



ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 7 - Second Sunday of Easter & Divine Mercy Sunday

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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,

In the joy of Easter, this second Sunday of the Octave we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. I returned to an Encyclical that I have always found wonderfully helpful and inspiring on the subject of mercy this week: *Dives in misericordia* (DM, Rich in Mercy, 1980), by Pope St. John Paul II. If you have time to read it and meditate on it, it is well worth it.

God is a Merciful Father, and that is a completely unique perspective we have as Christians. It is not part of Islam, or Buddhism, or any of the other major world-views. This unique perspective on mercy, however, has been emptied of its religious dimension in our modern society, and a secularized version has taken its place. Euthenasia, which is condemned by the Catholic Church and is completely immoral, is touted as being a “merciful” option for those that suffer. Christians who do not submit to the secular view of (so-called) mercy, are considered too harsh, or judgmental, etc.

It is refreshing, then, to recover the beauty and goodness of true mercy: God's mercy. Pope Francis will be releasing a new document this week on human dignity. Restoring human dignity, when it has been lost, is one of the core features of divine mercy as presented by JP II in *DM*.

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Mercy is a kind of love that, beyond empathy or pity, seeks to restore dignity to the one who has been broken by sin and/or suffering. In other words, mercy knows the true dignity of the person who is suffering and finds the way to restore that dignity. Today, secular society says that because suffering itself is meaningless and beneath human dignity, the task of mercy is to simply remove suffering. Today, going along with what an individual or group thinks will end suffering is considered merciful regardless of the impact on human dignity.

Divine mercy - as JPII expounds powerfully in DM - is the mercy so powerfully demonstrated in authentic fatherhood. Leaning on the parable of the prodigal son, we see how effectively this father - who never disowned his son, even though his son disowned him - restores his son's dignity after he squanders his inheritance. There is a key attitude on the part of the son, however, the son has a conversion around his true dignity. He is the son of a great and generous father - a father who is so generous that he might even be willing to take back a son who despised and humiliated him.

This son knows that by working in his father's house as a hired hand he could recover the only shred of dignity he could expect in all justice. (DM, IV) The father runs and embraces his son upon his return, restoring to him the dignity of sonship and equating it with life: "Your brother was dead, but he is alive again - he was lost, and now is found." (Lk 15:32)

One of the challenges of faith is to believe in the dignity that is ours. Just as a true human father knows that the dignity of his children has to do with something special and unique about them far beyond mere biological connection, so our heavenly Father has created us for a dignity beyond even that of being made in His image and likeness. We are challenged in our faith because God's love and mercy would restore us to a dignity even more elevated than what Adam and Eve enjoyed before the fall. The human dignity our earthly fathers bear witness to, uphold, and promote, is a fullness of true human life, a sense of belonging and station, and clarity around our life's purpose. The divine dignity that is ours by adoption is revealed in the relationship Jesus has with His Father.

God, the Father of Mercies, in pardoning our sins, does not simply restore us to the dignity we had before sin. In Jesus, we are adopted by the Father into a new and divine sonship - we are re-created by the grace of the Holy Spirit to receive a divine dignity and a place in the life of the Trinity. We are forgiven, by the mercy of God, in order to be elevated to a supernatural dignity we could never have expected or deserved. True human fatherhood must transmit a sense of dignity and spiritual life, otherwise it is simply biological. Divine Fatherhood mercifully elevates our dignity and spiritual life to that of the Trinity, surpassing the creation of our soul.

Blessings,
Fr. Francis Therese Krautter

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, 4/6/2024 - Kirsten Grandon and Erik Reuter

Sunday, 4/7/24 -

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

10:00 AM - Gary Wentz+

Monday, 4/8/2024 - St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish

Tuesday, 4/9/2024 - James Kirrane

Wednesday, 4/10/2024 - John & Pam Hiner and Family

Thursday, 4/11/2024 - Anthony Burczyk+

Friday, 4/12/2021 - Gary Wentz+

Saturday, 4/13/2024 - Valorie Francis+

Weekly Offertory

March 27 - April 2

Holy Thursday & Good Friday Offertory \$323.00

Pontifical Good Friday Collection \$33.00

Easter Offertory \$4448.41

Easter Children's Offertory \$82.00

Building Fund \$14.62

Grant Income \$400.00

Online Giving via FaithDirect for March

Offertory \$4947.50

Building Fund \$575.00

Fr. Brady Fund for the Poor \$130.00

Black & Indian Mission Appeal \$50.00

News and Events

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 7 -

- Divine Mercy Sunday
- Children's Church and R.E.

Monday, April 8 -

- Feast of the Annunciation Observed
- 6:30 PM, Brady Hall - Ignatian Discernment of Spirits Formation Series

For more information, visit

www.stignatiusdenver.org/ignatian-formation-series

Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 11 -

- 5:30 - 6:30 P.M.
 - Weekly Adoration begins!

