

Ignatius Jesuit Centre is a place of peace that values all of creation, compassion, unity in diversity, ecological sustainability, interfaith connections, social justice, and the spiritual journey.

We are dedicated to providing programs that:

- Foster an ecological way of life, for the healing of the world
- Nurture a deeper spirituality in people, leading to inner freedom
- Promote the production of local sustainable food
- Provide a welcoming space for individual and communal discernment, and education

Loyola House – Retreats & Ignatian Training - central to the Ignatius Jesuit Centre, is located on the Centre's 640 acres just one km north of Guelph. Explore this beautiful land with its walking trails, forest and woods, and wetlands—all an integral part in our retreats and programs.



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A Retreat with Jonah: Three Days in the Whale

March 27-29 2020

A Weekend Retreat

Facilitated by Greg Kennedy, SJ



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A Retreat with Jonah: Three Days in the Whale

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 3:30pm on Sunday.**

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

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.



To apply for this program, complete the online application form at loyolahouse.com under Application. A downloadable form may also be completed, from the application webpage.

Retreats and Programs

It is our intention to ensure the financial sustainability of the retreats and programs we provide at the Ignatius Jesuit Centre. Cancellations represent an expense to the Centre and a lost opportunity for others to participate in the retreats and programs.

Payment

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

Fees

The costs of all programs are in Canadian funds. Payment may be made by cash, cheque, money order, VISA, MasterCard, online or bank draft in Canadian funds payable to the Ignatius Jesuit Centre. We are unable to accept e-transfers.

The fees for all retreats include accommodations and meals, limited sessions with a spiritual director, daily liturgy, all required materials, and access to the land. Please note that commuter fees do not include breakfast or access to a bedroom.

Checking In

A Retreat with Jonah begins at 7:30pm on the first day and ends at 3:30pm on the Sunday. You may arrive between 4-7pm (supper is not provided on opening night).