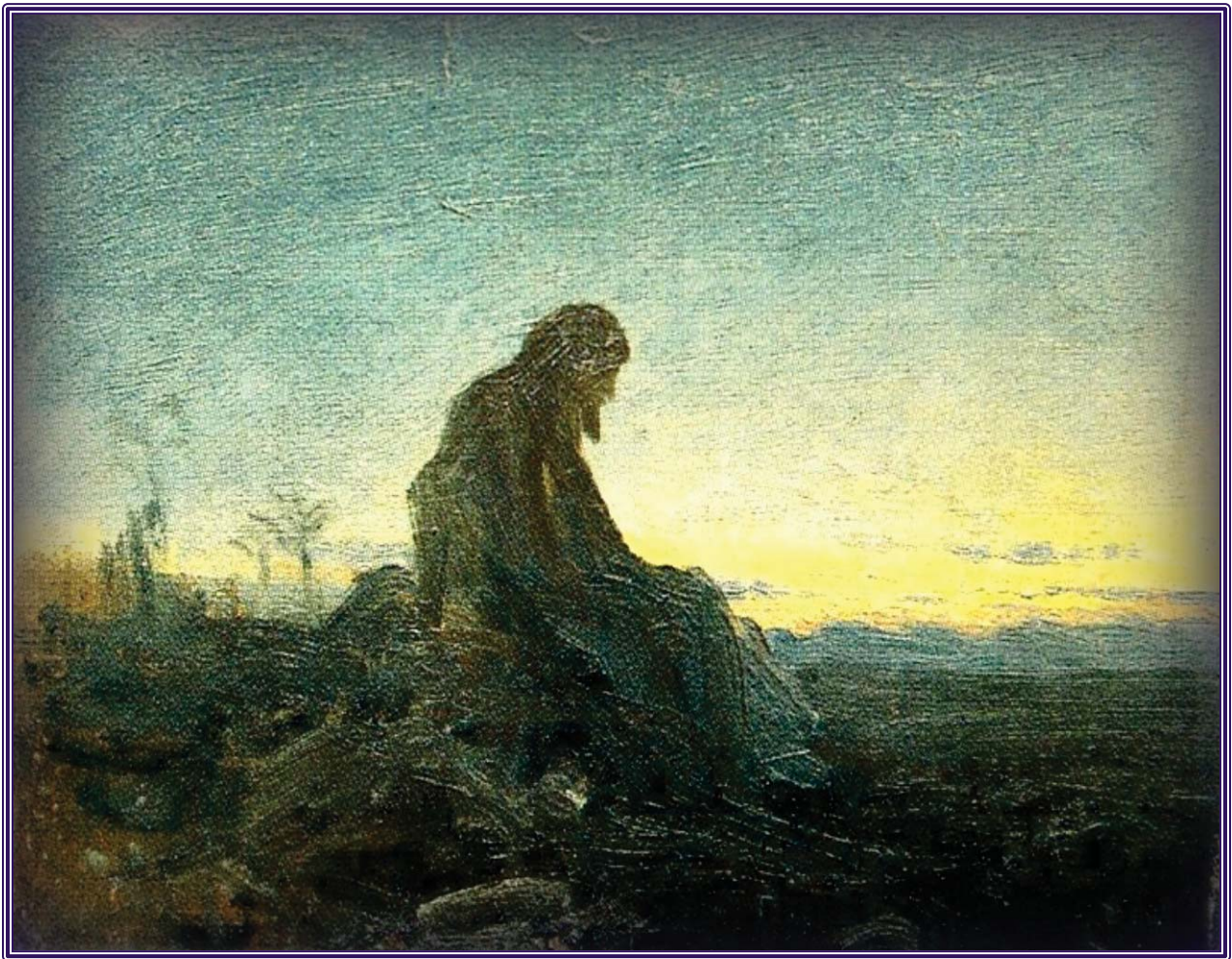


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First Sunday of Lent

Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

March 9th, 2025



God called Jesus and calls us to something greater
amid the sacrifices we make.

Del mismo modo que Dios llamó a Jesús, nos llama a algo más grande
en medio de los sacrificios que hacemos.

