# ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

December 24, 2023 — Fourth Sunday of Advent

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From all of us at St. Ignatius, we wish you a



They shall call him Emmanuel, God with us. - Matt. 1:23

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.

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

Monday — Friday Noon 4th Sunday Advent

and Christmas Masses Please See Inside Cover

**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 13 – 19

Offertory\$2	,026.05
Children's Offertory	\$30.75
Christmas Flowers	\$20.00



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#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

December 24 – 30

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** No RE classes today. **CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** No Children's Church today. **CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** Singing at 5 p.m. Christmas Mass.

RCIA: No meeting December 25.

#### 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT MASS SCHEDULE

December 23 . . . 5:00 p.m. December 24 . . . 7:30 a.m. December 24 . . . 10:00 a.m.

#### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24 . . . 5:00 p.m. – Children's Choir December 24 . . . 10:00 p.m. – "Midnight" Mass December 25 . . . 10:00 a.m. – Christmas Day

**NOTE:** There will not be noon Mass on December 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

December 26-26 – Office Closed
December 27-29 – Office open by appointment only
January 1-2 – Office Closed

#### **PASTOR'S COLUMN**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we gather with family and friends to celebrate this joyous season, let's have a peaceful moment to revisit the heartwarming story of Christmas, the birth of our dear Lord Jesus Christ. This isn't just any tale; it's a story that touches our hearts and reawakens our souls to the immense love God has for each of us.

Picture a starlit night in little Bethlehem. It's bustling with people from all over, coming for the census. Amidst this hubbub, there's Mary and Joseph. Imagine them, tired from their journey, looking for a place to rest. Their faith and trust

in God's plan is something that always moves me. Mary, so young and yet mysteriously full of grace, preparing to become a mother, knowing that the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. And Joseph, her devoted husband, a true example of faithfulness and love - he took the time to understand and was open to this whole extraordinary situation.

In the simplest of places, a stable, Jesus is born. Not in a grand palace, but among animals and hay. I think bemusedly about the large portion of our parish boundaries that is home to zoo animals. This humble beginning of Jesus's life is a lesson in itself, isn't it? It shows us that true greatness often has its beginnings in simplicity and humility.

The shepherds, those simple, hardworking folks, are the first to hear this good news. It's an angel, no less, that tells them! Can you imagine their surprise and joy? They rush to see the newborn infant, and in that moment, they remind us that God's love is for everyone, no matter who they are or what their background.

Then there are the Magi - whose story we will hear more about on Epiphany - those wise men who followed a star from faraway lands. Their journey always amazes me. It shows the incredible reach of Jesus' birth, calling people from all distances to come and worship Him. Their gifts – gold, frankincense, and myrrh – are so symbolic, aren't they? Each one representing a unique aspect of Jesus' life and mission.

In the midst of this tender Christmas story lies a profound truth that touches the core of our existence. Jesus comes into our world, not just as a symbol of divine love, but as our Savior, to rescue us from our sins and reconcile us with God. His birth is the beginning of a journey that leads to the cross. where He sacrifices Himself for our redemption. This little child in the manger is God's answer to our deepest needs, our sins, and our separation from Him. In Jesus, God reaches down to humanity, offering forgiveness, healing, and a restored relationship with Him. This is the true miracle of Christmas: God's love made visible in Jesus, who comes to save us and bring us back into a loving relationship with our Heavenly Father. This is why we celebrate, why we find hope and joy in this season – because in Jesus, we find the way back to God's embrace, the promise of eternal life, and the peace that surpasses all understanding.

May your Christmas be filled with the love, joy, and peace that comes from the baby in the manger. And may this wonderful story of Jesus' birth bring warmth and light into our lives, today and always.

Merry Christmas, with all my love and prayers,

Fr. Francis Therese Krautter, Your Pastor and Brother in Christ

#### **NEWS AND EVENTS**

#### 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 to you for your generosity. The need in our parish neighborhood is great, and 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 poor 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 work of charity during this holy season. Cash or checks (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.

#### 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.

### 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 Discornment 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.

#### 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.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Sunday, 12-24-23	
7:30 a.m.	Pro Populo (People of the Parish)
10:00 a.m.	Fr. John-Therese Creus, CSJ
5:00 p.m.	Children of St. Ignatius of Loyola
10:00 p.m.	Fr. Francis Therese Krautter, CSJ
Monday, 12-25-23	Intentions of the Celebrant
Tuesday, 12-26-23	Denis Weber <sup>+</sup>
Wednesday, 12-27-23	The Community of St. John & Oblates
Thursday, 12-28-23	Evelyn Dunfee <sup>+</sup>
Friday, 12-29-23	The Homeless of Denver
Saturday, 12-30-23	Monroe Blaylock

#### 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, 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, Ronald Slaven, Deneen Stevenson, Romaine Tacznosky, Ken/Carmen Therence, Linda Vialpando, Coleen Walsh, Beverly Wilson, John Zimmer

Sunday, December 24, 2023 – Fourth Sunday of Advent 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38 (11) Please visit <u>www.usccb.org/bible/readings</u> for the daily reading.

### Our Christmas Flowers are In Memory Of...

Emma Lee Buter
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Thank you to all who donated!

## Christmas Mass at St. Ignatius



4th Sunday of Advent Schedule

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