

November 13, 2022 | Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lakota Resilience

As I reflect on the past week I spent on the Cheyenne River Reservation in South Dakota, building tiny homes for the Lakota Sioux with the National Y Alumni Service Project, the word "resilience" played over and over in my mind. The Lakota are wise and wonderful people. They are also a very spiritual people. Throughout the week, I witnessed the perseverance and resiliency of our Native American sisters and brothers. Passages from Luke's Gospel, in which Jesus tells us to persevere through all the difficult times that will befall us, resonated through the stories of the Lakota people we met.

Dana Dupris, a Lakota Sioux elder and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Cultural Preservation Officer, shared his story with us. Dana is descended from the Iron Lightning band. At the tender age of six years old, he was taken from his home to the local Indian Boarding School. Dana recounted his story.

"First thing they do is, they make you form lines, and then they cut all your hair off. Then you go into the next line, and they pour powder on you because they say we've got bugs. In the next line, they pour kerosene on you to kill all the, whatever, bugs. Then in the next line, they give you a brush, and they tell you, 'Go take a shower, scrub your elbows and knees, ankles, wherever there's dirt,' or I guess darkness because they want to scrub Indian off us. Then, when we're done scrubbing ourselves, we'll go and get inspected, and if they find some dark area, we'll have to go and scrub. A lot of times, you scrubbed until you're bloody. Your elbows or knees are bloody because that was the whole idea: control."

Luke quoted Jesus in this Gospel, and here we also see control as the issue:

"Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name." (*Luke 21:12*)

The Indian Boarding Schools were government-funded and church-run institutions that "seized and persecuted" Native American children. These children were horribly mistreated, using God's name in vain. This is not what Jesus would have condoned in his life. I believe the Lord calls us to see the truth, seek the truth, and lift up our Native American sisters' and brothers' culture that exhibits a beautiful spirituality of the Great Spirit.



"You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives." (*Luke 21:28*)

Dana persevered through these difficult years of forced acculturation through the grace of his deep spirituality and his resilient core. That resilience allowed him to stay centered and not become an angry man.

Dana was not the only Lakota who spoke of being resilient. Dave West, Dana's nephew, was raised in Iron Lightening and went away to college, and came back to the Reservation. He is the Director of the Eagle Butte Cultural Center, and his two brothers are Iraq veterans who returned home and landed positions in the housing authority and veteran's affairs on the Reservation. The Lakota are resilient. There is no room to be angry; that is not productive in their eyes. Their culture and spirituality remain alive and well.

The Lakota believe that the Great Spirit is at the center of the rhythms of the Universe. This worldview is akin to Ignatian Spirituality—Finding God in All Things. Jesus affirms that God is the center of the universe and secures our lives through the virtues of perseverance and resiliency.

Pray for the grace to persevere and to be resilient in difficult times.

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13th

Community Coffee Hour.
Following the 11 AM Masses. Outside the Parish House.

Showing of the Documentary *The Letter*. 1 PM. Wallace Hall. Details on page 3.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14th

Refugee Prayer Service. 7 PM. Church. Details on page 3.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15th

Tuesday Night Book Group | I Believe in Love: A Personal Retreat Based On the Teachings of St. Therese of Lisieux. 7 PM. Zoom.

To receive the Zoom link for this series, email TuesdayNightBookGroup@gmail.com.

Annual Memorial Liturgy. 7 PM. Church. Details at right.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17th

Liturgy: A Solo Show by Joe Hoover. 7 PM. Wallace Hall. Details on page 3.

Ignatian Interfaith Ministry

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord! Wednesday, November 30th at 7 PM Wallace Hall

PRESENTER: Fr. CHRYSOSTOMOS GILBERT Dean, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral

Join the Ignatian Interfaith Ministry as we get ready to celebrate the nativity of Jesus from the Greek Orthodox perspective.



To register, email ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com (or scan the QR code at left) by Friday, November 25th.

The Heat is On at St. Ignatius

Please help us defray the increasing cost of providing heat and electricity to the parish.



To contribute, visit ignatius.nyc/ makeapayment (or scan the QR code at left) and note "Energy Collection" in the *Reason for Donation* box.

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

I am delighted to report that in response to the request for volunteers, that I made at the conclusion of all the Masses on the weekend of 15-16 October, 81 parishioners agreed to participate in the third and final phase of our parish planning process and have volunteered to serve on the *Vision Statement* Implementation Committees. Those committees are: *We Welcome All, We Worship With Joy, We Walk Together With Those In Need*, and *We Reverence God In The Wonder Of Creation*.

The first organizational meeting of these committees is scheduled for Monday, 21 November, Wallace Hall, at 7:00 PM. If you are still undecided or would simply like to learn more about this stage in our planning, please join us.

Let us all be united in prayer for the success of this initiative as we, as a parish, look to the future with an openness of heart, mind, and spirit to all that God has in mind for us at this defining moment of what it means to be "church" in the 21st century.

May the deliberations of these committees be guided by the Holy Spirit, and may all that we do be for the greater glory of God and the salvation of souls.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Gesalonia



Annual Memorial Liturgy Tuesday, November 15th at 7 PM

In remembrance of deceased parishioners and/or their loved ones who have died since November 2021.

Refreshments following in Wallace Hall.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Food Drive Through Wednesday, November 23rd

Sponsored by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, in partnership with Frank E. Campbell - The Funeral Chapel

Donate to help feed the hungry. Accepting canned goods and non-perishable items.

