

St. Ignatius of Loyola
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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November 29, 2026 - First Sunday of Advent



Christ before the High Priest
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Saturday Anticipatory Mass
5:00 P.M.

Sunday Mass
7:30 A.M. | 10:00 A.M.

Weekday Mass
12:00 P.M.

Confessions
M-F - 11:15 - 11:45 A.M.
Thursday - 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.
Saturday - 4:15 - 4:45 P.M.
Sunday - 9:45 A.M.

Adoration
M-W & Friday - 5:00 - 6:00 P.M.
Holy Hour, Thursday - 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Latin Vespers
Thursday - 5:30 - 6:00 P.M.

Pastor's Column

Brothers & Sisters,

In 1622, in the middle of the Thirty Years' War, a young Jesuit named Friedrich Spee set a prayer of the prophet Isaiah into a German hymn. He left his name off it. The hymn appeared that year in a hymnal printed at Würzburg, most scholars credit it to Spee, and Germans still sing it in Advent. Isaiah prayed, "Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down." Spee intensified the plea. He wanted the doors of heaven taken off their hinges:

O Heiland, reiß die Himmel auf,
herab, herab, vom Himmel lauf!
Reiß ab vom Himmel Tor und Tür,
reiß ab, wo Schloss und Riegel für!

O Savior, tear the heavens open,
run down, down from heaven;
tear heaven's gate and door from
their hinges,
tear off every lock and bolt.

In the later stanzas, Spee took up the lament that fills the rest of Isaiah's prayer. Isaiah wrote, "We have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind," and "You have hidden your face from us." Spee wrote, "What keeps you, comfort of the whole world?" (Wo bleibst du, Trost der ganzen Welt?) and "Here we suffer the greatest need; eternal death is before our eyes" (Hier leiden wir die größte Not, vor Augen steht der ewig Tod). When editors at Erfurt reprinted the hymn in 1666, they gave it a title: "The Sighs of the Forefathers in Limbo." They heard in it the prayer of Isaiah and of all the just who waited for Christ before he came, who could do nothing except beg him to come.

Pastor's Column cont.

Spee learned the cost in the years that followed. He heard the confessions of prisoners accused of witchcraft and went with condemned women to their deaths. In 1631 he published, again without his name, a book against the way the courts were trying them, the Cautio Criminalis. He doubted his own resolve to be truthful: "I confess that I myself could offer so little resistance to such punishment that if I were brought in to be interrogated I would not hesitate right at the beginning to declare myself guilty of any witchcraft whatsoever and embrace death rather than such torments." He agreed "completely" with a saying of a friend's: "Why do we so diligently hunt for witches? Hey, judges! I will show you right now where they are. Go and grab the Capuchins, the Jesuits and all the other regular clergy and torture them. They'll confess.... But if you want still more, I'll torture you, and you then me."

Spee also told of a man who put one question to a group of judges: how could a truly innocent person, once in chains, set himself free? They had no answer. At last they told him they would think it over during the night. Spee wrote that "to this day they cannot describe an adequate method by which someone who was truly innocent could rescue himself from their hands." A prisoner like that had no way out unless someone came down to him from above.

God answered Isaiah. He did tear open the heavens and come down, and St. Augustine says: "The first coming of Christ the Lord, God's Son and our God, was hidden. The second will be in sight of the whole world. When he came hidden, no one recognized him but his own servants. When he comes openly, both the good and the bad will know him. When he came hidden, it was to be judged. When he comes openly, it will be to judge." The Son of God came down into the prisoner's place. Men bound him and led him before judges. Isaiah had foretold that he would not open his mouth, and St. Mark writes that before the high priest "he was silent and answered nothing."

St. Augustine goes on: "Silent when accused, he will not be silent as judge." Every innocent person who confessed under the rack, and every prisoner whose judges could not tell him how he might go free, will hear that voice. St. Paul calls that day "the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ."

St. Augustine does not leave the waiting idle. "Even now," he says, "he does not keep silent, if there is anyone to listen." Advent is the time to listen to him while he still speaks as the one who came to be judged, before the day when, in St. Augustine's words, "his voice will be acknowledged even by those who despise it." Isaiah's prayer and Spee's hymn belong to us now. We know the first answer, and we await the second.

