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DECEMBER 28, 2025

MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

MARÍA, MADRE DE DIOS

JANUARY 1, 2026



## Feast of the Holy Family

December 28, 2025

Sirach 3:2–6, 12–14 • Colossians 3:12–21 •  
Matthew 2:13–15, 19–23

### 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, December 27*

4pm Dr. Francis X. Rockett

*Sunday, December 28*

10:30am Catherine Miskul

5pm Seog Won Park

*Monday, December 29*

5:30pm Carol Hurd Green

*Tuesday, December 30*

5:30pm Alberto Rosales and Isa Romero

*Thursday, January 1*

5:30pm Joan Hallisey

*Friday, January 2*

5:30pm Robert S. Farrington, Esq.

*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.*

## New Year's Schedule

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, January 1. We will be open December 29–31 and January 2.

There will be a 5:30pm New Year's Day Mass.  
There will be NO Adoration on Thursday, New Year's Day.

**2 Holy Family Sunday**

## Reflection on the Reading

The Holy Family's own beginnings, flight for safety, and everyday life mirror the struggles and challenges many families face today. God, in placing His Son within this Holy Family, underscores family as a sacred space where God's grace is experienced and nourished.

What Jesus learned from His Holy Family helped him model a love that would change the world forever. It is the love Paul describes to the Colossians, and it is the love that we are asked to bring to others today: the love of heartfelt compassion, kindness, gentleness, humility, patience, bearing with and forgiving one another always.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, let us commit ourselves to strive to love all others, especially those with whom we live. Commit ourselves to be forgiving and to walk with our ever-broader family—the communities of which we are a part. Commit to love, to show compassion, and to care for those who experience the pain and uncertainties of leaving the countries where they were born—that they too may experience God's grace and nourishment as the Holy Family did in their journey.

— by Deborah Whalen, member of the Immigration Committee



*Holy Family of the Streets*, Kelly Latimore

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
in you we contemplate  
the splendour of true love,  
to you we turn with trust.  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
graciously hear our prayer.

*from Pope Francis' Prayer for the Synod on the Family, 2013*

## Gift Drive 2025

**Thank you so much for your generosity in this year's Drive!** You have made Christmastime very special and memorable for over 600 children and adults. And a huge thanks to all the "elves" who sorted, tagged, and packed the gifts.

### Learn more about the friends we served through our Gift Drive:

You were incredibly generous with donations of gifts for our ministry partners. Now, it's good for us to remember that there is great need all year long. Check out the websites of our partners to see what else they do for those in need. You may find that you'd like to continue supporting one of them, with donations and/or volunteering your time and talents.

**HEARTH FOR HOMELESS ELDERS** is a local non-profit dedicated to the elimination of homelessness among the elderly. Each of the nine residents at **Ruth Cowin House**, after years of not having a home, lives in a fully furnished studio apartment with kitchenette.

[www.hearth-home.org](http://www.hearth-home.org)

**JULIE'S FAMILY LEARNING PROGRAM** in South Boston offers free access to life-changing resources that support mothers and their families as they continue their education, prepare for careers, develop parenting skills and strengthen personal resiliency qualities while they build greater stability in their families' lives and work towards their hopes and dreams.

[www.juliesfamily.org](http://www.juliesfamily.org)

**PINE STREET INN SHATTUCK SHELTER AND STABILIZATION UNIT** provides men with clean and safe lodging, nutritious meals, clothing, medical care and programs to develop life skills, to find employment and affordable housing and to treat substance abuse.

[www.pinestreetinn.org](http://www.pinestreetinn.org)

**THE FAMILY VAN** is a mobile clinic that makes weekly rounds through inner-city neighborhoods, providing adult and child health care, counseling, baby food and HOPE.

