

Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

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October 17, 2021 | Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God's Hands

In Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus teaches his disciples that he, the Son of Man, does not determine who will be sitting at his left or right side. He does not choose among his disciples as James and John ask of him. Jesus tells them it is not in his domain, but in God's hands.

God's hands. Jesus was both human and divine and yet, he too was in God's hands. Jesus teaches us that those who gloat in power shall be last. He infers the dance between selfishness vs selflessness is real. Those who wish to be powerful will be a slave to power and have no mercy for God's people. Yet, those who wish to be great among God's people will be the servant, the ones who show tenderness and mercy to God's people. We are all in God's hands no matter who has the "power" on earth.

There may be times in life where you may wonder, "Where is God in all of this?"

Recently, our country has experienced some devastating natural disasters. Wildfires, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, and tropical storms have plagued every part of the United States. Have you thought these natural disasters are in God's hands? Or are they in humankind's hands? With global warming encroaching a hazardous outcome on our planet with every passing day, can we avert this? Or is this God's power over us?

In September, when Hurricane Ida hit New York City, I was attending a late meeting at the church. All our cellphones were buzzing with Flood Alert warnings all over New York City. Since I travel to Bridgeport, Connecticut via Metro-North, I was wondering if I would make it home that night. A kind colleague offered to drive me to Grand Central Station through the torrential downpour. Our shoes were soaking wet as we got in her car and then we slowly navigated 5th Avenue through the blinding rain. I was relieved we reached Grand Central but worried about Holly's ride back home to the Upper West Side.

The last train to make it out of Grand Central was at 9:06 PM. All trains were suspended due to fallen trees along the track. I waited in the Stamford train and the conductor kept us updated on the events. Finally, the New Haven bound train came in and I went to wait on that train. Updates told us the tree was removed, but now the tracks were flooded. My husband checked in every half-hour to see what was happening and give me updates from the news. I had a lengthy conversation with God that night. I prayed that we all get home safe. It was quite unsettling, yet I placed myself in God's Hands. You got this...it is out of my hands, I prayed.

Commuters spent the night on the train, and then at 4:30 AM, the announcement blared that we would need to find an alternative way home. I spotted a couple with a Fairfield University bag and approached them about sharing a ride. We finally got an Uber. Ironically, we were all going to Fairfield Metro train station, and we are all Fairfield University alumni! We arrived safely after a few flooding detours by 6:45 AM. God's Hands!

Although my experience was an inconvenient episode due to Hurricane Ida, I was grateful for the dry and safe shelter of the train station. Many others did not have that safety net, yet they too were in God's hands. God forfeits power to humankind. Those in power have the responsibility to be good stewards of Creation and show tenderness and mercy to God's people and the environment.

Jesus also did not choose his place among humankind, he was in God's hands. In Jesus Christ's suffering and death, God forfeits power. And yet, Jesus was in God's hands and loving embrace always, just as we are.

— Jean Santopatre
Pastoral Associate

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17th

Hour Children Donation Truck.

9 AM to 1 PM. Outside the Church. See below.

Ignatian Young Adults: Soulful Sunday Conversation.

Following the 11 AM Masses.

Gonzaga Meeting Room. Masks are required.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19th

Tuesday Night Book Group: *St. Augustine's Confessions*.
7 PM. Zoom.

Hour Children Donation Truck

Today, from 9 AM to 1 PM



The Hour Children truck will be parked outside the church to receive donations of clothing, toys, kitchenware, knick-knacks, household items, electronics, and small furniture.

About Hour Children: An organization committed to helping incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women and their children successfully rejoin the community, reunify with their families, and build secure lives.

PARISH SURVEY

Last Call!

Make sure your voice is heard. Please complete our parish survey online at <https://bit.ly/3yim3WQ> or leave a print survey at the Parish House this week. Each member of a household is asked to respond individually.

We value your opinions and are grateful for your time.

Weekday Masses (Monday to Friday)

8:30 AM (Church), 12:10 PM (Church) &

5:30 PM (Church/Livestream)

Saturday: 8:30 AM (Church)

For the Weekend of October 24th

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM Fr. Gustafson

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Hallinan

9:30 AM Fr. Hallinan

Solemn (Livestream) 11:00 AM Fr. Bergen

Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Hilbert

7:30 PM Fr. Bergen

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, October 18th (St. Luke)

2 Timothy 4:9-17b Psalm 145 Luke 10:1-9

8:30 MEM William A. Miller

12:10 MEM Darlene Zook

5:30 MEM Robert Troilo

Tuesday, October 19th

(*Ss. Jean de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues & comps.*)

2 Corinthians 4:7-15 Psalm 126 Matthew 28:16-20

8:30 MEM Carla Fendi

12:10 MEM James Johnson

5:30 MEM Donald R. Foley

Wednesday, October 20th

(*Twenty-ninth Wednesday in Ordinary Time*)

Romans 6:12-18 Psalm 124 Luke 12:39-48

8:30 MEM John & Margaret Reilly

12:10 MEM Leon Choate

5:30 MEM Sose & Mark Prekelezaj

Thursday, October 21st

(*Twenty-ninth Thursday in Ordinary Time*)

Romans 6:19-23 Psalm 1 Luke 12:49-53

8:30 MEM Leslie & Walter Kernan

12:10 MEM Helen & Sam Chierchio

5:30 MEM Nathan Davidson

Friday, October 22nd

(*Twenty-ninth Friday in Ordinary Time*)

Romans 7:18-25a Psalm 119 Luke 12:54-59

8:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the
Brenninkmeijer Family

12:10 MEM Prince Philip

5:30 MEM Eugene Gaughan

Saturday, October 23rd

(*Twenty-ninth Saturday in Ordinary Time*)

Romans 8:1-11 Psalm 24 Luke 13:1-9

8:30 MEM Johnny O'Hagan

Sunday, October 24th

(*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

Isaiah 53:10-11 Psalm 33

Hebrews 4:14-16 Mark 10:35-45



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