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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

January 25, 2026



COME AFTER ME...

VEN DETRÁS DE MÍ...

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Isaiah 8:23–9:3 • 1 Corinthians 1:10–13, 17 •

Matthew 4:12–23

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, January 24

4pm Mai Thi Nguyen and Hoa Hoang

Sunday, January 25

10:30am Donald P. Murphy

5pm Patrick J. and Katherine F. Bowdring & family

Monday, January 26

5:30pm Paul J. McNamara

Tuesday, January 27

5:30pm Barry J. Ward Esq.

Wednesday, January 28

5:30pm Arthur J. DeBlois

Thursday, January 29

5:30pm John F. Hallisey

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.

Shattuck Fourth is Back!

Please drop off your cookies, brownies, or mandarin oranges **by 2:30pm on Tuesday, January 27**. Bins will be at the front and parking lot doors of the Parish Office. Thank you!

Reflection on the Reading

Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, how he gathered his disciples, proclaimed the gospel, and cured illnesses.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the fishermen dropped everything to follow him immediately. What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? Did they already know him? Had they heard him preach? Imagine what the fishermen's encounter with Jesus' presence must have been like for them to respond like they did!

Jesus began his ministry by inviting people to join in his work for Kingdom of Heaven. When we encounter Christ ourselves, how can we follow the disciples' example and partner in his work for the Kingdom?



The Calling of Peter and Andrew, Paulo Medina

Second Collection: Church in Latin America

January 24–25

This week's second collection supports various pastoral projects throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. The Collection for the Church in Latin America funds the formation of the laity, religious, and seminarians, as well as youth ministries. Visit www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/latin-america/index.cfm for more information.

You can contribute to this fund online by visiting our eGive platform and selecting **"Second Collection: Church in Latin America"** from the fund drop-down menu.



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Carta del Párroco

Queridos amigos en el Señor,

Hoy quiero darles las gracias por sus comentarios sobre mis homilías, sepan que me tomo muy en serio la predicación y dedico mucho tiempo durante la semana a prepararla. Me anima mucho que los feligreses de San Ignacio escuchen con atención y reflexionen profundamente sobre cómo las lecturas de las Escrituras se relacionan con nuestra vida cotidiana y con los tiempos turbulentos en los que vivimos. Cuando estudiaba teología, mi profesor de homilética nos recomendaba que rezáramos con Isaías 50,4 antes de preparar una homilía: “El Señor me ha dado una lengua bien entrenada, para que sepa cómo hablar a los cansados con palabras que los animen”. Rezo cada semana para que el Señor me inspire a animar a los cansados con mis palabras desde el ámbón.

Actualmente es un tiempo difícil para los que nos dedicamos a la predicación, pues hay que ser cuidadosos en cuánto decir sobre política desde el púlpito... no son tiempos normales. Creo que los sacerdotes católicos no podemos ser partidistas, pero debemos ser políticos, especialmente cuando tanto de lo que valoramos como católicos está siendo menospreciado y degradado por quienes están en el poder. Nuestra larga tradición de la Doctrina Social de la Iglesia debe formar parte de nuestro pensamiento y de nuestra oración cuando acudimos a misa los domingos. Guardar silencio sobre la política supone el riesgo de ser cómplices del statu quo.

Estoy seguro de que los obispos católicos estadounidenses también se preguntan cuándo hablar sobre la situación política de nuestro país. Creo que es notable que hayan sido tan críticos con la política de inmigración del actual Gobierno y con la forma en que se está aplicando en ciudades de todo el país. También creo que es digno de mención que tres cardenales estadounidenses prominentes (Cupich, McElroy y Tobin), inspirados por un discurso del papa León al Cuerpo Diplomático del Vaticano, hayan declarado recientemente que el papel moral de Estados Unidos en la lucha contra el mal en todo el mundo está en entredicho por primera vez en décadas. Citando los recientes acontecimientos en Venezuela, Ucrania y Groenlandia como ejemplos que han planteado cuestiones fundamentales sobre el uso de la fuerza militar, los cardenales piden una “política exterior genuinamente moral” en la que “la acción militar debe considerarse sólo como un último recurso en situaciones extremas, y no como un instrumento normal de la política nacional”. Al igual que el papa León, también afirman que el aborto, la eutanasia y las violaciones de la libertad religiosa siguen amenazando el valor y la dignidad de la vida humana.

Espero que todos podamos seguir tomando en serio nuestro llamamiento a compartir con el mundo el tesoro de nuestra tradición católica mientras luchamos contra la corrupción y el caos de nuestro clima político actual. Esforcémonos todos por dirigir unas palabras inspiradoras a nuestro mundo cansado.

Bendiciones,
P. John

Letter from the Pastor

Dear Friends in the Lord,

I'd like to thank you today for your feedback on my preaching. I take preaching seriously, and I spend a lot of time during the week working on my Sunday homilies. It's always encouraging to me that St. Ignatius parishioners listen attentively and think deeply about how the scripture readings relate to our everyday lives and to the tumultuous times in which we live. When I was in theology studies, my homiletics professor recommended that we pray with Isaiah 50:4 before preparing a homily: *“The Lord has given me a well-trained tongue, that I may know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them.”* I pray every week that the Lord will inspire me to “rouse the weary” with my words from the pulpit.

