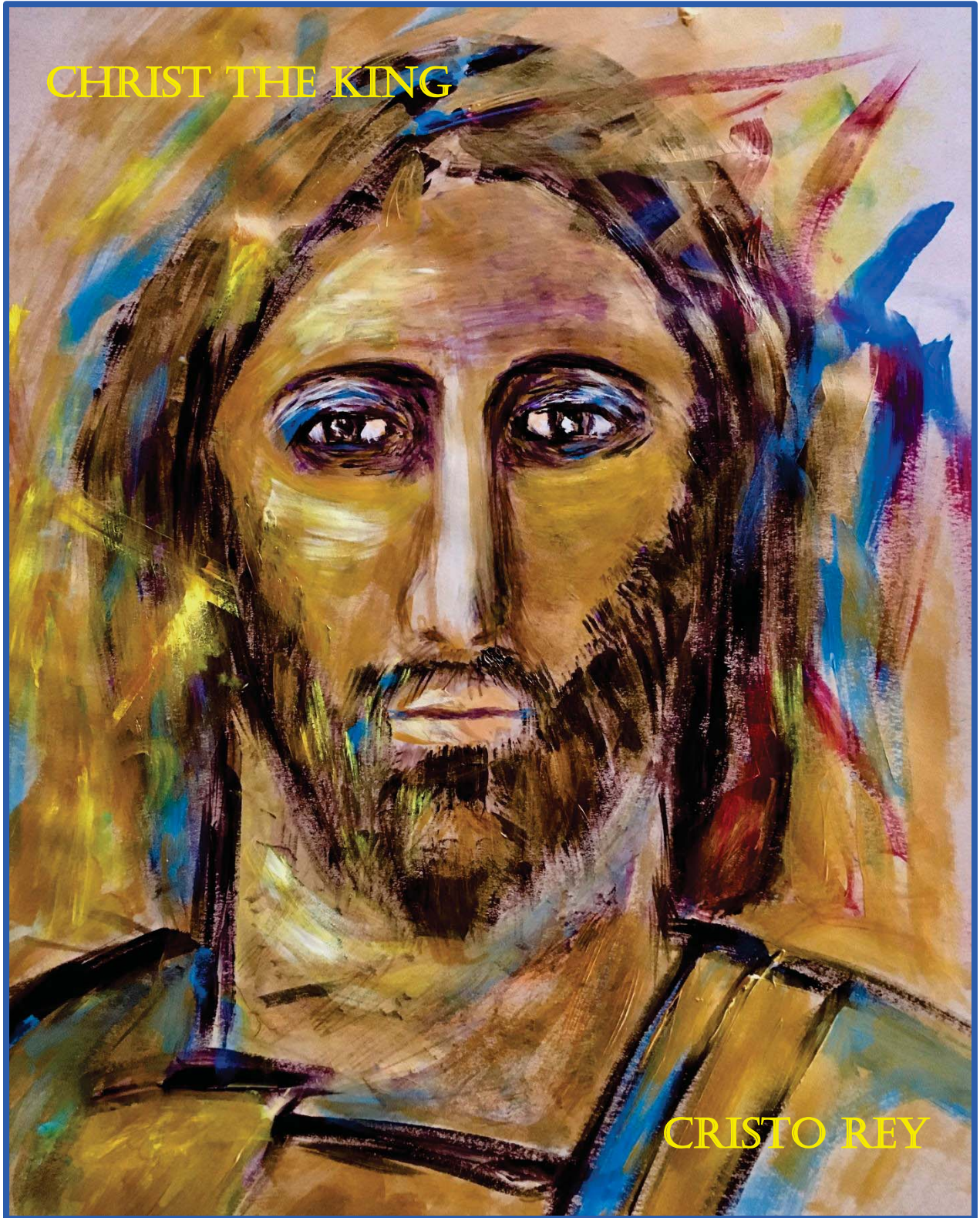


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NOVEMBER 23rd, 2025

CHRIST THE KING



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Solemnity of Christ the King

November 23, 2025

2 Sam 5:1–3 • Col 1:12–20 •

Luke 23:35–43

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, November 22

4pm Richard Scudellari

Sunday, November 23

10:30am Maryann Boyd

Wednesday, November 26

5:30pm Elaine M. Burns

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.

This month, we keep in our prayers all of our deceased loved ones whose names are written in our Book of Remembrance and placed on our Mary altar. Be sure to collect your photos after Thanksgiving.

Thank You to Our Funeral Ministry

In this month of Remembrance, St. Ignatius expresses our sincere gratitude for our dedicated Funeral Ministry members. At a funeral, these volunteers prepare the church, serve as ministers, and offer solace and support to the family and loved ones of the deceased when they need it most. They welcome the bereaved family members to St. Ignatius with love and kindness.

We thank Eileen Faggiano, Joe Galeota, Joe Zolner, Mark Neylon, and Mimi Costa for being witnesses to God's love during a difficult time.

