ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

December 3, 2023 — First Sunday of Advent

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December 8 The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Sunday Monday — Friday Holy Day of Obligation

Masses at No

Confession

Anointing of the Sick

Baptism & Matrimony

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY-HELP HOTLINE

YOUNG ADULTS

5:00 p.m. 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Noon Friday, December 8 Masses at Noon and 7 p.m.

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

Please call the office

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CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

November 22 – November 28

Offertory	\$1,455.40
Children's Offertory	\$2.00
Christmas Outreach	\$1,690.00

Online Giving through Faith Direct® for November Offertory......\$7,903.00 Building Fund......\$705.00 Fr. Brady Fund for the Poor\$310.00

WEEKLY CALENDAR

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Classes today at 8:45 a.m.,
Family Center (Kinder in the Gesu Rm.).
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Today at the 10 a.m. Mass.
CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Rehearsal today after the 10 a.m.
Mass, choir area.
LOYOLA WOMEN'S CLUB: Advent Sale, Saturday &
Sunday in Brady Hall after weekend Masses.
RCIA: Monday, December 4, 6:30 p.m., Curé d'Ars Church.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Holy Day of Obligation December 8 – Masses at noon and 7 p.m.



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

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we enter the season of Advent, a time of spiritual preparation and anticipation, we are called to embark on a journey of renewal marked by vigilance. The first Sunday of Advent, with its readings, invites us to prepare for the coming of our Lord, a theme beautifully captured in the Gospel of Mark (Mark 13:33-37). Like the servants awaiting their master's return, we too are urged to remain watchful, for the time of the Lord's arrival is unknown.

This season is marked by the para-liturgical symbol of the Advent wreath, a circle of evergreens with four candles, symbolizing the eternal life offered by Christ and the light He brings into our world. Each candle, lit successively each week, represents a step closer to the birth of our Savior. The wreath's greenery speaks of ongoing life, the deep greens which remain vigorous even in the midst of the winter and the cold. The plants that make up the wreath carry Christian symbolism – Laurel: Victory over suffering and persecution; pine, holly, and yew: Immortality; Cedar: Strength and healing; Pine cones and nuts: New Life and resurrection. This wreath is not just a decoration, but a profound symbol of our faith journey towards the light of Christ. We commemorate the feast of St. Francis Xavier on December 3rd, and so are reminded of Christian zeal as we begin Advent. His journey led him to the far corners of Asia in the mission to spread the Gospel. His story begins at the University of Paris, where he met St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits). Initially resistant to Ignatius' spiritual insights, Francis Xavier was deeply moved by the Gospel passage, "What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world but forfeits his soul?" (Matthew 16:26). This reflection catalyzed a profound spiritual transformation in him, guiding him to join the Jesuit order and dedicate his life to missionary work.

In his missionary journeys, Francis Xavier displayed remarkable adaptability and commitment. Arriving in Goa, India, in 1542, he devoted himself to the spiritual needs of the simple, poor pearl fishers, the Paravas. His ability to connect with them, despite language barriers, demonstrated his conviction and genuine care for their spiritual welfare. Xavier's missionary work extended to Japan, where he pioneered novel strategies that would shape the future of Catholic missions. His principle of adapting to the customs and language of those he evangelized, and his advocacy for an educated native clergy, marked significant advancements in missionary approach.

St. Francis Xavier's mission was characterized by an unwavering dedication to spreading the faith and caring for the spiritual needs of diverse communities. His final days epitomize this dedication; he died on December 3, 1552, on the island of Sancian, near China's coast, as he sought to bring Christianity to China, a country then closed to foreigners.

In our parish, we have two relics of St. Francis Xavier out for veneration; let us draw inspiration from his relentless dedication and his transformative journey of faith. His life was a testament to the power of spiritual transformation and the impact of wholehearted service in the name of Christ. As we enter this Advent season, let us seek to embody the same zeal and love for God and our neighbors, guided by the enduring legacy of St. Francis Xavier.

As your pastor, I pray that this Advent will be a time of spiritual growth and deeper communion with the Lord for each one of you. In this sacred season, our hearts are gently consoled by the constant presence of Mary, our Blessed Mother, whose faithful 'yes' to God's plan is the seed of Advent. Her path to Bethlehem, filled with anticipation and trust, is a harrowing journey we long to join. As we light each candle on our wreath, let us remember Mary's unwavering faith and her role as the bearer of the Light of the World. May her example inspire us to live with hope and courage, embracing God's will with hearts full of joy and hope: home awaits us in heaven - God makes his home here so that we might find in Him our Heaven.

