

SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PARISH PARROQUIA SAN IGNACIO DE LOYOLA

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

January 18, 2026

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Isaiah 49:3, 5–6 • 1 Corinthians 1:1–3 • John 1:29–34

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:

Sunday, January 18

10:30am David and Joseph Waters

5pm Rosemary Murphy

Monday, January 19

5:30pm Julia Miller

Tuesday, January 20

5:30pm Kathleen S. Clinton

Wednesday, January 21

5:30pm Joanne Delfino

Thursday, January 22

5:30pm John J. Boyle

Friday, January 23

5:30pm Yolanda Brooks

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.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**The Parish Office will be closed on
Monday, January 19 in observance of
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**

There will be daily 5:30pm Mass in the Lannon Chapel.

***“True peace is not merely the absence of
tension; it is the presence of justice.”***

Martin Luther King, Jr., *Stride Toward Freedom* (1958)

Reflection on the Reading

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from the Gospel of John. Last week, we heard about Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Today, we hear John the Baptist's own testimony about who Jesus is. John the Baptist announces that he knows Jesus is the Son of God.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

In Memoriam: a Prayer for Martin Luther King Jr.

Lord, we too desire to
contribute to that
which today
seems impossible:

a humanity reconciled in
justice, that dwells
peaceful in a well cared
for common home,
where there is a place
for all, since we recognize
each other as brothers
and sisters, as sons and
daughters of the same
and only Father.



We confess that we have been slow to believe
and follow you into the newness of your kingdom.
We have created and distrusted our brothers and sisters,
allowing ourselves to be ruled by the divisions
Of race, gender, nation and wealth
that belong to the old order.

Holy and gracious God, pardon our sins
and free our captive imaginations.
Renew us in the power of your love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Arturo Sosa, SJ

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Carta del Párroco

Queridos amigos en el Señor,

El año pasado, por estas fechas, vimos la toma de posesión de un nuevo presidente y rezamos por la unidad y la paz en el nuevo año... Pongo aquí lo que escribí el año pasado en mi carta para el segundo domingo del tiempo ordinario, pues creo que probablemente sigue siendo relevante para nosotros hoy en día:

¿Cómo nos han ayudado el Adviento y la Navidad a prepararnos para los tiempos difíciles que se avecinan, ahora que los resultados de las elecciones de noviembre se reflejan en la vida cotidiana de la gente común? ¿Somos capaces de llevar con nosotros la alegría, la esperanza y la paz de la Navidad en el momento presente? ¿Cómo nos seguirán desafiando y consolando las historias del niño acostado en un pesebre y de la Sagrada Familia huyendo a Egipto en este nuevo año?

Esta semana comenzará con la celebración del Día de Martin Luther King Jr. y terminará con la Marcha por la Vida en Washington, D.C. Conscientes de la larga tradición que se refleja en la Doctrina Social de la Iglesia que afirma que la dignidad de toda vida humana desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural, a los católicos se nos invita a tomar en serio el mensaje de no violencia promovido tanto por el movimiento por la justicia racial como por el movimiento para proteger la dignidad de la vida en el útero. Sin duda, no hay respuestas fáciles a estas complejas cuestiones que han dividido a nuestro país y a nuestra Iglesia. Es por eso que tenemos que seguir trabajando duro para discernir cómo promover el bien común en un mundo lleno de problemas. Nosotros, fieles católicos, contamos con el don de una larga tradición de enseñanza social y discernimiento que debemos estudiar y practicar al enfrentar las numerosas cuestiones morales que se nos plantearán en los días, meses y años venideros.

Comprometámonos a hacer lo que nos corresponde y a no caer en la trampa de creer que los medios de comunicación y los algoritmos de las redes sociales nos mantendrán adecuadamente informados. Los católicos sabemos que la vida es más compleja y matizada de lo que los medios de comunicación populares intentan sugerir, ya que se benefician al mantenernos aislados, enfurecidos y divididos. Nosotros somos amigos de Dios y estamos llamados a ser personas de oración y acción no violenta por la justicia, inspiradas por el Príncipe de la Paz que nació en un pesebre, murió en una cruz y resucitó de entre los muertos. El mismo que, ya resucitado, permanece presente en el mundo y nos dice: “La paz esté con ustedes”.

