

# ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"Give me only your love and your grace, that is enough for me." St. Ignatius of Loyola*

December 10, 2023 — Second Sunday of Advent

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## **Christmas Mass at St. Ignatius**

### **4th Sunday of Advent Schedule**

Dec. 23.... 5:00 PM  
Dec. 24.... 7:30 AM  
Dec. 24.... 10:00 AM

### **Christmas Mass Schedule**

Dec. 24.... 5:00 PM  
Dec. 24.... 10:00 PM  
Dec. 25.... 10:00 AM



## **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
Monday — Friday	Noon
Holy Day of Obligation	Please See Bulletin

Confession

Anointing of the Sick

Baptism & Matrimony

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
SOCIETY—HELP HOTLINE**

**YOUNG ADULTS**

## **SACRAMENTS**

Saturday @ 4:15 p.m.  
Weekdays @ 11:15 a.m.  
*Or by appointment*

Please call the office

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303-955-2578

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**CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED**

*November 29 – December 5*

Offertory.....	\$1,562.59
Children's Offertory.....	\$33.00
Christmas Flowers .....	\$183.00
Christmas Outreach .....	\$100.00
Building Fund .....	\$157.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Coll. – Campaign for Human Development .....	\$155.00



*Please consider using this  
QR code for online giving.  
Thank you!*

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

*December 10 - 16*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Classes Sunday at 8:45 a.m., Family Center (Kinder in the Gesu Rm.).

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Sunday at the 10 a.m. Mass.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** Rehearsal Sunday after the 10 a.m. Mass, choir area.

**KPCLA BAKE SALE:** Sunday after Masses in Brady Hall.

**KPCLA:** Meeting today, 11:30 a.m. in the Gesu Room.

**LOYOLA PANTRY FOOD DRIVE:** Sunday, 8 a.m. – noon, Pantry at 23<sup>rd</sup> & Gaylord. *Next food drive: December 17.*

**SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY:** Meeting, Sunday, 8:30 a.m., Brady Hall.

**RCIA:** Monday, December 11, 6:30 p.m., Curé d'Ars Church.

**ADVENT HOLY HOUR**

St. Ignatius of Loyola will be hosting an Advent Holy Hour on Friday, December 15 at 6 p.m. Please join us for Eucharistic adoration and confession as we prepare our hearts for the Lord's arrival. Multiple confessors will be available. Holy Hour prayer guides will be distributed before the Exposition. We look forward to praying with you!

**SENIOR SUPPORT DINNER – THANK YOU!**

I want to thank ALL of you who so generously donated to our November Senior Support Dinner. And a very heartfelt thank you to Ellen who single-handedly provided most of our needs! Your generosity is above and beyond. Scott – thank you for the snacks, they are very much appreciated. We pray for a blessed Christmas for all and for much peace and happiness in the new year. ~ Delores, Mike and Danny

**PASTOR'S COLUMN**

Dear Parishioners,

As we arrive at the Second Sunday of Advent, our journey continues through the fearsome reminders of Christ's triumphant return and the final judgment of our souls, and our hearts yearn more earnestly for the tender celebration of Christ's birth. The preparation by tears, be they yet hidden

and inward, cleanses the soul, preparing it to receive the truth and the themes that call us to a deeper spiritual reflection.

**John the Baptist** – A Call to Humility and Transformation: This Sunday, we are reminded of the pivotal role of John the Baptist in preparing the way for Jesus. John, a figure of humility and asceticism, invites us to a transformative repentance – a "metanoia," or complete change of mind and heart. His life, characterized by simplicity and dedication, is a stark contrast to our modern preoccupations. In the spirit of John the Baptist, let us prepare our hearts for Christ's coming, not with a sense of self-punishment, but with a transformative openness to God's love and mercy. Let us acknowledge the spiritual value in denying ourselves unnecessary comforts and pleasures.

