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*Third Sunday of Lent
Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma*



God waits each and every day of our lives for us to bear fruit.

Dios espera que demos fruto en cada día de nuestras vidas.

Third Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2025

Exodus 3:1–8, 13–15 •

1 Corinthians 10:1–6, 10–12 • Luke 13:1–9

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4pm

Sunday:

9am Children's Mass | 10:30am | 12:30pm Español | 5pm

Weekday (followed by the Rosary):

5:30pm Monday–Friday (Lannon Chapel)

8am Monday–Sunday (St. Mary's Chapel, BC)

Confession

Saturday: before Mass, 3–3:45pm

Please keep in your prayers:

Saturday, March 22

4pm Phero Ba Van Nguyen and
Minh Quang Nguyen

Sunday, March 23

10:30am Ellen Carr
5pm Daniel Donovan

Tuesday, March 25

5:30pm John and Elizabeth Byrne

Wednesday, March 26

5:30pm Viola Garcia Garza

If you have an intention at a weekend Mass and would like to process with the gifts, please speak with a Greeter when you arrive.

Bilingual Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 28 @ 6:15pm

The first Bilingual Via Crucis is this Friday, March 28 at 6:15pm, following the 5:30pm Mass.

This Via Crucis follows the traditional Stations of the Cross, with a particular focus on our Catholic call to social justice.

**March 28, 6:15pm
Bilingual Via Crucis**

A traditional Stations of the Cross developed by our Peace, Justice, and Reconciliation Commission and focused on social justice

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Reflection on the Readings

Peace, Justice & Reconciliation Reflection

Today's readings are infused with God's love for his people and his care for those who suffer and are in danger of perishing. God witnesses the affliction of his people in Egypt and hears their cry. He knows they are suffering and acts—he sends Moses to rescue them. In the Gospel, when the owner finds his fig tree unproductive and asks to cut it down, the gardener (God) tries to save the tree by cultivating it. He gives the tree another chance to bear fruit.

The Hebrew people migrated to Egypt fleeing drought and scarcity of food in their land. Their experience of God liberating them from slavery in Egypt leads to many biblical admonitions such as “your God... befriends the alien, feeding and clothing him. So you too must befriend the alien” (Deut. 10:19). Jesus goes further: he identifies himself as an immigrant—“I was a stranger, and you welcomed me” (Mt 25:35)—and he promises the Kingdom to those who do so. Jesus also talks of God being merciful and patient, willing to cultivate our souls when our fruit is found wanting. Are we willing to let God till the ground of our souls so we can produce a better fruit welcoming immigrants?

As we celebrate Oscar Romero's feast this Monday, let's remember that our poor immigrants are like St. Oscar's poor, many of whom had to flee their country to take refuge in ours.

— by Rita Rodriguez, Immigration Committee

The Annunciation of the Lord

Tuesday, March 25

We will celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation at 5:30pm Mass in the Lower Church.

Catholic Appeal

Reminder to return your completed Catholic Appeal envelopes THIS weekend in the collection basket. There will be parishioners in the Gathering Space to assist and collect appeal envelopes following each Mass this weekend.

You can also give to the Catholic Appeal online by scanning the QR code or visiting our website.



Carta del Párroco

Queridos amigos en el Señor:

Estoy seguro que usted ya ha escuchado algunos comentarios a favor de la Archdiocesan Catholic Appeal o Campaña Católica Arquidiocesana 2025. Quizás, usted haya recibido una carta del arzobispo Richard Henning, y haya visto el anuncio especial en el boletín de la semana pasada. Hoy, como párroco, hago mi propia invitación para animarle a contribuir a esta importante causa.

Más que nunca, creo que es importante que demos a conocer nuestra presencia como Iglesia y la enseñanza católica en nuestro país y en el mundo. Necesitamos tener una voz fuerte y una presencia compasiva que pueda recordar al mundo que es necesario honrar la dignidad humana de todas las personas, al mismo tiempo que aboga por el cuidado de la creación de Dios. Es preciso que nos unamos como comunidad parroquial, como arquidiócesis y como Iglesia Universal para que podamos compartir las riquezas que Dios nos ha regalado.

La Campaña Católica 2025 nos brinda la oportunidad de garantizar que las escuelas, parroquias y ministerios de la Arquidiócesis de Boston continúen floreciendo en una sociedad que está hambrienta de la Buena Nueva, la misma que se nos ha encomendado anunciar. Mientras que nuestra colecta semanal de ofrendas ayuda a pagar las facturas de nuestra parroquia (gastos de servicios públicos, seguros, salarios del personal, etc.), la Campaña Católica paga el trabajo de los ministerios de la Arquidiócesis, mismos que proporcionan una ayuda inestimable a parroquias, como la nuestra, en diversas áreas: desde formación hasta experiencia financiera, pasando por consultores inmobiliarios y de ingeniería, servicios de seguros y gestión de riesgos, y oportunidades de ministerio juvenil. La Campaña Católica también apoya ministerios esenciales que sirven a miles de personas en toda la Arquidiócesis que necesitan apoyo y atención, tanto católicos como no católicos.

