



ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 7 - The Epiphany of the Lord

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303-955-2578

Saturday Anticipatory Mass

5:00 PM

Sunday Mass

7:30 AM | 10:00 AM

Weekday Mass

12:00 PM

Confessions

M-F - 11:15-11:45 AM

Sat. - 4:15-4:45 PM



Pastor's Column

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, we are reminded of the important impact that the mystery of Christ's birth had.

The Epiphany, meaning an appearance or manifestation, especially of a divine being, marks the first manifestation of Jesus to the Gentiles. It is more than a historical event; it is a celebration of how light (or truth) effectively removes dividing walls and hostilities between different groups of people. This feast challenges us to expand our hearts and embrace even those we may find difficult to love, as Christ - (the Light and Truth) makes this possible.

The story of the Magi, as told by Matthew, is rich in symbolism and contrast. Unlike Luke's account, which focuses on shepherds, a stable, and a manger, Matthew presents us with Magi from the East, Herod's palace, gifts fit for a king, and divine dreams. The visit of the Magi likely took place some time after the birth of Christ, possibly when Mary and Joseph were residing in a house in Bethlehem. The Magi, sometimes referred to as Kings, were most certainly learned scholars though not necessarily royalty. (cont. page 2)

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Matthew's narrative draws parallels between Jesus and Moses, with Jesus being presented as a new Moses-like figure. While Moses saved Israel from slavery to Pharaoh in Egypt, Jesus came to save those who would believe in His Name from their sins in this world. This link is further emphasized by the allusion to the story of Balak and Balaam in Numbers 22-24, where we see parallels of a wicked king, a pagan soothsayer, God's intervention, and a star guiding the way.

The Magi were most certainly Gentiles, as indicated by their origin and the fact that they sought "the one born king of the Jews." This detail is significant in Matthew's Gospel, which, while very Jewish in nature, opens with the inclusion of Gentile worshipers. This inclusion prepares us for Jesus' final command to make disciples of all nations, highlighting the universal nature of Christ's mission and the breakdown of barriers between people.

Their worship of Jesus was an act of profound submission and respect, as denoted by the Greek word "proskuneo," which combines the words "toward" and "kiss." This act of worship involved kneeling and placing one's forehead on the ground, a gesture of deep reverence and acknowledgment of Jesus' divine kingship.

The gifts of the Magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—are not only precious but also deeply symbolic. Gold is a gift fit for a king, frankincense is used in temple worship, symbolizing Jesus' priestly role, and myrrh, used for anointing and in burials, foreshadows Jesus' death and burial. These gifts speak to Jesus' future as King, Priest, and the sacrificial Lamb or Victim.

May the Epiphany enlighten our hearts and minds, guiding us in our journey of faith.

Yours in Christ,
Father Francis

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, 1/6/24 - Charles Leisring+

Sunday, 1/7/24 -

7:30 AM - Pro Populo (People of the Parish)

10:00 AM - The Pickett and Petersen Families

Monday, 1/8/2024 - Intentions of the Celebrant

Tuesday, 1/9/2024 - The Students and Teachers of the St. Thomas Mission, Iraq

Wednesday, 1/10/2024 - Intentions of the Celebrant

Thursday, 1/11/2024 - Katie Marie "Kitty" Scott+

Friday, 1/12/2024 - Intentions of the Celebrant

Saturday, 1/13/2024 - Martin Herbert+

Mass Intentions

2024 Mass Intentions are now open! If there is a special date for which you'd like to have a Mass celebrated for a loved one or group of people, please contact the office. An offering of \$10 is suggested.

Offertory

December 28 - January 3 Weekly Offertory

Offertory..... \$2475.00

Children's Offertory..... \$5.00

Announcements

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, Jan. 7 -

RE and Children's Church Resumes

Monday, Jan. 8 -

RCIA @ Cure d'Ars Parish

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Jan. 14 & 28 -

St. Vincent de Paul Food Drives

Sunday, Jan. 21 -

Rite of Acceptance for RCIA

Sunday, Jan. 28 -

Rite of Welcome for RCIA

Monday, Jan. 29 -

Ignatian Discernment of Spirits Formation

Series begins! 6:30 PM, Brady Hall

Upcoming Ignatian Formation

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 of talks will be given by Fr. Francis Krautter, CSJ and will teach the practical application of St. Ignatius' rules for the discernment of spirits. Please see below for the topics of the first few weeks!

Week 1: What is Discernment of Spirits?

Week 2: From Sin to Sin? Or from Good to Better? (Rules 1 & 2)

Week 3: Consolation and Desolation (Rules 3 & 4)

Week 4: Be Aware, Understand, Take Action (Rule 5)

Week 5: Fighting Desolation (Rule 6)

Registration is not required and there is no fee for this series. We hope you will join us for spiritual discussion to further our growth in holiness.

If you're visiting or new, WELCOME!

We're so glad you're here to worship Our Lord, truly present in the Eucharist with us.

If you are looking for a new spiritual home or have decided it's simply time to come back to the Catholic Church - please consider returning, introducing yourself to our priests, and spending more time at St. Ignatius!

If you'd like to register or learn more about the parish, please contact the office.

Upcoming Feast Days

Jan. 8 - Baptism of the Lord

Jan. 17 - St. Anthony of Egypt

Jan. 25 - The Conversion of St. Paul

Second Collection

This weekend, we will be taking a second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

This fund helps nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers, and priests to retire with dignity. It helps cover essential care, such as medical and living expenses, to those who gave their adult lives to Christ and often received little to no pay for their work.

If you would like to give to this cause, please drop your donation in the boxes by the North and East Doors. There are giving envelopes available near the boxes as well.

eGiving via FaithDirect



**Announcements
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Please scan the QR Code & join our email list for a free eBook of the "Spiritual Exercises" by St. Ignatius of Loyola!

This book will help prepare you for our upcoming Formation Series.

Or visit

<https://stignatiusdenver.org/ignatian-formation-series/>



Mark Your Calendars

Ash Wednesday
Mass Schedule

Noon & 7 P.M.



Retirement Fund for Religious

Please donate at your local parish or by mail at:

National Religious Retirement Office

3211 Fourth Street NE

Washington DC 20017-1194

Make check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious.

retiredreligious.org

Visit retiredreligious.org/2023photos to meet the religious pictured.

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2024 Lector Sign-Ups

Thank you to all of our lectors and EMHCs who served in 2023.

Our new system for sign-ups is well under way and running nicely! As a reminder, the green binder by the South Entrance is where you can sign up to be an EMHC or Lector.

Sign ups are now open for January and February 2024. If you are not currently serving as a lector or EMHC but would like to learn more, please contact Brother Gabriel or the office.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

This month, our St. Vincent de Paul Society will have their bi-monthly food drives on January 14 & 28. Please pick up a flyer or see our website for a list of needs. <https://stignatiusdenver.org/give/>

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, Josephone 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, Coleen Walsh

Eternal Joy for Katie Marie "Kitty" Scott

Sunday Readings

Is. 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 ; Matt. 2:1-12

Please visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings for the daily reading.

Cover Painting

The Adoration of the Magi by Juan Carreño de Miranda