WE ARE THE CLAY AND YOU ARE THE POTTER; 
WE ARE ALL THE WORK OF YOUR HANDS.

SOMOS EL BARRO Y TÚ, EL ALFARERO; 
TODOS SOMOS OBRA DE TUS MANOS.
Dear Parishioners,

If this Sunday were not the First Sunday of Advent, we would be celebrating the memorial of St. Francis Xavier, who died on December 3, 1552 in sight of a goal he was never to reach.

Already an “Apostle to the Indies and Japan,” this first companion of St. Ignatius Loyola desired to spread the light of the Gospel to China as well. Yet, at only 46 years old, Xavier’s energetic missionary activities came to an end off the coast of China on the island of Shangchwan (Sancian).

That his memorial occurs during the early part of the season of Advent each year seems quite fitting. For like Xavier, we too are on a journey which never fully reaches its goal.

As the Jesuit theologian, Karl Rahner, writes: “the term “Advent” connotes not only an arrival, but also that which is yet to come. The very word itself expresses a strange interpenetration of the present and the future of what now exists and what is yet to come, of possession and expectation.”

We certainly cannot fool ourselves during our journey through Advent that Christ has not already been born in time and now reigns as our Savior, Redeemer and Sanctifier. Why, then, do we make this Advent journey each year towards Christmas – a day in which we believe in the mystery that the Christ child is born, not simply some 2000 plus years ago, but on this day each year?

The reason, of course, is that we are always in that tense present/future reality of already being saved, redeemed, and sanctified but not yet fully. We are all still patiently waiting for full salvation, full redemption and full sanctification. In short, we are graced, but are still awaiting the fullness of grace when Christ will be all in all.

In the meantime, we are to spread as much light as we can. However, like the Advent candles we light each week, we sometimes reflect only one or maybe two, three or even at best four flames. The rest is darkness.

That is why during Advent it is good for us to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in which we recognize both the darkness and the light. Our opportunity to do that together as a parish community this Advent will be on Tuesday, December 12th at 7:15pm in the Lannon Chapel. [See page 3 for details].

So, in addition to lighting our Advent candles, and attending the parish Reconciliation Service on the 12th, perhaps weEstimados feligreses:

Si este domingo no fuera el Primer Domingo de Adviento, estaríamos celebrando la memoria de San Francisco Javier, quien murió el 3 de diciembre de 1552, viendo la meta que nunca había de alcanzar.

Siendo “el apóstol de la India y el Japón,” este primer compañero de San Ignacio de Loyola también deseó difundir la luz del Evangelio en China. Y aún así, con apenas 46 años, las energías activaciones de Javier llegaron a su fin fuera de la costa de China en la Isla de Sangehuan (versión china de San Juan, en portugués)

Que su memoria ocurre cada año durante las partes tempranas del tiempo de Adviento pareciera muy adecuado. Porque, como Javier, nosotros también estamos en un viaje que nunca llega plenamente a su destino.

Tal como el teólogo Jesuita, Karl Rahner, escribe: “El término “Adviento” no sólo connota la llegada, sino también lo que está por llegar. La palabra misma expresa una extraña interpenetración del presente y el futuro, lo que existe ahora y lo que está por venir, de posesión y expectativa.”

Ciertamente no nos podemos engañar durante nuestra travesía de Adviento de que Cristo no ha nacido aún en su tiempo y que ahora reina como nuestro Salvador, Redentor y Santificador. ¿Por qué, entonces, hacemos este viaje de Adviento hacia la Navidad cada año – el día en el que creemos en el misterio del Niño Cristo que nace, no hace más de 2000 años, sino en ese día, cada año?

Por supuesto, la razón es que siempre estamos en esa realidad temporal presente/futuro de ser salvados, redimidos y santificados, aunque no totalmente aún. Estamos todos pacientemente esperando por la salvación plena, la redención plena y la santificación plena. Para ser breves, hemos recibido la gracia, pero guardaremos todavía la plenitud de la gracia de cuando Cristo sea todo para todos.

Mientras tanto, estamos para escarpar tanta luz como podamos. Sin embargo, al igual que las velas de adviento que encendemos cada semana, a veces reflejamos solo una, o tal vez dos, tres y, en el mejor de los casos, cuatro llamas. El resto es oscuridad.

