

# ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

December 17, 2023 — Third Sunday of Advent

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

5:00 p.m.

Sunday

7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Monday — Friday

Noon

Christmas Masses

Please See Back Cover of Bulletin

## SACRAMENTS

Confession

Saturday @ 4:15 p.m.

Weekdays @ 11:15 a.m.

Or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the office

Baptism & Matrimony

Please call the office

## CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

*December 6 - 12*

Offertory.....	\$1,713.00
Children's Offertory.....	\$13.00
Christmas Flowers .....	\$10.00
Christmas Outreach .....	\$100.00



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Thank you!*

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

*December 17 – 23*

**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. *Dress Rehearsal: 12/23, 3 p.m.*

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

**RCIA:** Monday, December 18, 6:30 p.m., Curé d'Ars Church.

## PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners,

As we approach the Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday, our hearts and our church are filled with a sense of joyful anticipation. The use of the color rose in our liturgical vestments is not just a mark of the Church's rich tradition but a visual reminder of the joy that is central to our faith, especially as we draw nearer to the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord. We turn the corner this Sunday from preparation through repentance, considering the end of time and the Last Judgment, to the preparation of joyful hope for the birth of the Savior.

Gaudete Sunday derives its name from the Introit of the Mass: "Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete" (Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice). This ancient chant, rich in history and significance, captures the essence of this liturgical time. The word 'Gaudete' itself, meaning 'rejoice' in Latin, is a command, an invitation, and a reminder all at once. It beckons us to find joy in the Lord, amidst all circumstances, as we await the fulfillment of His promises.

The Introit, a significant component of the Mass, has a rich history. Originally, it involved the singing of an entire psalm as the priest entered to celebrate Mass. This practice can be traced back to the early centuries of the Church. The psalm was initially sung responsorially, with an antiphon repeated by all at intervals while a solo singer chanted the psalm's words.

This evolved into a form where two groups of singers alternated, with the antiphon sung only at the beginning and end. This change is attributed to Pope Celestine I (422–432), and Pope Gregory I (590–604), after whom Gregorian chant is named, composed several antiphons for use with the Entrance psalm.

Over time, the practice was streamlined. If the singing of the psalm was not completed by the time the Entrance procession arrived at the altar, the singers would move directly to the Gloria Patri and the final repetition of the antiphon. Eventually, only the opening verse of the psalm was retained, along with the Gloria Patri, preceded and followed by the antiphon. This form of the Introit was solidified following the Council of Trent.

The 1970 revision of the Roman Missal envisaged the possibility of singing the entire psalm associated with the antiphon, although this was not made obligatory. In contemporary Catholic usage, the introit corresponds to the Entrance Antiphon and is sung or recited audibly before the Sign of the Cross at the beginning of Mass.

In line with Sacrosanctum Concilium, the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, we continue to integrate chant into our liturgies. The Council emphasized that Gregorian chant, as the proper chant of the Roman Rite, holds a principal place in liturgical services. This is not merely a matter of tradition, but of deep spiritual significance. Chant, with its meditative and solemn qualities, elevates our worship, aligning our hearts closer to the sacred mysteries we celebrate.

The incorporation of chant in our liturgical celebrations is a conscious effort to deepen our connection with the centuries-old traditions of our faith. In a world that is ever-changing and often chaotic, these chants are a source of solace and stability, grounding us in our rich Catholic heritage.

The antiphon's words are carefully chosen to relate to the theme of the feast day or celebration, often reflecting the liturgical readings of the Mass. For Gaudete Sunday, the antiphon and the readings emphasize the joy of expectation and the imminent arrival of Christ. This sense of joy and gladness is further highlighted by the use of rose-colored vestments and the relaxation of penitential practices, drawing a parallel with Laetare Sunday in Lent.

As we don the rose vestments this Gaudete Sunday, let us embrace the joy that the Church calls us to. Let the ancient chants remind us of the unchanging nature of our faith and the eternal joy found in Christ. May our hearts be ever open to the profound message of Advent, as we await with hopeful expectation the birth of our Savior.

