

SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PARISH PARROQUIA SAN IGNACIO DE LOYOLA

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

February 8, 2026



Let your light shine so brightly
that others can see their way out of the dark.

Permite que tu luz brille
de manera que otros puedan ver la salida en la oscuridad.

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Isaiah 58:7–10 • 1 Corinthians 2:1–5 •

Matthew 5:13–16

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:

Saturday, February 7

4pm Patrick J. Corcoran

Sunday, February 8

10:30am Miriam Cristofani

12:30pm Guido Lisi

5pm Rich DiMartino

Monday, February 9

5:30pm Maureen Ellinwood Pluvinage

Tuesday, February 10

5:30pm Jeremiah Bresnahan

Wednesday, February 11

5:30pm William Reyes

Friday, February 13

5:30pm Thomas Coary

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.

Hands Together: Haiti

Mission Collection

At all Masses this weekend, we will take up a Second Collection for **Hands Together: Haiti** using the envelopes in the pews or by scanning the QR code.



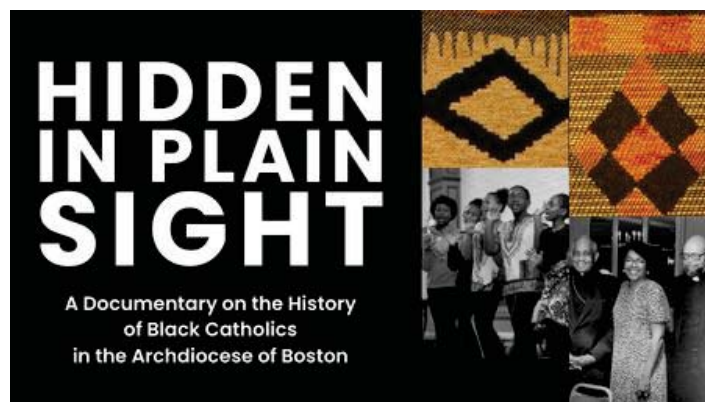
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Reflection on the Reading

Following upon the teaching of the Beatitudes, Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!

Black History Month

2026 is the 100-year anniversary of organized recognition of Black history and culture in the United States. What began as a week in 1926 has since developed into a month-long celebration.



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 on Sunday, February 22, at 6:00 pm.** 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. Keep an eye out for a RSVP form!

<https://bit.ly/HiddenInPlainSightScreenings>

Carta del Párroco

Queridos amigos en el Señor:

Pasé tres minutos viendo el vídeo sobre Haití en la página de Hands Together (www.handstogether.org). Me ha emocionado mucho porque me ha recordado el tiempo que pasé trabajando en la parroquia de Santa Ana en Kingston, Jamaica, cuando era un joven jesuita. Ese tiempo privilegiado me ayudó a comprender que formo parte de una familia humana única y mundial. Todos somos hijos de Dios, hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, y debemos amarnos y apoyarnos unos a otros. Los jamaicanos que llegué a conocer y amar me inspiraron a aprender más sobre las causas de la pobreza, la injusticia y la opresión, y sobre cómo la Doctrina Social de la Iglesia puede ayudarnos a responder a los lamentos de los más vulnerables en el mundo.

Este fin de semana, como parte del Programa Cooperativo Misionero anual, el Sr. Douglas Campbell, en representación de Hands Together (Haití) y la Sociedad para la Propagación de la Fe, hablará en todas las misas. La Sociedad para la Propagación de la Fe es una de las cuatro Obras Misionales Pontificias representadas aquí en la Arquidiócesis de Boston. El Sr. Campbell compartirá historias de las misiones y nos ayudará a establecer una conexión espiritual con otras personas cuyas vidas pueden ser muy diferentes a las nuestras. La Sociedad para la Propagación de la Fe es la agencia misionera oficial de la Iglesia Católica dedicada a ayudar y apoyar a los laicos, sacerdotes y religiosos en su labor misionera y evangelizadora. En las bancas hay sobres para la segunda colecta de este fin de semana. También pueden llevarse el sobre a casa para enviar su donativo por correo (incluya el nombre de nuestra parroquia para que así se nos contabilice con su donativo).

La visita del Sr. Campbell a nuestra parroquia es una oportunidad para reflexionar sobre nuestra relación con nuestra extensa familia humana, especialmente con aquellos hermanos y hermanas que más sufren. Sé que algunas veces los feligreses se quejan de que escuchar las cuestiones nacionales e internacionales de actualidad en la misa dominical... sobre todo después de haber sido bombardeados con comentarios políticos agotadores durante toda la semana. Algunos prefieren que las homilías y las oraciones eviten la “política” y se centren en la espiritualidad personal o en consejos sobre cómo amar a Dios y a los miembros de nuestra familia. Sin duda, el púlpito no es un lugar para la política partidista -y puedo comprender a quienes sufren de fatiga política, especialmente en estos tiempos turbulentos en los que la política de nuestro país es tan caótica, corrupta y cruel-, pero como somos miembros de una única familia humana, nuestra espiritualidad personal siempre tendrá una dimensión comunitaria, de modo que nuestro amor a Dios y a la familia siempre implicará una reflexión de fe sobre los temas políticos actuales a la luz del Evangelio y de la Doctrina Social de la Iglesia.