Items may be dropped off daily (9 AM to 4 PM) at:
- Parish House, 980 Park Avenue
- Frank E. Campbell, 1076 Madison Avenue

Ignatian Social Justice

Showing of the Documentary *The Letter* Sunday, November 13th at 1 PM in Wallace Hall

Join Metro New York Catholic Climate Movement for a viewing and discussion of the documentary *The Letter*.

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote *Laudato Si'*, an encyclical about the environmental crisis. A few years later, four voices that have gone unheard in global conversations were invited to a dialogue with the Pope.

Boomers & Beyond

Liturgy: A Solo Show by Joe Hoover Thursday, November 17th at 7 PM in Wallace Hall

At Sunday liturgy, get a glimpse inside the mind of the man in the pew next to you as he wrestles with his faith, his marriage, the Mass...and then there's this girl at the office.

To register for this free program, email liturgytheshow@gmail.com.

All are welcome. Masks are encouraged.

Snow Ball Dance Saturday, December 10th at 7 PM in Wallace Hall

Join us for what promises to be a very merry evening. Come eat, drink, and dance to live music with your friends and fellow adult (21+) parishioners.

Tickets are \$75 per person/\$65 for seniors (age 60+). Premium Tables for 10 guests are available for \$1,000.



To purchase tickets, visit ticketsource.us/StIgnatiusnyc or scan the QR code at left.

Meeting Christ in Prayer

Holy Listening Wednesday, November 30th to December 21st 7 PM on Zoom

If you treasured the faith sharing experiences of Meeting Christ in Prayer and long to deepen your relationship with Christ, we invite you to continue the journey and join us for four sessions of Holy Listening.

Based on Advent readings, this program provides new opportunities for spiritual conversation as you share your prayer experience with spiritual friends.

To register, email MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org.

Day of Service & Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service Sunday, November 20th, from 1 PM to 5 PM Temple Shaaray Tefila, 250 East 79th Street

(Proof of vaccination is required to enter the building)

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

1 PM: Pack welcome food bags with shelf-stable food and personal hygiene kits. Make cheese sandwiches. Sort donated clothing for men, women, and children.

3 PM: Hear from Ilze Thielmann, Director of Team TLC-NYC, and **Ruth Messinger**, Global Ambassador for American Jewish World Service, about the current situation confronting asylum seekers, New York City's response, and volunteer opportunities.

4 PM: Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. Our pastor, Rev. Dennis Yesalonia, S.J., will be participating in this prayer service.

All are welcome.

Refugee Prayer Service Monday, November 14th at 7 PM Church

Join us for an evening of prayer, music, and meditation.

Neighborhood clergy and staff from local agencies will participate in storytelling and prayers for the asylum seekers who have arrived in New York City.

Light refreshments will be served in Wallace Hall after the Prayer Service.

Ukraine, the Holy See, and the Just War Tradition Tuesday, November 29th at 7 PM Gonzaga Meeting Room

PRESENTER: PAVLO SMYTSNYUK Ukrainian Catholic Theologian & Fellow at Princeton University

Pavlo Smytsnyuk will return to St. Ignatius Loyola to offer a presentation on the subject, Ukraine, the Holy See and the Just War Tradition. Since the Second Vatican Council, the Holy See has taken an increasingly strong position in rejection of war because of the devastation, civilian casualties, and large-scale deaths of combatants that are characteristic of modern warfare.

The war in Ukraine presents a unique challenge to the Holy See as Ukraine responds to the invasion of its territory by Russian forces.

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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 November 20th

Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm Fr. Casciotti Sunday: 8:00 am Fr. Yesalonia

9:30 AM Fr. Yesalonia

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Hilbert Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Hallinan

7:30 рм Fr. Hilbert

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 contact Maureen Haley at baptisms@saintignatiusloyola.org 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 contact Maureen Haley at weddings@saintignatiusloyola.org 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, November 14th

(St. Joseph Pignatelli)

Revelation 1:1–4; 2:1–5 Psalm 1 Luke 18:35–43

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

12:10 MEM Kevin Haley5:30 MEM Bill Hassett

Tuesday, November 15th

(33rd Tuesday in Ordinary Time) Revelation 3:1–6, 14–22 Psalm 15 Luke 19:1–10

8:30 MEM Jack O'Leary

12:10 MEM Mary Dolores Buckman

5:30 MEM Mary June Wood

Wednesday, November 16th

(33rd Wednesday in Ordinary Time) Revelation 4:1–11 Psalm 150 Luke 19:11–28

8:30 MEM The Choix & Gordon Families

12:10 MEM Rosalind Incorvia

5:30 MEM Dr. & Mrs. Edward Breman

Thursday, November 17th

(St. Elizabeth of Hungary) Revelation 5:1–10 Psalm 149 Luke 19:41–44

8:30 MEM Bud Prizio

12:10 MEM Andrew Wysowski

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

Friday, November 18th

(33rd Friday in Ordinary Time) Revelation 10:8–11 Psalm 119 Luke 19:45–48

8:30 LVG JoAnn Ruggiero

12:10 MEM Henry Dolce

5:30 MEM Cecelia McCloy

Saturday, November 19th

(33rd Saturday in Ordinary Time) Revelation 11:4–12 Psalm 144 Luke 20:27–40

8:30 MEM Carla Fendi

Sunday, November 20th

(Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe)

2 Samuel 5:1–3 Psalm 122 Colossians 1:12–20 Luke 23:35–43