



March 20, 2022 | Third Sunday of Lent

The Struggle with Evil

What we hear at the beginning of each Lent is a story about evil. Matthew, Mark, and Luke each record the temptations Jesus had with the devil during his forty days and nights in the Judean desert. These struggles were real; they were not some kind of empty charade he was going through. Jesus was fully human, and we are reminded in the Letter to the Hebrews that the reason Jesus is capable of feeling our weaknesses is because “he was tested in every way that we are, though he was without sin”. Throughout his brief public ministry, he confronts evil in every form. There was sickness, ignorance, and fear. There was lack of faith, and finally death itself, which St. Paul calls “the last of the enemies Christ has overcome”.

If we are to be, in any sense, like Christ, we have to confront the many forms of evil that assail us now. There are evils from without. We have been battered by the evil of a COVID pandemic for the past two years, and now by the evil of war and destruction in Ukraine. Then, too, there are the demons within us: lack of faith or purpose to life, sinful tendencies, false gods. It is a struggle to overcome these evils, and we are called to do this daily.

Often we feel helpless. This is a sign that we need each other and the grace of God. We need an awareness of God's presence—a real presence that will sustain us, no matter what. There is the final evil of death that we absolutely cannot overcome without this presence. When the Hebrew writer wrote the most beloved of all psalms, Psalm 23, he wrote: “Even though I walk in the dark valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me.” For Christians that presence has a name. It is Jesus.

In Jesus' earthly life, God's love had a face. Jesus was totally charismatic and drew large crowds to himself. Now he is invisible to us. But he becomes visible through people. It happens through their selflessness and compassion, through the witness of their lives.



Jesus Carried up to a Pinnacle of the Temple.
James Tissot. 1886-1894.

Here is a simple example. A child cries out in the darkness of night. The mother or father goes immediately to the child's side and speaks those famous words, “It's all right. Don't be afraid”. The child is eventually comforted and goes back to sleep. But what's all right? All the terrible things that can and do happen in the world are still there, death among them, waiting for another time. What's all right? What is the secret of the child's peace?

The secret of the child's peace is a loving presence: the parent. For that moment of consolation and peace by the bedside, God is given a voice, embodied in a person, just as truly as God spoke and was embodied in Jesus. A loving presence has enabled that child to overcome its fears.

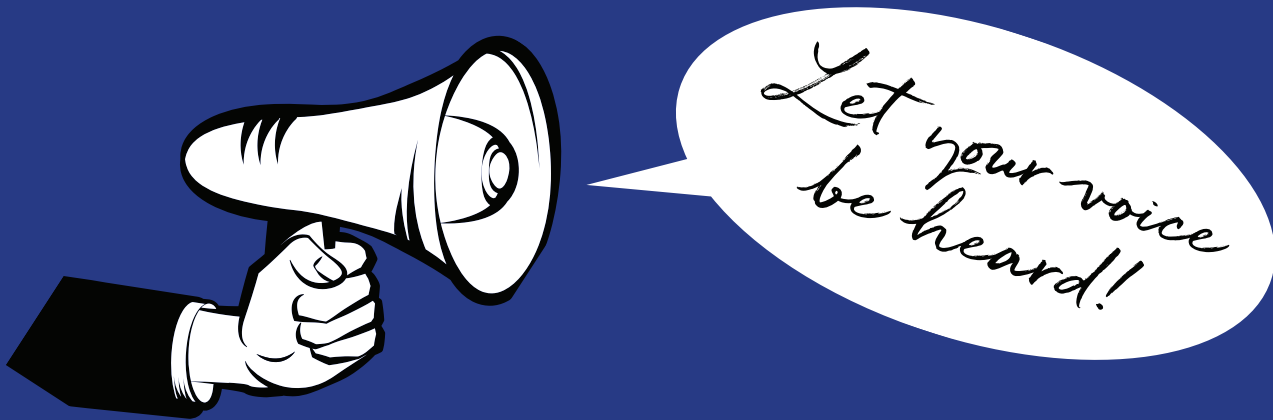
We can be certain evil is not going to disappear from our world. It is woven into the very fabric of existence. And we would be helpless before its power if God's love were not more powerful still. We overcome evil every day by our acts of goodness, just as we dispel the darkness in a room by turning on the light.

Jesus warned that the world will challenge us, but we are not to be afraid. In five words that we should brand on our memories, he said, “I have overcome the world”. In John's gospel, “world” is a symbol of all the dark powers that are not God. God overcomes them only through us, his graced servants, who strive to live something of a divine life and embody Christ to each other.

— Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.
Senior Priest

VISION STATEMENT

— *Listening Sessions* —



VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

Wednesday, March 30th
7 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



SCAN the QR CODE at LEFT to REGISTER

IN-PERSON

March 19th & 20th
Following all Masses

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, MARCH 20th

Parish Mission Statement Listening Sessions.
Following All Masses. *Details at right.*

MONDAY, MARCH 21st

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

War and Peace Discussion Group |
Practical and Moral Issues Raised by Drone Warfare.
7 PM. Parish Lounge.
Details at lower right.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26th

Lenten Food Drive Begins.
Through Wednesday, March 30th.
*Please bring non-perishable food donations
to the Parish House.*

Let Your Voice Be Heard!

We invite you to join us for our
Listening Sessions and Virtual Town Hall.

Listening Sessions | This Weekend: A 30-minute
facilitated conversation in the Church and Wallace
Hall, following all the Masses.

Virtual Town Hall | March 30th at 7 PM: Lead by a
trained facilitator, this session will allow for small group
discussions via breakout rooms.



To register for the Virtual Town Hall,
visit tinyurl.com/siltownhall
or scan the QR code at left.

LECTURES AT ST. IGNATIUS

— WEBINAR —

Walking with the Excluded: One Jesuit's Journey

Monday, March 28th at 7 PM
On Zoom

PRESENTER

REV. JAMES MARTIN, S.J.

*Editor-at-large of the Jesuit magazine
America, New York Times bestselling
author, and Assisting Priest at the
Church of St. Ignatius Loyola*



In this presentation, Fr. Martin looks at his
experiences of ministering to those who have
been marginalized, excluded, and rejected.



To register to attend this webinar,
visit ignatius.nyc/march28webinar
or scan the QR code at left.

WORSHIP



On Sunday, March 27th, Bishop Edmund
Whalen will be the presider at our 11 AM
Solemn Mass and will bless the new altar
furniture that honors Fr. Bergen.

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook at [stignatiusnyc](https://www.instagram.com/stignatiusnyc).

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Volunteers Needed

Palm Sunday, April 10th

Saturday Vigil at 5:30 PM, *Sunday:* 8 AM, 9:30 AM,
11 AM (Solemn & Wallace Hall Family Masses) & 7:30 PM

Holy Thursday, April 14th at 7 PM

Good Friday, April 15th at 7 PM

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 16th at 8 PM

Easter Sunday, April 17th

8 AM, 10 AM (Church & Wallace Hall Family Mass)
& 12 PM Noon Solemn Mass

Interested? Contact Jacques Torchon at
siloyolanyhospitality@gmail.com.

A sign-up table will be in the Narthex following weekend
Masses from Saturday, March 26th to Saturday, April 9th.

War and Peace Discussion Group

Monday, March 21st at 7 PM in the Parish Lounge

Practical and Moral Issues Raised by Drone Warfare

The documentary *Rise of the Drones*
provides an excellent introduction to this
topic: tinyurl.com/RiseOfTheDrones

The final portion of the discussion will deal
with the current invasion of the Ukraine.

Email Fr. Hallinan at
hallinanm@saintignatiusloyola.org to request
the readings in advance of the class.

Proof of vaccination is required.

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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 27th:

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

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
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Ms. Mary Larkin, Head of School

240 East 84th Street

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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, March 21st

(3rd Monday of Lent)

2 Kings 5:1–15ab Psalm 42

Luke 4:24–30

8:30 MEM Kathleen Cox

12:10 MEM Helen Regan

5:30 MEM Nathan Davidson

Tuesday, March 22nd

(3rd Tuesday of Lent)

Daniel 3:25, 34–43 Psalm 25

Matthew 18:21–35

8:30 MEM William & Ann Reilly

12:10 MEM Pam Key

5:30 MEM Pedro Londoño

Wednesday, March 23rd

(3rd Wednesday of Lent)

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5–9 Psalm 147

Matthew 5:17–19

8:30 MEM Suzette Katsouros

12:10 MEM Mary Ann Swain

5:30 MEM James Neary

Thursday, March 24th

(3rd Thursday of Lent)

Jeremiah 7:23–28 Psalm 95

Luke 11:14–23

8:30 MEM Peter Gorman

12:10 MEM Margaret Oswald
Manning

5:30 MEM Living & Deceased
Members of the Wallace Family

Friday, March 25th

(The Annunciation of the Lord)

Isaiah 7:10–14; 8:10 Psalm 40

Hebrews 10:4–10 Luke 1:26–38

8:30 MEM Bess Stephanz

12:10 MEM Peter Brucas

5:30 MEM Ronald E. Dougherty

Saturday, March 26th

(3rd Saturday of Lent)

Hosea 6:1–6 Psalm 51 Luke 18:9–14

8:30 MEM Suzette Katsouros

Sunday, March 27th

(4th Sunday of Lent)

Joshua 5:9a, 10–12 Psalm 34

2 Corinthians 5:17–21 Luke 15:1–3, 11–32