Bendiciones,
P. John

Letter from the Pastor

Dear Friends in the Lord,

I just spent three minutes watching the video about Haiti on the Hands Together website (<https://www.handstogether.org/>). I was really moved by the video because it reminded me of the time I spent working at St. Anne's Parish in Kingston, Jamaica as a young Jesuit novice. That privileged time with the wonderful people of Jamaica helped me to understand that I am part of a worldwide human family. We are all children of God, brothers and sisters in Christ, and we need to love and support each other. The Jamaicans I came to know and love inspired me to learn more about the causes of poverty, injustice, and oppression, and how our rich tradition of Catholic Social Teaching can help us respond to the cries of our most vulnerable family members around the world.

This weekend, as part of the annual Missionary Co-Operative Program, Mr. Douglas Campbell, representing Hands Together (Haiti) and The Society of the Propagation of the Faith, will speak at all Masses. The Society for Propagation of the Faith is one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies represented here in the Archdiocese of Boston. Mr. Campbell will share stories of the missions and help us build a spiritual connection to others whose daily lives may be very different from ours. The Society of the Propagation of the Faith is the official mission agency of the Catholic Church dedicated to assisting and supporting laypeople, priests, and religious in their evangelizing missionary work. Envelopes are in the pews for this weekend's second collection. You can also take the envelope home to mail your gift. Please be sure to identify our parish so that we are credited for your gift.

Mr. Campbell's visit to our parish is an opportunity for us to reflect on our relation to our extended human family, especially those brothers and sisters who are suffering the most. Sometimes parishioners complain that hearing about current national and international issues at Sunday Mass is too wearying, especially after being bombarded with exhausting political commentary all week. Some prefer that homilies and prayers avoid “politics” by staying focused on personal spirituality or advice on how to love God and our family members. The pulpit is certainly no place for partisan politics, and I can sympathize with those suffering from political fatigue, especially at this tumultuous time when our country's politics are so chaotic, corrupt and cruel. But because we are members of a worldwide human family, our personal spirituality will always have a communal dimension, and our love for God and family will always involve prayerful reflection on the political issues of our day in light of the Gospel and the Church's social teaching.

Blessings,
Fr. John

Lent Begins on February 18

Ash Wednesday Schedule

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

We are still looking for liturgical ministers at all Ash Wednesday services. Please email ignatius@bc.edu if you are interested in serving as a lector, a Eucharistic Minister, or a greeter, or if you would like to help distribute ashes.

Greener Lent

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.



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 next weekend so you can be all set to begin your journey on Ash Wednesday.

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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.

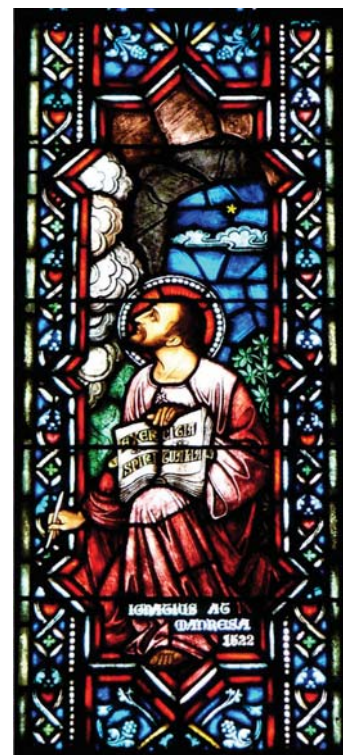
Through this experience, retreatants deepen their experience of God's presence in their lives and make a commitment of:

- 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.

Stained glass window along the Commonwealth Ave. side of the church depicting St. Ignatius of Loyola penning his Spiritual Exercises in the cave at Manresa.



What are the *Spiritual Exercises*?

In the 1520s, St. Ignatius of Loyola wrote about the emotions that took hold of him—feelings of gratitude and anguish, consolation and sadness—while encountering the Scriptures. Those meditations eventually became the *Spiritual Exercises*, which were first published in 1548.

The *Spiritual Exercises* is like a handbook of meditations, prayers, and other contemplative practices, with the goal of helping people develop their attentiveness, their openness, and their responsiveness to God. While Jesuits typically make the Exercises over the course of a 30-day silent retreat, another popular version is the 19th Annotation, which someone can do while continuing their daily responsibilities. St. Ignatius Parish offers the 19th Annotation in the fall and spring every year.