First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025

Deuteronomy 26:4–10 • Romans 10:8–13 •

Luke 4:1–13

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

Please keep in your prayers:

Saturday, March 8

5pm Shaun B. Harris

Sunday, March 9

10:30am Benjamin Clancy

5pm Robert DiFrancesco

Monday, March 10

5:30pm Kathleen M. Leary

Wednesday, March 12

5:30pm Mark Walsh

Thursday, March 13

5:30pm Daniel Donovan

Friday, March 14

5:30pm Denise Kelley

St. Ignatius Concert Series

Saturday, March 15 at 7pm



The concert is free and open to the public. There is an optional \$20 donation at the door.

2 1st Sunday of Lent

Reflection on the Readings

Peace, Justice & Reconciliation Reflection

Today's readings invite us to think about our relationship with our possessions. In the Gospel, Satan offers Jesus power and material wealth in the world, but Christ knows to reject this temptation. By contrast, in the Old Testament, the people are told to take their finest gifts and offer them instead to God, and to share their bounty with "the aliens who reside among you" (v11).

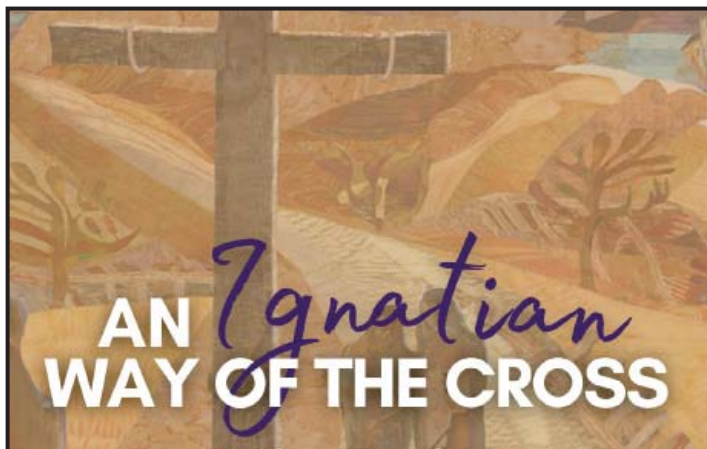
Our offering should extend the act of worship into the realm of justice. As worshipers, we are to ensure that marginalized groups—those without land or resources—benefit from the community's abundance that God has provided. We are tempted daily by *things* in this world, and those in power seem to pursue their own gain over the needs of the vulnerable. We are lured with ever-new possessions that pollute and destroy the earth we share with all, and we are led to believe that desperate people fleeing their homelands are not also God's people in need of our help. Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to a similar temptation now. As we begin our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation and to reject power and wealth at the expense of others.

— by Alan Stern & Ann Arnold, Green Team

Ignatian Way of the Cross

Friday, March 14 at 6:15pm

Our first Lenten Stations of the Cross draws on the Examen of St. Ignatius of Loyola to meditate on Christ's journey to Golgotha. This contemplative program uses Scripture, art, reflections, and music to guide our prayer as we travel together along the Way of the Cross.



Carta del Párroco

Queridos amigos en el Señor:

Esta semana comenzamos nuestro camino de Cuaresma, que es una preparación de cuarenta días para la renovación de nuestras promesas bautismales en Pascua. Comenzamos con cenizas en la frente y terminamos la temporada bendecidos por las aguas del bautismo. Las cenizas nos recuerdan que somos criaturas mortales formadas de la tierra. Me gusta pensar que las aguas del bautismo se mezclan con el polvo que somos, formando una arcilla moldeable que Dios moldea en una nueva creación. A través de los sacramentos de Pascua se nos da nueva vida con Cristo, nos llenamos del Espíritu y somos enviados por Dios para renovar la faz de la tierra.

La señal externa de las cenizas en nuestra frente nos anima a vernos unos a otros como hijos de Dios que luchan con las mismas limitaciones, sueños y deseos. Todos somos hermanos y hermanas que compartimos un viaje y un destino común. Hacemos el viaje de Cuaresma juntos como comunidad, de manera muy similar a como los israelitas viajaron juntos a través del desierto hacia la Tierra Prometida y, también, como los discípulos viajaron juntos con Jesús en el camino a Jerusalén.

El boletín de hoy está repleto de oportunidades para enriquecer nuestro camino cuaresmal parroquial. Espero que consideren participar en uno de los programas ofrecidos por el Equipo Verde, el Comité de Inmigración, el Comité de Justicia Racial o el Comité LGBTQ. ¡Hay tantas formas en las que podemos recorrer juntos el camino hacia la Pascua! La Comisión de Liturgia, los Ministerios de Divulgación, la Comisión de Vida Espiritual, la Comisión de Formación de la Fe y el Ministerio de Música también han estado trabajando arduamente para preparar oportunidades para el camino cuaresmal de nuestra parroquia. Por último, tal vez esta Cuaresma sea una oportunidad para que usted discierna si es llamado a unirse al Consejo Pastoral Parroquial. Estamos aceptando nominaciones para cubrir las vacantes del consejo del próximo año.

