



February 27, 2022 | Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Novena of Grace

One day a Franciscan and a Jesuit were standing in front of a church. A man from the parish walked up to them and said, “Fathers, I’ve been having some car troubles. Would you please say a novena for my Maserati?” Both priests paused and exchanged confused looks. The Franciscan asked, “What’s a Maserati?” The Jesuit asked, “What’s a novena?”



St. Ignatius Loyola and St. Francis Xavier.
Giovanni Battista Gaulli. 1685.

Fortunately, we here at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola suffer from no such confusion. From March 4th-12th we will be celebrating the Novena of Grace of St. Francis Xavier. First, a few words on the patron of the novena. After meeting Ignatius of Loyola while studying at the University of Paris, Francis Xavier became one of the co-founders of the Society of Jesus. He is best known for his missionary voyages to India and Japan. His goal was to spread the Gospel in China, but he died on a small island just off the coast of his desired destination.

Next, a word on what “novena” means. A novena is a series of prayers over nine days in which each participant prays for a particular grace or gift from God. The Novena of St. Francis Xavier goes back to the seventeenth century and has been widely practiced throughout the world.

The impetus for our celebration of the novena at this particular time is similarly historic. Francis Xavier and Ignatius of Loyola (along with Teresa of Avila, Philip Neri, and Isidore the Farmer) were canonized on March 12th, 1622. Our Novena will conclude on the 400th anniversary of this great celebration. Additionally, the Society of Jesus throughout the world

is celebrating an Ignatian Year, in commemoration of the 500th anniversary of Ignatius’ conversion on May 20th, 1521, as well as the canonization of two of our founders. The Novena of Grace is one way in which we here at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola are celebrating these momentous events in the life of the Church and the world.

You can find the schedule for the novena on the prayer cards available in the church, as well as on the parish website. I’m sure you will recognize the names of many of the people offering reflections on the various days of the novena. All of our speakers have been working very hard to prepare their reflections on the life and legacy of St. Francis Xavier, Ignatian spirituality, and how these themes have impacted their own lives. On Saturday, March 5th, Sunday, March 6th, and Saturday, March 12th, the novena prayers will be included as part of Mass. On Tuesday, March 8th, Fr. Hilbert will preside at a penance service. All other days of the novena will feature a prayer service with a reading, a reflection, music, and benediction.

In speaking with various members of the parish over the last few weeks, I have heard many people remark that they aren’t particularly familiar with what a novena is or how it works. If you find yourself in a similar position, that is totally fine! Whether you’ve been praying novenas for your entire life or you’re just coming across the word “novena” for the first time right now, you are cordially invited to join! In the words of Jesus in John’s Gospel, “Come and see.” For nine days we will gather for prayer as we seek the graces we need and desire, uniting our petitions with those of one another, those throughout the world who pray the Novena of Grace, and our great saints, Ignatius of Loyola and Francis Xavier. St. Ignatius Loyola and St. Francis Xavier, pray for us!

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

Join us beginning Friday, March 4th—in-person and via livestream—for our nine-day Novena of Grace of St. Francis Xavier. To view the full schedule, see page 3.

THE BIRTH OF AMERICAN CATHOLIC THEOLOGY

{ *Monday, February 28th at 7:00 PM* }
{ *In the Main Church & Livestreamed* }

CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA
980 Park Avenue (at East 84th Street)



PRESENTER

REV. ROGER HAIGHT, S.J.

*Pioneering Catholic theologian, former President
of the Catholic Theological Society of America,
and Visiting Professor at the Union Theological
Seminary in New York City*

{ The talk will set the background of pre-Vatican II }
{ Catholic theology and then describe how this theology }
{ developed in the United States after the Council }
{ and characterizes its present-day character. }



To view the livestream of this presentation, visit
[youtube.com/c/ChurchofStIgnatiusLoyolaNYC](https://www.youtube.com/c/ChurchofStIgnatiusLoyolaNYC)
or scan the QR code at left.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28th

Lecture | **The Birth of American Catholic Theology.**
7 PM. Main Church & Livestreamed. *Details on page 2.*

TUESDAY, MARCH 1st

Tuesday Night Book Group —
Introduction to the Spiritual Life: Walking the Path of Prayer with Jesus by Dr. Brant Pitre. 7 PM. Zoom.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2nd

Ash Wednesday.
Masses at 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:30 PM (organ/cantor),
and 7:30 PM (organ/cantor).
Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

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.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4th & SATURDAY, MARCH 5th

Novena of Grace of St. Francis Xavier begins.
Main Church & Livestreamed. *Complete schedule at right.*

RETREAT

Parish Lenten Retreat: From Ashes to Glory

Friday, March 25th to Sunday, March 27th
Jogues Retreat Center, Cornwall, New York

This year's Lent can be different. It will take an openness to God's grace, a deep desire to receive what is being offered us, and a few signs and symbols to help us stay focused.

