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The Presentation of the Lord La Presentación del Señor

February 2nd, 2025



Our eyes have seen your salvation, a light for revelation to the Gentiles.

Mis ojos han visto tu salvación, una luz de revelación para los Gentiles.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2025
Malachi 3:1–4 • Hebrews 2:14–18 •
Luke 2:22–40

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4pm

Sunday:

9am Family | 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)

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament On Hiatus

<u>Confession</u> Saturday: before Mass, 3–3:45pm

Please keep in your prayers:

Saturday, February 1

4pm Thomas Kelleher

Sunday, February 2

10:30am Margaret C. McCabe12:30pm Josefina Medina Rodas5pm Robert DiFrancesco

Tuesday, February 4

5:30pm Helen Campos

Wednesday, February 5

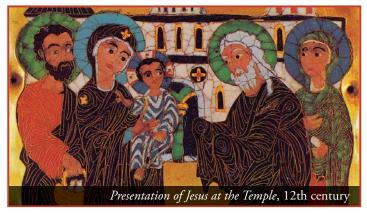
5:30pm Leslie Brooks Pike

Thursday, February 5

5:30pm Thomas A. Lynch

Friday, February 7

5:30pm Enrique Rivas



Reflection on the Readings

Racial Justice Committee Reflection

As we learned from Luke's Gospel, the Holy Spirit had promised Simeon, a devout Jew, that he would not die before he had seen the Christ. Simeon's faith was rewarded and he was able to hold Jesus in his arms. Since Simeon died soon after this event, he could not know what Jesus would do to become "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." We, of course, know from the New Testament what Jesus did. He embraced the marginal and downtrodden; he visited and supported outcasts; he preached the value of every human being and called for justice for all. Jesus pursued this mission of love knowing that it would lead to his persecution and crucifixion.

Today we are asked to prepare for Jesus's second coming. Through his ministry Jesus has shown us what to do: embrace the downtrodden and work for justice. During Black History Month we are reminded that Black Americans have been subject to extraordinary injustices as a result of a history of slavery and discrimination. Surely, at the center of our Catholic faith should be a commitment to work for racial justice. Is there any doubt that this is what Jesus would do?

- by Richard and Mary Jo Murnane, Racial Justice Committee

About our February Music

Each February, our music at Mass honors Black History Month and the history of oppression, struggle, success, and trust in God which Black Americans have experienced. Our music selections will specifically be Negro Spirituals, the musical tradition of enslaved African Americans, and their themes of stalwart faith in the face of atrocities and discrimination. I hope that as the St. Ignatius community ponders the lyrics and internalizes the resounding message of love and faith, we will be reminded of the struggles of Black people living in America, celebrate Black achievement, and continue to be moved and shaped by this history.

As an oral tradition, there are no credited composers of Negro Spirituals. St. Ignatius is making a donation to the Music Program at St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Dorchester as royalty payment for the use of Negro Spirituals in February. St. Katharine Drexel is a Black Roman Catholic Community committed to an Afro-centric expression of the faith.

Carta del Párroco

Queridos amigos en el Señor,

Casi todos ustedes saben que antes de llegar como párroco en San Ignacio, trabajé durante siete años como director de formación de la provincia jesuita del este de los Estados Unidos. Ese trabajo me dio la oportunidad de visitar cada año a unos 40 jesuitas jóvenes que estudiaban y ejercían su ministerio en escuelas y otros apostolados jesuitas en todo el país y en todo el mundo. Era muy emocionante ver a mis hermanos jesuitas desarrollarse en todo tipo de ministerios y entornos culturales. Esos siete años de caminar con nuestros muchachos en formación me dieron mucha esperanza para el futuro de la Iglesia. Sin duda, ellos siguen siendo una inspiración para mi trabajo como pastor.

