

# SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PARISH PARROQUIA SAN IGNACIO DE LOYOLA

Eighteenth and Nineteenth Sundays in Ordinary Time

Décimo octavo y Décimo noveno Domingos del Tiempo Ordinario

August 2 and 9, 2026



The hand of the Lord feeds us;  
he answers all our needs.

La mano del Señor nos da de comer:  
Él resuelve todas nuestras necesidades.

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2026

Is 55:1–3 • Rm 8:8:35, 37–39 • Mt 14:13–21

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9, 2026

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11–13a • Rm 9:1–5 • Mt 14:22–33

### 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, August 1*

4pm James R. Regan

*Sunday, August 2*

10:30am John Francis Cummings

5pm Jo-Ann Fontano

*Monday, August 3*

5:30pm Barry M. Goggins

*Friday, August 7*

5:30pm Bob Pike

*Sunday, August 9*

10:30am Catherine Miskuly

12:30pm Juan Jose Garcia

5pm John D. Welsh

*Wednesday, August 12*

5:30pm Brian F. O'Donohue

*Thursday, August 13*

5:30pm Louis Beauchesne

*Friday, August 14*

5:30pm Donald W. Northrup Esq.

*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.*

**“Neither death, nor life, nor present things, nor future things, nor height, nor depth, nor any other thing can separate us from the love of God.”**

*Romans 8:38–39*

## Reflection on the Readings

In the Gospel for August 2, Jesus brings abundance from the meager provisions of the disciples, a sign of the Kingdom of Heaven that he has been teaching about in the parables. A feast results from the smallest of portions—remember the mustard seed and the yeast. Even the smallest of offerings can produce abundant results when placed in the service of the Kingdom of Heaven. This story is also an anticipation of the Eucharist, in which we are fed by God's abundant grace.

Directly following the miraculous feeding, the disciples face a storm on the sea in the Gospel for August 9. They mistake Jesus for a ghost walking on the water, revealing that they are still growing in their understanding of Jesus' identity. Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus, but his fear and doubt overtake him once he himself is walking on the water. Like Peter, we sometimes lose sight of who Jesus says he is. Faith in Jesus enables the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done, like walking on water or feeding multitudes—with faith, we too can participate in the work of the Kingdom of Heaven!



**The Feeding of the Five Thousand**, Joachim Patenier (ca. 1510).  
*Can you see the disciples' boat and Peter sinking in the background?*

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## Carta del Párroco

Queridos amigos en el Señor:

¡Gracias a todos los que participaron en nuestra celebración de la fiesta de San Ignacio de Loyola en la misa de las 10:30 del 26 de julio! Fue realmente maravilloso ver a tantos feligreses de los distintos sectores de nuestra comunidad parroquial reunirse para orar, cantar, bailar y compartir en torno a la Mesa del Señor. Durante este año del Centenario, a menudo me sorprende al pensar en lo felices que deben estar los fundadores de nuestra parroquia al ser testigos de nuestra celebración de la Eucaristía desde su perspectiva celestial. También estoy bastante seguro de que el mismo San Ignacio de Loyola derrama algunas lágrimas de alegría y gratitud cada vez que nos reunimos para celebrar la misa que une a toda la comunidad parroquial de manera tan alegre y acogedora. En un mundo dividido por miedos, prejuicios y resentimientos, nuestra comunidad parroquial es prueba de que es posible lograr mucho más para toda la familia humana cuando vivimos en la presencia de Dios y discernimos su llamado a ser personas de gratitud, generosidad y servicio amoroso. ¡Gracias a todos los que ayudaron a hacer tan clara la presencia de Dios en la celebración de nuestra fiesta!

Una de las gracias de la vida jesuita es el retiro anual de ocho días basado en los *Ejercicios Espirituales* de San Ignacio. Este año estaré de retiro en Gloucester del 9 al 17 de agosto. Pueden estar seguros de que reflexionaré con gratitud sobre este último año en la parroquia; lo haré cada mañana durante mis caminatas al amanecer hacia la playa de Good Harbor y cada atardecer mientras contemplo la puesta de sol sobre el puerto de Gloucester. La parroquia estará en buenas manos durante la semana en la que estaré ausente, ya que el P. Matt y el P. Jake se encargarán de todo junto con nuestro maravilloso equipo parroquial. Por favor, manténganme en sus oraciones durante mi retiro; pueden estar seguros de que yo también rezo por ustedes. Gracias por llenar mi vida jesuita con tanta fe, esperanza y amor.