Bendiciones,
P. John

Letter from the Pastor

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Last year at this time we were watching the inauguration of a new president and praying for unity and peace in the new year. Here's what I wrote last year in my pastor's letter for the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time. I think it's probably still relevant for us today:

How have the seasons of Advent and Christmas helped to prepare us for the challenging times ahead as the results of the November election now play out in the everyday lives of ordinary people? Can we remember to bring the joy, hope, and peace of the Christmas season with us into the present moment? How will the stories of the infant lying in a manger and the Holy Family fleeing to Egypt continue to challenge and console us in this new year?

This week will begin with the observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and end with the March for Life in Washington DC. Informed by our long tradition of Catholic social teaching which insists on the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death, we Catholics are encouraged to take seriously the message of non-violence promoted by both the movement for racial justice and the movement to protect the dignity of life in the womb. There are no easy answers to these complex issues that have divided our country and our Church. We need to keep doing the hard work of discerning how to promote the common good in a complicated world. We Catholics have been given the gift of a long tradition of social teaching and discernment that we need to study and practice as we face the many moral issues that will present themselves in the days, months, and years ahead.

Let's commit to doing our homework and not falling into the trap of thinking that cable news networks and social media algorithms will keep us adequately informed. We Catholics know that life is more complicated and nuanced than popular media outlets try to suggest as they turn a profit by keeping us siloed, enraged, and divided. We are friends of God. We are called to be prayerful people of non-violent action for justice inspired by the Prince of Peace who was born in a manger, died on a cross, and rose from the dead with the words “Peace be with you” forever on the lips of his risen body alive and present in the world.

Blessings,
Fr. John

Centennial Series *with Professor James O'Toole*

Thank you to everyone who came out for our first Centennial Series event! If you couldn't make it in person, a recording of Professor O'Toole's talk has been posted on our website and YouTube channel.

Watch here:

<https://youtu.be/Kjk5lWTONeg>



Second Collection: Church in Latin America

January 24–25

Next week's second collection supports the Church in Latin America (CLA). The CLA provides support for pastoral projects in financially poorer dioceses in Latin America and the Caribbean. CLA fund catechetical and lay leadership programs, youth ministry, evangelization programs, and formation programs for religious, priests, and deacons. CLA is making it possible for the Catholic faithful in the Western hemisphere to help each other.

Visit www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/latin-america/index.cfm for more information.

Shattuck Fourth Tuesday

**Shattuck Fourth resumes this month,
on Tuesday, January 27!**

Thank You!

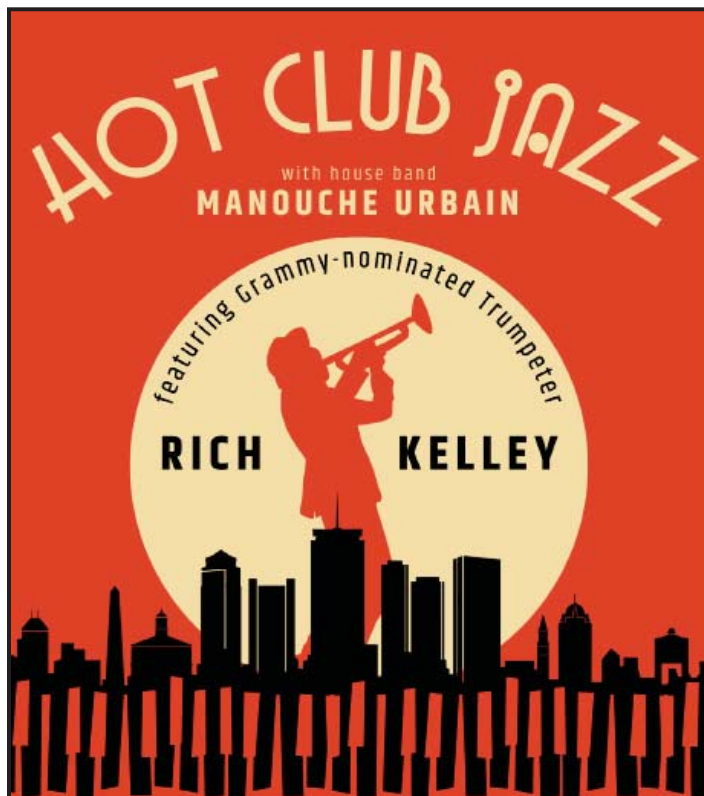
The staff and students at Nativity Prep share their gratitude for the gifts they received through the St. Ignatius Christmas Drive.



