially during holiday seasons. We hope our ministry's new community organizing training and new focus on direct-action work will better connect parishioners with opportunities for direct service and learning. We also welcome your ideas, so please contact us with anything you would like to share.

One of the reasons many of us joined Loyola is that it is a parish whose members truly care for each other and for the surrounding communities. Our Parish has so many ministries to be part of, and the LSJM leaders hope to partner with other groups to strengthen the Loyola community's capacity to serve Denver. Participating in any of our ministries, no matter how big or small your involvement, improves people's lives and our environment!

We would love to meet you and hear what moves you to action. Please join us at one of our meetings. We meet in Brady Hall on the second Sunday of each month from 8:45 am to 9:45 am (between Masses). For more information, to ask questions, or to share your ideas, please email us at loyolasjm@gmail.com.