

March 27, 2022 | Fourth Sunday of Lent

# Walking with the Excluded

From 1992 to 1994, my ministry in Kenya was with the Jesuit Refugee Service, helping refugees from all over East Africa who had settled in the slums of Nairobi start small businesses. I learned a great deal from the refugees about persistence, hope, faith, hard work, and humor.

But perhaps the most vivid experience came on one of my first days, and in a sense, it was a sort of reification or maybe even culmination of the lesson that you should never assume that you know someone's life, and certainly never just dump them into a category or stereotype.

At the beginning of my time there, I worked at a UN intake center in Nairobi, staffed by JRS, which admittedly was a strange arrangement. And I was asked to interview refugees, to help "process" them.

The first person I saw was a Somali man. He looked like many East African refugees: tired, disheveled, dressed in old clothes. And I think even then I thought: "Oh a refugee," not "Oh, he's a human being with a background." I thought well, he's probably used to this kind of life: on the go, a nomad, maybe some sort of cattle farmer, so he's probably not unused to migrating and living from the land, and so on.

So I said, in my poor Swahili, "What language would you like to speak in?"

And he said in perfect English. "Well, English is fine." Then he paused. "So is Swahili, Italian, French, and Latin." He was a philosophy professor at the University of Mogadishu.

For me, that just summed up so much that I had learned since I entered the novitiate. We don't know people's lives. We need to treat them with dignity. And we cannot see them just as categories.

All this means listening. And this is what I've tried to do in my ministry with LGBTQ people lately, especially LGBTQ Catholics. All these ministries that I did as a Jesuit in formation have helped me to understand my ministry with LGBTQ Catholics. Yes, their lives are different from East African refugees, from street-gang members, from homeless people, from the sick and dying in Jamaica, and people with serious illnesses, though there are LGBTQ people among all those groups. But the lessons of my formation: treat them not as categories but as individuals, don't assume you know what they need, don't assume that you know their lives, treat them like kings and queens, no pun intended by the way, and, most of all, of loving them as they are not as how we would want them to be, are all operative.

But this is not just about "Walking with the Excluded" as a "Universal Apostolic Preference," this is about something deeper: following Jesus Christ.

We see these patterns that time and time again in Jesus's own public ministry. Whenever he meets someone who is "excluded," whether it is a Roman centurion, a person suffering from leprosy, a Samaritan woman looking for water, a hated tax collector, a demon-possessed man, or anyone who has been ignored, rejected, or excluded, we see him listening to them, encountering them, and treating them as individuals, not as categories or stereotypes, with their own hopes and dreams.

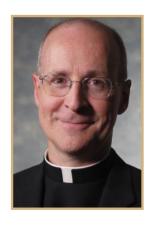
So what are we called to do? In the words of the Society of Jesus, to "walk with the poor, the outcasts of the world, those whose dignity has been violated, in a mission of reconciliation and justice." In Jesus's words, "love them." Soon we realize that those on the "margins" or the "peripheries" are really where we should be, and that becomes our new center, where we find community. Walking with the excluded in the end eventually becomes building a community of love, and helping to usher in the reign of God.

- Fr. James Martin, S.J.

# — WEBINAR — WALKING WITH THE EXCLUDED: ONE JESUIT'S JOURNEY

Monday, March 28th at 7:00 PM On Zoom

# PRESENTER REV. JAMES MARTIN, S.J.



Editor-at-large of the Jesuit magazine America. A New York Times best-selling author, Martin's books include The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything: A Spirituality for Real Life and My Life With the Saints.

He is a sought-after public speaker and media commentator on subjects such as the life and teachings of Jesus and Ignatian Spirituality as inspired by the life and teachings of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

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



To register for this Zoom webinar, visit ignatius.nyc/event/march28webinar or scan the QR code at left.



#### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Lenten Food Drive.
Through Wednesday, March 30th.

Please bring non-perishable food donations to the Parish House.

#### MONDAY, MARCH 28th

Walking with the Excluded: One Jesuit's Journey. 7 PM. Zoom. Details on page 2.

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30th

Virtual Town Hall.

7 PM. Zoom. Details at right.

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.

