



November 28, 2021 | First Sunday of Advent

Joyful Anticipation

Waiting can be hard. Or at least it's hard for me. I remember Christmases when I was a kid, standing with my sister and cousins, staring at the tree, or, more truthfully, at the presents underneath the tree. The mystery of what could possibly be in the various packages was almost more than we could stand. We eagerly awaited finishing dinner so we could tear into the gifts and discover what awaited us. More recently, I find other sorts of waiting to be challenging. If I'm running late on my way somewhere, waiting for the light to change at the crosswalk or waiting for a train to arrive at the subway station seems to take an eternity. Unlike waiting to open a Christmas gift, there isn't any mystery to waiting for a light to change or a train to arrive. Even though I know exactly how those periods of waiting will end, it's still hard.



Advent is all about waiting. On some level, we all know the object and destination of our waiting. In just under four weeks, Christmas will be here! Year in and year out, Advent is a season of preparing ourselves for the birth of Christ. This is a season with which we are very familiar, with the predictable and comforting trappings of Advent wreaths, purple and pink candles, Advent calendars, and Advent devotionals. Advent also brings other annual undertakings such as Christmas shopping, Christmas concerts, and gatherings with friends and family. Many of these activities, whether spiritual, more mundane, or somewhere in between, may well be part of our routines as we make our way through these four weeks. Finally, the end of Advent is never a surprise. Much of what we do, expect, and await in Advent is predictable and part of long-established routines. However, this doesn't mean that God doesn't have some surprises in store for us in the midst of our waiting.

During my first year as a Jesuit, my spiritual director recommended some spiritual reading to me, a book titled *Advent of the Heart*, by Fr. Alfred Delp, SJ. I have reread this book every Advent since 2011 and have recommended it to more people than I can count, now including all of you. Delp was a German Jesuit who spoke out against the Nazis and was later inaccurately accused of involvement in an assassination attempt against Hitler. *Advent of the Heart* is a collection of his homilies and other writings on Advent, a season he loved throughout his life. The collection ends with the Advent homilies Delp wrote in 1944, as he was imprisoned and awaiting his execution. Delp describes Advent as a time of being shaken awake to a renewed and deepened relationship with God.

In *Advent of the Heart*, Delp also writes about the figures of Advent, the people with whom we wait during this season of preparation and being shaken awake. He includes John the Baptist, Gabriel, and Mary among the people with whom we travel through Advent toward Christmas. Here at St. Ignatius Loyola, our theme for this Advent is "Waiting with Mary." I say with full confidence, Fr. Delp would heartily approve.

As we wait for Christmas, as we go through the routines and rituals of this Advent, how might God be trying to shake us awake? Even though we already know that Advent ends with the celebration of the birth of Christ, how can we, in our hearts, reclaim some of the mysterious and surprising joy of God-made-flesh?

Waiting can be hard. May this season of expectant waiting find us open and awake, like Mary, to whatever surprises God has in store.

— Rev. Daniel N. Gustafson, S.J.
Pastoral Year Priest



FOURTH ANNUAL

Snow Ball Dance



Featuring music
★ by the ★
**Morris Brothers
Band**



**Saturday,
December 4th
7 PM to 10 PM**

COVID-19 ENTRY PROTOCOL

Proof of vaccination
will be required
at the door for every guest.

Guests will not be admitted
without a vaccine card
and photo ID.



Tickets: \$75 per person/\$65 for seniors (age 60+)

**Tickets available at ignatius.nyc/snowball-dance-2021/
or by scanning the code at right.**



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28th

Community Coffee Hour. Noon. Outside the Church.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29th

Ranger Rosary. 1:30 PM. Gonzaga Meeting Room.

Note: Proof of vaccination is required to attend.
Email documentation to Esposito218@verizon.net
prior to the day of the meeting.

All Hearts Together: A Mass of Remembrance.
7 PM. Church. *Details at right.*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30th

Moms, Pops & Tots. 11 AM. Outside the Parish House.

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3rd

Concert: A Chanticleer Christmas.
8 PM. Church.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4th

Snow Ball Dance.
7 PM. Wallace Hall. *Details on page 2.*

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Christmas Angel Project

Continues Through December 12th!

