

Loyola University New Orleans  
College of Law Graduation Mass  
May 7, 2026

Principal Celebrant  
Rev. W. Penn Dawson, S.J.  
*Rector of the New Orleans Jesuit Community*

Spirit of Ignatius Award Recipient  
Abigail Claire Kilgore

Choir  
Sophia Elaine Lucurto, soprano  
Laura Hamilton, alto  
David Jean-Gregory Michel, tenor  
Brennan Kiefer Shelby, bass

Liturgy Coordinator and Music Director  
Ken Weber  
*Associate Director of Ministry*

Organist  
Michael Bauer

Trumpet  
Nick Volz  
*Associate Professor of Classical and Jazz Trumpet*

# GATHERING PROCESSION

Loyola University Gonfalon

Brandon Becerra

College of Law Gonfalon

Hannah Daniel

Faculty and Staff

Graduates

Crucifer

Chris Caldarera

Altar Servers

Luke LaCour

Matthew Maier

Frank Meyer

Readers

Emily Berthelot

Tavaziva Mazhindu

Universal Prayers Announcers

Madison Bourgeois

Hampton Creel

Max Henson

Andrew Jones

Isabella Navarro

Concelebrants

Main Celebrant

Las traducciones al español se pueden encontrar escaneando el código QR  
en la parte posterior del programa.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN\* RITUAL SONG (RS) #741, A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

STAND

PENITENTIAL RITE

V. Ký-ri - e, e-lé-i-son. R. Ký-ri - e, e-lé-i-son.  
V. Chri-ste, e-lé-i-son. R. Chri-ste, e-lé-i-son.  
V. Ký-ri - e, e-lé-i-son. R. Ký-ri - e, e-lé-i-son.

GLORY TO GOD

*Mass of Renewal*  
Gokelman/Kauffman

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to  
*f*  
peo - ple of good will.

GLORY TO GOD *CONTINUED*



We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we  
*mf*



glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for



your great glo - ry, Lord God,



heav - en - ly King, O God, al - might - y Fa - ther.



Lord, Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son,  
*mf*



Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,

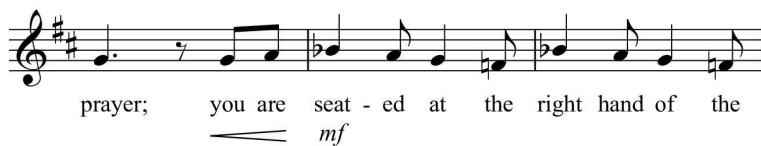


you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on  
*mp*



us; you take a-way the sins of the world, re - ceive our

# GLORY TO GOD *CONTINUED*



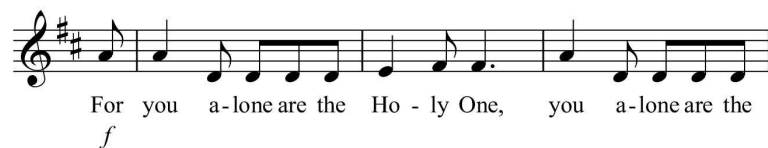
prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the

*mf*



Fa - ther, have mer-cy on us.

*cresc.* (Optional to Refrain)




For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the

*f*



Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus




Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the



glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*cresc.*

## GLORY TO GOD *CONTINUED*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on  
*ff*



earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING


Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 27: The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation*  
Owen Alstott



**R. The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion.**

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SECOND READING

Romans 12



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## GOSPEL

John 15:12-17

Priest: The Lord be with you.  
 Priest: A reading from ....  
 Priest: The gospel of the Lord.

Response: And with your spirit.  
 Response: Glory to you, O Lord.  
 Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## HOMILY

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS &amp; ALTAR

**Gift Bearers**  
 Robert Haik  
 Pat Winters  
 and guests

Priest: Pray my sisters and brothers...

Response: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Priest: The Lord be with you.  
 Priest: Lift up your hearts.  
 Priest: Let us ... our God.

Response: And with your spirit.  
 Response: We lift them up to the Lord.  
 Response: It is right and just.

# HOLY

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*f* Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of

*mf* hosts. Heav-en and earth are full, full of your

*f* glo - ry. Ho - san - na, Ho -

*mf* san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

*f* comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -

*ff* - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san -

*rit.* - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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KNEEL (OR SIT)

# MYSTERY OF FAITH

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*Presider:* *ALL:*

The mys-ter-y of faith. Opt. I    {    We pro-claim your  
Opt. II When we eat this Bread and  
Opt. III    {    Save us, Sav - ior

Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your Res - ur - rec - tion,  
 drink this Cup, we pro - claim your Death, O Lord, —  
 of the world, for by your Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion,

1. un-til you come a - gain. \_\_\_\_\_ } gain.  
 2. un-til you come a - gain. \_\_\_\_\_ When we gain.  
 { you have set us free. \_\_\_\_\_ } free.

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# AMEN

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*ALL:*

*(Priest intones)* A - men, A - men,

A - men, A - men, A - men!

