WHAT IS IT THAT WE SHOULD DO?
Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly with Your God.

¿QUÉ ES LO QUE DEBEMOS HACER?
Actuar justamente, Amar la misericordia, Caminar con humildad con nuestro Dios.
I recently participated in the School of the Americas Watch Border Encounter in Nogales, Arizona, USA and Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. I did this because I'm very concerned about the struggle and safety of many people who have suffered greatly from violence and poverty in Mexico and Central America. The large exodus from Honduras and El Salvador has made it clear that living there has become deadly and dangerous because of political repression, corruption, disappearances, murders, gangs, and severe poverty.

During the Encounter I learned how US foreign policy, which has long been based on racism, greed, and exploitation, has caused the massive migration north of many people. Legal and illegal sales of arms from the US to Mexico provide plenty of guns and assault weapons. The continuing education of military from Latin America at the School of the Americas at Fort Benning, Georgia and other US military bases in techniques of assassination, counter-insurgency, and torture has led to a long history of violence by its graduates who enjoy great impunity. Closing the School of the Americas would greatly help stop the violence.

I attended a rally at the Milkor Manufacturing plant in Tucson, which sells weapons to Mexico, a vigil at the Eloy for-profit detention center housing thousands of migrants, a concert, and a funeral procession with large puppets. I went to workshops, which included research on stopping the gun trade.
Christmas Eve

Our 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Vigil Mass has traditionally been our most well attended. This year, it will include the Children's Christmas Pageant. To avoid overcrowding and to ensure the safety of children and adults, we will be offering a second 4 p.m. Mass (with music) in the Lannon Chapel. The upper church will be CLOSED TEN MINUTES BEFORE MASS. At that time you will be directed to worship at Mass in the Lannon Chapel. In the spirit of community, there will be no reserving seats in the upper church after 3:45 p.m.

There will still be our traditional 6 p.m. Mass and our Mass at midnight.

A musical prelude for our Midnight Mass will begin at 11:30 p.m.

Christmas Day

8 a.m., 10 a.m., and Noon

Outreach Ministries

Gifts were distributed to our ministry partners this past week. A huge thank you to the Gift Drive Committee for its hours and hours of work getting everything organized and prepared and to Ann Carmola, who coordinated the entire Gift Drive process. Also thanks to the families that prepared the ornaments and to those who decorated the trees. There is no doubt that it’s going to be a wonderful Christmas for hundreds upon hundreds of our neighbors, thanks to all of you!

Shattuck Fourth Tuesday:
We will NOT be serving supper to the Shattuck Shelter Guests this month, since the fourth Tuesday is Christmas Day.

Pastoral Council

Listening Sessions
Sunday, December 16th
1 p.m. (English) - Danny Levy [Parish Office Parlor]
1 p.m. (Spanish) - Rita Rodriguez [Choir/Media Room]

Faith Formation

Holiday Faith Formation Help Needed!
Many of our dedicated catechists are undergraduate and graduate students who travel home for Christmas to be with their families. We need volunteers on January 6th and January 13th to keep classes going in their absence. Please consider whether you can offer an hour of your time! We are in particular need of assistance for Grades 3-8.

Second Annual Christmas Carols
Saturday, January 5 | 5 p.m.
Back by popular request! On the eve of Epiphany, bring your voices and instruments to the Lannon Chapel for Christmas Caroling with the Family Mass Community. Pot luck desserts and coffee will be served.
God of light, the daylight shortens as the winter solstice approaches. We await the coming of the Savior whose light will never darken. Grant us during this Advent and winter nourishing rains and peaceful snowfalls to replenish the earth’s aquifers, lakes and rivers. Restore the land so it will produce bountiful harvests for all your creatures. Then rushing rivers, glaciers and waterfalls will join in praising your name at the coming of spring.

Action: Encourage gifting to others
Designate an amount of money to donate to charity and let your children pick which causes will receive it.

legislative advocacy for a just foreign policy, and conversations with the families of the disappeared and murdered.