Spee ended his hymn with the prayer of the forefathers, which is also ours: "Come, lead us with a strong hand out of misery into our homeland."

Blessings,
Fr. Francis Thérèse Krautter

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, 11/28/2026 - Barbara Reisenman +
Sunday, 11/29/2026 -
7:30 A.M. - Pro Populo (People of the Parish)
10:00 A.M. - Ariel Sandmark
Monday, 11/30/2026 - Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, 12/1/2026 - Trinidad Maramag
Wednesday, 12/2/2026 - Geraldo Mercon +
Thursday, 12/3/2026 - The Tinsel Family
Friday, 12/4/2026 - Braden Hearty
Saturday, 12/5/2026 - Jim (+) & Gail Daw

Mass intentions are booked through the beginning of December 2026. Please use the envelopes in the pews or contact the parish office to schedule for 2027 Intentions. Suggested donation is $10/Mass.

Offertory

November 16 - 23

Offertory	$1430.03
Christmas Flowers	$155.00
Building Fund	$10.00

eGiving via ParishSOFT

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It's easy to get started!
Scan the QR code or visit
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News and Events

Upcoming Events

- **This Sunday**
  - Praying the Rosary @ Mary's Altar - 9:00 A.M.
  - 9:45 A.M. - Additional Confession Time
  - Invitation to Peace: Advent Evenings Night 1
    - 6:00 - 7:30 P.M. in the nave of the church
- **Wednesday, December 2**
  - Invitation to Peace Evening 2
    - 6:00 - 7:30 P.M. in the main church
- **Tuesday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception**
  - Holy Day of Obligation | Mass at Noon
- **Wednesday, December 9**
  - Invitation to Peace Evening 3
    - 6:00 - 7:30 P.M. in the main church
- **Monday, December 14**
  - No Confessions | Mass at Noon
- **Wednesday, December 16**
  - Invitation to Peace Evening 4
    - 6:00 - 7:30 P.M. in the main church
- **December 23 - 29**
  - Parish Office CLOSED for Christmas
- **December 24 - Christmas Eve**
  - Mass at 5:00 P.M.
- **December 25 - Christmas Day**
  - Mass at 7:30 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.
  - Christmas is a Holy Day of Obligation. Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on Dec. 24th or 25th.
- **January 1 - Mary, Mother of God**
  - Holy Day of Obligation | Mass at Noon

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 to return to the Catholic Church, please consider introducing yourself to our priests and brothers, 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.

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Want to Become Catholic?

If you or someone you know is an adult who wants to be baptized, receive First Holy Communion, or receive confirmation, contact the Parish Office. Get started with Family Catechesis - faith enrichment for all ages.

For more information or to sign up, email Br. Michael Paul at family@loyoladenver.org.

Upcoming Family Catechesis Sessions

Family Catechesis | December 13 & January 10

Grow together in faith as a family! Whether you have received your sacraments or not, come learn about the fullness of our Catholic faith, its history, and Church Teachings.

All Family Catechesis sessions meet after the 10:00 A.M. Mass.

Grow Your Faith This Advent

Confessions During 10:00 A.M. Sunday Mass

Beginning this Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent, November 29, Fr. John Therese will hear confessions in the confessional during the 10:00 A.M. Sunday Mass. Take advantage of this additional opportunity to prepare your heart throughout the Advent season and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

An Invitation to Peace: Advent Evenings at St. Ignatius

Join the Brothers of St. John for a 4-part Advent series designed as a spiritual oasis in a busy season. Each evening includes chanted Vespers, a 20-minute spiritual reflection, Eucharistic Adoration with confessions, and light refreshments.

- **Kickoff:** this Sunday, November 29 from 6:00 - 7:30 P.M., led by Fr. Francis Thérèse Krautter
- **Midweek Gatherings:** Wednesdays, December 2, 9, & 16 from 6:00 - 7:30 P.M. (Fr. John Therese, Br. Gabriel Maria, Br. Michael Paul)

Location: St. Ignatius Catholic Church nave (main church). All are welcome—bring a friend!