Y es por eso que durante Adviento es bueno celebrar el Sacramento de la Reconciliación en el que reconocemos la oscuridad y la luz. La oportunidad de hacerlo juntos como comunidad parroquial en este Adviento será el martes 12 de diciembre.

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Taizé Prayer
Mondays in December
4th, 11th, & 18th
7:15 p.m.
Upper Church
Embrace the spirit of Advent by participating in contemplative Taizé Prayer. Through simple, reflective prayer chants, seasonal readings and silent meditation, you will be drawn into a deep prayer experience during this sacred season. Taizé prayer is based on a form of worship from the Taizé ecumenical monastic community in France. People of all ages and different faith traditions come together to participate in a community of prayer that is meditative and easily accessible for all. These gatherings are perfect opportunities to invite your friends of different faith traditions to share in common prayer.

Reconciliation Service
December 12th at 7:15 p.m.
Lannon Chapel
Presider: Fr. Joe Costantino, S.J.

Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Americas
December 10th - The bilingual Noon Mass in the Main Church, followed by a reception in the Friary Room. Come and celebrate with the Hispanic Community of St. Ignatius. Donations of desserts and beverages are welcome. To coordinate donations, please, contact Rita Rodriguez, RMRodriguez1227@gmail.com.

Please pray for:
Saturday, December 2nd
4:00 p.m. - Dora Vise
Sunday, December 3rd
8:00 a.m. - Helen Goodberlet
10:00 a.m. - Charles Goodberlet
12:00 p.m. - Jill Bakun
12:00 p.m. Spanish - Olimpia Trujillo
5:30 p.m. - Robert Burns
Monday, December 4th
5:30 p.m. - Mary, Maryann, Arline Bowdring

Wednesday, December 6th
12:15 p.m. - Philip Maloney
5:30 p.m. - Samantha Xavier
Thursday, December 7th
5:30 p.m. - Patrick Bowdring
Saturday, December 9th
4:00 p.m. - Antonio J. Vitug
Sunday, December 10th
8:00 a.m. - Charles Robert Doyle
10:00 a.m. - Xaverian Brother Raymond Hoyt, C.F.X.
5:30 p.m. - Mary Dafarra

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
December 8th at 12:15 & 5:30 p.m. (Upper Church)

Our Thanksgiving Day collection raised $1,044 for our sister parish, St. Annie’s in Kingston, Jamaica. Thank you for your generosity.

Text To Give: To give via text, send a text message with the dollar amount to our reserved phone number (617-553-6399). If this is your first time giving this way, you will have to fill out a short form with your billing information.

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a las 7:15pm en la Capilla Lannon. [para mayor detalles, ver pg. 3]
Así que, además de encender nuestras velas de Adviento y asistir al servicio de Reconciliación parroquial el 12, tal vez podamos prestar atención a este tiempo de “posesión y expectativa”, orando por la intercesión de Francisco Javier, nuestro Santo Jesuíta de Adviento. Que su intercesión nos ayude, como él, a difundir tanta luz del Evangelio como podamos durante nuestra travesía vital.

Feliz Adviento: P. Joe

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Music Ministry

Midnight Mass Choir
As we do every year, we invite choral singers to join us for the Midnight Mass choir to fill out our ranks. All voice parts are needed. We will be singing traditional carols, chants and anthems for the prelude and Midnight Mass. The rehearsal schedule is as follows: Dec. 13th and 8:15 p.m., Dec. 21st and 22nd at 7:15 p.m., all in the downstairs choir room. Questions? Contact Michael at burgo@bc.edu.

Peace, Justice & Reconciliation Commission

Commission Meeting: December 7th at 7 p.m. in the Parish Office Garden Level with Nick Napolitano, the provincial assistant for the Jesuits’ Northeast Province
For more information on this newly formed Commission and its subcommittees, contact Tim Manning at manntnl@bc.edu or 617-552-6102. All are welcome.

Green Team
In this first week of our liturgical year and at the beginning of Advent, consider taking or retaking Pope Francis’ Laudato Si Pledge
• To pray for and with creation
• To live more simply
• To advocate to protect our common home

Practices to consider this first week of Advent:
Include a prayer of thankfulness for creation that we will protect our common home in our daily prayers:
“May our footprints upon the earth be small and light, a worthy legacy for future generations. “

Outreach Ministries

Thank you for your participation in the Shattuck Shelter Holiday Meal effort. The Shelter Guests are always so grateful for your support. Thanks to Tammy Scott for serving as Meal Coordinator. And thanks to our friends at Crescent Ridge Dairy in Sharon for once again donating their fabulous eggnog.