Otra de las grandes alegrías de mi vida como pastor aquí en Boston ha sido compartir el ministerio en la parroquia con algunos de estos jóvenes jesuitas mientras terminan sus estudios de teología en Boston College Clough School of Theology and Ministry. Algunos de ellos son Dominic Chai, que este año sirve como nuestro diácono, y Víctor Yáñez, que ha estado ayudando a coordinar la liturgia en la misa de la comunidad hispana. También estoy muy agradecido por la ayuda de varios jesuitas recién ordenados que presiden nuestras algunas de nuestras misas. Entre ellos están el P. Henry Shea y el P. Bill Woody que nos ayudan con la misa familiar de las 9:00 a. m. También están los padres Javier Bailen, José Rafael Garrido y Jonathan Marin que nos ayudan con la misa en español a las 12:30. También tenemos al P. Brett McLaughlin que suele presidir las misas entre semana. ¡Estoy profundamente agradecido por la generosidad y el compañerismo de estos jóvenes jesuitas!

Este domingo, 2 de febrero, ha sido designado como la Jornada Mundial de la Vida Consagrada. Les invito a todos a rezar por más vocaciones a la vida religiosa, especialmente para la Compañía de Jesús. Recemos también por todos los jóvenes jesuitas que aún están en formación, para que respondan con generosidad y valentía a la llamada de Dios. ¡Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam!

Bendiciones, P. John

Letter from the Pastor

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Most of you know that before starting as pastor of St. Ignatius this past August, I worked for seven years as the Formation Director for the USA East Jesuit province. That role gave me the opportunity each year to visit about 40 young Jesuits who were studying and ministering in schools and other Jesuit apostolates across the country and around the world. It was a thrill to witness my younger Jesuit brothers flourishing in all kinds of ministries and cultural settings. Those seven years of walking with our men in formation gave me lots of hope for the future of the Church. They remain an inspiration to me each day in my work as pastor.

One of the joys of my life here in Boston this year has been sharing ministry at the parish with a few of these young Jesuits as they complete their theology studies at the Boston College Clough School of Theology and Ministry. Dominic Chai is serving as our deacon this year, and Victor Yanez has been helping to coordinate the liturgical ministers at the Hispanic community Mass. I'm also grateful for the assistance of several recently ordained Jesuits who preside at our parish Masses: Fr. Henry Shea and Fr. Bill Woody help with the 9:00am Children's Mass; and Fr. Javier Bailen, Fr. Jose Rafael Garrido, and Fr. Jonathan Marin help with the 12:30 Hispanic Mass. Fr. Brett McLaughlin often presides at the weekday Masses. I'm deeply grateful for the generosity and companionship of these young Jesuits!

This Sunday, February 2, has been designated as World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. Let's all commit to praying for more vocations to religious life, especially to the Society of Jesus. Let's also pray for all the young Jesuit scholastics and brothers who are still in formation. May they be filled with the graces they need to respond generously and courageously to God's call. *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam!*

Blessings, Fr. John

St. Ignatius Concert Series BC Symphony and Chorale



Women's Retreat

February 14–16 Connors Retreat Center in Dover

Registration is now open for the Women's Retreat 2025

The annual Saint Ignatius Women's Retreat will be held February 14-16 at the



Connors Center in Dover, MA. This year, Emily Rauer Davis will guide us with the theme, Beloved of God. Emily directs retreats at Holy Cross College and is also a St. Ignatius parishioner! 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 \$390. Register soon to reserve your spot at the link below:

https://bit.ly/IgnatiusRetreat2025

An Examen for Racial Justice

Ignatian spirituality is an important means to help us seek God in the midst of all things, to help us as we desire to live with justice, dignity, and equality and also desire justice, dignity, and equality for our Black brothers and sisters and other people of color. This examen can be a beginning in the hard work of awareness of racism in our lives and commitment to becoming anti-racist. It leads us to examine how we are complicit in the sin of racism and how we can transform our complicity into a resolve to uproot racism in our lives, our church, and our world.

Put yourself in God's presence. Sense God's love and compassion for all of creation, encompassing the oppressed and marginalized. Ask yourself: When have I failed to notice or respond to the needs of my Black brothers and sisters and to all people of color? Have I turned a blind eye to racial injustice? How might my complacence, my inaction, and my sense of fear directly or indirectly contribute to maintaining the structures of discrimination and injustice?

Review your actions and thoughts. Pay attention to how racism or privilege have manifested in your past life and how it continues to manifest. Are your actions guided by self-interest or personal biases? Do you see injustice and choose to detach from it? Ask yourself: How have I been complicit in the suffering of my Black brothers and sisters and other people of color? How have I benefited from social and systemic racism in the community I live in and the social networks to which I belong?