Christmas Flowers

From now until Christmas, donate to the Christmas Flower Fund in honor or memory of a loved one. This fund is used to decorate our parish with beautiful flowers for the Christmas Season.

You can donate through ParishSOFT or by writing "Christmas Flowers" in the memo line of a check. Please include the name(s) of those you'd like to remember with your donation. "The [donor's last name] Family" will be used if no further request is made.

Prayer List

Brody McDonald| Javier-María Alonso & Family | David Russell | Darla Horton | Thu Heng Le | Donald Sims & Family | Pamela Howard | Anayah Rucker | Susan & Tom Culig | Rosie Tiews & The Tiews Family | The Punt Family | Elizabeth Welch | Elyce McCutcheon | Leslie | Brooks Norcross | St. Thomas Mission, Iraq | Angie Miller | Ernestine Madison

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

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

Join our Flocknote

Want to stay connected with St. Ignatius Parish? Join our Flocknote!

What is Flocknote? Flocknote is a digital communication network that sends parish updates directly to your phone, email, or both!
Why should I join Flocknote? By joining our Flocknote, you'll be the first to receive weekly bulletins, information about special liturgies, and updates to the parish calendar.
How can I join Flocknote? Just visit *https://StIgnatiusofLoyola.flocknote.com*

Month of the Immaculate Conception

December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Honor our Blessed Mother by praying the rosary on Sunday mornings at 9:30 A.M. at Mary's Altar.
December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception an **is a Holy Day of Obligaiton.** St. Ignatius Parish will celebrate Mass at Noon.

St. Vincent de Paul Society – Donations Needed!

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting grocery gift cards to assist local families in need.

Gift cards of any amount, from any food store, are welcome and will help provide groceries and essential items for the struggling neighbors the Society meets in our work. Donating gift cards is a wonderful way to show generosity and goodness to others during this holy season of Advent and Christmas. Please place gift cards in an envelope labeled "St. Vincent de Paul Society" and drop them off at the parish office or in the collection basket during Mass.

Thank you!

New Food Donation Bin

Please drop off your nonperishable food donations in the new bin located in Brady Hall next to the North Door.

Donations can always be dropped off at the Parish Office during operating hours, but now there's a convenient place for donations in the church building.

Mentor Couples

St. Ignatius Parish is seeking married Catholic couples interested in coming alongside engaged couples preparing for the sacrament of marriage.

If you are interested in learning more about this mentorship program, please contact Chloe in the Parish Office (chloe@loyoladenver.org) or speak to Fr. Francis after Mass.

Lessons & Carols

The Canto Deo Chamber Choir will sing its 20th annual Advent Service of Lessons & Carols at Holy Ghost Catholic Church, 1900 California St., Denver, on Saturday, November 28, 2026, from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. Admission is free, and no tickets are needed. They ask people to RSVP on the Canto Deo website (*cantodeo.org*).

Join the St. Ignatius Chant School

If you or someone you know wants to learn to read chant notation and sing Gregorian chant, join Vespers for All, a chant school for adults and children ages 8 and up.

Thursdays from 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.
5:00-5:30 - Rehearse Vespers
5:30-6:00 - Join the Traditional Latin Vespers
6:00-7:00 - Learn and practice Gregorian chant

With questions, please contact David Hughes - david@chantwith.us

St. Ignatius Parish Endowment

Did you know that St. Ignatius Parish has an endowment through the Catholic Foundation of Northern Colorado?

All one-time or recurring gifts made through the QR code below will be invested on behalf of the parish by the Foundation.

Want to give the gift of stock, crypto, real estate, life insurance, or a bequest? Your gift to the Catholic Foundation can grow to provide support for our parish now and for eternity. Learn more about how your gift today can leave a legacy of faith and strengthen our Catholic community by contacting the Foundation directly at 303-468-9885.

Give cash directly using the QR code! One-time or recurring gifts accepted here! For other gifts, contact the Foundation directly.

If you are interested in donating by check, please remit it to the "Catholic Foundation" with the memo "St. Ignatius of Loyola Fund #5536" and mail it to

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