Bendiciones,  
P. John

## Letter from the Pastor

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Thanks to all who joined in our celebration of the Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola at the 10:30 Mass on July 26! It was really wonderful to see so many parishioners from the different sectors of our parish community coming together to pray, sing, dance, and gather around the table of the Lord. During this Centennial year I often find myself thinking how pleased the founding parishioners of our parish must be as they witness our celebration of the Eucharist from their heavenly perspective. I'm also quite certain that St. Ignatius Loyola himself sheds a few tears of joy and gratitude every time we gather to celebrate a Mass that brings together the whole parish community in such a joyful and welcoming way. In a world that is divided by fears, prejudices, and grievances, our parish community is evidence that so much more is possible for the whole human family when we live in God's presence and discern God's call to be people of gratitude, generosity, and loving service. Thanks to all who helped to make God's presence so palpable at our feast day celebration!

One of the graces of Jesuit life is the annual eight-day retreat based on the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius. This year I will be on retreat in Gloucester from August 9 through August 17. You can be sure that I will be reflecting gratefully on this past year at the parish each morning during my sunrise walks to Good Harbor Beach and each evening as I watch the sun set over Gloucester Harbor. The parish will be in good hands during my week away, with Fr. Matt and Fr. Jake holding down the fort along with our wonderful parish staff. Please keep me in your prayers during my retreat as you can be sure of my prayers for you. Thanks for filling my Jesuit life with so much faith, hope and love.

Blessings,  
Fr. John



## Summer Read | Lectura de Verano

### The Gospels and Our Parish Summer Read

**August 2, 18th Sunday Ordinary Time**

**Gospel:** Matthew 14:13–21

**Return to Sender:** Early in the book, Tyler's initial feeling for Mari quickly changes when he learns that she is in the United States illegally and he shuns her. What settles Tyler's heart to him embrace Mari and her family?

**Question:** How do you react when you realize someone you know is in this country illegally? How does the Gospel invite us to see this person?

**August 9, 19th Sunday Ordinary Time**

**Gospel:** Matthew 14:22–33

**Return to Sender:** Tyler's grandmother shows steadfast courage by actively shielding the Cruz girls and guiding both families toward compassion during a time of heavy anti-immigrant sentiment in their Vermont town, despite the risk of social backlash.

**Question:** Have you ever risked backlash for standing up for the rights of others not welcomed in your community? What gave you strength to conquer that fear?

## Bearing Witness @ ICE Burlington

**Wednesday, August 5**

The Immigration Committee is planning another day of **Catholic Public Witness for Immigrants at Burlington-ICE on Wednesday, August 5, 11am–1pm**. To carpool with other St. Ignatius parishioners, email the Parish Office at [ignatius@bc.edu](mailto:ignatius@bc.edu), and ask for Margaret Van Gelder. To learn about Bearing Witness at ICE, visit <https://bearingwitnessne.org/>.



*"Human dignity has no passport,  
nor does it lose its value when crossing a border."*

Pope Leo, Canary Islands, June 2026

**4** 18th and 19th Sunday Ordinary Time

### Evangelijs y Lectura de Verano de la Parroquia

**2 de agosto, 18.º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

**Evangelijs:** Mateo 14:13–21

**Devolver al Remitente:** Al principio del libro, los sentimientos de Tyler hacia Mari cambian rápidamente cuando descubre que ella está en los Estados Unidos ilegalmente, y comienza a distanciarse de ella. ¿Qué es lo que finalmente transforma el corazón de Tyler para que llegue a acoger a Mari y a su familia con compasión?

**Pregunta:** ¿Cómo reaccionas cuando descubres que alguien que conoces está en los Estados Unidos ilegalmente? ¿De qué manera el Evangelio nos invita a mirar a esa persona?

**9 de agosto, 19.º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

**Evangelijs:** Matthew 14:22–33

**Devolver al Remitente:** La abuela de Tyler da un testimonio de valentía y fidelidad al proteger a las niñas Cruz y acompañar a ambas familias por un camino de compasión, en una época marcada por un fuerte sentimiento anti-inmigrante en su comunidad de Vermont, aun sabiendo que podía enfrentar las críticas de los demás.