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OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

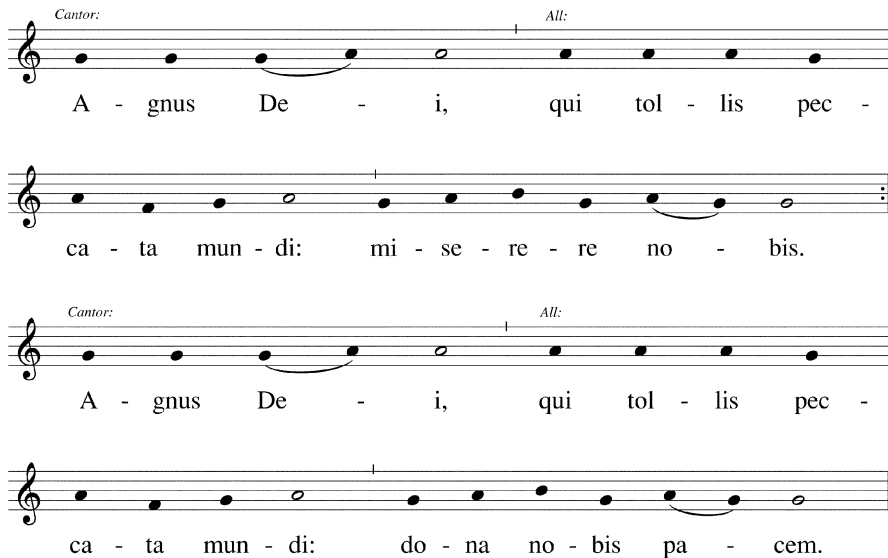
Priest: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil...

Response: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

## SIGN OF PEACE

## FRACTION RITE

*Agnus Dei*



*Cantor:* A - gnus De - i, *All:* qui tol - lis pec -  
ca - ta mun - di: mi - se - re - re no - bis.  
*Cantor:* A - gnus De - i, *All:* qui tol - lis pec -  
ca - ta mun - di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Music: Agnus Dei XVIII, Vatican Edition; acc. by Robert J. Batastini

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world: have mercy on us; grant us peace.*

Priest: This is the Lamb of God...

Response: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

## COMMUNION

*All graduating students are instructed to join the communion procession, Catholics to receive the host, all others to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your hands to your heart.*

*All others are invited to join the Communion procession following these same instructions.*

COMMUNION SONG

Pan de Vida

Refrain

\* Pan de Vi - da, cuer-po del Se - ñor,  
cup of bless - ing, blood of Christ the Lord.  
At this ta - ble the last shall be first, \*\* po -  
der es ser - vir, por-que Dios es a - mor.

Verses

1. We are the dwell-ing of God,  
\*\*\* 2. Us - te - des me lla - man "Se - ñor," me in -  
3. There is no Jew or Greek,  
fra - gile and wound-ed and weak. We are the  
cli - no\_a la - var - les los pies: Ha - gan lo  
there is no slave or free: there is no  
bod - y of Christ, called to be the com -  
mis - mo, hu - mil - des, sir - vién - do - se  
wom-an or man; on - ly heirs of the  
D.C.  
pas - sion of God.  
u - nos a o - tros.  
prom - ise of God.

\* Bread of Life, body of the Lord, \*\*power is for service, because God is Love.  
\*\*\*You call me "Lord," and I bow to wash your feet:  
you must do the same, humbly serving each other.

Text: John 13:1-15, Galatians 3:28-29; Bob Hurd, b.1950, and Pia Moriarty, © 1988, Bob Hurd and Pia Moriarty  
Tune: Bob Hurd, b.1950, © 1988; acc. by Craig Kingsbury, b.1952  
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# Spirit of Ignatius Award for Outstanding College of Law Graduate

*Presented by Madeleine M. Landrieu, Dean and Judge Adrian G. Duplantier Distinguished Professor of Law*

*Conferred by President Xavier Cole*

**Abigail Claire Kilgore**

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

## FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Priest: May almighty God ...

Priest: Go forth ...

Response: **And with your spirit.**

Response: **Amen.**

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** All graduating students and their guests are asked to remain seated after Mass has ended. The class photo will be taken immediately following the Mass.

## SENDING FORTH

Glory & Praise #683, Christ Be Our Light

## To the Class of 2026:

*It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you  
and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain...*

*This I command you: love one another.*

*-John 15: 16-17*

## Abigail Claire Kilgore

Abigail Kilgore is the daughter of Mrs. Karrie Valdetero Kilgore and Mr. Kerry Thomas Kilgore. She was raised in Crowley, LA where she served as an altar-server and youth group leader at St. Michael's Catholic Church until her graduation from Notre Dame High School. She attended the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and obtained a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Political Science. Although she initially planned to attend law school right after graduation, Abigail felt called to the cooler weather of Colorado and spent 2 years working in hospitality before deciding it was time to come home.

Throughout her time at Loyola, Abigail has been involved with service and community building initiatives. She worked with Acadiana Legal Service Corporation the summer after her 1L year, where she helped expand access to legal resources in underserved communities. During her 2L year she served as Wellness Co-Chair for the SBA, a position which allowed her to help plan and promote student well-being and balance within the Loyola community. In that role, Abigail was tasked with helping to organize the annual Race Judicata Fundraiser, an event that she fell in love with.

As a 3L, Abigail served as SBA Secretary and worked as a Family Law Student Practitioner with the Stuart H. Smith Law Clinic. As Secretary, she took on a leadership role in the organization of Race Judicata; she managed logistics, solicited sponsorships, and organized volunteers. These efforts, along with the help of her amazing SBA Wellness Chairs and the Loyola community led to a donation of over \$17,500 for Disability Rights Louisiana. In her clinical work, Abigail developed advocacy skills while representing clients during some of the most vulnerable moments of their lives. While she often jokes that timekeeping is not her strongest skill, her experience in the clinic has strengthened her ability to connect with clients, listen intentionally, and approach each case with empathy and care.

Overall, Abigail strives to approach the law as a means of service. As she prepares to begin her legal career, she remains committed to using her education to uplift others and to carry forward the values of integrity, empathy, and justice that have shaped her time at Loyola.

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