Can We Talk?

Next Racial Justice Committee Meeting:
Thursday, February 12 @ 7pm via Zoom

Sign Up here:

<https://forms.gle/SqezPYiujSLBdig69>

Our Racial Justice Committee will meet on February 12 to reflect on how St. Ignatius has been addressing the needs of our immigrant brothers and sisters, and what else we might be able to do. **The meeting will take place via Zoom from 7:00 to 8:15 pm.**

Plant a Centennial Tree!

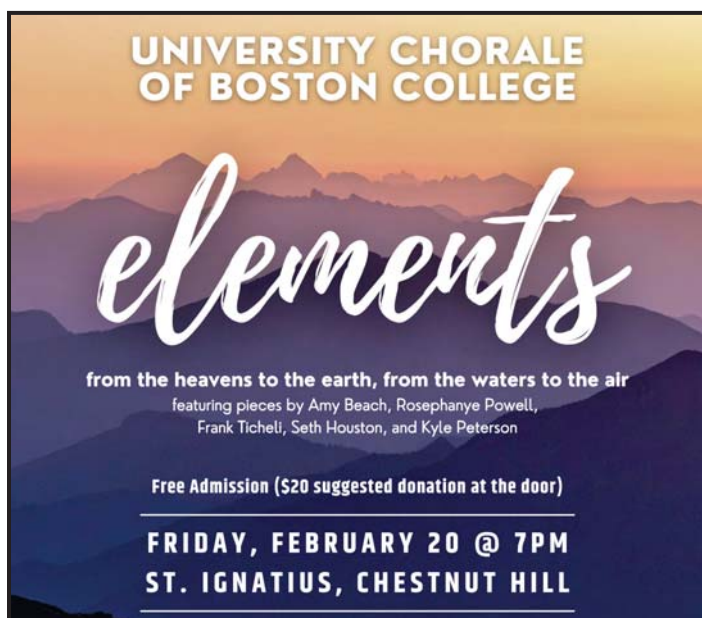
Do you have a favorite tree that you'd like to see planted at St. Ignatius?

The Green Team has been charged with planting a new Centennial Tree and is looking for suggestions from parishioners! Please send suggestions of tree species to ignatius@bc.edu with **Centennial Tree** in the subject line.

The Green Team is also looking for any parishioners with knowledge of gardening, trees, or landscaping to join us in our Centennial Tree discussion. Any knowledge can help ensure that our centennial work remains for another 100 years!

St. Ignatius Concert Series

Friday, February 20 @ 7pm



Bearing Witness @ ICE Burlington

Wednesday, February 11

The Immigration Committee is planning another day of **Catholic Public Witness for Immigrants at Burlington-ICE on Wednesday, February 11, 11am–1pm.** Although everybody is invited to participate as an individual in any given Wednesday vigil, on this occasion we will again be there as a group of St Ignatius parishioners. **To gather with other St. Ignatius parishioners, email the Parish Office at ignatius@bc.edu, and ask for Margaret Van Gelder.**

To learn more about Bearing Witness at ICE, visit <http://bearingwitnessne.org/>

Immigration Committee

Our next meeting will take place on
Tuesday, February 10 at 7pm via Zoom

To obtain the agenda and link, email the Parish Office at ignatius@bc.edu and ask for Rita Rodriguez.

Law, Conscience & Migration Today

Interdisciplinary Conference at BC
February 19–20 | Gasson 100 & North Stokes 203

Please register to attend @ bit.ly/4qPcw58

Over the past year, the United States has witnessed sweeping changes to its immigration policy, communities and families torn apart by mass deportations, and a sharp rise in fear and uncertainty due to new enforcement tactics. **Amid this landscape, voices of prophetic courage on the local, national, and global scenes have provided signs of hope,** insisting on the contributions immigrants make and on a human dignity that crosses borders.

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 institutional and grassroots responses** to the rapidly evolving reality of migration today.

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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

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Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Team

Liz Turnwald | Kathy Maher
Helena Alfonzo | Trudy Good

St. Ignatius Parish Team

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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.**

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

Music Ministries

Lectors, Greeters,

Eucharistic Ministers

Outreach Commission

Contact the Parish Office for more information!

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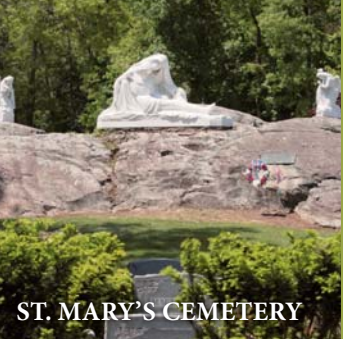
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