



November 27, 2022 | First Sunday of Advent

## Is Jesus Coming?

Today we begin the season of Advent and the beginning of a new Church year.

Advent always begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day and ends on Christmas Eve. If Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, it is counted as the fourth Sunday of Advent, with Christmas Eve proper beginning at sundown. By any calculation, Advent is quite brief.

The Church regards Advent as a time of waiting and longing for God's promises to be fulfilled. One of the Readings at Mass on Christmas Day speaks of us "*awaiting our blessed hope, that is, the glorious coming of the Great God, our Savior Jesus Christ*". Advent is this "*awaiting our blessed hope*." Our waiting and longing are summed up in the one word "**Come**." The coming of the Lord is hinted at in the very first pages of scripture—in the third chapter of Genesis, and on the last page—in the Book of Revelation—there still stands the prayer: "**Come, Lord Jesus**."

The renowned Jesuit theologian Karl Rahner, who died in 1984 and who had been appointed by Pope John XXIII as a "*peritus*" (expert advisor) to the Second Vatican Council, wrote some of his clearest and most helpful thoughts on Advent in his spiritual classic **Encounters with Silence**. In that book, Rahner addresses God: "*You tell me that you have already come, that your name is Jesus, son of Mary, and that I know in what place and at what time I can find you. That's all true, of course, Lord—but forgive me if I say that this coming of yours seems to me more like a going, more like a departure than an arrival. Is your humble human existence from Bethlehem to Calvary really the coming which was to redeem wretched humankind from its misery?*"

Rahner answers his own question in part by saying: "*Slowly a light is beginning to dawn. I'm beginning to understand you are still in the process of your coming. Your appearance in the form of a slave was only the beginning of your coming, a beginning in which you chose to redeem human beings by embracing the very slavery from which you were freeing them. It is said that you will come again, and this is true. But the word again is misleading. It won't really be 'another' coming, because you have never really gone away. In the human existence which you made your own for all eternity, you have never left us.*"



Rahner concludes with a statement and a prayer. "*Behold, you come. And your coming is neither past nor future, but the present, which has only to reach its fulfillment. Now it is still the one single hour of your advent, at the end of which we too shall have found out that you have really come. O God who is to come, grant me the grace to live now, in the hour of your advent, in such a way that I may merit to live in you forever, in the blissful hour of your eternity.*"

At the celebration of every Mass, immediately after the consecration, the priest announces: "***The mystery of faith***." The congregation then proclaims one of the prescribed formulas of faith. Here is a common one: **When we eat this bread, and drink this cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again**. During Advent, an alternate formula might very well be: **Christ has come, Christ still comes, Christ will come again**. His coming "again" will be the fulfillment of his coming now.

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

## This Week at a Glance

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29th

**Ukraine, the Holy See, and the Just War Tradition.**  
7 PM. Gonzaga Meeting Room. *Details on page 3.*

**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.*

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30th

**Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord!**  
7 PM. Wallace Hall. *Details below.*

**Meeting Christ in Prayer: Holy Listening.**  
7 PM. Zoom. *Details on page 3.*

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1st

**All Hearts Together: A Mass of Remembrance.**  
7 PM. Church & Livestreamed. *Details at right.*

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2nd

**Concert | A Chanticleer Christmas.**  
8 PM. Church & Livestreamed.

*To purchase tickets, visit [ignatius.nyc/concerts](http://ignatius.nyc/concerts).*

## 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.

## 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 Church will be closed.

## Join Our Email Mailing List!

We invite you to join our email mailing list to receive updates on parish news and events.



To sign-up, scan the QR code at left or visit [ignatius.nyc](http://ignatius.nyc).

## Annual Appeal

A copy of the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2022 is now available on our parish website. **To read the full report, visit [ignatius.nyc/annual-reports](http://ignatius.nyc/annual-reports).**

And, as you consider your end-of-year giving, please remember to include your contribution to the Annual Appeal on your to-do list.



**If you have not yet made a donation, you can do so by visiting [ignatius.nyc/annual-appeal](http://ignatius.nyc/annual-appeal) or scanning the QR code at left.**

*Thank you for your support!*

## LGBT Catholics & Friends

**All Hearts Together:  
A Mass of Remembrance**  
Thursday, December 1st at 7 PM  
Church & Livestreamed

The LGBT Catholics & Friends ministry invites all parishioners to a Mass in observance of World AIDS Day.

Reception to follow in Wallace Hall.

