



January 2, 2022 | The Epiphany of the Lord

## People, Look East! The Time Has Come!

**L**ook East! Out of the dawn leaps the splendor of the Rising Son of a New Day! Mysterious men from the East, thought of as “Wise”, follow a star to worship a King. A camel caravan journeys from Sheba, bearing gold and frankincense. The star leads to Bethlehem and the birth of an infant, Jesus, the Christ, the One who makes our hearts throb and overflow. For, over us, shines the glory of the LORD!

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Epiphany! The word means “appearance” or “manifestation” in Greek, the language spoken for the first two centuries after the time of Jesus. Epiphanies are manifestations of God. They lure us into new ways of seeing God, encountering God, engaging God, celebrating God. The Magi followed the Star looking for a King. Apparently, they were familiar with the Jewish prophecies that had foretold an expected savior-King. “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage,” they questioned King Herod.



*The Annunciation and the Adoration of the Wise Men.*  
Clementine Hunter. 1957.

In the polytheistic world of that time, the Jewish faith was attractive and prestigious to some because of its monotheistic beliefs and its high moral code. Stars were teachers and the Wise men were learners and genuine searchers for truth. Until the Magi arrived in Bethlehem, the only ones who had seen the infant were likely Jews; his parents; possibly some family members or birth attendants; the shepherds; perhaps the innkeeper. This birth was a Hebrew happening. Yet when the Magi arrived, despite being outsiders, they were welcomed to honor the child. Something took place within this encounter with the child. Searching for a King, they had found a poor, homeless infant in a migrant family. And yet, the Magi had an “Ah-Ha!” moment of revelation! This child was THE ONE for whom they were searching, THE ONE who saves. “He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.” (Ps. 72: 12-13)

For us as well, an honest search for truth requires letting go of entrenched expectations, habits, or opinions. Truth seekers must be willing to push back the horizon of their own vision in order to receive the revelation of God within the reality of human life. The purpose of the Incarnation itself is to communicate the deep and purposeful loving presence of God in created life. All of creation and all of life is a place where the human person can encounter, engage and celebrate God. However, this vision requires a willingness to move out of one’s comfort zone and search for the ‘more’ that God wants to reveal. It asks one to accept that God respects all people’s search for God; whatever star initiates that journey. Sometimes one follows a star into one’s own echo chamber, confirming personal prejudices, or entertaining idle and useless curiosities. The Magi themselves did not know what they were looking for and foolishly consulted the one person, Herod, who jealously sought to co-opt their honest search for truth. Of course, he knew only the rumors of the birth of a potential rival which he may have received as superstitious since he relied on the wise astrologers to report back their findings. So too with us. We, honest searchers, also seek God in foolish places. And like the Magi God often reveals the Divine Presence in unlikely persons, places, and events.

Our deep desire, our yearning for God is our ‘star’ found within, rather than without. God is endlessly inventive giving us manifestations, revelations that grasp us in ways we eventually recognize. Like the Magi, we are challenged to accept the gift of the truth of the unexpected, of differences, of the necessity to let go of preconceptions, of being fully present to reality. Life with its joys, sorrows, and struggles is the place of our Epiphanies. The uniqueness and particularity of every element of creation, every moment of our history, particularly human persons, are epiphany events, graces, and gifts for celebration and blessing.

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— Sr. Kathryn King, FSP

## FROM THE PASTOR

29 December 2021

Dear Parishioners,

Well, it was certainly not the Christmas we planned a mere few weeks ago. I am sure this year's celebration of Christmas at the parish and with our families and friends will hold memories that will last a lifetime.

I am grateful for the assistance on Christmas Eve from Fathers Patrick Flanagan, C.M., and Boniface Ramsey when the priests of the parish were in quarantine mode. Then on Christmas morning Santa brought the gift of our release from confinement. Father Bergen presided at the 10:00 AM Mass, and I presided at the Noon Mass.

Our celebrations of the Masses of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day were enhanced by the music of our choirs and the singing of Christmas carols. Now, with the dramatic spike in COVID cases in NYC, it is once again time to limit our liturgical music program. For at least the next two weekends, there will be no congregational singing at any of our Masses, nor will there be choirs at Mass. This also applies to weddings and funerals. At the end of this period, Scott Warren and I will assess whether this restriction is still necessary.