Reflection on the Reading

Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Savior of all.

Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Savior of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, are invited to see that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Savior of all.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Happy Thanksgiving from St. Ignatius!

The Parish Office will be closed
on Thanksgiving Day and Black Friday.

There will be 10am Mass on Thanksgiving,
but NO 5:30pm Mass on Thursday or Friday.

We thank you, God our Father,
for the shelter and comfort of our homes;
for the love and companionship of our family and friends;
for our health, and our many gifts and abilities;
and for all the blessings which we take for granted.
Hear our prayer for all who are less fortunate than we are
and bless those who work to help them.
For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

By Fr. Adrian Porter, SJ

Start your Thanksgiving dinner with a prayer!

Gather your family and have someone lead the prayer, expressing gratitude for blessings like food, family, and each other. You can also pray for those who are absent or for the less fortunate.

“Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.”

Carta del Párroco

Queridos amigos en el Señor:

Esta época del año me hace recordar mucho las enseñanzas de San Ignacio de Loyola sobre la importancia de la gratitud en la vida espiritual:

“A la luz de la bondad divina, aunque otros puedan pensar de otra manera, me parece que la ingratitud es el más abominable de los pecados y que debe ser detestada a los ojos de nuestro Creador y Señor por todas sus criaturas que son capaces de disfrutar de su gloria divina y eterna. Porque es un olvido de los beneficios y bendiciones recibidos. Como tal, es la causa, el comienzo y el origen de todos los pecados y desgracias. Por el contrario, el reconocimiento agradecido de las bendiciones y los dones recibidos es amado y estimado no solo en la tierra, sino también en el cielo”. [*Las cartas de San Ignacio de Loyola*, William J. Young, S.J., Chicago, 1959]

La gratitud es la oración más básica y esencial. Sí, la vida espiritual se basa en la conciencia de que toda vida es un don de Dios. Cuando vivimos cada día con espíritu de gratitud, vemos el mundo enteramente diferente. La gratitud nos llama a la conversión y a una vida vivida para y con los demás. Comenzar y terminar cada día con una oración de gratitud nos ayuda a reconocer los dones que Dios nos ha dado para compartir con el mundo. La gratitud también nos ayuda a discernir la llamada de Dios y a responderle con un corazón ardiente. La gratitud siempre nos conduce a la generosidad. Nos llena del santo deseo de ser generosos sin importar el costo, de luchar sin miedo a las heridas, de trabajar sin descanso, de esforzarnos sin pedir recompensa.

En este Día de Acción de Gracias, estoy profundamente agradecido por el privilegio de servir como su párroco. Sus sonrisas, lágrimas, oraciones, sueños, éxitos y luchas llenan mi corazón y mi mente cada noche cuando repaso mi día con Dios. Gracias por compartir conmigo su fe, su esperanza y su amor.

Bendiciones,
P. John

Letter from the Pastor

Dear Friends in the Lord,

At this time of year, I often think of St. Ignatius Loyola's teaching about the importance of gratitude in the spiritual life:

“It seems to me in the light of the Divine Goodness, although others may think differently, that ingratitude is the most abominable of sins and that it should be detested in the sight of our Creator and Lord by all of His creatures who are capable of enjoying His divine and everlasting glory. For it is a forgetting of the gracious benefits and blessings received. As such it is the cause, beginning, and origin of all sins and misfortunes. On the contrary, the grateful acknowledgment of blessings and gifts received is loved and esteemed not only on earth but in heaven.” [*The Letters of St. Ignatius of Loyola*, William J. Young, S.J., Chicago, 1959]

Gratitude is the most basic and essential prayer. The spiritual life is grounded in the awareness that all of life is a gift from God. When we live each day in a spirit of gratitude the whole world looks different. Gratitude calls us to conversion and to a life lived for and with others. Starting and ending each day with a prayer of gratitude helps us to recognize the gifts God has given us to share with the world. Gratitude helps us to discern God's call and respond with hearts on fire. Gratitude always leads to generosity. It fills us with the holy desire to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward.

This Thanksgiving I am deeply grateful for the privilege of serving as your pastor. Your smiles, tears, prayers, dreams, successes, and struggles fill my heart and mind each night as I reflect on my day with God. Thank you for sharing with me your faith, your hope, and your love.

Blessings,
Fr. John

One Church—One Family *Catholic Public Witness for Immigrants*

“To our immigrant brothers and sisters, we stand with you in your suffering, since, when one member suffers, all suffer (1 Cor. 12:26). You are not alone!”

*U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops,
Special Pastoral Message on Immigration, November 12, 2025*

On November 12, St. Ignatius parishioners and Fr. John participated again in the “Bearing Witness @ ICE-Burlington Vigil” taking place there every Wednesday. The *One Church—One Family* Catholic Public Witness campaign, (co-sponsored by Jesuits East, Jesuit Refugee Service, and the Ignatian Solidarity Network) calls parishes to host public actions that lift up the dignity of migrants — especially in the places where that dignity is most often denied.