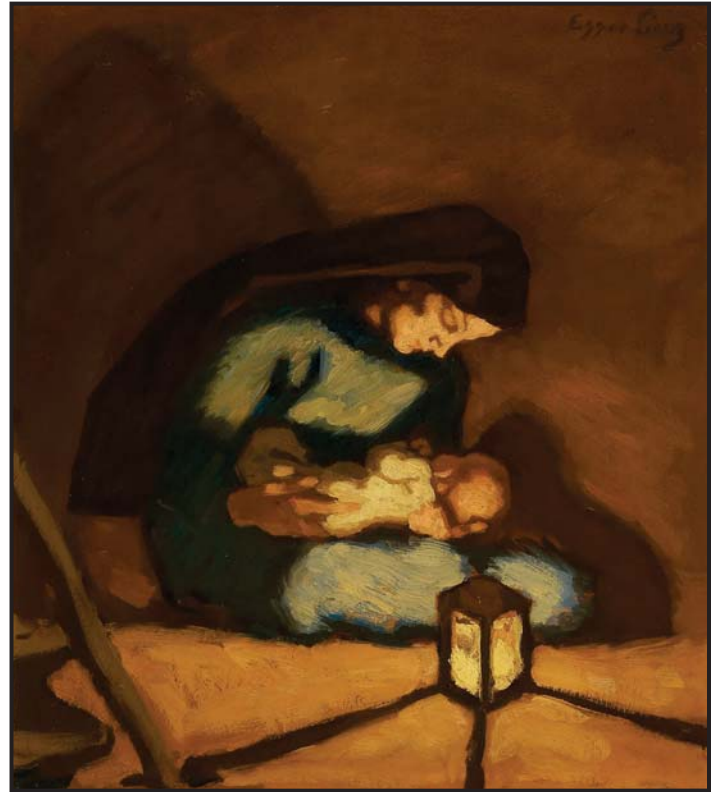
[www.familyvan.org](http://www.familyvan.org)

**Thank you again for all your support of St. Ignatius' Outreach Ministries Commission in 2025!**

## Solemnity of Mary

**Thursday, January 1**

We celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, at **daily 5:30pm Mass on Thursday, January 1**. The **daily 5:30pm Mass on December 31 will be a Vigil Mass** for the Solemnity, as well. Both Masses will be held in the **Lannon Chapel**.



*Madonna mit Kind*, Albin Egger-Lienz (1921)

### THEOTOKOS

*by Malcolm Guite*

You bore for me the One who came to bless  
And bear for all and make the broken whole.  
You heard His call and in your open 'yes'  
You spoke aloud for every living soul.  
Oh gracious Lady, child of your own child,  
Whose mother-love still calls the child in me,  
Call me again, for I am lost, and wild  
Waves surround me now. On this dark sea  
Shine as a star and call me to the shore.  
Open the door that all my sins would close  
And hold me in your garden. Let me share  
The prayer that folds the petals of the Rose.  
Enfold me too in Love's last mystery  
And bring me to the One you bore for me.

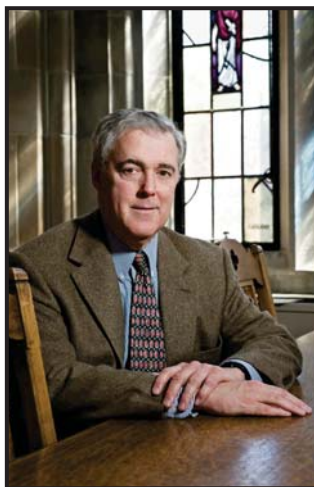


## Centennial Series with Professor James O'Toole

### A History of St. Ignatius Parish Sunday, January 11 @ 2pm

Join us for the first of our Centennial Series Events on January 11: ***A History of St. Ignatius Parish*** with Boston College professor James O'Toole.

Professor O'Toole will dive into two key moments in the life of our parish: the **foundation of the parish in 1926**, and the **construction of the church building in 1949**. Learn the story of how St. Ignatius came to exist, as we continue pilgriming together on the road of hope.



*Outdoor Creche with BC's Gasson Hall in the background (pre-1950s):* St. Ignatius' earliest Christmas celebrations took place among the buildings of Boston College, as we gathered in Bapst Library or St. Mary's Chapel.



**Share your History,  
Shape our Future**

<https://bit.ly/IgnatiusCentennial2026>

We invite you share photos, videos, or stories about your time at St. Ignatius to remember our past—and we ask that you consider supporting St. Ignatius so we can build together for the next 100 years!

*If you need any assistance scanning or submitting your photos, contact Chase Hockema at [ignatius@bc.edu](mailto:ignatius@bc.edu).*



**4 Holy Family Sunday**

## End-of-Year Giving

St. Ignatius relies on the generosity of our parishioners to maintain year-round programming, to make the vital repairs you can see going on around the church, and to continue our outreach ministries to those in need.

As we approach the end of the year, we hope that you will prayerfully consider making a year-end gift to St. Ignatius or setting up recurring giving through our online eGive portal. Your support can help sustain our parish as we look forward to the next hundred years of St. Ignatius!