Las donaciones a la Campaña Católica representan nuestra participación como católicos dentro de la Iglesia, cuidándonos unos a otros como Cristo nos llama a hacer. Ninguna donación es demasiado pequeña, y cada donación marca una diferencia significativa. Su colaboración y participación en la Campaña Católica llevan el amor de Cristo a nuestras comunidades y difunden la esperanza. ¡Gracias!

Bendiciones,
P. John

Letter from the Pastor

Dear Friends in the Lord,

I'm sure you have already heard a few pitches for the 2025 Archdiocesan Catholic Appeal. You've probably received a letter in the mail from Archbishop Richard Henning, and you've seen the special insert in last week's bulletin. Today I'm making my own pitch, as pastor, to encourage you to contribute to this important cause.

More than ever, I think it's important that we make our Catholic presence and teaching known in our country and in our world. We need to be a strong moral voice and a compassionate presence that reminds the world to honor the human dignity of all people and steward the gift of God's creation. We need to stand together as a parish community, an Archdiocese, and a world-wide Church to share the riches that God has shared with us.

The 2025 Catholic Appeal gives us an opportunity to ensure that the schools, parishes, and ministries of the Archdiocese of Boston continue to flourish in a society that is hungry for the good news that we have been missioned to share. While our weekly offertory collection helps to pay our parish bills (utility expenses, insurance, staff salaries, etc.), the Catholic Appeal pays for the work of the Archdiocesan ministries which provide invaluable aid to parishes like ours in a variety of areas from training, to financial expertise, to real estate & engineering consultants, to insurance and risk management services, to youth ministry opportunities. The Catholic Appeal also supports essential ministries that serve thousands of people across the Archdiocese who need support and care, Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

Gifts to the Catholic Appeal represent our participation as Catholics within the greater Church, caring for one another as Christ calls us to do. No gift is too small, and every gift makes a meaningful difference. Your partnership and participation in the Catholic Appeal carry Christ's love into our communities and spread hope. Thank you!

Blessings,
Fr. John

Nutritious Meals Help Children's Growth



Ana Belén and her husband, José, have four children and a baby on the way. They live in a small house in Santa María Chiquimula, Guatemala. Francisco, their 9-year-old son, says his neighborhood is, “a very happy place to live, but sometimes it’s also very hard to live here.” He is not wrong. In their community, malnutrition affects over half of the population mainly because people can’t afford to put food on the table.

When the COVID-19 pandemic started, José lost his job as a driver. Even after the pandemic, things never went back to normal. Food prices went up and eggs became twice as expensive. The little money they had wasn’t enough to buy even the basics. Now the family participates in a Catholic Relief Services project that helps fight hunger in places where people don’t have enough food. Through the project, Ana Belén goes every other week to her children’s school to receive food such as corn, beans, rice, vegetable oil and eggs. “It made me happy when they started giving me eggs,” she says. Ana Belén’s family now eats nutritious meals every day and her children receive monthly health check-ups, as part of the project.



Vigil in Solidarity with Immigrants on the Feast of Saint Oscar Romero

**Monday, March 24 @ 7pm
in the Upper Church**

Join us for an evening of prayer, reflection, and standing in solidarity with our immigrant brothers and sisters, as we remember Oscar Romero and his dedication to the most poor and marginalized.

The Wonders of Creation *Museum Visit and Egg Hunt*

**Saturday, April 12 @ 2pm
*McMullen Museum on BC's Brighton Campus***

Jim “Strad” Engler and Georgia Gojmerac-Leiner of the St. Ignatius Green Team will offer a program “Exploring the exhibition ‘Wonders of Creation’ through the lenses of Pope Francis’ *Laudato Si*’ and *Visio Divina*” at the McMullen Museum on Boston College’s Brighton Campus.

This program is part of an early Earth Day celebration, that will also include an egg hunt!

This event is free and everyone is welcome!

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Vigilia en Solidaridad con Inmigrantes en la Fiesta de San Óscar Romero

**Lunes, 24 de marzo a las 7pm
en la iglesia de arriba**

Esta noche rezaremos y reflexionaremos en solidaridad con nuestros hermanos y hermanas inmigrantes, recordando a Óscar Romero y su dedicación a los más pobres y marginalizados.

First Scrutiny Mass

Sunday, March 23 @ 10:30am Mass

During Lent, we have the privilege of witnessing members of our OCIA program on their own spiritual journey to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. As part of their preparation, the catechumens undergo a series of three Scrutinies during Mass on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent, which give the Elect a chance to examine themselves and reject whatever may be distancing them from God.

The First Scrutiny on the Third Sunday of Lent emphasizes that Jesus is the living water that satisfies us. God provides water to Moses in the wilderness, and the woman at the well receives living water that will never leave her thirsty. First Scrutiny invites us into a deeper trust in God’s ultimate satisfaction of our needs.

Coffee Hour: Let's Do It!

We need a team of parishioners to help host a coffee hour after the 10:30 Mass. Our goal is to start offering parishioners the opportunity to socialize every other week. You'll get to know new people, learn more about parish activities, and have fun! The parish will provide the coffee and you'll welcome and host the event! If you're interested in bringing this to St. Ignatius, email the Parish Office at ignatius@bc.edu or call 617-552-6100.