Bendiciones,
P. John

Letter from the Pastor

Dear Friends in the Lord,

This week we begin our journey through the season of Lent, a forty-day preparation for the renewal of our baptismal promises at Easter. We start with ashes on our foreheads and end the season blessed by the waters of baptism. The ashes remind us that we are mortal creatures fashioned out of the earth. I like to think that the waters of baptism mix with the dust that we are, forming a pliable clay that God shapes into a new creation. Through the Easter Sacraments we are given new life with Christ, we are filled with the Spirit, and we are sent by God to renew the face of the earth.

The outward sign of ashes on our foreheads encourages us to look upon each other as children of God who struggle with the same limitations, dreams, and desires. We are all brothers and sisters who share a common journey and destiny. We make the Lenten journey together as a community much like the Israelites journeyed together through the desert to the Promised Land and like the disciples traveled together with Jesus on the road to Jerusalem.

Today's bulletin is packed with opportunities to enrich our parish Lenten journey. I hope you'll consider participating in one of the programs offered by the Green Team, the Immigration Committee, the Racial Justice Committee, or the LGBTQ Committee. There are so many ways that we can travel the road to Easter together! The Liturgy Commission, Outreach Ministries, Spiritual Life Commission, Faith Formation Commission, and Music Ministry have also been hard at work preparing opportunities for our parish's Lenten journey. Finally, perhaps this Lent will be a time for you to discern a call to join the Parish Pastoral Council which is accepting nominations to fill vacancies for next year's council.

Blessings,
Fr. John

Parish Pastoral Council

Seeking Nominations for PPC 2025–26

The St. Ignatius Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is seeking to fill vacancies for next year's council (September 2025 start). The PPC shares in pastoral leadership with our Pastor in assessing the needs of the parish, ways of meeting those needs, as well as planning for the future.

There are several reasons to consider serving on the PPC. First is the unique opportunity to share in prayerful, discerning leadership with the Pastor to embrace the mission of St. Ignatius. Second, in working with the Finance Council and the various Parish Commissions, the PPC helps to coordinate the many activities and initiatives that enrich the lives of St. Ignatius' parishioners. Third is the blessing of growing spiritually in a small group of dedicated council members who are committed to work collaboratively with the Pastor, attempting to bring genuine synodality to the parish.

We need members who possess an open mind and heart. As a Council, we strive to discern the will of the Holy Spirit for our parish community.

As you pray, please consider nominating yourself or someone you think might be willing to serve on the PPC. To aid in your discernment, we suggest you review the PPC bylaws found on our webpage [<https://www.stignatiuschestnuthill.org/parish-pastoral-council>]. There you will learn about the PPC's duties and responsibilities as well as how we proceed as a council.

If you would like to learn more about this opportunity, please send an email message to pastoralcouncil@bc.edu as soon as possible. A member of the Council will then contact you to describe the work of the PPC and answer your questions.

If you would like to nominate yourself, please send to this same email address a brief description of your background, your parish activities, and the reasons you would like to serve on the PPC.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Immigration Committee

Our next meeting will take place on

Tuesday, March 11 @ 7pm via Zoom

Everybody is invited to participate.

To obtain the agenda and link, contact:
Rita Rodriguez through the Parish Office
(ignatius@bc.edu)

Transgender Day of Visibility Interfaith Service

March 30 from 2–3pm

St. Ignatius Parish

Celebrate trans visibility through prayer, music, and reflections with many faith communities.

All are welcome!

An Evening of Sacred Stories

Friday, March 14 @ 6:30pm

St. Cecilia Parish

The Greater Boston LGBTQIA Catholic Collective invites you to join in a celebration of diversity, equity, and inclusion through storytelling, music, and art! Refreshments will be served. If interested in participating, email greaterbostonLGBTQIAcatholics@gmail.com

19th Annotation

September 10, 2025–May 13, 2026

Zoom and in-person

The 19th Annotation of St. Ignatius of Loyola's Spiritual Exercises is a retreat in daily life that consists of an eight-month program of prayer following a pattern of meditation, contemplation, and scripture reading. Through this experience, retreatants come to a greater awareness of God's presence in their lives. **Registration is required.**

Visit <https://bit.ly/19thAnnotation> for the detailed schedule and application link, or contact the Parish Office.

