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PARROQUIA SAN IGNACIO DE LOYOLA

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

February 15, 2026



Go first
and be reconciled;
then come
and offer your gift.

Ve primero
reconciliarte;
luego ven
y haz tu ofrenda.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sirach 15:15–20 • 1 Corinthians 2:6–10 •

Matthew 5:17–37

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4pm

Sunday:

9am Children's Mass | 10:30am | 12:30pm Español | 5pm

Weekday (followed by the Rosary):

5:30pm Monday–Friday (Lannon Chapel)

8am Monday–Sunday (St. Mary's Chapel, BC)

Confession

Saturday: before Mass, 3–3:45pm

Adoration

Thursday: before Mass, 4:15–5:15pm

Please keep in your prayers:

Sunday, February 15

10:30am Roger and Sandra Breuning

5pm Patrick J. & Katherine F. Bowdring and family

Tuesday, February 17

5:30pm Basil Andrew Sakellarios

Thursday, February 19

5:30pm Paula Barry Person

Friday, February 20

5:30pm Kathleen Burke

If you have an intention at a weekend Mass and would like to process with the gifts, please speak with a Greeter when you arrive.

Parish Office Closed

Monday, February 16

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, February 16, in observance of Presidents' Day. There WILL be daily 5:30pm Mass.

Gracious God, we ask that you guide our president and the nation. Grant him the wisdom and understanding to be a leader for all people, and surround him with good counsel and people of integrity. Empower us to hold our leaders accountable, and live as witnesses to your truth. We ask this through Christ Jesus, your Son. Amen.

Reflection on the Reading

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. In today's reading, Matthew reinterprets our understanding of "the Law and the prophets" in light of Jesus Christ.

We are reminded that the coming Messiah does not overturn the law or set his followers free from following it. Instead, Jesus fulfills all of the law by bringing the fullness of the kingdom. As followers of Christ, we are called to go beyond the law by doing *more* than the law requires—where the law condemned murder, for instance, Jesus condemns anger itself.

We see in Jesus someone whose life and teaching surpass all traditional interpretations of scripture, revealing to us the radical extent of God's will.

Confirmations at the 5pm Mass

At the 5pm Sunday Mass this weekend, we witness as a community the Confirmation of a number of our OCIA members. These faithful have been baptized in the Christian tradition, and now they are being received into full participation in the Catholic Church.

Let's keep praying for the spiritual growth of these candidates and the catechumens preparing for the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. May we continue offering them encouragement and support on their journey.

Ash Wednesday, February 18

8am Mass

12pm Mass

**4pm Service of the Word
with Distribution of Ashes**

5:30pm Mass

All Ash Wednesday liturgies will take place in the Upper Church

*But Hope could rise from ashes even now
Beginning with this sign upon your brow.*

from Malcolm Guite's "Sonnet for Ash Wednesday"

Carta del Párroco

Queridos amigos en el Señor:

Durante las últimas semanas, he asistido a varias reuniones dirigidas por el arzobispo de Boston, Richard Henning. La primera reunión fue de todos los párrocos de la Arquidiócesis y la segunda incluyó a todos los consejos parroquiales y consejos financieros de la Arquidiócesis. En ambas reuniones, el arzobispo Henning habló sobre el “estado de la archidiócesis” y compartió algunas de sus observaciones tras pasar un año visitando parroquias y escuelas. Está encantado de que la Iglesia esté creciendo y de que parezca haber un renacimiento de la fe, especialmente entre los jóvenes. De cara a los próximos años, han surgido dos prioridades: 1) construir parroquias sanas y fuertes, y 2) proporcionar los recursos necesarios para la formación sacerdotal.