In Christ, and with our Lady,

Fr. Francis Therese Krautter, CSJ

NEWS AND EVENTS

REQUEST A CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKET

Parish families experiencing financial challenges this year 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 and next. Food baskets will be available to be picked up in Brady Hall on Saturday, December 26 from noon to 2 p.m.

KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER LADIES' AUXILIARY BAKE SALE

Be sure to stop by Brady Hall after Sunday Masses on December 10 for KPCLA's annual bake sale. Please see the back cover for more information.

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 all the entrances of the Church. Please return them filled 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

The Giving Tree is up! Please take an ornament 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 after Mass on the weekend or bring them to the church 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 the Masses this weekend and next. 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. Please help in any capacity: set up, food pick up, unpack food, fill baskets, deliver baskets, clean up. You can sign up in Brady Hall after the Masses now. We will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. on Saturday. Our guests will arrive at noon to receive 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.

ADVENT ADORATION and CONFESSION

December 15, 6 – 7 p.m.

Please join us for a holy hour of eucharistic adoration, prayer, and confession.

"This prayer is not often done: I ask you to do it. Adore, immerse yourself in divine love and give it with full hands to those you meet on your path." *Pope Francis*

LOYOLA PANTRY FOOD DRIVES

December 10 and 17, 8 a.m.— noon Our pantry continues to serve 30-40+ families per week. We are struggling to keep the shelves stocked and need your continued support. Please see the enclosed flyer for a list of most-needed items.

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND COLLECTION – THIS WEEKEND

This weekend we will have a second collection for the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development – Working on the Margins*, which supports organizations that combat poverty and improve the lives of people across our country. <u>https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development</u>.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 12-3-23 7:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Monday, 12-4-23 Tuesday, 12-5-23 Wednesday, 12-6-23 Thursday, 12-7-23 Friday, 12-8-23 Saturday, 12-9-23

Fred⁺ and Annie⁺ Daniels People of the Parish Intentions of the Celebrant Ramsey Barton Isabel Martinez Randy Hicklin⁺ Denis Weber⁺ Reece and Neil

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, 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 3, 2023 – First Sunday of Advent Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37(2) Please visit <u>www.usccb.org/bible/readings</u> for the daily reading.



Join Us For The

KNIGHTS OF Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary

BAKE SALE

SUNDAY

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DECEMBER

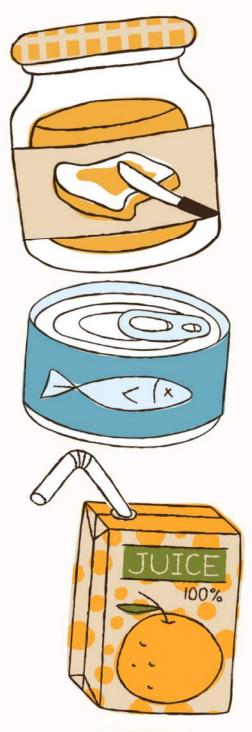
2023

Goodies include (but not limited to): Cookies, Cakes, Sweet Potato Pies

AFTER THE 7:30 A.M. & 10:00 A.M. MASSES BRADY HALL

Cash, Check, or Venmo Accepted

Milk Provided for Children





LOYOLA FOOD PANTRY 23RD & GAYLORD

Food Drives

8 AM - NOON SUNDAYS DECEMBER 10 & 17

PAPER TOWELS, TOILET PAPER, REUSABLE GROCERY BAGS, COOKING OILS, MAYONNAISE, MIRACLE WHIP, MUSTARD, KETCHUP, PANCAKE SYRUP, PANCAKE MIX, CANNED FRUIT AND VEGETABLES (NO GREEN BEANS), CANNED TOMATOES, TOMATO SAUCE AND TOMATO PASTE, CANNED TUNA, CHICKEN AND SALMON, HEARTY SOUPS(NO TOMATO SOUP PLEASE), CANNED CHILI, SLOPPY JOE MIX, CANNED STEWS, SPAGHETTI SAUCE, SPAGHETTIOS, BAKED AND OTHER CANNED BEANS, PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, COFFEE, SUGAR, FLOUR, MASA, PASTA, RICE (WHITE ONLY), TACO SEASONING AND SHELLS, TORTILLAS, HAMBURGER AND TUNA HELPER, SALSA, HOT SAUCE, HONEY, AND CEREAL/OATMEAL. COOKIES, GRANOLA BARS, CRACKERS, JUICE BOXES AND SNACKS ARE APPRECIATED AS WELL.

PLEASE NO EXPIRED OR DAMAGED ITEMS!

FINANCIAL DONATIONS ARE ALSO ACCEPTED, CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY. FOOD DONATIONS CAN ALSO BE DROPPED OFF AT THE PARISH OFFICE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!