



ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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February 25 - Second Sunday of Lent

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Saturday Anticipatory Mass

5:00 P.M.

Sunday Mass

7:30 AM | 10:00 A.M.

Weekday Mass

12:00 P.M.

Confessions

M-F - 11:15-11:45 A.M.

Sat. - 4:15-4:45 P.M.



Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners,

This second Sunday of Lent we are surprised by the sudden and breathtaking story of the Transfiguration and the heart wrenching story of Abraham's willingness to offer his son Isaac in sacrifice. These two stories prepare us in different ways for the paschal feast. The Transfiguration is a glorious moment of light that strengthens us for the difficult road ahead. Abraham's offering of Isaac is an invitation to us to follow God's will even when we can't make sense of it - to have faith even when we are surrounded by darkness.

The Test of Faith in the story of Abraham and Isaac (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18) challenges us to ponder the depth of our own faith in God's providence. Abraham's willingness to surrender his son, Isaac, in obedience to God, exemplifies an unparalleled trust in the divine promise. This narrative compels us to trust in God's plan for our lives, even when His will transcends our understanding.

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The early Christian scholar Origen, reflecting on this, teaches us that as descendants of Abraham in faith, we too are called to inherit the strength to overcome our spiritual adversaries through unwavering trust in God. He says that "the seed of Abraham, which is Christ," should possess "the cities of his enemies for an inheritance." In our own lives, we must strive for the victory of faith over doubt and surrender to God's will.

In the **Sacrifice of God**, as articulated by Paul in Romans 8:31b-34, we are reminded of the immeasurable love of God, who did not spare His own Son for our redemption. This passage invites us to contemplate the profound mystery of God's love and the sacrifice of Christ for our salvation. God told Abraham to sacrifice his only son, then God spared him. Now, in Christ, God does not spare His only Son. St. Ambrose urges us not to become attached to our own sense of security, "who can grieve because a security especially dear to him has been taken away, when for our comfort the Father delivered his only Son to death for us?"

The Gospel Reading on the **Transfiguration of Jesus** (Mark 9:2-10) offers a glimpse of the radiant glory of Christ, prefiguring the resurrection and inviting us to transformation in the light of the Holy Spirit. Augustine's insight into this transformative light encourages us to seek the presence of Christ within, illuminating our path through the darkness of this world towards spiritual renewal: "What this sun is to the eyes of the flesh, that is the Lord to the eyes of the heart."

In line with our Lenten journey of reflection and growth, I warmly invite you to our ongoing series of talks on Ignatian Discernment of Spirits. This week, we will delve into Rule 6, focusing on the crucial practice of moving oneself strongly against spiritual desolation when it occurs. These talks are designed to equip us with the tools to recognize what's happening and take action in our spiritual lives. Living by these rules for discernment enhances freedom and fidelity in our relationship with God. Join us this Monday evening at 6:30pm in Brady Hall for this enlightening session.

In Christ's Peace,
Father Francis

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, 2/24/24 - Judy Dollins+

Sunday, 2/25/24 -

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

10:00 AM - Toni McCann+

Monday, 2/26/2024 - Judy Dollins+

Tuesday, 2/27/2024 - Tom Kujawa+

Wednesday, 2/28/2024 - Lawney Norvell

Thursday, 2/29/2024 - Macey Metzger

Friday, 3/1/2024 - Judy Dollins+

Saturday, 3/2/2024 - Fran & Joel Weingartner

Weekly Offertory

February 14 - 20

Ash Wednesday Offertory	\$321.00
Eastern Europe Second Collection	\$406.00
Sunday Offertory	\$1231.00
Children's Offertory.....	\$6.15
Easter Flowers	\$50.00
Black & Indian Missions Collection	\$343.50

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News and Events

Weekend Calendar

Saturday, Feb. 24 -

- 11:00 A.M. - Katie "Miss Kitty" Scott
Remembrance Mass and Repast

Sunday, Feb. 25 -

- Children's Church and R.E.
- Loyola Foodbank Food Drive
- 11:30 - 12:30 P.M. - 100th Anniversary
Committee Meeting, Brady Hall
- 11:30 - 12:30 P.M. - Knights of Peter Claver
Meeting, Gesu Room

Upcoming Events

Monday, Feb. 19 -

Ignatian Discernment of Spirits Formation Series
6:30 PM, Brady Hall

For more information, visit

www.stignatiusdenver.org/ignatian-formation-series/

6:30 P.M. - RCIA @ Cure d'Ars Parish

Friday, March 1 -

7 P.M. - Stations of the Cross, lead by RCIA
Following stations, tour of our church

Last Week's Second Collections

Last week, we took up two special collections. One for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe (2/14) and one for the Black and Indian Mission Office (2/17-18).