El arzobispo Henning ha decidido iniciar un “estudio de planificación” arquidiocesano que se llevará a cabo durante el 2026. El estudio se centrará en la vida parroquial en toda la diócesis y ayudará a orientar las decisiones sobre las necesidades pastorales y programáticas, las necesidades de capital e instalaciones, y las necesidades del personal y operativas en todas las parroquias de la diócesis. El estudio explorará la cuestión de si es apropiado, en este momento, realizar una campaña coordinada de recaudación de fondos en toda la arquidiócesis (además de la campaña anual Catholic Appeal). El arzobispo Henning ha solicitado que las parroquias de la arquidiócesis se abstengan de iniciar grandes campañas de recaudación de fondos mientras se lleva a cabo el estudio de planificación durante este año.

Como saben, ya hemos comenzado a recaudar fondos para pagar las reparaciones urgentes necesarias en el exterior de nuestro templo. La primera fase del proyecto está a punto de concluir y pronto verán cómo se retiran los andamios de la esquina noreste del edificio. El coste de la primera fase (reparación de ventanas y puertas, reparación del tejado y reparación de la mampostería) será de aproximadamente 500 000 dólares. Desde septiembre, hemos recaudado 300 000 dólares para cubrir el coste de la primera fase. La arquidiócesis nos ha dado permiso para seguir recaudando fondos este año para las reparaciones urgentes del edificio que hemos comenzado. Preveo que necesitaremos 1 000 000 de dólares adicionales para completar las reparaciones de mampostería y ventanas en el resto del edificio. Esta construcción se llevará a cabo por fases durante el próximo o los dos próximos años y las obras de mampostería en los escalones de la entrada y la esquina sureste comenzarán esta primavera. Aunque contamos con algunos fondos de reserva para cubrir parcialmente los costes actuales, necesitaremos recaudar fondos para la mayor parte de los gastos futuros.

Dependiendo de los resultados del estudio de planificación de la arquidiócesis, espero que en 2027 iniciemos una campaña de recaudación de fondos más sólida, en colaboración con la campaña arquidiocesana. Estoy emocionado por seguir trabajando en las reparaciones urgentes de nuestro edificio este año, pero aún más emocionado por empezar a soñar con todas las posibilidades que una campaña formal de recaudación de fondos hará en la vida de la parroquia en los próximos años. Estén atentos para obtener más información sobre todos estos asuntos. Espero que se unan a mí para soñar con todo lo que nuestra parroquia llegará a ser al comenzar nuestro segundo siglo.

Bendiciones,
P. John

Letter from the Pastor

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Over the past few weeks, I have attended several meetings led by Archbishop Henning. The first meeting was a gathering of all the pastors of the archdiocese, and the second meeting included all the parish councils and finance councils of the archdiocese. At both of these meetings, Archbishop Henning delivered a “state of the archdiocese” address in which he shared some of his observations after spending a year visiting parishes and schools. He is thrilled that the Church is growing and that there seems to be a revival of faith especially among young people. As he looks to the years ahead, two priorities have emerged: 1) building healthy, strong parishes, and 2) providing the resources needed for priestly formation.

Archbishop Henning has decided to begin an archdiocesan “planning study” which will take place during the 2026 calendar year. The study will be centered on parish life across the archdiocese and will help guide decisions about pastoral/programmatic demands, capital/facility needs, and staffing/operational pressures in all the parishes of the archdiocese. The study will explore the question of whether a coordinated archdiocesan-wide fundraising effort (in addition to the annual Catholic Appeal) is appropriate at this time. Archbishop Henning has requested that parishes in the archdiocese refrain from beginning any large parish capital campaigns while the planning study is taking place during the 2026 calendar year.

As you know, we have already begun raising funds to pay for the urgent repairs needed on the exterior of our church building. Phase one of the project is nearing completion, and you will soon see the scaffolding removed from the northeast corner of the building. The cost for phase one (window/door repairs, roof repairs, masonry repairs) will be approximately \$500,000. Since September, we have raised \$300,000 in funds to cover the cost of phase one. The archdiocese has given us permission to continue raising money this year for the urgent building repairs that we have started. I anticipate that we will need an additional \$1,000,000 to complete the masonry and window repairs on the remainder of the building. This construction will take place in phases over the next year or two, with the masonry work on the front steps and southeast corner beginning this spring. While we have some reserve funds to partially cover the ongoing costs, we will need to raise philanthropic support for most of the upcoming expenses.