**Pregunta:** ¿Alguna vez has asumido un riesgo para defender la dignidad y los derechos de personas que no eran bienvenidas o aceptadas en tu comunidad? ¿Qué te dio la fuerza para vencer el temor a las críticas de los demás?

## Upcoming Centennial Events

**Save the date for these opportunities to  
celebrate St. Ignatius' Centennial Year!**

**Centennial Series: Parish Pastoral Council**

*Sunday, September 27 at 3pm*

**Centennial Tree Planting Ceremonies after all Masses**

*Saturday, October 3 & Sunday, October 4*

**Fundraising Gala (tickets on sale mid-September)**

*Saturday, October 24 | 6:30–9:00pm*

*Gasson Hall, Boston College*

**Centennial Mass and Parish Celebration**

*Sunday, November 8 at 10:30am*

*St. Ignatius Parish*

## Back-to-School Drive

**Coming Up: August 22 & 23**

Our annual back-to-school items drive to provide basics to students at **Julie's Family Learning Program** in South Boston and homeless students served by **the Family Team of Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program**.

See wall posters, the bulletin and flocknotes for the list of desired NEW items! You can also order goods online at:

[tps://a.co/00y1fcUE](https://a.co/00y1fcUE)



## Assumption of Mary

**Saturday, August 15**

*Not a day of obligation this year  
because it falls on a Saturday*



**Madonna Assumption Sanctissima**, Patricia Brintle (2014).

When the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary each year, we celebrate that Jesus did not forget his mother or leave her behind. Jesus, who obeyed God's will to honor his mother, honored her perfectly by taking her up into heaven!

As we remember Mary on her Assumption, let's pray that like her we may follow Jesus and stay always by his side!

*adapted from a reflection by Greg Okumu, SJ*

## St. Ignatius LGBTQ+ Ministry

**Sunday, August 9 after the 5pm Mass**

Please join the LGBTQ+ group for a round table discussion on fall planning and the goal of our revival of the St. Ignatius LGBTQ+ group. We welcome all LGBTQ+ persons and allies to the meeting!

## Host a Coffee Hour

**Join us for coffee, conversation, and community after the 10:30am Mass every other Sunday!**

*Upcoming dates:* August 2, August 16, August 30

**Coffee Hour Hosts help St. Ignatius continue to offer this opportunity for community building at our parish.** Before Mass, you'll check that the Friary Room is set up, and afterward, just wipe down the counters and tables and make sure the space is ready for the next group to use it.

St. Ignatius provides the coffee cake, coffee, and paper products—our hosts welcome parishioners into the space.

## Interested in Becoming Catholic? *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults*

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the primary process for adults to become full members of the Catholic Church. OCIA welcomes serious inquirers at all levels of knowledge, faith, and intent. The process culminates in the reception of one or more of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist.

OCIA could be for you if you are an adult who has never been baptized, if you were baptized in another Christian denomination, or if you are exploring a relationship with God through the Catholic faith for the first time.

If you are interested in learning more, scan the QR code or visit this link:

<https://bit.ly/IgnatiusOCIA2026>



# 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](http://stignatiuschestnuthill.org/creating-a-safe-environment)

#### Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Team

Liz Turnwald | Kathy Maher  
Helena Alfonzo | Trudy Good

### St. Ignatius Parish Team

**Rev. John Wronski, SJ**, Pastor

**Rev. Matthew Cassidy, SJ**, Parochial Vicar

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**Carol Russo**, Office Manager

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**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

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 |
| <i>LGBTQ+ Committee</i>         | Outreach Commission   |

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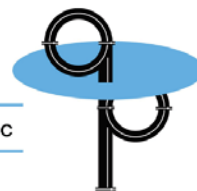
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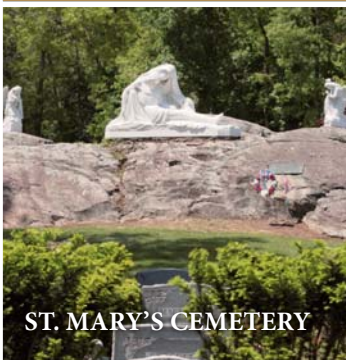
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