I saw how the U.S. border is becoming more militarized as the U.S. army installed barbed wire and a second fence along the border to create a restricted space. I learned how the US Border Control has been responsible for many deaths in the Sonoran Desert. Their “chase and scatter” techniques, often using helicopters, have caused migrants to get lost and die. The Border Patrol has also destroyed water and food left for the migrants by humanitarian aid workers. Human remains found in the desert often showed lack of water as a cause of death. I also heard the cries of women who had lost loved ones. My ears still ring from a litany sung to remember over a hundred people found dead in the border area last year.

My time at the border was one of many emotions. I was angered at the policies of my own government. I felt deep sorrow for those who have suffered and been killed. However I also experienced much hope in solidarity with the many other activists, young and old, working to speak truth to power. Many shelters have been set up on both sides of the border to help refugees. I was moved by the way residents of the border area help with food, water, and medical attention. Educating ourselves about what is happening is critical. I cannot claim to be ignorant of the many human rights violations in Latin America and on the border and I feel compelled to work to stop the violence. I would like to see our border as a bridge that connects people, rather than a wall that excludes them. I believe that together we can do this.

Maria Termini

procesión funeral con marionetas grandes. Fui a talleres, que incluyeron investigaciones sobre parar el tráfico de armas, abogacía legislativa por una política exterior justa y conversaciones con las familias de los desaparecidos y asesinados.

Vi cómo la frontera de los EEUU está cada vez más militarizada al instalar el ejército alambre de púas y una segunda cerca en el borde para crear un espacio restrin-gido. Me enteré de cómo el Control de Fronteras de los EEUU ha sido responsable de muchas muertes en el desierto de Sonora. Sus técnicas de “perseguir y dispersar”, usando helicópteros, a menudo, han causado que los migrantes se pierdan y mueran. La Patrulla de Fronteras ha destruido también comida y agua dejada para los migrantes por trabajadores de ayuda humanitaria. Restos humanos hallados en el desierto muestran a menudo falta de agua como la causa de la muerte. Escuché también el llanto de las mujeres que han perdido a seres queridos. En mis oídos todavía suena una letanía cantada, para recordar a cientos de personas halladas muertas el año pasado en la frontera.

Mi tiempo en la frontera fue de muchas emociones. Me enojé por las políticas de mi propio gobierno. Senti profundamente la tristeza de los que han sufrido y han muerto. Sin embargo, también experimenté mucha esperanza y solidaridad con los otros activistas, jóvenes y mayores, que trabajan por decir la verdad. Se han establecido muchos albergues a ambos lados de la frontera para ayudar a los refugiados. Me conmovió al ver cómo los residentes fronterizos ayudan con comida, agua y atención médica. Es crítico educarnos sobre lo que está sucediendo. No puedo negar las numerosas violaciones a los derechos humanos que suceden en Latinoamérica y en la frontera y me siento obligada a trabajar por parar la violencia. Me gustaría ver nuestra frontera como un puente que conecta a las personas, y no como un muro que las excluye. Pienso que juntos podemos hacerlo.
Save the Date

Journey Through Boston College’s Religious Identity: Paintings by Phan Ngoc Minh
December 23rd | 8 a.m - 5 p.m.
St. Ignatius - Old Choir Room

Phan Ngoc Minh is a renowned independent artist from Da Nang, Vietnam. During the past 3 months, he has explored many aspects of Boston College’s religious heritage, presented in his paintings.

If you are interested in one of his paintings, you may make a donation to keep it.

Where the Guns Go:
U.S. Policy and Human Rights in Mexico
January 20th | 7 - 9 p.m.
Choir/Media Room

Join Maria Termini, a parishioner on the Peace, Justice & Reconciliation Commission, to view this short film on uncontrolled arms and corruption. A discussion will follow about the acute crisis of human rights violations and violent crimes, most of which are committed with firearms. For more information, contact: mariatermini2013@gmail.com.

Men’s Spiritual Growth

Meetings are held on first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office (the next meeting will be on December 19th). New members are always welcome!
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The Celebration of the Eucharist

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Other Sacraments

Reconciliation—Saturdays, 3:00 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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