Concert Series *Hot Club Jazz*

January 23 @ 7pm

Welcome house band Manouche Urbain back to the Concert Series stage, at our next performance featuring Grammy-nominated trumpeter Rich Kelley!



Citizenship Application Workshop

Volunteers Needed!

Friday, January 23 from 9:30am–1:30pm

in the Friary Room in the Lower Church
enter through the parking lot side door

**Volunteers will assist individuals eligible to seek
U.S. citizenship to complete their applications.**

The St. Ignatius Immigration Committee hosts this event in partnership with MIRA, Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Coalition. MIRA lawyers will have already reviewed applicants and will provide staff support at the workshop. MIRA also will provide a brief training on the application form and process for any first-time volunteers.

For more information and to volunteer, please **email** the Parish Office and ask for Margaret Van Gelder.

Women's Retreat

March 6–8, 2026



Registration is now open for the annual St. Ignatius Women's Retreat! The retreat will be held at the Connors Center in Dover, and 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.** To register go to this link:



<https://bit.ly/IgnatiusRetreat2026>

Catholic Youth Climate

Sunday, February 1 | 10am–3:30pm

St. John's Prep, 72 Spring St., Danvers, MA



Join the Catholic Youth Climate Summit for a day of learning and planning climate action! Open to all high school students and faculty. The day will conclude with Sunday Mass (2:30–3:30pm).

Lunch provided, no cost to attend.

Register using this QR code:



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Pueden traer algo de comer para compartir

para más información, contacte a Oficinas Parroquiales

Seniors' Events

Would you like to join other Senior parishioners in an every-other-month weekday Mass and luncheon? If so, please call Sr. Diane at 617-552-6107 so she can get your contact information.

60+ Faith Sharing

Saturday, February 7 | 5–6:45pm

St. Ignatius invites seniors to participate in a program where we can talk about our faith and share with one another the wisdom we've gathered on our faith journey.

Light buffet/beverages will be available.

Registration required by Tuesday, February 3.

<https://forms.gle/WjyMTHyCUeAK6NZD8> or contact the Parish Office.

Welcome!

Saint Ignatius of Loyola Parish

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

Sacraments

St. Ignatius Parish Team

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

Rev. John Wronski, SJ, Pastor

Rev. Matthew Cassidy, SJ, Parochial Vicar

Victor Yanez, SJ, Deacon

Carol Russo, Office Manager

Janet Kaduboski, Business Manager

Delio Barrientos, Facilities Manager

Liz Turnwald, Director of Faith Formation

Natalia Dilan, Youth Ministry Coordinator

Sr. Diane Vallerio, MFIC

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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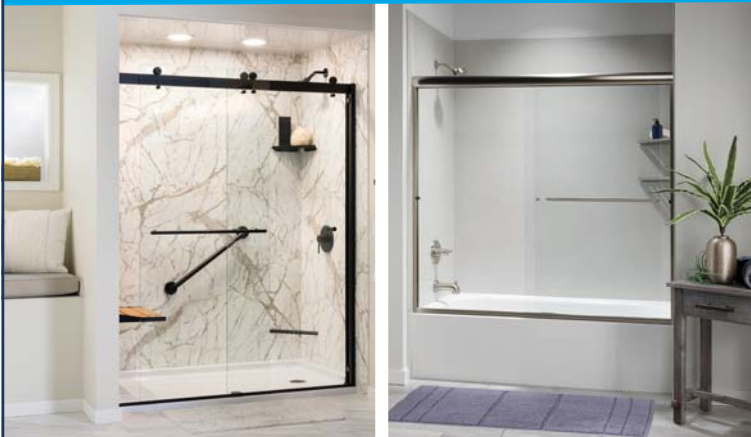
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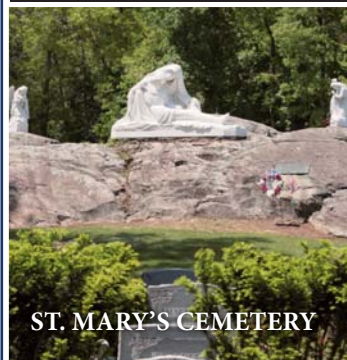
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