This temporary suspension of our liturgical music program is the most prudent course of action to be taken at this time. Thank you for your understanding. And thank you as well for returning to the wearing of face masks while you are in the church. Until this virus runs its course, we must remain vigilant.

Let us pray for those who are being significantly impacted by the virus, especially children, that they may be restored to good health and be safe.

Our faith sustains us during times of suffering and crisis, so let us pray for one another that the New Year that is upon us will be a time of serenity, good health, and peace for people all over the world.

God bless you, and Happy New Year!

Sincerely in the Lord,

*Fr. Yesalonia*

### A Catholic Perspective on Issues of War and Peace

Monthly meetings beginning Monday, January 10th  
7 PM in the Parish Lounge



Parishioners interested in discussing contemporary Catholic teaching on war and peace, and the implications of that teaching for United States defense policies and weapons spending. Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.,

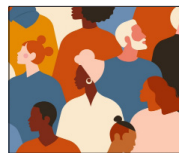
will guide our sessions. Coordinators of these meetings for Ignatian Social Justice will be Lorraine and Matt.

**Readings for the first session can be  
obtained from Fr. Hallinan by emailing him  
at [hallinanm@saintignatiusloyola.org](mailto:hallinanm@saintignatiusloyola.org).**

**FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL ATTENDEES.**

### Lenten Discernment Series: Racial Justice

February 7th & 24th, March 24th, and April 7th  
Meetings via Zoom at 7 PM



*Lenten Discernment Series: Racial Justice* offers an opportunity for education and theological reflection to discern ways we can work for racial justice through the framework of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

Readings will be sent out for each meeting  
for small group discussion.

**Please email Jean Santopatre,  
Pastoral Associate, Ignatian Social Justice at  
[santopatrej@saintignatiusloyola.org](mailto:santopatrej@saintignatiusloyola.org) to sign up.**

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 4th**  
Moms, Pops & Tots.  
11 AM. Outside the Parish House.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5th**  
Society of St. Vincent de Paul.  
7 PM. Gonzaga Meeting Room.

*Note: Proof of vaccination is required to attend.  
Email documentation to  
svdpmembership980@gmail.com  
prior to the day of the meeting.*

## Lady Chapel Open for Private Prayer



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

**PLEASE WEAR A FACE MASK  
WHILE IN THE LADY CHAPEL.**



## Low-Gluten Hosts

For parishioners wishing to receive a low-gluten host at the distribution of Holy Communion, please speak with a Hospitality Minister.

## GIVING



### Help Us Go Green!

If you would like to receive all future correspondence from St. Ignatius electronically, visit [ignatius.nyc/makeapayment](http://ignatius.nyc/makeapayment).



If you would like to make your regular offertory contributions digitally, visit [ignatius.nyc/virtual-offertory](http://ignatius.nyc/virtual-offertory) or scan the QR code at left.

## Join Our Email Mailing List!

We invite you to sign-up for our e-newsletter to receive updates on parish news and events.



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## IGNATIAN SOCIAL JUSTICE

### Volunteer Opportunities at the New York Common Pantry

The New York Common Pantry is seeking volunteers from St. Ignatius Loyola to help at the Pantry.

They have a new mobile pantry on East 108th. Their "Help 365" Program offers social services. Their "Project Dignity" is for homeless people, offering showers, haircuts, mailing addresses, etc. The Pantry needs a pipeline of volunteers, especially Wednesdays. If you'd like to volunteer, please identify yourself as a St. Ignatius Loyola parishioner.

Their website is [nycommonpantry.org](http://nycommonpantry.org) and volunteers can sign up for times on the website.

**For more information, contact Alan Pardee, SIL parishioner and member of the Ignatian Social Justice ministry, at [alanpardee123@gmail.com](mailto:alanpardee123@gmail.com).**

## IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS



Join the Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) and become a contemplative in action in the spirit of St. Ignatius Loyola and the Jesuits!

IVC volunteers are adults over 50 years of age who offer their life skills and experience one to two days a week to directly serve those in need.