*All are welcome.*



**If you are unable to join us in person, you may view the Mass at [youtube.com/c/ChurchofStIgnatiusLoyolaNYC](https://youtube.com/c/ChurchofStIgnatiusLoyolaNYC) or by scanning the QR code at left.**

## Home Communion Call



If you or a loved one is confined to home and would like to receive Communion on a periodic or regular basis, someone from the parish's Compassionate Care Ministry will come to your home and bring Communion.

**If interested, email Fr. Hilbert at [hilbertm@saintignatiusloyola.org](mailto:hilbertm@saintignatiusloyola.org) or leave your name and phone number at the Parish House for Fr. Hilbert, and someone will be scheduled to visit.**

## 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/makepayment](http://ignatius.nyc/makepayment) (or scan the QR code at left) and note "Energy Collection" in the *Reason for Donation* box.**

## Women's Voices: An Advent Reflection Series

This Advent, as we wait with joyful anticipation of Christ's birth, we are gifted with Women's Voices from our parish sharing their reflections. Each Sunday of Advent we will present a video reflection from a female member of our parish community.

**NOVEMBER 27TH** | Adele Gallo  
**DECEMBER 4TH** | Lori Bores  
**DECEMBER 11TH** | Kelley Girod  
**DECEMBER 18TH** | Moria Cappio  
**DECEMBER 25TH** | Rose DiMartino

You may view these video reflections through our e-newsletter and on our parish website [ignatius.nyc](http://ignatius.nyc).

## 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.

## 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](mailto:MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org).

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

### Christmas Angel Project Through Sunday, December 11th

*Benefiting The Parish of St. Charles Borromeo and  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church*

This year we will be offering Christmas gifts to two parishes closer to home, both in Harlem. The trees will be in the Narthex and Wallace Hall.

There will be volunteers to help parishioners with their Angel registration at all the Masses. It's important to register your Angel card with one of the volunteers prior to leaving. We have nearly 400 gifts to keep track of, and registering them with us helps us to avoid chaos.

We ask each person or family to limit their number of Angels to four.

## 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](http://ticketsource.us/StIgnatiusnyc) or scan the QR code at left.

## War & Peace Discussion Group

### Viewing of Documentary

#### *Why We Fight* | Part 2

Monday, December 19th at 7 PM  
Parish Lounge

This Peabody Award-winning film reviews the political, economic and ideological forces that drive the U.S. military-industrial-congressional complex.

## November is Jesuit Vocation Month



Please join us in praying for vocations to the Society of Jesus.

For more information, visit [BeAJesuit.org](http://BeAJesuit.org).

To stay up-to-date on parish news, follow us on Instagram and Facebook at [stignatiusnyc](https://www.instagram.com/stignatiusnyc).

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Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.

### Senior Priest

Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.

### Assisting Priest

Rev. James Martin, S.J.

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Rev. James A. Casciotti, S.J.

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### Director of Facilities

Robert Cisternino

### Facilities Coordinator

Caroline Fernandes

### Treasurer

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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 December 4th

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM Fr. Hallinan

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Hilbert

9:30 AM Fr. Bergen

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia

Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Hilbert

7:30 PM Fr. Yesalonia

## Religious Education for Children

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## Saint Ignatius Loyola School

### Upper Campus

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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 28th

(First Monday of Advent)

Isaiah 4:2-6 Psalm 122

Matthew 8:5-11

**8:30 MEM** Timothy Klein

**12:10 MEM** John Callagy

**5:30 MEM** Francis Mazurkiewicz

### Tuesday, November 29th

(First Tuesday of Advent)

Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72

Luke 10:21-24

**8:30 MEM** Angela Belcastro

**12:10 MEM** Toni Brown

**5:30 MEM** Charles Glowacki

### Wednesday, November 30th

(St. Andrew)

Romans 10:9-18 Psalm 19

Matthew 4:18-22

**8:30 MEM** Kevin Haley

**12:10 MEM** Joanne Hammond

**5:30 MEM** William Powers

### Thursday, December 1st

(St. Edmund Campion, Robert  
Southwell & comps.)

Isaiah 26:1-6 Psalm 118

Matthew 7:21, 24-27

**8:30 MEM** Ciro Saracino

**12:10 MEM** Eugenie M. Jones

**5:30 MEM** Edward Kleinert

### Friday, December 2nd

(First Friday of Advent)

Isaiah 29:17-24 Psalm 72

Matthew 9:27-31

**8:30 MEM** Suzette F. Katsouros

**12:10 ANN** Daniel F. Kelly

**5:30 MEM** Suzette F. Katsouros

### Saturday, December 3rd

(St. Francis Xavier)

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Psalm 117 Mark 16:15-20

**8:30 MEM** William G. Draddy

### Sunday, December 4th

(Second Sunday of Advent)

Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72

Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12