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We promote right relationships with God, with each other and with Creation, especially through spiritual development in the tradition of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola and through deep engagement with this land.

Loyola House is central to the Ignatius Jesuit Centre, located one km north of Guelph on over 600 acres of beautiful farmland, with walking trails through rolling hills, woods and wetlands—all of it an integral part in our retreats and programs.



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# A Retreat with Jonah: Three Days in the Whale

March 29-31 2019

*A Weekend Retreat*

*Facilitated by Greg Kennedy, SJ*



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The book of Jonah is more than a quirky children's story that slipped into the Bible behind its compilers' backs. It is, in fact, an existentialist masterpiece that brings to light, both humorously and relentlessly, some of the darker corners of the human soul. Jonah plays the role of a kind of Everyman, standing in for you and me before a God that frustratingly defies his expectations and a mission that upends his sacred prejudices. The little book is packed full of surprises, the greatest of all being just how painfully accurate it captures and exposes certain less than pleasant aspects of each of us.

Through a prayerful and playful exploration of the text, we will journey with Jonah as he flees himself, his better judgement, his God, and ultimately his own happiness. Along the way, we will stop to consider how we, every person in her/his own way, do exactly the same. Like Jonah, we will enter into the belly of the beast of our own pride, fear, intolerance and narcissism, with hopes of

exiting wiser, humbler, and more compassionate.

The retreat will include short talks, periods of individual reflection, plus group interaction and prayer. **The retreat will not be conducted entirely in silence. Limited spiritual direction will be available. Please note that the retreat ends at 4:30pm on Sunday.**

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*Greg Kennedy, SJ - With a PhD in philosophy, a Masters of Divinity, a Masters of Theology and several callouses on his fingers from guitar playing, Greg has come to the philosophical-theological conclusion that God speaks most clearly through meaningful, human conversation, good music and gentle trees. He is a Jesuit since 2006 and a priest since 2015.*



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Cost: \$260 Live-in | \$160 Commuter

Fees include accommodations, meals, sessions with a spiritual director (unless stated otherwise), daily liturgy, and access to the land. Commuter fees do not include accommodations. All fees are in Canadian dollars.

To apply for this retreat, complete the online application form at [loyolahouse.com](http://loyolahouse.com) under Application. A downloadable form may also be completed, from the application webpage.

### Checking In

Unless otherwise noted in the schedule, retreats and programs begin promptly at 8pm on the first day and end at 1pm on the last day. **A Retreat with Jonah ends at 4:30pm on Sunday.**

### Payment Policy

Payment in full must be received in order to secure your booking. Cancellations & Refunds are managed on an individual basis.