

IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA (1491-1556)

The founder of the Jesuits was on his way to military fame and fortune when a cannon ball shattered his leg. Because there were no books of romance on hand during his convalescence, he whiled away the time reading a life of Christ and lives of the saints. His conscience was deeply touched, and a long, painful turning to Christ began. Having seen the Mother of God in a vision, he made a pilgrimage to her shrine at Montserrat (near Barcelona, Spain). He remained for almost a year at nearby Manresa, sometimes with the Dominicans, sometimes in a pauper's hospice, often in a cave in the hills praying. After a period of great peace of mind, he went through a harrowing trial of scruples. There was no comfort in anything—prayer, fasting, sacraments or penance. At length, his peace of mind returned.

It was during this year of conversion that he began to write down material that later became his greatest work, the *Spiritual Exercises*.

He finally achieved his purpose of going to the Holy Land, but could not remain as he'd planned because of the hostility of the Turks. He spent the next eleven years in various European universities, studying with great difficulty, beginning almost as a child. Like many others, he fell victim twice to the suspicions of the time, and was twice jailed for brief periods.

In 1534, at the age of forty-three, he and six others (one of whom was Saint Francis Xavier) vowed to live in poverty and chastity and to go to the Holy Land. If this became impossible, they vowed to offer themselves to the apostolic service of the pope. The latter became the only choice. Four years later Ignatius made the association permanent. The new Society of Jesus was approved by Paul III, and Ignatius was elected to serve as the first general.

When companions were sent on various missions by the pope, Ignatius remained in Rome, consolidating the new venture, but still finding time to found homes for orphans, catechumens and penitents. He founded the Roman College, intended to be the model of all other colleges of the Society.

Ignatius was a true mystic. He centered his spiritual life on the essential foundations of Christianity—the Trinity, Christ and Eucharist. His spirituality is expressed in the Jesuit motto, *ad maiorem Dei gloriam*—"for the greater glory of God."

Grandparents Day

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Lord God almighty, bless our grandparents with long life, happiness, and health. Thank you for all they have done for us, for giving us our parents and for their wisdom and love. Keep them strong in mind and body, so they will be with us to help and guide us for many years to come.

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Baptism—Sundays

Baptisms will be booked by appointment only

Marriages

Please contact the priest **12 months** in advance

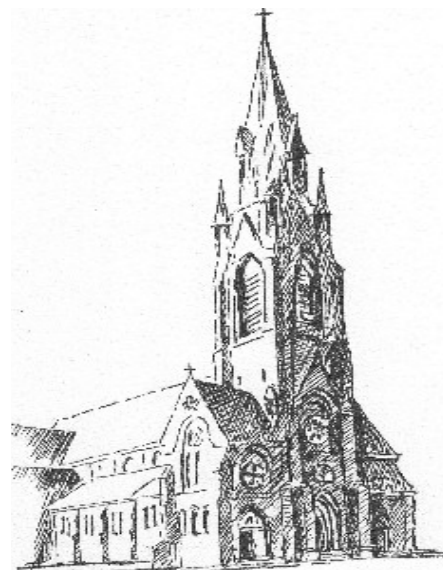
Confessions

Every day **before** Mass, except on Sunday

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon.— Fri. 8:30—12:00 and 1:00—4:00

Sunday Masses

8:30 am Portuguese

10:00 am Portuguese

11:30 am English

1:00 pm English

Weekday Masses

Monday—Friday 9:00 am Portuguese

6:00 pm English

Saturday 5:00 pm English



Seventeenth Sunday

July 28, 2024

Psalm:

You open your hand to feed us, Lord; you satisfy all our needs.

For this and the next four Sundays the Gospel readings come from Chapter Six of St. John's Gospel. John has no account of the institution of the Eucharist. But this chapter more than compensates for that.

The miracle described in the First Reading shows God's concern for his people during a time of famine. The bread in question was the bread of the first-fruits, which was meant to be offered to God. But instead of offering it to God, Elisha, the prophet of the old covenant, gave it to the people. The leftovers stress God's generosity.

Like Elisha, Jesus, the prophet of the new covenant, feeds hungry people, and does so even more astonishingly.

There are clear Eucharistic overtones in the way in the way the miracle is related. Jesus "took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to the people."

Such language is meant to remind us of what he did at the Last Supper, and of what happens every time we celebrate the Eucharist.

You Are the Voice

**You are the voice of the living God,
calling us now to live in your love;
to be children of God once again!**

Praise for the light that shines through the night,
from darkness to light, from death to new life,
and praise to the morning that brings forth the sun,
to open our eyes to the Lord,
to open our eyes to the Lord!

Praise for the water that springs from the sea,
the seed that gives life to all believe,
God's love overflowing, our hearts know the joy
to be daughters and sons of the Lord
to be daughters and sons of the Lord!

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

**You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat
Come give to us, O Saving Lord
The Bread of Life to eat.**

As when the shepherd calls his sheep
They know and heed his voice
So when you call your family Lord
They follow and rejoice.

With joyful lips, we sing to you
Our praise and gratitude
That you should count us worthy Lord
To share this Heavenly food.

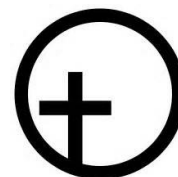
One Bread, One Body

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man no more.

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all.



Sing to the Mountains

**Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.
This is the day the Lord has made.
Let all the earth rejoice.**

I will give thanks to you, my Lord.
You have answered my plea.
You have saved my soul from death.
You are my strength and my song. [Refrain]

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us be glad and rejoice.
He has turned all death to life.
Sing of the glory of God.

Mass Intentions for this Week



Saturday, July 27th

5:00 pm. Danilo Lamila—Manuel & António Faria—
Odilia Correia — José Rodrigues Soares—Dolores &
Ignacio Tan—João Rodrigues—Souls in purgatory

Sunday, July 28th

8:30 am.

10:00am. Community—Santo Cristo Association

11:30 am. Arlindo, Ilda & Richard Vicente — Ana
Carvalho

1:00 pm. Thanksgiving Mass for John Guerra

Monday, July 29th

9:00 am. Holy Trinity

6:00 pm. António Gaspar

Tuesday, July 30th

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. Ildeberto Camara

Wednesday, July 31st

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. Tomas Yntig

Thursday, August 1st

9:00 am. Irena Mariconda

6:00 pm. José, Henriqueta & John Rebelo

Friday, August 2nd

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. Maria, Luisa & Artur Cabral

Saturday, August 3rd

5:00 pm. António João Medeiros—Souls in purgatory