Book Donations *Faith Formation Service Project*

Through April 6

The Student Leaders of the St. Ignatius Middle School Book Club are organizing a book donation drive!

Drop off new or gently used children's books in the labeled box in the vestibule of the Upper Church through the weekend of April 6. The books will be donated to students and classrooms in need at St. John Paul II Catholic Academy in Dorchester.

Thank you for your generosity!

Outreach Ministries

It's Socks Time Again!

Our annual March socks drive for clients of Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program concludes this weekend.

The request is for new white socks for women and men, including diabetic socks. Donations can be dropped into the boxes in the Gathering Space of the upper church. Or you can still order online and have the socks delivered directly to St. Ignatius.

Shattuck Fourth Tuesday is Here!

Our ministry to the men at Shattuck Shelter and the Stabilization Program in Forest Hills continues on March 25. We'll be providing desserts for the Guests—cookies, cookie bars, brownies and mandarin oranges. Donations should be dropped off at the Parish Office by 2:30PM on the 25th. Drop-off bins will be at the Office front door and at the door on the parking lot side of the building. Thank you!

Transgender Day of Visibility Interfaith Service

Celebrate trans visibility through prayer, music, and reflections with many faith communities.

All are welcome!



MARCH
30
2025
2-3PM

Be a Greeter!

It's so important at all the Holy Week/Easter Masses to be welcoming to those attending our liturgies. It may be the first time back in person for some and for others, it may be the first time back to church in a long time! We need greeter! If you can smile and say "Welcome!", this is the ministry for you!

Contact ignatius@bc.edu or call 617-552-6100 if you are interested in volunteering!

Descendants Truth & Reconciliation Foundation

Monday, March 31 @7pm
Upper Church

Learn about the extraordinary vision of truth, racial healing, reconciliation, and transformation that animates **the DTRF, an organization that joins the hearts and hands of the Descendants of enslaved ancestors and the present successors of Jesuit enslavers.** Listen to Monique and Fr. Tim's journey to this moment of shared work and reflect on our individual and corporate call to work for racial reconciliation.

With DTRF President & CEO Monique Trusclair Maddox and Chair of the DTRF Trust Fr. Tim Kesicki, SJ.

Sponsored by the St. Ignatius Racial Justice Committee.

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Welcome!

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday: 10am - 1pm, 2pm - 4pm; Closed Saturdays and Sundays

Sacraments

St. Ignatius Parish Team

Reconciliation: Saturdays at 3-3:45pm in the Upper Church/Lower Church or by appointment.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA):
For adults seeking Baptism, and/or Confirmation, contact the Parish Office.

Baptism: For infant and young child Baptisms, contact Sr. Diane Vallerio.

First Communion: Preparation begins in grade 1 and includes classes, retreats, and home instruction. Children receive First Communion in grade 2. For further information, contact Liz Turnwald.

Confirmation: Preparation begins in 9th grade; students are confirmed in the spring of 10th grade. For further information, contact Liz Turnwald.

Matrimony/Wedding: Parishioners, BC Alumni, and non-parishioners are welcome to be married at St. Ignatius. Contact our Office Manager, Carol Russo, for available dates and details.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the parish office.

Sacramental Forms/Letters

Please note that you must be registered for at least six months before we can issue any verification of your status as a parishioner for godparent/sponsor letters, or permission for marriage, baptism, or confirmation in another parish.

Creating a Safe Environment at St. Ignatius

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Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Team

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Following Archdiocesan online security guidelines, we have removed email addresses from our parish bulletin to avoid the danger of potential phishing scams. If you need a staff member's email address or contact information for a parish group or ministry, please contact the Parish Office and we will be happy to share the appropriate information!

Contact the Parish Office for more information about anything in today's bulletin.

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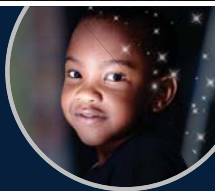
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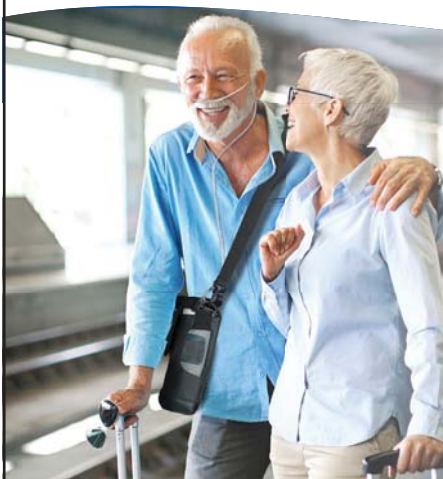
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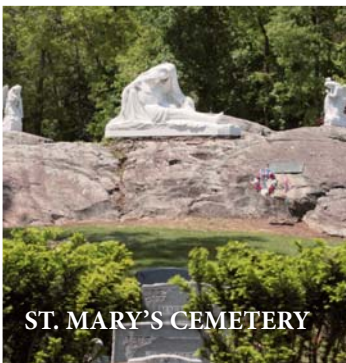


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