Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill shall be made low;
the rugged land shall be made a plain,
the rough country, a broad valley.

Cada valle será llenado,
toda montaña y colina serán bajadas;
la tierra escabrosa será una llanura,
el campo escabroso, un amplio valle.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together.
Entonces la gloria del Señor será revelada,
y todos los pueblos la verán.
Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is coming!
And we get Advent beforehand to prepare!
Many of us are busily preparing these days with baking cookies, writing and sending out greeting cards, putting up decorations, and, naturally, shopping, and spending money (sometimes more than intended) on presents.

In the past two bulletin letters, however, I encouraged you to make it a part of your ordinary Advent preparations to pray each day while lighting your home Advent candles. Additionally, in last weekend’s letter, I encouraged you to attend our communal Reconciliation Service this coming Tuesday. Doing these things might actually provide that little extra special spiritual something that can help to make Christmas seem that much brighter this year. After all, candles light the way and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, as many describe the experience, can be a time of unburdening and being lifted up, a time to feel freer and lighter.

My experience is that Reconciliation Services also help to educate us about what sin is and isn’t. We all grow up without a really good understanding of how to discern what exactly is confessional matter. For some, sin is still simply breaking the “law.” For others, they are perplexed about just what to confess after they have the realization that simply breaking the “law” is not necessarily sin. Slowly, during the course of a Reconciliation Service, by reflecting in a concentrated way on sin and by prayerfully analyzing our conscience, we can glimpse more clearly not only what God wants us to confess, but we can become more fully caught up in God’s mercy and forgiving love and grace.

To help us prepare for our communal Reconciliation Service on Tuesday, I offer for our meditation the following prayer by the late spiritual writer, Henry Nouwen. If, however, you cannot join us, this prayer might also help you to prepare spiritually for our beautiful annual celebration, in just two weeks, of the Nativity of our Lord.

Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.
We who have so much to do
seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.
We who are anxious over many things
look forward to your coming among us.

Estimados Feligreses:
¡La Navidad está por llegar!
¡Pero antes tenemos el Adviento para prepararnos!
Muchos de nosotros estamos ocupados preparándonos estos días horneando galletas, escribiendo y enviando tarjetas, decorando y, naturalmente, haciendo compras, y gastando dinero (a veces, más de lo previsto) en regalos.

En las cartas de los dos boletines pasados, sin embargo, los animaba a orar al encender las velas de Adviento como parte de los preparativos de este tiempo. Además, en la carta de la semana pasada, los animaba a asistir al Servicio Comunal de Reconciliación del próximo martes. Al hacer estas cosas, actualmente, podrían proveer ese pequeño extra en su espiritualidad que podría hacer que esta Navidad parezca mucho más radiante. Después de todo, las velas alumbran el camino y el Sacramento de la Reconciliación, como muchos describen la experiencia, puede ser un tiempo de deslastrarse y ser levantado, un tiempo de sentirse liberado y más viviano.

Mi experiencia es que los Servicios de Reconciliación ayudan a educarnos en lo que es y no es pecado. Todos crecimos sin un verdadero entendimiento de cómo discernir lo que es material de confesión. Para algunos, el pecado es simplemente quebrantar la “ley.” Otros, están embrollados en lo que deben confesar, porque se dan cuenta que simplemente quebrantar la “ley” no necesariamente es pecado. Lentamente, en el curso del Servicio de Reconciliación, reflexionando de forma concentrada en el pecado y analizando nuestra conciencia en oración, podemos ver claramente que, no sólo que Dios quiere que nos confesemos, sino que nos acojamnos plenamente a su misericordia, su amor que perdona y su gracia.

Para ayudarnos a prepararnos para nuestro Servicio Comunal de Reconciliación del martes, les ofrezco para meditar la siguiente oración del finado escritor espiritual Henry Nouwen. Si acaso no puedes venir, esta plegaria te puede también ayudar a prepararte espiritualmente para nuestra hermosa celebración, justo en dos semanas, de la Natividad del Señor.

Señor Jesús:
Amo tanto de la luz como de las tinieblas, envía a tu Espíritu Santo sobre nuestros preparativos de la Navidad.
Nosotros, que tenemos tanto que hacer, haz que busquemos espacios de silencio para escuchar tu voz cada día.
Nosotros, que estamos ansiosos sobre muchas cosas, haz que
**Taizé Prayer**  
**Mondays in December**  
**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.

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**Reconciliation Service**  
**December 12th at 7:15 p.m.**  
**Lannon Chapel**

**Presider:** Fr. Joe Costantino, S.J.  

The Sacrament will also be offered in Spanish.