Join us for a weekend of restful prayer in an atmosphere of hope and shared faith.

*This parish retreat is fully subsidized
by a generous donor.*

Spaces are limited.

For information and to register,
contact Fr. Hilbert at silparishretreat@gmail.com.



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Novena of Grace of St. Francis Xavier

March 4th to March 12th
Main Church & Livestreamed

A devotional practice that goes back to the early 1600s, the Novena of Grace of St. Francis Xavier is a series of prayers over nine days, in which each participant prays for a particular grace.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH AT 7 PM | PRAYER SERVICE
PRESIDER: Fr. Daniel Gustafson, S.J.

REFLECTION: Adele Gallo, *Religion Teacher, Convent of the Sacred Heart*

SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH AT 5:30 PM | MASS
PRESIDER/PREACHER: Fr. James Carr, S.J., *Chaplain & Religion Teacher, Loyola School; Superior, St. Ignatius Loyola Jesuit Community, New York City*

SUNDAY, MARCH 6TH AT 11AM | SOLEMN MASS
PRESIDER/PREACHER: Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J.,
St. Aedan's Church, Jersey City
Novena prayers offered by Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.

MONDAY, MARCH 7TH AT 7 PM | PRAYER SERVICE
PRESIDER: Fr. Dennis Yesalonia, S.J.
REFLECTION: Sr. Catherine Patten, RSHM

TUESDAY, MARCH 8TH AT 7 PM | PENANCE SERVICE
PRESIDER/PREACHER: Fr. Michael Hilbert, S.J.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9TH AT 7 PM | PRAYER SERVICE
PRESIDER/PREACHER: Fr. Thomas Feely, S.J.,
Superior, Xavier Jesuit Community, New York City

THURSDAY, MARCH 10TH AT 7 PM | PRAYER SERVICE
PRESIDER: Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.
REFLECTION: Nicole Bedard

FRIDAY, MARCH 11TH AT 7 PM | PRAYER SERVICE
PRESIDER: Fr. Daniel Gustafson, S.J.
REFLECTION: Concepcion Alvar,
Headmistress, Marymount School of New York

SATURDAY, MARCH 12TH AT 5:30 PM | SOLEMN MASS
Celebrating the 400th anniversary of the canonization of
St. Ignatius Loyola & St. Francis Xavier
PRESIDER/PREACHER: Fr. Dennis Yesalonia, S.J.



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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 March 6th:

Saturday Vigil

5:30 PM Fr. Carr

Sunday:

8:00 AM Fr. Hilbert

9:30 AM Fr. Hilbert

Solemn

11:00 AM Fr. Modrys

Wallace Hall Family

11:00 AM Fr. Gustafson

7:30 PM Fr. Yesalonia

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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, February 28th

(8th Monday in Ordinary Time)

1 Peter 1:3-9 Psalm 111

Mark 10:17-27

8:30 MEM Oho Siegwarth

12:10 MEM Toni Brown

5:30 MEM William Powers

Tuesday, March 1st

(8th Tuesday in Ordinary Time)

1 Peter 1:10-16 Psalm 98

Mark 10:28-31

8:30 MEM Ciro Saracino

12:10 LVG John Paul Burdick

5:30 MEM Ann Nawn

Wednesday, March 2nd

(Ash Wednesday)

Joel 2:12-18 Psalm 51

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, March 3rd

(Thursday After Ash Wednesday)

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 1

Luke 9:22-25

8:30 MEM Carol Bisaccia

12:10 MEM Elizabeth Cremin

5:30 MEM Ismael Arca Montoya

Friday, March 4th

(Friday After Ash Wednesday)

Isaiah 58:1-9a Psalm 51

Matthew 9:14-15

8:30 MEM Elizabeth Heslin Kahn

12:10 MEM Olga Lucia &

Manuel Antonio Gonzalez

5:30 MEM Jack Kehoe

Saturday, March 5th

(Saturday After Ash Wednesday)

Isaiah 58:9b-14 Psalm 86

Luke 5:27-32

8:30 MEM Robert Steven Giovi

Sunday, March 6th

(1st Sunday of Lent)

Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Psalm 91

Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13