# **Spring Fling**

Saturday, April 30th 7 PM to 10 PM Wallace Hall

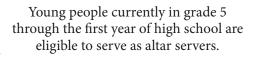
Featuring the Morris Brothers Band

Happy Spring! Let's celebrate by dancing the night away at our inaugural Spring Fling.

To purchase tickets, visit *ignatius.nyc/* spring-fling or scan the QR code at left.

Tickets may also be purchased at the Parish House.

## **Altar Servers**



If your child is interested, please contact Fr. Hallinan by calling the rectory or via email at hallinanm@saintignatiusloyola.org.

We would warmly welcome new volunteers!

You are invited to visit the newly renovated Carlos Cuartas Parish Lounge.

Sunday, April 3rd, from 12 PM Noon to 1 PM

Please enter through the Parish House at 980 Park Avenue.

#### WORSHIP



Bishop Edmund Whalen will be the presider at today's 11 AM Solemn Mass and will bless the new altar furniture that honors Fr. Bergen.

#### Let Your Voice Be Heard!

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

Virtual Town Hall
Wednesday, March 30th at 7 PM on Zoom
Led 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.

# LAY MINISTER'S ENRICHMENT

The Cost of Discipleship Saturday, April 23rd, from 9 AM to 12:30 PM Wallace Hall

Join us for a day of reflection and faith sharing guided by Joe Delaney, our presenter. Joe's many accomplishments include serving as the Chairman of the Board for the Catholic Charities of Staten Island and Chairman of the New York Development Board for Support Our Aging Religious (SOAR).

Our speaker's presentation will challenge us to reflect upon the outcome of remaining silent when our brothers are in need. The first part of the presentation asks us to contemplate "What is the cost of discipleship?" and bring us to a realization that "silence is not the answer but instead, to listen to his voice and act upon his words." Using the events surrounding the Vatican's failure to publish Father John Lafarge's findings on Nazism before the outbreak of the Second World War, our presenter offers a sobering picture of how we failed to care for our Jewish brothers by remaining silent.

The second part of the presentation will highlight the changes in attitude towards antisemitism, initiated by Pope John XXIII and continued by every Pope since, including Pope Francis.

Following the presentation, the audience is invited to take part in faith-sharing sessions, which will encourage us to consider how our own actions can promote the spirit of global brotherhood acclaimed in "Fratelli Tutti".

To register, visit tinyurl.com/LME-SPRING-2022.

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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 April 3rd

5:30 рм Fr. Yesalonia Saturday Vigil Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Hallinan 9:30 AM Fr. Hallinan Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Bergen Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia

7:30 рм Fr. Bergen

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**Religious Education** 

for Children

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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 28th

(4th Monday of Lent) Isaiah 65:17-21 Psalm 30 John 4:43-54

8:30 MEM Rosella Kok 12:10 MEM Michael P. Volpe 5:30 MEM Anne & John Cagnina

#### Tuesday, March 29th

(4th Tuesday of Lent) Ezekiel 47:1–9, 12 Psalm 46 John 5:1-16

8:30 MEM Dennis Nugent 12:10 ANN Francis Hearn 5:30 MEM Rosemary Anello Arndt

#### Wednesday, March 30th

(4th Wednesday of Lent) Isaiah 49:8-15 Psalm 145 John 5:17-30

8:30 LVG Maria Ginieres 12:10 MEM Lindsey Whalen 5:30 MEM William Powers

#### Thursday, March 31st

(4th Thursday of Lent) Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 106 John 5:31-47

8:30 MEM Thomas E. Dewey, Jr. 12:10 MEM Carmen Revilla 5:30 MEM Jacqueline Burns

#### Friday, April 1st

(4th Friday of Lent) Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22 Psalm 34 John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

8:30 MEM Ciro Saracino 12:10 MEM Stephen De Paulo & Sylvester F. De Paulo

5:30 MEM Cono Pasqua

#### Saturday, April 2nd

(4th Saturday of Lent) Jeremiah 11:18-20 Psalm 7 John 7:40-53

**8:30 MEM** Elizabeth Murphy

#### Sunday, April 3rd

(5th Sunday of Lent)

Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:8–14 John 8:1-11