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esperamos tu venida entre nosotros.  
Nosotros, que somos bendecidos de muchas maneras,  
haz que anhelemos la alegría plena de tu reino.  
Nosotros, cuyos corazones están pesados,  
haz que busquemos la alegría de tu presencia.  
Somos tu pueblo, caminando a oscuras,  
pero buscando la luz.  
a ti te decimos, ¡Ven Señor Jesús!  
Bendiciones de Adviento:  
P. Joe

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We who are blessed in so many ways  
long for the complete joy of your kingdom.  
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.  
We are your people, walking in darkness,  
yet seeking the light.  
To you we say, “Come Lord Jesus!”  
Advent Blessings,  
Fr. Joe

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**Please pray for:**

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

Monday, December 11th  
12:15 p.m. - Barbara A. Brady  
5:30 p.m. - Margaret Bowdring

Tuesday, December 12th  
12:15 p.m. - Robert Egan, MD

Wednesday, December 13th  
12:15 p.m. - Margaret Wolohan

Thursday, December 14th  
12:15 p.m. - Mary Morra  
5:30 p.m. - Angela Maffeo

Friday, December 15th  
5:30 p.m. - Catherine Brannen

Saturday, December 16th  
4:00 p.m. - Eugene A. Smith, Jr. & Timothy E. Smith

Sunday, December 17th  
8:00 a.m. - Shirley Phelan  
10:00 a.m. - Ann McDonnell  
12:00 p.m. - Assunta DiCarlo  
5:30 p.m. - Charles Hodges

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**Faith Formation**

The Annual Christmas Pageant will take place at the 6 p.m. Vigil Mass on December 24th! If your child is interested in participating in the Christmas Pageant, please contact the Faith Formation Office at faithformation.ignatius@bc.edu by December 11th. There is a mandatory rehearsal on Thursday, December 21st, at 4 p.m.

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**Our Lady of Guadalupe, Queen of the Americas**

**December 10th** - The bilingual Noon Mass in the Main Church will be followed by a reception in the Friary Room. Come and celebrate with the Hispanic Community of St. Ignatius.

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3/ Second Sunday of Advent
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

Racial Justice Group Meeting
December 12th at 7 p.m.
Parish Office Conference Room
All are welcome

Green Team
Prayer:
God of the wilderness, all the wild areas of the earth cry out for restoration and preservation. May we be mindful of the creatures of the deserts, the oceans and the forests, that the habitat you have given them will survive and prosper, so that they may live in abundance and in peace with all of their neighbors.

Practice to live more simply
In preparing our Christmas list or shopping for others, ask, “Do I or he/she need or want this? With your children, discuss what is most important. Could you give a “gift of time or service”?

Men’s Spiritual Growth

The purpose of the Men’s Spiritual Growth meetings is to deepen our relationship with God and others in our everyday lives. We do this with the help of the 3-Minute Retreat from Loyola Press and with faith sharing. Meetings are held bi-weekly on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the parish office (the next meeting will be on December 20th), and on Saturday mornings at 7:30 a.m. in the parish office (the next meetings will be December 9th, 23rd). In 2018, meetings will take place the first and third Wednesdays and Saturdays (same time and location).

Outreach Ministries

Gift Drive 2017: Gifts are due this weekend.
If you haven’t returned your gift, you should bring it to the Parish Office by 7 p.m. on Monday, December 11th. Gifts will go out, beginning Tuesday, December 12th. Thanks to everyone who had a part in the preparation of Gift Drive materials and in the processing of the 856+ gifts. A big thanks to Ann Carmola who once again served as the Gift Drive Coordinator and who spent countless hours researching appropriate gifts and offering suggestions to and making arrangements with our ministry partners.

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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.

Book Discussion
January 21st 11:15 a.m.
Parish Office Living Room
Want to increase your awareness of the Holy Spirit’s presence and movement in your life? We will discuss The Holy Spirit: Setting the World on Fire edited by Richard Lennan and Nancy Pineda-Madrid. Each author in this compilation is a faculty member of Boston College’s School of Theology and Ministry, and each offers a reflection on the Holy Spirit in light of their own particular expertise and field of study (Scripture; systematic theology; pastoral ministry; ethics; spirituality, etc.). All are welcome to join this discussion on January 21st.

Women’s Weekend Retreat: “The Story of My Life” at Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury, MA January 12th-14th, 2018. For more details, contact Peggy; at timeoutretreats@comcast.net
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

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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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Liturgy Commission

Decorating & Environment Through Christmas

Help is needed to prepare the church for 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 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.

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

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(Name of person to be remembered)

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If you would like to make a donation, please fill out the form, place it in an envelope, and return it with your donation to the Parish Office or simply place it in the collection basket. An acknowledgment of gratitude for your donation with the name of your loved one will appear in the bulletin after Christmas.
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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

SUNDAY
Upper Church 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon, 5:30 p.m.
Lower Church 10:00 a.m., Family Liturgy
12:00 p.m., Misa En Español En La Capilla Lannon

WEEKDAY
Lower Church 12:15 p.m. & 5:30 p.m (Adoration—12:45 p.m., Friday)

SATURDAY
Lower Church 9:00 a.m.
Upper Church 4:00 p.m. (Vigil)

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 inculcates 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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Parish Registration

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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