

SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PARISH PARROQUIA SAN IGNACIO DE LOYOLA

First Sunday of Lent
Primer Domingo de Cuaresma
February 22, 2026



The Lord, your God, shall you worship and serve.

Alabarás y servirás al Señor, tu Dios.

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Genesis 2:7–9; 3:1–7 • Romans 5:12–19 •
Matthew 4:1–11

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 21

4pm Carmella and Edward Tobin, James and
Catherine Solano, Joseph and Grace
Solano, and Joseph Fortino

Sunday, February 22

10:30am Danny Ramsey and Kun Cha Ramsey
5pm James C. Bowdring

Monday, February 23

5:30pm Dr. Louis A. Casale

Tuesday, February 24

5:30pm Thomas A. DeVito

Wednesday, February 25

5:30pm Rita Head

Thursday, February 26

5:30pm Kathleen Cory

Friday, February 27

5:30pm Mary Came

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.

We are—it is true—ash to ash and dust to dust,
But let us be assured, in life or in death,
We are held, and we are God's.

— Cameron Bellm

Reflection on the Reading

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert.

Jesus
take us to the
desert and stay with us.
Speak to our hearts about all that
matters. Chase away everything that doesn't.
Caress our hearts so they know you better,
see you more clearly in the suffering
of your children and your planet.
Let us say to all who suffer,
“Your tears are my tears.
Your pain is my
pain.”

Pope Francis, Congo 2/1/23

Lent at St. Ignatius

Centennial Events

One Body: The Architecture of St. Ignatius
(with Eric Haydel)

Sunday, March 1 @ 2:30pm

Shall We Dance

with Fr. Bob and the Boston Liturgical Dance Ensemble
Thursday, March 19 at 7pm

Stations of the Cross

Ignatian Way of the Cross: *Friday, March 6 at 7pm*

Bilingual Via Crucis: *Friday, March 27 at 7pm*

Faith Formation Stations: *Good Friday, April 3 at 12pm*

Lenten Prayer and Reflection

Feast of Oscar Romero: Talk and Prayer Service

Tuesday, March 24 at 7pm

Lenten Reconciliation: *Wednesday, April 1 at 7pm*

Shattuck Fourth Tuesday

February 24

Drop off your cookies, brownies and mandarin oranges in the bins at the front and parking lot side doors of the Parish Office by **2:30pm on Tuesday the 24th**. Thanks for enabling us to continue our long-term commitment to the men at Shattuck & the Stabilization Unit.

Carta del Párroco

Queridos amigos en el Señor:

Me gustaría agradecer a todos nuestros cantores, coros y músicos que han trabajado duro durante este Mes de la Historia Afro para guiarnos en la oración con canciones de la tradición musical de los hermanos afroamericanos esclavizados. Las espiritualidades afro, que han formado parte de nuestras liturgias durante el mes de febrero, honran la historia de la opresión, la lucha, la fe y los logros que los afros han experimentado a lo largo de varios siglos. En un momento en el que en nuestro país se ridiculiza la diversidad y se reescribe la historia estadounidense, necesitamos más que nunca estar en contacto con la fe y la esperanza que llevaron a los afroamericanos a superar años de opresión y lucha. Espero que las canciones que hemos estado cantando en la misa durante este mes nos ayuden a apreciar la rica tradición musical de nuestros hermanos y hermanas en la fe y nos inspiren a renovar nuestro compromiso de poner fin al racismo, que sigue siendo tan destructivo para la unidad de nuestra Iglesia, nuestra nación y nuestro mundo. Consideren unirse al Comité de Justicia Racial este domingo por la noche (22 de febrero a las 6:30 p.m.) para ver la película *Hidden in Plain Sight: The History of Black Catholics in Boston* (*Ocultos a plena vista: la historia de los católicos negros en Boston*). La película, de 30 minutos de duración, irá seguida de una conversación y una cena ligera.

Una nota sobre nuestra postura común durante la liturgia: varias personas me han preguntado cuándo deben sentarse todos después de la procesión de la comunión. ¿Está bien sentarse aunque todavía se esté cantando el canto de comunión? Mi sugerencia es seguir el ejemplo del celebrante. Cuando el sacerdote se sienta en la sede, significa que la procesión de la comunión ha terminado, que todos han recibido la comunión y que las hostias consagradas restantes se han colocado en el sagrario. Recordemos que la razón por la que nos esforzamos por mantener una postura común durante toda la liturgia es que, a través de la celebración de la Eucaristía, nos convertimos juntos en el único Cuerpo de Cristo. Como dice San Agustín: “nos convertimos en lo que recibimos”. Nuestra postura común (de pie y cantando) durante toda la procesión de la comunión y nuestra oración (sentados) después de que todos hayan recibido la comunión, nos ayudan a recordar que “al participar del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo, somos reunidos en uno por el Espíritu Santo” [Plegaria Eucarística n.º 2].

Bendiciones,
P. John

Letter from the Pastor

Dear Friends in the Lord,

I'd like to thank all our cantors, choirs, and musicians who have worked so hard during this Black History Month to lead us in prayer with songs from the musical tradition of enslaved African Americans. The Negro Spirituals which have been part of our liturgies during the month of February honor the history of oppression, struggle, faith, and achievement which Black Americans have experienced over many centuries. At a time in our country when diversity is being derided and American history is being rewritten, we need more than ever to be in touch with the faith and hope that carried African Americans through years of oppression and struggle. I hope that the songs we have been singing at Mass this month help us to appreciate the rich musical tradition of our Black brothers and sisters in faith and inspire us to recommit to ending the scourge of racism that is still so destructive to the unity of our church, our nation, and our world. I hope you will consider joining the Racial Justice Committee this Sunday evening (February 22 at 6:30pm) for a screening of the film *Hidden in Plain Sight: The History of Black Catholics in Boston*. The 30-minute film will be followed by a panel discussion and a light supper.