Examine your emotions. Pay attention to your feelings. Do your feelings make you upset, angry, or uncomfortable? Confronting white privilege and racism is challenging. Sit with this discomfort; recognize your compliance in the suffering of your brothers and sisters.

Pray for guidance. Remember, we have the opportunity for transformation through the merciful compassion of God.

Look forward. Anti-racism requires active awareness and continuous learning about systemic racism. Ask yourself: How can I use my privilege to uproot systemic racism? How can I use my privilege to make space for Black voices and other communities of color? How can I open my heart to make room for the transformation to deeper love which God calls me to?

Outreach Ministries

Be-Their-Valentine Collection

Our annual Be-their-Valentine at-the-door collection funds will support the work of St. Mary's Center for Women and Children in Dorchester. Check out its website: https://www.stmaryscenterma.org. Look for the heart-shaped box at any church exit on February 15 & 16. Or, if you prefer, you can make an online donation on the parish website.

Anointing of the Sick

Saturday, February 15 at the 4pm Mass

To commemorate the World Day of the Sick (February 11, Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes), St. Ignatius will be offering a communal Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick for parishioners on February 15 at the Saturday 4pm Mass.

The Sacrament, which was previously known as Extreme Unction (the "Last Rites"), was modified in the 1970s in order to extend the healing power of Christ to all manifestations of serious illness, both temporary and chronic. The sacrament is for those who are seriously ill or injured, battling chronic physical or mental conditions, or confronting the debilitating effects of aging.

If you or family members experience a sickness of any sort (physical, mental-psychological, emotional, social, historical), come to this special Mass of Anointing. There will be reserved places for those limited in movement or using wheelchairs, but any Catholic person experiencing serious sickness is invited to this sacrament.

Green Team Corner

Boston residents have an option to enroll in the Boston Community Choice Electricity Program, which includes two levels of renewable energy sources. Rates are fixed through December 2025. The City of Boston is offering a free webinar Tuesday, February 4th at 7pm by Zoom. Register here: bit.ly/BOS-MOF BCCE.

Though higher levels of renewable energy can be more expensive, if you can afford it, this is a chance to "go green," support the St. Ignatius *Laudato Si*' Action Plan, and help speed up the transition to renewable energy sources.

Join a Young Adult CLC Group!

Are you a young adult ages 21–40 years old, interested in sharing and growing in your faith in community?

Join 'Christian Life Community'-intentional, Ignatian young-adult faith-sharing groups that will begin meeting the 1st & 3rd Sundays after the 5pm Liturgy starting February 2nd (includes dinner). Questions or for more information contact Christine Kamp Cichello (kampc@bc.edu).

February 2; February 16; March 2; March 16; April 6

Spirituality of Communion #6 The Eucharist

Sunday, February 9 after the 5pm Mass in the Friary Room

The spirituality of the Focolare Movement has been called a "Spirituality of Communion." Focolare is an ecclesial movement approved by the Catholic Church in 1962. Its members are committed to the realization of Jesus' prayer: "That all may be one" (John 17:21)

We invite you to join us on a journey through the 12 points of this spirituality!



View the resources, request more info, and/or register using the QR code or calling the Parish Office. https://linktr.ee/Spirituality_of_Communion

60+ Community

Saturday, February 8, 5:15-6:45pm

YOU ARE INVITED to GATHER and SHARE YOUR FAITH and WISDOM

Light Buffet/Beverages Friary Room Registration Required

Contact the Parish Office and ask for Eileen Faggiano or Tony Compagnone ignatius@bc.edu

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Welcome!

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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 for 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 9th grade; students are confirmed in the spring of 10th grade. 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

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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

Green Team Racial Justice Committee Immigration Committee LGBTQ+ Committee

These groups meet regularly and are always eager to welcome new members!

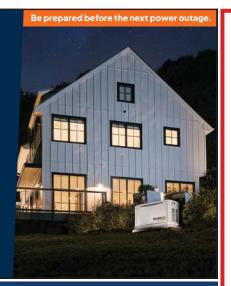
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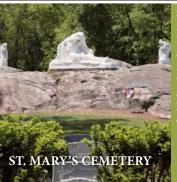
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