These days, it's really challenging for preachers to figure out how much to say about politics from the pulpit because these are not ordinary times. I believe that we Catholic priests certainly cannot be partisan, but we must be political, especially when so much that we value as Catholics is being disparaged and degraded by those in power. Our long tradition of Catholic Social Teaching needs to be a part of our thinking and praying when we come to Mass on Sundays. Remaining silent about politics risks being complicit with the status quo.

I'm sure that the US Catholic bishops also struggle with the question of when to speak out about the political climate in our country. I think it's notable that they have been so critical of the current administration's immigration policy and the way it is playing out in cities across the country. I also think it's worthy of note that three prominent US cardinals (Cupich, McElroy, and Tobin), inspired by a speech given by Pope Leo to the Vatican Diplomatic Corps, recently stated that America's moral role in confronting evil around the world is in question for the first time in decades. Citing recent events in Venezuela, Ukraine and Greenland as having raised fundamental questions about the use of military force, the cardinals call for a “genuinely moral foreign policy” in which “military action must be seen only as a last resort in extreme situations, not a normal instrument of national policy.” Like Pope Leo, they also assert that abortion, euthanasia, and violations of religious liberty continue to threaten the value and dignity of human life.

I hope that we can all continue taking seriously our call to share with the world the treasure of our Catholic tradition as we struggle with the corruption and chaos of our current political climate. Let us all strive to speak a rousing word to our weary world.

Blessings,
Fr. John

Rite of Acceptance

Today at the 10:30am Mass, those who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation participated in the Rite of Acceptance.

After meeting regularly with the OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) group, the candidates publicly declare their faith before the parish for the first time, accompanied by a sponsor who provides support and a listening ear. In turn, we welcome them into our faith community, offering them encouragement on their journey.

From this point forward, these people are formally part of the “catechumenate,” indicating that they are actively learning the teachings of the Church. Beginning in Lent, the members of the OCIA program will participate in the Rite of Election at the Cathedral and the Three Scrutinies, before they receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

Let's continue to pray for these catechumens and for all those who will be received into the Church this Easter:

*Life-Giving God,
you desire that we may be one in Christ,
so that all creation may give you praise.
Look kindly upon the catechumens and candidates
you have called to the table of your Word.*

*Through the power of your Word,
our life of prayer, and the example of Christ's love
we share with those most in need,
may they come to the table of the Eucharist
where we shall stand as one body
united in the Holy Spirit
to offer you praise and thanksgiving
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

Amen.



Can We Talk?

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

Sign Up here:

<https://forms.gle/SqezPYiujsLBdig69>

At our next Racial Justice Committee meeting, we will discuss how the parish might respond to a letter received from Saint Katharine Drexel Parish in Boston. Their congregation is motivated by a growing concern about our country's immigration policies. The letter asked our parish (and others) to respond to the following three questions:

- How, if at all, are your parishioners being affected by the current situation?
- What, if anything, are you as a parish doing in response?
- Is there anything we might do together as parishes of the archdiocese of Boston do to keep our people safe and to act for the common good at this moment?

We recognize that St Ignatius parishioners have different views concerning these questions. We hope that prayerful listening to a variety of perspectives will enable our parish to respond thoughtfully. **The meeting will take place via Zoom from 7:00 to 8:15 pm.**

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.

Winter Walk Boston

Walk With Us to End Homelessness!

*Sunday, February 8 @ 10am
Boston Common*

Winter Walk Boston brings our city together for a two-mile walk to raise awareness and funds to end homelessness. This year, the Ignatian Spirituality Project and other Jesuit apostolates join as a nonprofit partner—walking alongside our brothers and sisters on the journey toward healing and home.

Scan the QR code or visit the link below. Follow the steps to create an account and share your information with others. Once your account is made, you can join the “Jesuit Friends and Family” team to see our shared progress!

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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).

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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

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

Rev. John Wronski, SJ, Pastor

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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

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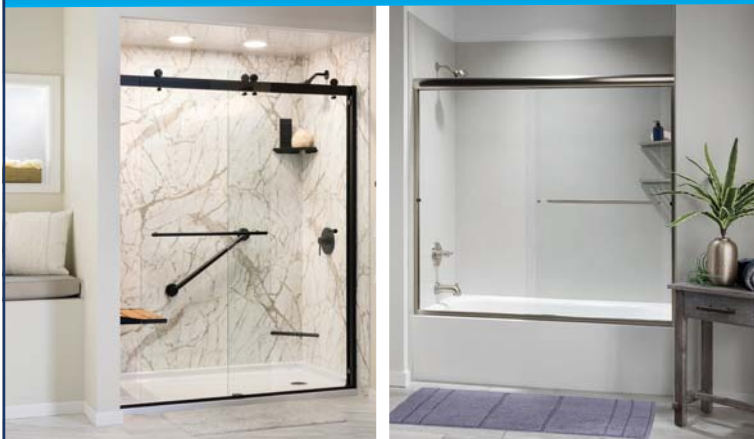
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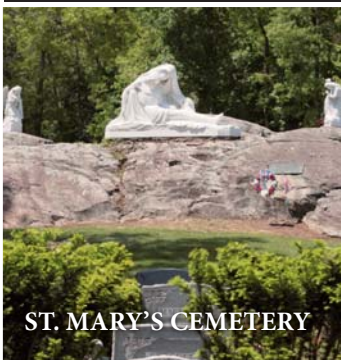
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