In Christ's peace and joy,

Fr. Francis Therese Krautter, CSJ  
Pastor

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### OPPORTUNITY FOR PLENARY INDULGENCE

The Capuchins are pleased to announce that a plenary indulgence has been granted from December 8, 2023, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, until February 2, 2024, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

The indulgence may be obtained by visiting a church served by Franciscans and praying before the nativity scene set up there. This indulgence was approved by Pope Francis in order to “promote the spiritual renewal of the faithful and increase the life of grace.” The only churches in Colorado where you can receive this indulgence in Denver are St. Patrick’s and Annunciation.

Those who are sick or unable to participate physically can obtain the indulgence by offering their sufferings up to the Lord, or by “carrying out practices of piety.”

This indulgence may be received under the usual conditions: detachment from all sin (even venial), prayer for the intentions of the pope, and receiving sacramental confession and holy communion within 20 days before or after the act.

### CHILDREN’S CHOIR

The St. Ignatius of Loyola Children’s Choir will sing a prelude to the Mass on December 24 at 4:30 p.m., and will then lead the church in song for the 5 p.m. Mass.

**Please note:** Our final dress rehearsal is on Saturday, December 23 at 3 p.m.

### DENVER CATHOLIC MAGAZINE

We have free copies of the Denver Catholic Magazine! By the East Entrance in the narthex, you’ll be able to find the December and Christmas special editions of the Denver Catholic. Additionally, we have copies of El Pueblo Catolico, a Spanish magazine for Catholics in the greater Denver area. Please pick one up for your family today!

### SUPPORT THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

An easy way to support SVDP is by using a King Soopers loyalty card. Each time you use your loyalty card, a percentage of the purchase amount will be donated to SVdP. To enroll in the rewards program, log into your King Sooper’s account. Under “Community Rewards” choose “St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church – SVdP Society,” or use code VC 796. **Thank you for your continued support!**

### COLLECTION FOR THE HOMELESS

In this season of giving, and with the cold winter weather, please consider donating items for our neighbors in shelters and day centers: *Coats for men and women, men’s underwear (S & M), women’s underwear (S & M), men’s jeans (30 to 36), men’s pants (all sizes), men’s shoes (all sizes), men’s belt (all sizes), reusable water bottles, 13 gallon trash bags.* **Please bring your donated items to 2591 Eudora Street (place in the blue tub, south side of house). Thank you!**

## IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY: DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS

All are welcome to attend our new 10-week Formation Series beginning on Monday, January 29, at 6:30 p.m. in Brady Hall. The series will be led by Fr. Francis Krautter, CSJ and will follow the writings of Fr. Timothy Gallagher, OMV (author of *The Discernment of Spirits*, *Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement*, *Begin Again* and more).

Registration is not required and there is no fee for this series. Details will be available in upcoming bulletins and on our website.

We hope you will join us for spiritual discussion to further our growth in holiness.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR’S

The parish office will be closed December 25 and 26, and January 1 and 2. The office will be open by appointment only December 27 – 29.

*May you rejoice in the miracle, the gift and  
the promise of Christmas.*

### PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 12-17-23

7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Monday, 12-18-23

Tuesday, 12-19-23

Wednesday, 12-20-23

Thursday, 12-21-23

Friday, 12-22-23

Saturday, 12-23-23

People of the Parish

Michael Floyd<sup>+</sup>

Intentions of the Celebrant

Randy Hicklin<sup>+</sup>

Victor and Lisa

Kris and Al Rowley

Coleen Walsh

Kris and Al Rowley

### 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 Giocochea, 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 17, 2023 – Third Sunday of Advent**

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28(8)

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

# 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 - Children's Choir

Dec. 24.... 10:00 PM - "Midnight" Mass

Dec. 25.... 10:00 AM - Christmas Day