Gift Drive 2017: Well, the Christmas Gift Drive trees are up, but both are empty! Sr. Diane has suggestions for additional gifts if you didn’t get an ornament, so see her or email her at vallerio@bc.edu. Please plan to bring in your gifts on December 9th/10th.

A BIG THANK YOU to Steve at Hazel’s Bakery in Needham for providing us with rolls to serve with supper at Shattuck Shelter on Fourth Tuesdays.

ARRUPE
Help Us With Refugee Housing
Our Parish has joined with Catholic Charities to sponsor a refugee family that will be welcomed to Boston during the next several months. We will find housing and assist the family with health care, employment services, education, and social services. Our first need is to find affordable housing. If you have experience as a real estate agent, housing developer, or as owner or manager of multi-family housing, we need your assistance and advice. Please contact Ed Dailey, supple.dailey@gmail.com.

The Mission Continues
For almost 500 years Jesuits have been serving the Church as “men on a sacred mission.” Through prayer, we aim to orient our own passions and desires with God’s desires for the Church and the world. To explore if God is calling you to serve in Christ’s mission as a Jesuit priest or brother, please visit our Vocation Website at jesuitvocations.org
We are ready to help you to discern our Jesuit life.
**Spiritual Life**

**Rekindle the Fire**

January 6th - 7th, 2018
Connors Retreat Center in Dover

Amidst the celebration of the season, give yourself the gift of rest and renewal at Epiphany. Join others who have experienced the transformative wisdom of St. Ignatius of Loyola through an Ignatian retreat experience. Rekindle the fire and stay connected with the graces that have guided you on your journey of faith and justice.

The cost for the weekend is $150. To register and reserve your place on the retreat contact: Kathy Maher, Spiritual Life Coordinator at katherine.maher@bc.edu

Join us on Sunday, December 3rd for our final session this year in our exploration of Ignatian prayer. Fr. Joe Constantino will guide us in "Encountering the Heart of Ignatian Prayer." We are gathering in the Media Room of the Lower Church at 3:30 p.m. All are welcome!

**Liturgy Commission**

**Decorating & Environment Through Christmas**

Help is needed to prepare the church for Advent, Christmas, and setup before and pick up after for Taizé on Mondays in Advent. Whatever time you can give would be appreciated and please invite others. Please email the parish office at ignatius@bc.edu if you are available any of these dates:

- **Monday, December 4th** – Taizé Prayer
- **Monday, December 11th** – Taizé Prayer
- **Saturday, December 16th** – Pre-Christmas Decorating and Setup, 9 a.m. – Noon
- **Monday, December 18th** – Taizé Prayer
- **Sunday, December 24th** – Christmas Decorating and Setup, Noon - 2 p.m.

Get the Parish Bulletin emailed to you each week!

Simply go to: www.pilotbulletins.net/sign-up Scroll down (alphabetically) to St. Ignatius, Newton, and sign up. You will then receive from The Pilot a confirmation email to click on to register. It is that simple. Sign up today!

Remember your loved ones this Christmas with a donation for a plant in their memory.

(Name of person to be remembered)

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Closed 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.)

The Celebration of the Eucharist

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Other Sacraments

**Reconciliation**—Saturdays, 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. in the Upper Church or by appointment.

**Baptism**—Adults are baptized at the Easter Vigil as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Infant and child Baptisms are by arrangement.

**First Eucharist**—Preparation begins in grade one and includes classes, retreats, and home instruction. Children receive First Eucharist in grade two.

**Confirmation**—Our Confirmation program begins in 9th grade; students are confirmed in the spring of 10th grade. For young adults who have been baptized but are not yet confirmed, contact the parish office.

**Matrimony**—Parishioners, BC Grads and non-parishioners are welcome to be married at St. Ignatius. Contact the parish office for available dates and details.

**Anointing of the Sick**—By arrangement. Contact the parish office.

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Newcomers to St. Ignatius are invited and encouraged to formally register as members of the parish so that we can stay in touch with you via email with Faith Formation news, notice of special events, volunteer opportunities and more.

Registration forms are available at the back of the church in the gathering space or on the website.

*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 or sponsor letters.*

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