**Our Lady of Loreto** – The feast of Our Lady of Loreto (December 10th) commemorates the Holy House of Loreto, believed to be the very home where the Virgin Mary received the Annunciation. This sacred house, miraculously transported by angels, symbolizes not just a physical dwelling but also the spiritual shelter that Mary provides for all who seek her intercession. In honoring Our Lady of Loreto, we acknowledge Mary as the sanctuary of the Word Incarnate, and we are reminded of the importance of creating a holy dwelling within our own hearts for Jesus. As we celebrate this feast, let us seek to emulate Mary's openness to God's will and her role as the first and most perfect disciple of Christ.

In the midst of Advent, this feast day draws our attention to Mary's integral role in the story of salvation. Her unwavering 'yes' to God mirrors the humility and readiness we are called to emulate. As we honor Our Lady of Loreto, let us draw inspiration from her faith and trust in God's plan. This feast encourages us to deepen our awareness of our spiritual childhood and rekindle our devotion to our mother Mary, who brings us closer to Christ.

**Isaiah's Message of Comfort and Hope:** The words of Isaiah resonate with a message of comfort and hope, anticipating the coming of Christ. "Comfort, comfort my people, says your God" (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11). As we reflect on this prophecy, we are encouraged by the power of God's Word - we have not been created only to be annihilated: our Father takes no pleasure in our suffering, He permits it for our spiritual healing. This Advent, let us open our hearts to the hope and consolation brought by Christ, allowing His light to dispel the darkness in our lives.

In this season of anticipation and reflection, let us embrace humility, seek transformative repentance, and draw nearer to God through our Marian devotion. May our preparation for Christmas be a time of spiritual renewal, leading us towards the joyous celebration of the Nativity of our Lord.

In Christ,

Fr. Francis Therese Krautter, CSJ  
Pastor

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### BAKE SALE

Be sure to stop by Brady Hall after both Masses on December 10 for the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary bake sale!

### CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

***This is the last weekend to sign-up for a Christmas Food Basket!*** Parish families experiencing financial challenges are invited to sign up to receive a Christmas Food Basket to help with Christmas dinner. To sign up, please see Toni Armstead in Brady Hall after Masses this weekend. Food baskets will be available to be picked up in Brady Hall on **Saturday, December 16 from noon to 2 p.m.**

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OUTREACH PROGRAM

*Opportunities for Sharing*

#### Santa Sacks

Santa Sacks will be given out with the Christmas Food Baskets on **Saturday, December 16**. Empty gift bags are available at church entrances. Please return filled sacks by **Sunday, December 10** (or to Brady Hall the evening of **Friday, December 15**) with any of these items: soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, lotion, lip balm, deodorant, hairbrush, comb, razors, shaving cream, after shave, facial tissue, socks, washcloths, nail clippers, stamps, candy, baby items.

#### Giving Tree

Please take an ornament from the Giving Tree with a child's gift request. Please return the **wrapped gifts with the ornament attached** by **Friday, December 15**. You can place the gifts under the Giving Tree or bring them to the parish office during office hours. Gifts will be distributed to the households on **Sunday, December 17** in the Gesu Room after the 10 a.m. Mass.

#### Baked Christmas Cookies

We would like to spread some holiday cheer by including a tin of homemade baked Christmas cookies with the food baskets. If you can help bake cookies, please sign up in Brady Hall after Masses this weekend. The cookies need to be delivered to the church by **Friday, December 15** for distribution on Saturday, December 16.

#### Volunteers

There are a number of activities where you can make a difference by sharing your time and talent on Friday and Saturday, December 15 and 16 during our Christmas basket project. We need help with set up, food pick up, unpacking food, filling baskets, delivering baskets, and clean up. You can sign up in Brady Hall after the Masses. We will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, and 9 a.m. on Saturday. Our guests will arrive at noon to pick up their baskets.

