



January 16, 2022 | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## *Christian Unity: A Beacon of Hope for the World*

Can you hear in the distance, or perhaps even closer, the dissonant chords being played around you? A score of sharp notes of unease and anxiety appears at times to be building to a crescendo within a rhapsody of uncertainty. The world we so deeply love, one filled with tender memories and hopeful dreams, seems more than ever in peril. Forces beyond our control fiendishly fuel self-destructive tendencies and behavior. The dissonance is, at times, deafening. It has the capacity to transform our treasured values into cynical illusions of what we imagine will secure the seductive demon of self-interest.

And yet, beneath the pages of this dissonant score there is the faint murmur of sweet notes struggling to create a serene symphony of concord, accompanied by a chorus of voices joined in common purpose to proclaim the inherent goodness of the world God has created.

Among the sweet notes of harmony is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. It begins on 18 January, the traditional feast day of the Chair of St. Peter, and concludes on 25 January, the feast day of the Conversion of St. Paul. The theme for this year's octave of prayer is: *We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship Him.* Mt 2:2. During this time Christians around the world are invited to pray for unity among themselves as a witness to their belief in Jesus Christ and their common mission to proclaim God's kingdom on Earth. It is a time of hope, not simply for every Christian denomination, but for the world.

Regrettably, for centuries there has been a dissonance among Christian denominations. Wars have been fought and lives sacrificed on the altars of fear, jealousy, greed, mistrust, and arrogance. Behavior failed to reflect belief. The dark powers of chaos and confusion revealed as disciples of Jesus Christ parried to gain advantage over one another to claim the mantle of true and faithful witnesses. The strident chord of pride thwarted unity and concord. The voices of evangelization were muted to a whisper and were not heard above the din of the polarizing clarion calls of commerce, politics, and protest.

The octave of prayer that we are about to enter promotes our efforts to make the dissonance among Christians a vestige of history. To pray together, while respecting the differences among us, unites us at the deepest level, committed to the same mission of proclaiming God's kingdom to a world desperately in search of understanding and peace.

The theme for this year's octave of prayer, of following the path of the Magi to Christ, could not be more apt for the times in which we live. Sadly, we have found solace not only in isolating ourselves from the contagion of others, but in demonizing those who are different. We vilify rather than help those who are homeless or poor. We criminalize rather than assist those seeking refuge from war, injustice, and starvation. We distrust rather than listen to those who hold views different from ours. We glorify power, and we condemn weakness. Dissonance has become the hallmark of a global culture. We are a nation and a world divided. And now, like the Magi who looked East, we seek the light that will illumine our way out of this maze of deafening contradictions of how we live among ourselves.

The Week of Prayer of Christian Unity is a sure sign of what is possible when people truly live what they profess. It is our faith in Jesus Christ that unites us. It is our shared mission to proclaim God's kingdom on earth that opens our minds and hearts to the reality of God's love for all that God has created. Love and fellowship unite us. By our unity as Christians we are a beacon of hope for the world.



- Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.  
Pastor

WEBINAR

PREPARING FOR THE MORAL LIFE:  
VULNERABILITY, RECOGNITION  
AND CONSCIENCE

Monday, January 31st at 7:00 PM  
On Zoom



PRESENTER

**REV. JAMES F. KEENAN, S.J.**

*Internationally renowned Moral Theologian and  
Bioethicist, Vice Provost for Global Engagement,  
Canisius Professor and  
Director of The Jesuit Institute at Boston College*

This talk suggests that longstanding “conscience formation programs” are not all that successful unless they help us first to cultivate the capacities to be vulnerable to one another and to recognize the other, often overlooked. Fr. Keenan’s thesis is that, until there’s vulnerability and the willingness to recognize, there isn’t much capacity to be a person of conscience.



To register to attend this webinar,  
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or scan the QR code at left.

IGNATIAN SOCIAL JUSTICE



**Friends of the Border Donation Drive**

Ignatian Social Justice is seeking donations of coloring books, crayons, black & white shoelaces for the migrant relief organization Friends of the Border in Brownsville, Texas.

Donated items may be dropped off at the Parish House.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 18th**

Tuesday Night Book Group —

*Introduction to the Spiritual Life: Walking the Path of Prayer with Jesus* by Dr. Brant Pitre.

7 PM. Zoom.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19th**

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](mailto:svdpmembership980@gmail.com)  
prior to the day of the meeting.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 20th**

Ignatian Social Justice Meeting.

7 PM. Zoom.

Caring for the Caregiver.

7 PM. Zoom.



## Courageous Women of Faith: Celebrating Catholic Laywomen

Thursday, February 3rd

7 PM

In the Church and livestreamed on YouTube

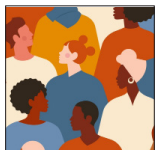
At this event we will honor environmental justice activist (and keynote speaker) *Sharon Lavigne*, labor leader *Dolores Huerta*, and civil rights ally *Eleanor Josaitis*.

We will commemorate their extraordinary work with the conferral of the Mary Magdalene Award to each honoree and the unveiling of large-scale banners of the women, created by artist Julie Lonneman, that will hang in the church through February.

To view the livestream, visit our YouTube channel [ChurchofStIgnatiusLoyolaNYC](https://www.youtube.com/channel/ChurchofStIgnatiusLoyolaNYC).

## Lenten Discernment Series: Racial Justice

February 7th & 24th, March 24th, and April 7th  
7 PM on Zoom



*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.

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

## 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).

## 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.

## GIVING

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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 January 23rd:

Saturday Vigil

5:30 PM Fr. Hilbert

Sunday:

8:00 AM Fr. Gustafson

9:30 AM Fr. Gustafson

Solemn

11:00 AM Fr. Hallinan

Wallace Hall Family

11:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia

7:30 PM Fr. Hallinan

## Religious Education for Children

Ms. Kate Noonan, Director

(212) 288-3588 x609

## Saint Ignatius Loyola School

### Upper Campus

(*First Grade through Eighth Grade*)

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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, January 17th (*St. Anthony*)

1 Samuel 15:16–23 Psalm 50

Mark 2:18–22

**8:30 MEM** Mabel Wisor

### Tuesday, January 18th

(*2nd Tuesday in Ordinary Time*)

1 Samuel 16:1–13 Psalm 89

Mark 2:23–28

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

**12:10 MEM** Ian Brookbanks

**5:30 MEM** Adam Charles Fulge

### Wednesday, January 19th

(*2nd Wednesday in Ordinary Time*)

1 Samuel 17:32–33, 37, 40–51

Psalm 144 Mark 3:1–6

**8:30 MEM** Carla Fendi

**12:10 MEM** Kate Barr

**5:30 MEM** Manuel Gamuza

### Thursday, January 20th

(*2nd Thursday in Ordinary Time*)

1 Samuel 18:6–9; 19:1–7 Psalm 56

Mark 3:7–12

**8:30 MEM** Veronica Raible

**12:10 MEM** Helen R. Clark

**5:30 MEM** Elizabeth Cremin

### Friday, January 21st (*St. Agnes*)

1 Samuel 24:3–21 Psalm 57

Mark 3:13–19

**8:30 MEM** Mary Dolores Buckman

**12:10 MEM** Special Intentions of the Troilo Family

**5:30 MEM** Nathan Davidson

### Saturday, January 22nd

(*2nd Saturday in Ordinary Time*)

2 Samuel 1:1–4, 11–12, 19, 23–27

Psalm 80 Mark 3:20–21

**8:30 MEM** John Figge

### Sunday, January 23rd

(*3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

Nehemiah 8:2–4a, 5–6, 8–10

Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12–30

Luke 1:1–4; 4:14–21