Thank you for your impressive generosity in these collections! Your aid will help our brothers and sisters of many racial, educational, and financial backgrounds in the United States and Europe.

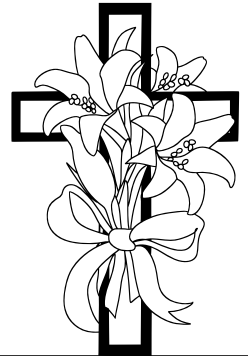
Together we collected:

\$416 for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe
\$343.50 for the Black and Indian Mission Office

Easter Flowers

If you would like to aid in beautifying our church for Easter, please consider donating to our Easter Flower Fund.

To do so, place cash in an envelope labeled "Easter Flower Fund" and your name, write "Easter Flowers" on your check memo line, or add the note "Easter Flowers" to your FaithDirect donation.



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 visit our website or contact the office.

Support the St. Vincent de Paul Society

If almsgiving will be part of your Lenten practice this year, please consider donating to the Loyola Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Our Conference manages the Loyola Food Pantry and also provides financial assistance to neighborhood families who are in crisis regarding rent, utilities, food, medicine, or transportation. We rely solely on donations to do this work, so please consider supporting us with a tax-deductable financial gift.

We welcome cash or checks (made out to: St. Vincent de Paul Society - Loyola) which can be put in the Offertory, dropped off, or mailed to the parish office. Please use an envelope marked St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you for considering supporting our work of charity during this holy season of Lent.

**Announcements
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Timeless Treasured Talents of St. Ignatius Loyola

Greg and Bridget Agwu

Warmth, welcome, and reverence reflect in the faces of Greg and Bridget Agwu, dedicated members of Loyola, who have graced the pews of our parish along with their four accomplished sons—Nnaoma, Uche, Chibueze, and Chidera.

Greg joined Loyola in 1981 and Bridget in 1993. Both felt welcomed and embraced as family from the very beginning, especially by Dr. and Mrs. Al (Marge) Howard, esteemed members and elders of our parish.

Greg recounts how Dr. Howard hired him to join the staff in his liquor store, ensuring that he would be employed. Mrs. Howard, too, was an example of service and piety, as well as always ready to engage in delightful, informative conversation. The Agwus were present to help celebrate Dr. Howard's 100th birthday in 2022 and were grateful to see him reach that milestone and to share in the joy of such a momentous occasion.

A formidable team, the Agwus have blessed our parish in their devoted service—Bridget as a lector, a volunteer on behalf of St. Vincent de Paul Society and a Lady, KPC Ladies Auxiliary. Greg sings in the choir, has been a Religious Education catechist for middle school, and a Knight of the Knights of St. Peter Claver (KPC).

When Mass is over, look for the beatific smiles on their faces serving bagels, coffee, and conversation during Fellowship in Brady Hall.

“...It takes a village.” Take, Lord, receive. All is yours now.”



Tax Letters

We had many returned tax letters from the Post Office this year. If you did not receive your 2023 tax letter, please contact the parish office.

Stations of the Cross with RCIA

Please join the RCIA candidates and catechists for Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 1 at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to participate in this Catholic tradition to pray and journey with Jesus during the Lenten season.



Take a Tour of Our Church

Loyola's 100th Anniversary Committee is going to be conducting a tour of our church on Friday, March 1 after the Stations of the Cross. Come and join the committee and learn about our beautiful church as we explore and explain its history. Afterward, everyone is invited for fellowship and refreshments in Brady Hall. Contact Margaret Wright – 303-898-0473 – if you have any questions.

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, Jim Carlton, 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, Amy Moon, Mathue/ Nicque Moore, Mary Muldoon, Linda Murray, Carol Nettles, Michelle Padilla, Eileen Percell, Flora Potter, Margaret Prado, Gail Pugh, Marcello Puma, Fr. Patrick Quinn, Peter Quintero, Megan Reinholtz, Cordell Robinson, Maria Rose, Robert Saldano, Paul Scheafbauer, 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

Sunday Readings

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10
Please visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings for the daily reading.

Cover Painting

The Transfiguration of Christ
by Peter Paul Rubens