*Thank you for helping us make this a Merry Christmas for our parishioners and neighbors!*

***For more information, please contact***

***Toni Armstead, 303-283-8995 / [toni@loyoladenver.org](mailto:toni@loyoladenver.org).***

## SVDP SOCIETY – HELP US TO HELP OTHERS

Thanks to the support and generosity of the St. Ignatius of Loyola community, the Loyola Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society provided over \$160,000 in various types of assistance to our neighbors in need over the last year.

Assistance Line volunteers managed over 400 calls, our Home Visit volunteers visited and served 133 families, and the Loyola Food Pantry volunteers hosted almost 1,400 pantry visits. The financial help we provided consisted mostly of housing, utility, and food assistance, but as our mission states that “no act of charity is foreign to the Society,” we were also able to assist in many other ways.

Our members, and the poor we serve, are incredibly grateful for your generosity. The need in our parish neighborhood is great, so we ask that you please consider continuing to support us by making a year-end donation to the Society. Please know that any donation to the SVdP Society goes directly to helping our neighbors with their essential needs, as they are met and treated with compassion, openness, respect, and love by our members.

Thank you for considering supporting our works of charity during this holy season. Cash or checks (payable to “St. Vincent de Paul Society–Loyola”) are welcome and can be dropped off at church, the parish office, or mailed to the parish. Please use an envelope marked “St. Vincent de Paul Society.”

***With gratitude, we wish you peace and grace this Advent season.***

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 12-10-23

7:30 a.m.

Fred<sup>+</sup> and Annie<sup>+</sup> Daniels

10:00 a.m.

People of the Parish

Monday, 12-11-23

Margo Petern<sup>+</sup>

Tuesday, 12-12-23

Ricardo Antonio Torres Goicochea

Wednesday, 12-13-23

Robert Charles Armstead<sup>+</sup>

Thursday, 12-14-23

Jean Giles

Friday, 12-15-23

Intentions of the Celebrant

Saturday, 12-16-23

The Le Frere Family

### PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

Victor Abad, Jr., Elizabeth Achuil, Joyce Armstead, Eugenia Arsense, Benjamin Baszler Family, Mary Bergles, Taeja Billingsley, Raquel Bishop, Gray Buckley, Mary Ellen Buning, Loretta Burrell, Judy Busch, Susan Carrillo, Gerda Christiansen, Joyce & Meredith Clabaugh, Josephine Clode, Deborah Cottle, Ann Durkin, Ed Ekel, Ann Feighny, Barbara Floyd-Hall, Valerie Francis, Margie Fry, Notasha M. Garcia, Suzanne Geren, Jean Giles, Ricardo Antonio Torres Goicochea, Hollis Hafner, Carrie Hamilton, Gayle Hamlett, Patty Harvey, Peg Higgins, Tylah Howard, Connor Jennison, Wardell Jones, Isaac Joseph, Michael Koller, Jamar Lindsay Family, Lorene Lee, Jonny Lewis, Judy Lewis, Linda Parker Long, Tony Lutrey, Josephine Martinez, Brody McDonald, Mary McEnany, James McKinney, Mary Ann Montgomery, Mathue/ Nicque Moore, Mary Muldoon, Linda Murray, Carol Nettles, Michelle Padilla, Flora Potter, Margaret Prado, Gail Pugh, Marcello Puma, Fr. Patrick Quinn, Peter Quintero, Megan Reinholtz, Cordell Robinson, Maria Rose, Robert Saldano, Paul Scheafbauer, Katie/Melvin Scott, Barb Sercely, William Sexton, Angelita Sims, Larry Sims, Gary Slaven, Deneen Stevenson, Romaine Tacznosky, Ken/Carmen Therence, Linda Vialpando, Beverly Wilson, John Zimmer

***Sunday, December 10, 2023 – Second Sunday of Advent***

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8 (5)

Please visit [www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings) for the daily reading.



# ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PARISH

DECEMBER 15, 2023, 6 - 7 PM

2301 York St., Denver, CO 80205

Multiple confessors available

Holy Hour prayer guides provided

ADVENT ADORATION AND CONFESSION