**eGive Portal:**

<https://bit.ly/IgnatiusGiveNow>

## Before You Leave Mass!

This season is one of the busiest times of the year at St. Ignatius, and we need your help to keep our parish clean:

1. check your surroundings for all your belongings (hats, gloves, coats, water bottles, etc)
2. return your worship aids to the tables at each door
3. dispose of any trash in the bins at the main entrance

**Thank you for your help!**

## Join Us!

**Next Racial Justice Committee Meeting:  
Thursday, January 8 @ 7pm via Zoom**

**Sign Up here:**

<https://forms.gle/SqezPYiujsLBdig69>

The Racial Justice Committee invites you to connect with us, collaborate with us, share resources with us as we focus on Catholic Social Teaching in our upcoming 2026 meetings.

**We desire to increase our understanding of what Catholic Social Teaching asks us to do in the context of today's America.** We value everyone's input, experiences, and learnings as we explore further and gain additional insight into the implications of our faith in response to current happenings.

## Shattuck Fourth Tuesday

**Just a reminder that there is NO Shattuck Fourth Tuesday this month.**

We'll pick up again in January.

Thanks for a year's worth of great, much appreciated desserts!

## Immigration Lawyers Needed

**The Immigration Committee is seeking to facilitate the availability of immigration lawyers to immigrants with limited resources.**

If you are interested or know someone who might be, contact Rita Rodriguez through the Parish Office.

## Spirituality of Communion

**Sunday, January 11 following the 5pm Mass**

The Spirituality of Communion group has been reading *The Art of Loving* by Chiara Lubich together. They invite you to join them for **dinner and conversation from 6pm to 7:45pm.**

**Sign up or learn more here:**

[https://linktr.ee/Spirituality\\_of\\_Communion](https://linktr.ee/Spirituality_of_Communion)

## A New Year's Prayer

God of all time,  
help us enter the New Year quietly,  
thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others,  
mindful that our steps make an impact  
and our words carry power.

May we walk gently.  
May we speak only after we have listened well.

Creator of all life,  
help us enter the New Year reverently,  
aware that you have endowed  
every creature and plant, every person and habitat  
with beauty and purpose.

May we regard the world with tenderness.  
May we honor rather than destroy.

Lover of all souls,  
help us enter the New Year joyfully,  
willing to laugh and dance and dream,  
remembering our many gifts with thanks  
and looking forward to blessings yet to come.

May we welcome your lavish love.  
May we cast off the small, vindictive god our fears  
have made.  
May the grace and peace of Christ bless us now and  
in the days ahead.

— by Vinita Hampton Wright

## St. Ignatius Women's Retreat

**March 6–8, 2026**

The annual **St. Ignatius Women's Retreat** will be held **March 6-8, 2026** at the Connors Center in Dover. Sr. Barbara Quinn will guide us as we continue to journey together as Pilgrims of Hope. Join us for a weekend of prayer, reflection, and conversation with other women of faith at this beautiful location.

**The cost for the weekend is \$400.** Registration opens January 4, 2026. If you wish to give the gift of a retreat to a friend or loved one at Christmas, or for further information about the retreat, please contact Kathy Maher through the Parish Office ([ignatius@bc.edu](mailto:ignatius@bc.edu)).



# 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](http://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

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Director of Outreach Ministries

**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

*Green Team*

*Racial Justice Committee*

*Immigration Committee*

*LGBTQ+ Committee*

Liturgy Commission

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Outreach Commission

*Contact the Parish Office for more information!*





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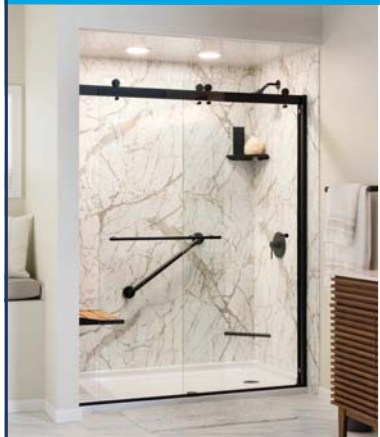
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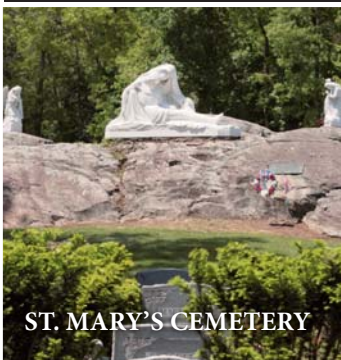
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