Friday, April 12 -

- Colorado March for Life

Sunday, April 14 & 28 -

- SVdP Food Bank Food Drive

April 19 - 21 -

- Annual Black Catholic Retreat

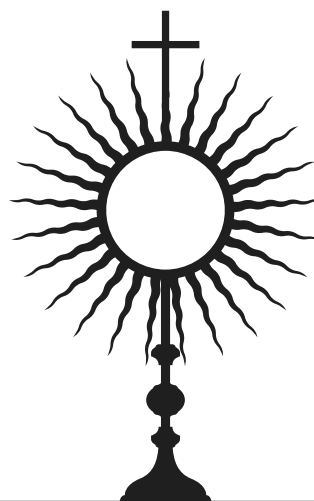
Upcoming Second Collection

Join us NEXT WEEKEND for the special release of the latest Archbishop's Catholic Appeal video. Commitment cards will also be made available at all masses April 13-14.

Help us give hope, support education, and impart faith through a donation to the appeal which supports more than 40 ministries that care for the needs of our neighbors each day.

To make an immediate impact on our faith community visit www.archden.org/givetoday or call 303-867-0614.

Weekly Adoration Begins!



We will be starting weekly adoration on Thursday, April 11. Please join St. Ignatius and the Brothers of St. John in weekly holy hours.

Thursdays,
5:30 - 6:30 P.M.

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.

Help Keep Our Parish Clean

Recently, our maintenance team has been finding food remnants and trash in the church after Mass. Please refrain from eating or drinking anything besides water in the parish. Help us keep our sacred space clean!

As a reminder, Canon No. 919 states: One who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain from any food or drink, with the exception only of water and medicine, for at least the period of one hour before Holy Communion.

**Announcements
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Upcoming Concert at St. Ignatius

The Canto Deo Festival and Chamber Choirs will present their spring concert, "Love That Will Not Let Us Go," on Sunday, May 5th, at 3 PM.

Exploring the Easter cycle of the liturgical year, this program includes perspectives on Lent, Holy Week, the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, Easter, and Pentecost. Works by composers such as J.S Bach, Philip Stopford, Olivier Messiaen, and Elaine Hagenberg remind us of God's love and presence through the many seasons of our lives, a love that will not let us go.

Tickets are not required to attend, however, please RSVP at CantoDeo.org



Colorado March for Life

For the first time, the National March For Life will host a state march in Denver on **April 12**.

The event will begin with Mass at 10 A.M. celebrated by Bishop Jorge H. Rodriguez at the Cathedral Basilica.

The rally will begin at the State Capitol at 11 A.M. and the march at noon.

For more information, please visit www.marchforlife.org/colorado/

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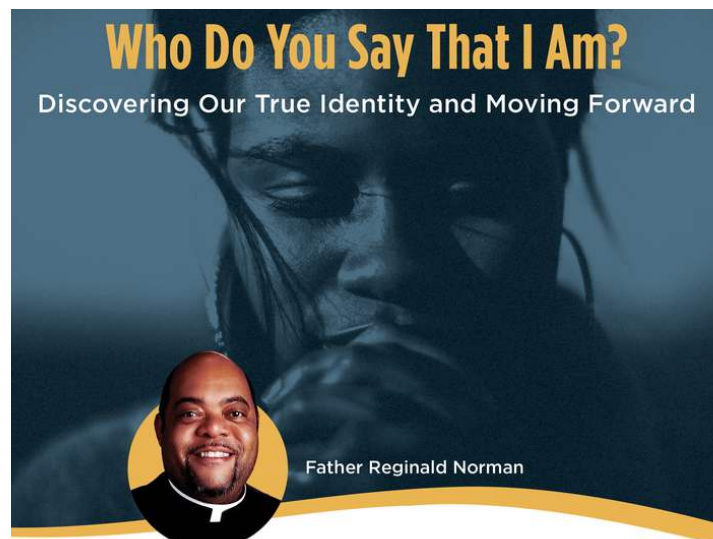
Divine Mercy

by Eugeniusz Kazimirowski, 1934

Sunday Readings

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

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



Who Do You Say That I Am? Discovering Our True Identity and Moving Forward



Father Reginald Norman

Annual Black Catholic Retreat
Sponsored by the Office of Black Catholic Ministry

April 19-21, 2024

Sacred Heart Jesuit Retreat House - 4801 N Hwy 67, Sedalia, CO 80135

All are welcome to join Father Reginald Norman for a weekend of quiet reflection and renewal. Father Reggie is the Vicar of the Apostolate of Black Catholics for the Diocese of Bridgeport and the Pastor of Our Lady of Fatima in Wilton, Connecticut. Additionally, he serves as the President of the National Association of Black Catholic Administrators (NABCA) and the Vice President of the National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC).

Questions? Kateri.williams@archden.org

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sacredheartretreat.org/group-retreats

Scroll down to Group Weekend Retreats



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 Sercey, William Sexton, Angelita Sims, Larry Sims, Gary Slaven, Deneen Stevenson, Romaine Tacznosky, Ken/Carmen Therence, Linda Vialpando, Beverly Wilson, Coleen Walsh

Eternal Joy For John Leo Zimmer