

St. Ignatius

Not the Jesuit One

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Novena to St. Ignatius

Almighty ever-living God,
you gave St. Ignatius Martyr, Bishop of Antioch,
the courage to witness to the Gospel of Christ
even to the point of giving his life for it.

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By his prayers, help us to endure all suffering for
love of you

and to seek you with all our hearts,
for you alone are the source of life.

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Through the intercession of St. Ignatius,
we pray for our parish community:
help us be bridge builders in a divided world,
bringing the hope and love of Jesus Christ
into our families, workplaces, and communities.

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Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
Son,

Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Whose last name is Martyr???

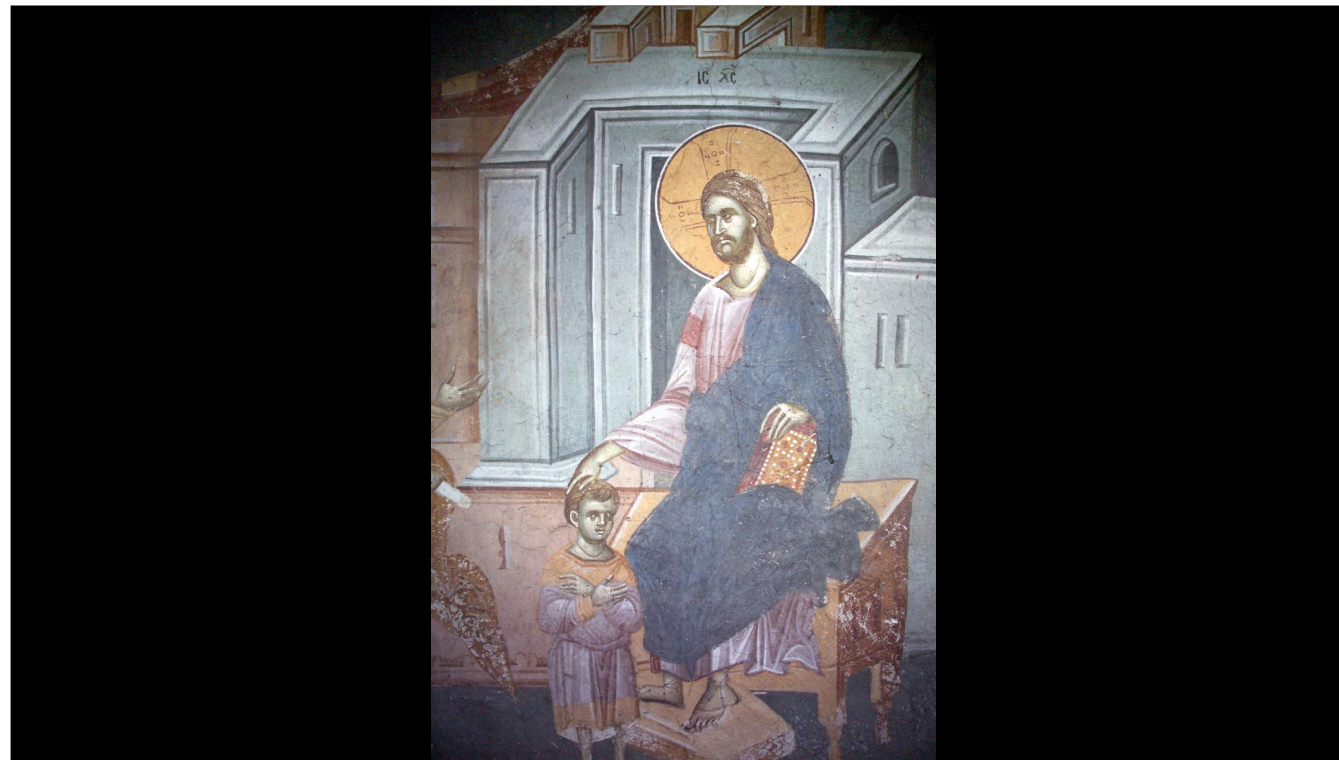
Not his...



Who is Saint Ignatius?

A brief history.

- Ante-Nicene Church Father
- Appointed the third bishop of Antioch by St. Peter.
- Likely knew the Apostle John.
- Legend has it, though unlikely, that he was the child Jesus picked up in Mark 9 & Matthew 18.



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- Likely born in Syria and converted to Christianity at a young age.
- Served as Bishop of Antioch for a long time (~40 years) from Evodius' death (~66 AD) until his death ~108 AD).
- Wrote several letters—seven considered authentic by most modern scholars and the Church.

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- Martyred in Rome — understood to be by lions in the Coliseum.
- First known use of the term “Catholic” to refer to the Christian Church.
- The early Church saw many who claimed to preach the faith but weren’t truly doing so.

St. Ignatius & the Catholic Church

Unity of the Faithful

Let no man do anything connected with the Church without the bishop. Let that be deemed a proper Eucharist, which is [administered] either by the bishop, or by one to whom he has entrusted it.

Ignatius of Antioch, "The Epistle of Ignatius to the Smyrnæans," in vol. 1, The Ante-Nicene Fathers (Buffalo, NY: Christian Literature Company, 1885), 89–90.

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Unity of the Faithful

Wherever the bishop shall appear, there let the multitude [of the people] also be; even as, wherever Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church. It is not lawful without the bishop either to baptize or to celebrate a love-feast; but whatsoever he shall approve of, that is also pleasing to God, so that everything that is done may be secure and valid.

Ignatius of Antioch, "The Epistle of Ignatius to the Smyrnæans," in vol. 1, The Ante-Nicene Fathers (Buffalo, NY: Christian Literature Company, 1885), 89–90.

Silence is Golden.

It is better for a man to be silent and be [a Christian],
than to talk and not to be one. It is good to teach, if he
who speaks also acts.

Ignatius of Antioch, "The Epistle of Ignatius to the Ephesians," in vol. 1, The Ante-Nicene Fathers (Buffalo, NY: Christian Literature Company, 1885), 75.

Embracing His Fate

The Martyr's Crown

Suffer me to become food for the wild beasts, through whose instrumentality it will be granted me to attain to God. I am the wheat of God, and am ground by the teeth of the wild beasts, that I may be found the pure bread of God.

Ignatius of Antioch, "The Epistle of Ignatius to the Romans," in vol. 1, The Ante-Nicene Fathers (Buffalo, NY: Christian Literature Company, 1885), 75.

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Let fire and the cross; let the crowds of wild beasts; let tearings, breakings, and dislocations of bones; let cutting off of members; let shatterings of the whole body; and let all the dreadful torments of the devil come upon me: only let me attain to Jesus Christ.

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Symbolism in our Window











Why Saint Ignatius?

He's cool and all, but why?

Why Do We Name Churches?

**We were supposed to be
Holy Cross Parish.**

**Archbishop
Arthur Jerome
Drossaerts**

of

San Antonio



Fall Fest this weekend!