The next St. Ignatius Catholic Public Witness for Immigrants at Burlington-ICE will be on **Wednesday December 3rd, 11am–1pm**. We will gather the St Ignatius group at 10:45 in the Macy’s parking lot at the Burlington Mall.



Shattuck Fourth Tuesday

Tuesday is Shattuck Fourth. Please drop off your cookies, brownies, or Mandarin oranges in the bins outside the main and parking lot doors of the Parish Office building by 2:30pm. The Shattuck Pine Street Guests very much appreciate your generosity!

Mass of Anointing

Saturday, November 29 | 4pm Mass

There will be a communal Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at the 4pm Mass on Saturday, November 29. All who desire healing of any kind (physical, emotional, psychological, social) are welcome to receive the sacrament.

Racial Justice Committee

Next Meeting:

Thursday, December 4 @ 7pm via Zoom

Sign Up here:

<https://forms.gle/SqezPYiujSLBdig69>

What would Jesus have done if someone had made a racist comment in His presence? How should we, as people of faith, respond to a racist comment (perhaps made during a Thanksgiving meal)?

We will discuss these questions at our next meeting. In preparation, we ask that you read two articles. The first, two pages long, by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, is entitled “Loving Our Neighbor Through Dialogue.” The second, one page long, by St. Ignatius of Loyola, is entitled “St. Ignatius’ Wisdom on Dialogue.”

We invite everyone to participate. If you are not already on our mailing list, sign up using the link above and we will add you to our email list. We will send the two articles in the same email in which we send the zoom link a few days before the meeting.

Second Collection: *Retirement Fund for Women Religious*

Today’s second collection is used to assist religious communities to provide for the retirement and health care needs of sisters who have served in the Archdiocese. Please take this opportunity to say thank you to the sisters who have served the church of Boston so generously for so many years. You can also contribute to this fund online using our eGive portal, selecting “Retirement Fund for Women Religious” from the dropdown menu.

<https://bit.ly/IgnatiusGiveNow>



Christmas Gift Drive

Begins this Weekend

Our annual drive provides Christmas gifts to members of our ministry partners. You are invited to take a tree ornament (or two!) OR go to our Sign-Up Genius (<https://bit.ly/ChristmasGifts2025>) to see additional wishlist items. Then, purchase the requested gift(s) for guests and clients of our ministry partners.

Ornament Ministry Partners:

- Hearth for Homeless Elders
- Nativity Preparatory School
- Julie's Family Learning Program
- Boston Health Care for the Homeless Family Program
- Family Aid
- The Family Van

See the back of the ornament for the gift return procedure.

Sign-Up Genius Ministry Partners:

- Shattuck Shelter/Stabilization Unit
- Boston Health Care for the Homeless

Scan the QR code for the link.



A Prayer for COP30

COP30, the 2025 UN Climate Change Conference, marks the 10th anniversary of both the Paris Agreement and *Laudato Si'*. We join Pope Leo in praying that COP30 be a sign of hope “in the midst of a world that is in flames as a result of both global warming and climate change...”

Lord, You who love us, You who love Your creation,
come and save us!

At a time when so many men and women are already
suffering from the consequences of global warming,
touch our hearts!

At a time when everyone, young and old,
individuals, communities and states, must make
concrete commitments, draw us into Your surge of love!

At a time when all of humanity is called upon to tune up
for its own future, send us Your Spirit!

Lord, You who love us, You who love Your creation,
come and save us!

— prayer for COP30 from the Eco Jesuits

Lessons and Carols

Friday, December 5 @ 6:30pm

**Join the St. Ignatius choirs for an
Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols!**

Sing familiar carols and hear Scripture readings that prepare us for the season ahead, followed by a reception with hot chocolate and cookies in the Friary Room. Bring your favorite cookies to share!



Flower Fund

Remember your loved ones this Christmas!

Our annual Christmas Flower Fund will be open beginning next weekend, the First Sunday of Advent. Help us decorate the church by making a memorial flower donation—fill out the form in the bulletin and return it to the Parish Office or in the collection basket (you may also donate online). An acknowledgment of gratitude and the name of your loved one will appear in the bulletin after Christmas.

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!

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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

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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.**

Peace, Justice, & Reconciliation Commission

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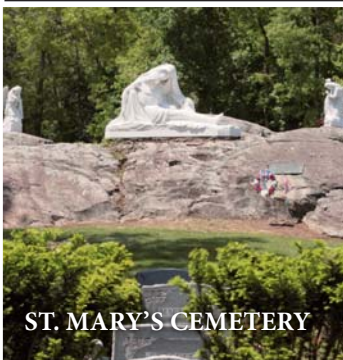
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