Depending on the results of the archdiocesan planning study, I expect that we will begin a more robust capital campaign in 2027 in conjunction with the archdiocesan campaign. I’m excited to continue working on the urgent repairs to our building this year, but I’m even more excited to start dreaming about all the possibilities for parish life that a formal capital campaign will make possible in the years ahead. Stay tuned for more information on all these matters. I hope you will join me in dreaming about all that our parish will become as we begin our second century!

Blessings,
Fr. John

Lent at St. Ignatius

For the fourth year now, St. Ignatius Parish will participate in Greener Lent. Greener Lent asks us to prayerfully reduce our meat consumption for Lent in order to reduce the negative impact of meat production on the climate. Last year, St. Ignatius parishioners kept over 5,000 pounds of CO₂ from entering the atmosphere! The Green Team will be in the back of the church the next few weekends to talk about Greener Lent and to encourage you to sign up.



CRS Rice Bowls are here!

This year's Lent Rice Bowl campaign begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18. Rice Bowls will be available on the tables at upper church entrances beginning this weekend so you can be all set to begin your journey on Ash Wednesday.

Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 6 at 7pm: Ignatian Way of the Cross

Friday, March 27 at 7pm: Bilingual Via Crucis

Good Friday, April 3 at 12pm: Faith Formation Stations

Lenten Prayer and Reflection

Thursday, March 19 at 6:30pm: Centennial Series reflection with the Boston Liturgical Dance Ensemble

Wednesday, March 25 at 7pm: Lenten Reconciliation

19th Annotation: *The Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life*

September 2026–May 2027

The *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius are offered as an eight-month retreat in daily life that follows a practice of daily meditation and contemplation of scripture reading.

Through this experience, retreatants deepen their experience of God's presence in their lives and make a commitment of:

- Daily Prayer
- Meeting twice a month with an individual spiritual director
- Gathering Wednesday evening from 7:00-8:30pm (twice a month) for group reflection, companionship and faith-sharing

To apply, please contact:

Kathy Maher at
katherine.maher@bc.edu

The application closes
May 1, 2026.

Volunteer ESOL Teachers Needed

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February 22 Start

A Faith That Does Justice is seeking **volunteer ESOL Teachers and Assistants for a 15-week session beginning February 22 (excluding vacation weeks)**.

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Questions: volunteering@faith-justice.org



Inspiring faith in action

Film Screening: *Hidden in Plain Sight*

HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

A Documentary on the History
of Black Catholics
in the Archdiocese of Boston



Sunday, February 22 @ 6:30pm
Note the new time!

As part of Black History Month, the Racial Justice Committee will host a showing of the new film *Hidden in Plain Sight: The History of Black Catholics in Boston*. Produced by the Archdiocese, the film sheds light on the history of Black Catholics through insightful interviews with members of Boston's Black Catholic community. After the half-hour screening, a small panel will reflect on the themes of the documentary and share their insights and lived experiences. There will be time for Q&A, and a light supper will be offered. **RSVP is strongly encouraged so we can plan on seating and food.**

RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/HiddenInPlainSightScreenings>
Be sure to click on the St. Ignatius screening to RSVP

St. Ignatius Concert Series

Friday, February 20 @ 7pm

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Project Rachel

Post-Abortion Healing Retreats *February 28, April 11, May 16*

Are you – or someone you know – seeking peace after an abortion? The **Project Rachel** ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women experiencing regret from a past abortion to attend a **Come to the Waters of Healing** one-day retreat.

Upcoming retreats are Saturday, February 28 (Greater Boston), Saturday, April 11 (Merrimack Valley), and Saturday, May 16 (Boston/South). Locations are confidential. More information is available at projectrachelboston.com/retreats.