**Interested? Contact Maureen Fullam, Regional Director, at 917-859-0928 or email [mfullam@ivcusa.org](mailto:mfullam@ivcusa.org), and visit us at [ivcusa.org](http://ivcusa.org).**

## 2021 Annual Report



A copy of the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2021 is available online on our parish website [ignatius.nyc](http://ignatius.nyc).

To read the full report, scan the QR code at right.



To stay up-to-date on parish news, follow us on Instagram and Facebook at [stignatiusnyc](https://www.instagram.com/stignatiusnyc).

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## PARISH STAFF

### Pastor

Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.

### Associate Pastors

Rev. Mark C. Hallinan, S.J.

Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.

### Senior Priest

Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.

### Pastoral Year Priest

Rev. Daniel N. Gustafson, S.J.

### Pastoral Associates

Kate Noonan

Jean Santopatre

Brian Pinter

### Pastoral Assistant

Maureen Haley

### Assisting Priest

Rev. James Martin, S.J.

### Music Ministries

Scott Warren, *Director*

Daniel Beckwith

Maureen Haley

Robert Reuter

Philip Anderson

Michael Sheetz

Danya Katok, *Director of Concerts*

### Assistant to the Pastor

Diane M. Boyle

### Administrative Assistant

Patricia Schneider

### Director of Communications

Elizabeth O'Sullivan

### Director of Facilities

Robert Cisternino

### Director of Development

Erin Pick

### Treasurer

Fernando Castro

### Weekday Masses (Monday – Friday)

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

**Saturday: 8:30 AM**

### Masses for the Weekend of January 9th:

Saturday Vigil

5:30 PM Fr. Bergen

Sunday:

8:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia

9:30 AM Fr. Yesalonia

Solemn

11:00 AM Fr. Hilbert

Wallace Hall Family

11:00 AM Fr. Gustafson

7:30 PM Fr. Hilbert

## Religious Education for Children

Ms. Kate Noonan, Director

(212) 288-3588 x609

## Saint Ignatius Loyola School

### Upper Campus

(*First Grade through Eighth Grade*)

Ms. Mary Larkin, Head of School

M.S. Ed. (Admin.), M.S. Ed. (Literacy)

48 East 84th Street

(212) 861-3820

Fax: (212) 879-8248

### Lower Campus

(*PreK-3 through Kindergarten*)

Ms. Mary Larkin, Head of School

240 East 84th Street

(212) 734-6427

Fax: (212) 734-6972

## 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, January 3rd

(*The Most Holy Name of Jesus*)

Sirach 51:8-12 Psalm 8

Philippians 2:1-11 Luke 2:21-24

**8:30 MEM** Ciro Saracino

**12:10 MEM** All Souls in Purgatory

**5:30 ANN** Dolorita Wallace

### Tuesday, January 4th

(*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*)

1 John 4:7-10 Psalm 72

Mark 6:34-44

**8:30 MEM** Peter Joseph Burke, Sr.

**12:10 MEM** Elizabeth Buckman

**5:30 MEM** Jack Kehoe

### Wednesday, January 5th

(*St. John Neumann*)

1 John 4:11-18 Psalm 72

Mark 6:45-52

**8:30 MEM** The Choix & Gordon

Families

**12:10 MEM** Peter Maloney

**5:30 MEM** Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

### Thursday, January 6th

(*Thursday After Epiphany*)

1 John 4:19-5:4 Psalm 72

Luke 4:14-22a

**8:30 MEM** The Meehan Family

**12:10 MEM** Ana M. Spadafora

**5:30 MEM** Dolores O'Neill Ventura

### Friday, January 7th

(*Friday After Epiphany*)

1 John 5:5-13 Psalm 147

Luke 5:12-16

**8:30 MEM** Caroline Choix

**12:10 MEM** Morgan F. McDonnell

**5:30 MEM** Martin Philip Murphy

### Saturday, January 8th

(*Saturday After Epiphany*)

1 John 5:14-21 Psalm 149

John 3:22-30

**8:30 MEM** Simona Saracino Fendi

### Sunday, January 9th

(*Baptism of the Lord*)

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Psalm 104

Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22