Benefiting Immaculate Conception/St.
Mary's Church in Yonkers &
St. Patrick-St. Mary's Parish in Newburgh

Through Sunday, December 12th,
participants will be able to select up to **five** Angel cards
from one of the tables that will be placed in the Narthex
and Wallace Hall. Cards will also be available at
the Parish House while the supply lasts.

**Gifts must be returned to the Parish House
no later than Sunday, December 12th.**

Annual Toy Drive

*Saturday, December 11th to
Wednesday, December 15th*



Please bring new, unwrapped toys
or games for children between the ages of 6-12
to the Parish House.

LGBT CATHOLICS & FRIENDS



**All Hearts Together:
A Mass of Remembrance**
*Monday, November 29th at 7 PM
Church*

The LGBT Catholics & Friends ministry invites all
parishioners to a Mass in observance of World AIDS Day.

Reception to follow in Wallace Hall.

All are welcome.

Women's Voices: An Advent Reflection Series



This Advent, as we wait with joyful
anticipation of Christ's birth, we are gifted
with Women's Voices from our parish
sharing their reflections. Each Sunday of
Advent we will present a video reflection
from a female member of our parish community.

November 28th (First Sunday of Advent)
Simone Vinocour

December 4th (Second Sunday of Advent)
Andrea Santoriello

December 11th (Third Sunday of Advent)
Nicole Bedard

December 18th (Fourth Sunday of Advent)
Karen Smith

December 25th (Christmas)
Jean Santopatre

**You may view these video reflections through
our e-newsletter and on our parish website.**

Lady Chapel Open for Private Prayer



The Lady Chapel is open daily for private
prayer, from 1 PM to 4 PM. During those
hours, the Main Church will be closed.

**Please wear a face mask
while you are in the Lady Chapel.**



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Weekday Masses (Monday – Friday)

8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:30 PM

Saturday: 8:30 AM

Masses for the Weekend of December 5th:

Saturday Vigil	5:30 PM	Fr. Gustafson
Sunday:	8:00 AM	Fr. Gustafson
	9:30 AM	Fr. Bergen
Solemn	11:00 AM	Fr. Yesalonia
Wallace Hall Family	11:00 AM	Fr. Hilbert
	7:30 PM	Fr. Yesalonia

Religious Education for Children

Ms. Kate Noonan, Director
(212) 288-3588 x609

Saint Ignatius Loyola School

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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sundays at the 9:30 AM Mass.

Confessions

4:30 PM Saturday or by appointment.

Baptisms

Please call Maureen Haley at
the Parish House (212-288-3588 x636)
to arrange for a Baptism and
the preparation given prior to Baptism.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Contact Maureen Fullam, M.A.,
Director, at the Parish House.

Marriages

The Bride or Groom should call
Maureen Haley at the Parish House
(212-288-3588 x636) to begin
preparation for Marriage,
normally one year in advance.

Visits to the Sick

Please contact the Parish House
between the hours of
9:00 AM and 9:00 PM.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, November 29th

(*1st Monday of Advent*)

Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122

Matthew 8:5-11

8:30 MEM Toni Brown

12:10 MEM Maria Noni Mercader

5:30 MEM Charlie Glowacki

Tuesday, November 30th

(*St. Andrew*)

Romans 10:9-18

Psalm 19 Matthew 4:18-22

8:30 MEM George Macdonald

12:10 MEM Raymond Carmignani

5:30 MEM William Powers

Wednesday, December 1st

(*Ss. Edmund Campion,*

Robert Southwell & comps.)

Isaiah 25:6-10a Psalm 23

Matthew 15:29-37

8:30 MEM The Choix & Gordon
Families

12:10 MEM Angela P. Murphy

5:30 MEM Rose & Armand
Galassi

Thursday, December 2nd

(*1st Thursday of Advent*)

Isaiah 26:1-6 Psalm 118

Matthew 7:21, 24-27

8:30 MEM Ciro Saracino

12:10 ANN Daniel Kelly

5:30 MEM Alexander Mezo

Friday, December 3rd

(*St. Francis Xavier*)

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Psalm 117 Mark 16:15-20

8:30 MEM Bernard Davies

12:10 MEM Gregorio Dizon

5:30 MEM Dolorita Wallace
Moore

Saturday, December 4th

(*1st Saturday of Advent*)

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 Psalm 147

Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

8:30 MEM Caroline Choix

Sunday, December 5th

(*2nd Sunday of Advent*)

Baruch 5:1-9 Psalm 126

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 Luke 3:1-6