- Commitment of one hour a day of private prayer
- Weekly meetings with your spiritual guide or entire cohort
- **No participation fee!**

Service Shout-out

A huge thank-you to our amazing service crew who volunteered with Catholic Charities at the Yawkey Food Pantry in Dorchester last Saturday!

Together with another volunteer group, we packed around 1,300 bags of food that will be delivered to families and individuals in the Greater Boston area who need them.



The Scrutinies

- March 22 @ 10:30am—First Scrutiny
- March 30 @ 5:00pm—Second Scrutiny
- April 6 @ 10:30am—Third Scrutiny

The Scrutinies will take place at three Masses during Lent. These are special rites that help prepare the Elect, those catechumens in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), to enter the Catholic Church. The Elect participate in the Scrutinies as they prepare to receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

Lent offers us a period of self-reflection and examination for the Elect, as well as for those of us already living the Catholic faith. The Scrutinies offer to each of us the space to take stock of our spiritual lives and to pray especially for those who are seeking to join our community, that the Holy Spirit may empower them to become like Jesus Christ.

CRS Rice Bowls



It Started with a Desire to Make a Difference:

In 1975, Catholics in Allentown, Pennsylvania, prayed, fasted and gave alms to help people suffering from famine in the Sahel region of Africa—marking the beginning of what would become CRS Rice Bowl.

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In the 50 years since, CRS has been deeply moved by the commitment and impact you've had on this shared mission. CRS Rice Bowl has been proud to bring stories of hope to you and your family—stories about how our sisters and brothers are engaged in activities that break the cycle of hunger and build health and resilience.

Today our world faces a food crisis like never before and our prayers and almsgiving are as important as ever. After effects of COVID-19, conflicts and wars, climate change, and the rising cost of food continue to exacerbate the current food crisis. Now, millions of people are living without access to the food they need to live a healthy life. Over the next 40 days, we're going to meet families in Nigeria, Guatemala and Bangladesh who don't have enough to eat. We must come together to hear their stories and address this urgent need—because everyone deserves plenty to eat.

Outreach Ministries

It's Socks Time Again!

Our annual March socks drive for clients of Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program will be on two weekends—March 15–16 and March 22–23. The request is for new white socks for women and men, including diabetic socks. Donations can be dropped into the boxes in the Gathering Space of the upper church or you can order online and have the socks delivered directly to St. Ignatius Parish.

Project Bread Walk for Hunger Registration

TEAM IGNATIUS is all set up and ready for new members or donations. A reminder that the Walk is now three miles long, three times around the Boston Common on an off-street pathway. Save the date: Sunday, May 4th.

Welcome!

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Sacraments

St. Ignatius Parish Team

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

Order of Christian Initiation for 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 9th grade; students are confirmed in the spring of 10th grade. 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.

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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.

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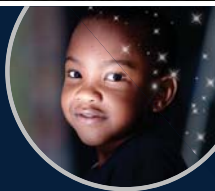
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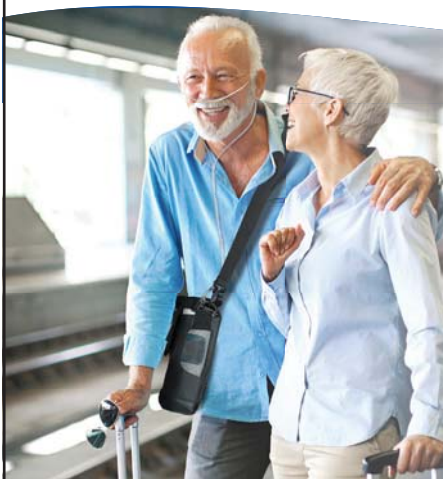
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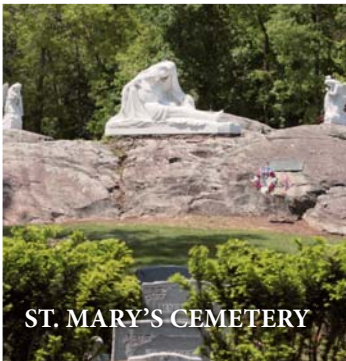


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