A note on our common posture during liturgy: A number of people have asked me when all should be seated after the communion procession. Is it okay to sit even if the communion song is still being sung? My suggestion is to follow the lead of the presider. When the priest sits down in the presider's chair, that means that the communion procession is complete—all have received communion, and the remaining consecrated hosts have been placed in the tabernacle. Remember that the reason we are striving for common posture throughout the liturgy is that through the celebration of Eucharist we are together becoming the one Body of Christ. As St. Augustine says, “we become what we receive.” Our common posture (standing and singing) during the whole communion procession, and our common reflective prayer (seated) after everyone has received communion help us to remember that “partaking in the Body and Blood of Christ, we are gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.” [Eucharistic Prayer #2]

Blessings,
Fr. John

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
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To apply, please contact:

Kathy Maher at

katherine.maher@bc.edu

The application closes

May 1, 2026.

Green Team Corner: *Recipes for a Greener Lent*

Red Lentil Soup with Veggies and Aromatics

Genesis 25:29-34 tells the story of how Jacob was making some pottage of red lentils when Esau, his brother, arrived home famished. Jacob said that he'd give him the stew if Esau, under oath, sold his birthright to him. Esau said: "I am on the point of dying. What good is the right as a firstborn to me?" And thus, Esau sold his birthright to Jacob for a bowl of lentil soup.

In the Hebrew biblical tradition, soup made of lentils was eaten during a time of mourning. During Lent, as we meditate on Jesus' *Via Dolorosa*, we may mourn his suffering. Adopting this Lenten practice can also help us eat in a more sustainable way, choosing a lentil soup as an alternative to red meat and being kind to our Common Home. If we were Scouts, we'd earn a badge of merit for sustainability!

Check out Dr. Georgia Gojmerac-Leiner's (Green Team) Red Lentil Soup recipe here:

<https://bit.ly/GreenTeamLentilSoup>



CRS Rice Bowls



The season of Lent is a special time of personal and spiritual growth. It's a time to reflect deeply on ourselves and others. The spiritual pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving guide us as we strengthen our relationship with God and our neighbors.

Through prayer, we consider the challenges faced by the world's most vulnerable people and how God is calling us to respond. By fasting, we let go of our desire for material things, making room to understand the needs of others more deeply and allowing the Holy Spirit to work within us. When we give alms, we do it thoughtfully and with compassion toward our sisters and brothers.

Journey with CRS Rice Bowl over the next 40 days, when we will meet families in **Ghana**, **Guatemala** and **Timor-Leste**. As we hear their stories and recognize our connection, may we better understand what our sisters and brothers face each day. May we also discover what God is asking of us to do to help.

As we prepare for the joyful celebration of the Christ's Resurrection, let's recommit ourselves to God and to care for our global family.

CRS Rice Bowls are here!

Rice Bowls, with a calendar tucked inside, are on the tables at upper church entrances so you can journey with Catholic Relief Services during Lent. And keep an eye out in Flocknotes for recipes from our three Rice Bowl countries.

You may also donate to the
CRS Rice Bowl online:



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CUARESMA: TIEMPO DE CONVERSIÓN

Martes 3 de marzo a las 7pm

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Pueden traer algo de comer para compartir
para más información, contacte a Oficinas Parroquiales

Together We Are One

Catholic Appeal 2026

Next weekend, the 2026 Catholic Appeal will officially launch here at St. Ignatius Parish and across our Archdiocese. We encourage you to join us in making a gift to this year's Catholic Appeal. As a parish, our participation in the Catholic Appeal signifies an important way that we can share Christ's promise, care, and love with others. For those who have already made a gift, please know that we are deeply grateful. We are hoping to have 100% participation from our parish! When we reach our Appeal goal of \$110,000, our parish will receive funds back for our local programs and ministries. To make an online gift, please visit: www.bostoncatholicappeal.org.

Prisoner Visiting Opportunity

Prisoner Visitation and Support (PVS) is a national prison visitation program which provides federal prisoners with regular, one-to-one contact with the world outside to help them cope with prison life, encourage personal growth, and prepare for successful reentry into society. If you are interested in joining our local group who visit the Devens federal prison on the first Monday morning each month, please contact Normand LeBlanc (normandjleblanc67@gmail.com).

Creciendo Juntos

Invitamos cordialmente a todas las parejas (casados o no casados) de la comunidad hispana a compartir sus alegrías, desafíos, y como Dios se a manifestado en sus vocaciones matrimoniales.

Misa, Conferencia y Cena

Sábado, Febrero 28

*4:00pm–7:00pm en la Iglesia de San Ignacio
(Friary Room)*

Por favor de registrarse contactando al Diacono Victor Yanez, SJ al correo: fryanez@bc.edu



Bilingual Coffee Corner

Sunday, March 8 @ 11:30am



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

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	Liturgy Commission
<i>Green Team</i>	Music Ministries
<i>Racial Justice Committee</i>	Lectors, Greeters,
<i>Immigration Committee</i>	Eucharistic Ministers
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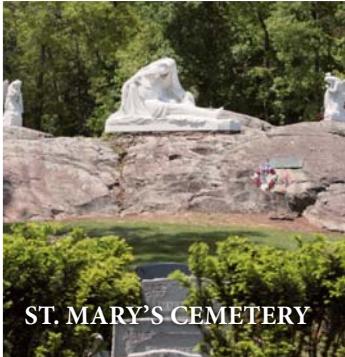
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