To register, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

Together We Are One

Catholic Appeal 2026

Once a year, Catholics throughout the Archdiocese are asked to support the greater church by giving a gift to the Catholic Appeal. Just as our weekly collection supports parish expenses, initiatives and programs, the Catholic Appeal helps fund services that are essential to our parishes, schools and the greater community. Each of us is responsible not only for the wellbeing of our parish, but also for the wellbeing of the Church throughout our Archdiocese. In preparation, we invite you to prayerfully consider making a generous gift. To make an online pledge, please visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of the 2026 Catholic Appeal.

Law, Conscience & Migration Today

Interdisciplinary Conference at BC

February 19–20 | Gasson 100 & North Stokes 203

Please register to attend @ bit.ly/4qPcw58

This interdisciplinary conference explores the complex dynamics of contemporary migration with a focus on our local and national contexts. It will provide policy updates, undertake theological and ethical analyses, and consider responses to the rapidly evolving reality of migration today.

Welcome!

Saint Ignatius of Loyola Parish

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday: 10am - 1pm, 2pm - 4pm; Closed Saturdays and Sundays

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturdays at 3-3:45pm in the Upper Church/Lower Church or by appointment.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA): For adults seeking Baptism, and/or Confirmation, contact the Parish Office.

Baptism: For infant and young child Baptisms, contact Sr. Diane Vallerio.

First Communion: Preparation begins in grade 1 and includes classes, retreats, and home instruction. Children receive First Communion in grade 2. For further information, contact Liz Turnwald.

Confirmation: Preparation begins in 7th grade; students are confirmed after their second year of Confirmation prep.

For further information, contact Liz Turnwald.

Matrimony/Wedding: Parishioners, BC Alumni, and non-parishioners are welcome to be married at St. Ignatius. Contact our Office Manager, Carol Russo, for available dates and details.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the parish office.

Sacramental Forms/Letters

Please note that you must be registered for at least six months before we can issue any verification of your status as a parishioner for godparent/sponsor letters, or permission for marriage, baptism, or confirmation in another parish.

Creating a Safe Environment at St. Ignatius
stignatiuschestnuthill.org/creating-a-safe-environment

Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Team

Liz Turnwald | Kathy Maher
Helena Alfonzo | Trudy Good

St. Ignatius Parish Team

Rev. John Wronski, SJ, Pastor

Rev. Matthew Cassidy, SJ, Parochial Vicar

Victor Yanez, SJ, Deacon

Carol Russo, Office Manager

Janet Kaduboski, Business Manager

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Liz Turnwald, Director of Faith Formation

Natalia Dilan, Youth Ministry Coordinator

Sr. Diane Vallerio, MFIC

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Allyn McCourt, Director of Music Ministries

Kathy Maher

Spiritual Life and Ignatian Programs Coordinator

Chase Hockema, Print and Digital Media Coordinator

Following Archdiocesan online security guidelines, we have removed email addresses from our parish bulletin to avoid the danger of potential phishing scams. If you need a staff member's email address or contact information for a parish group or ministry, please contact the Parish Office and we will be happy to share the appropriate information!

Contact the Parish Office for more information about anything in today's bulletin.

Get Involved!

The many St. Ignatius commissions, committees, and volunteer roles always welcome new members!

Peace, Justice & Reconciliation	Liturgy Commission
<i>Green Team</i>	Music Ministries
<i>Racial Justice Committee</i>	Lectors, Greeters,
<i>Immigration Committee</i>	Eucharistic Ministers
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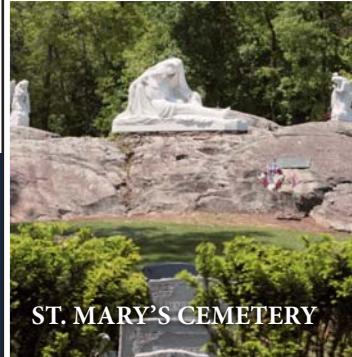
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