



January 8, 2023 | The Epiphany of the Lord

## “*Totum amoris est*”

If you took home one of the 2023 appointment calendars that were on offer in the narthex last month, and if you have that calendar hanging next to the refrigerator, you will be gazing on a painting from Madrid’s Museo del Prado. The subject of the painting is Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, whose feast day is January 24th.



*San Francisco de Sales.*  
Francisco Bayeu y Subías.  
18th century.

This French saint, who was born in the castle of Sales, in Savoy, on August 21, 1567, and died in Lyon on December 28, 1622, was able to help people seek God in charity, joy, and freedom in a time of great change.

On the 400th anniversary of the death of Saint Francis de Sales, Pope Francis issued an Apostolic Letter entitled ‘*Totum amoris est*’ (‘Everything Pertains to Love’) in which the pope summarizes the spiritual legacy left to us by Saint Francis de Sales. The Pope highlights that the great vocation of this exiled Bishop of Geneva and co-founder of the Visitation Sisters was that of asking himself “in every situation of life where the greatest love is to be found.”

The central question of the saint’s life was, ‘Where is God to be found?’ In his *Treatise on the Love of God*, he explained it with simplicity and precision: “At the very thought of God, one immediately feels a certain delightful emotion of the heart, which testifies that God is God of the human heart.” Pope Francis observes, “In this light, we can understand why Saint Francis de Sales felt that there was no better place to find God and to help others to find him, than in the hearts of the women and men of his time. He had learned this, from his earliest years, by developing a keen insight both into himself and into the human heart.”

Saint Francis de Sales was educated at the Jesuit College of Clermont in Paris, and this fact provides an important indicator of the refined spirit of discernment, the interior attitude that unites thought and feeling, reason and affections, which he called the “God of the human heart.”

The Ignatian background of the discernment of spirits was further realized in two essential dimensions of the theology of Saint Francis de Sales. Pope Francis explains: “The first is *the spiritual life* itself, for it is in humble and persevering prayer...that we attempt to communicate the word of God.... The second is *the life of the Church*, the ability to think in the Church and with the Church.” This synthesis of action and contemplation, of being a person of creative fidelity to God’s Spirit in a concrete ecclesial reality, bore abundant fruit in the founding of the Visitation Sisters with Saint Frances de Chantal and, two centuries later, the Salesian optimism of Saint John Bosco.

The Pope moves on to reflect on the legacy of Saint Francis de Sales for our time, praising the saint’s realization that the world was changing, and the mark of a completely evangelical response was flexibility and a far-sighted vision. “[Saint] Francis perceived clearly that the times were changing. The word of God that he had loved from his youth now opened up before him new and unexpected horizons in a rapidly changing world.

“That same task awaits us in this, our own age of epochal change. We are challenged to be a Church that is outward-looking and free of all worldliness, even as we live in this world, share people’s lives and journey with them in attentive listening and acceptance. That is what Francis de Sales did when he discerned the events of his times with the help of God’s grace. Today he bids us set aside undue concern for ourselves, for our structures, and for what society thinks about us and consider instead the real spiritual needs and expectations of our people.”

— Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.  
Associate Pastor

## This Week at a Glance

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 10th

**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](mailto:TuesdayNightBookGroup@gmail.com).

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11th

**Boomers & Beyond: The Gift of Years.**  
7 PM. Zoom.  
Details below.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 12th

**Ignatian Social Justice Meeting.**  
7 PM. Parish Lounge.

## The Gift of Years

Wednesday, January 11th at 7 PM  
Zoom

The journey of aging brings challenges as well as blessings, spiritual tasks that require tending, and spiritual gifts that call for giving. Our gathering will explore how we might discover and bring to our loved ones and community the wisdom, healing, and joy particular to the final third of life.

Brian B. Pinter, Pastoral Associate,  
will present and facilitate the discussion.

To register, email [brianbpinter@protonmail.com](mailto:brianbpinter@protonmail.com).

## Venue Change

### Daily Mass Temporarily Moved to the Lady Chapel

Due to the filming of an HBO production in the Church, the 12:10 PM and 5:30 PM Daily Masses will be in the Lady Chapel from Monday, January 9th through Friday, January 20th.

During this time, there will be no access into the Church, except for the Lady Chapel.

## Low-Gluten Hosts



For parishioners wishing to receive a low-gluten host at the distribution of Holy Communion, please speak with a Hospitality Minister.

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year!

I am delighted to report on the progress of the work of the Action Plan Committees whose task is to lay the foundation for the implementation of the *Parish Vision Statement*.

The week before Christmas I met with the four committee chairs who provided a status report of their respective committees. As you will recall, the four committees, reflecting the key components of the *Parish Vision Statement*, are: **We Welcome All, We Worship With Joy, We Walk With Those in Need, and We Reverence God In The Wonder Of Creation**. Each chair commented both on the enthusiasm and the heartfelt commitment of all the members of the committees to the task before them.

In the Fall of this year, I will share with you the recommendations of each committee. They will be the starting point to the road map that will offer practical ways for us to implement the vision that we share as members of this parish and joyful disciples of Jesus Christ. Our goal is to have our actions reflect what we profess as a Catholic, Jesuit parish in the context of today's world.

Let us continue to join in prayer for the success of the discernment process in which the Action Plan Committees are now engaged. May all that we, as church, do now and in the future redound to the greater glory of God and the salvation of all humanity.

Sincerely in the Lord,

*Fr. Gesalonia*

## Mission Appeal

The annual Mission Appeal will take place  
next weekend.

We will be welcoming Fr. Romane St. Vil of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, who will be speaking at all Masses on January 14th & 15th.

Thank you for your generosity.



**Sign-up for Our Weekly E-Newsletter!**

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

## Lectures at St. Ignatius

### When the Wave Knows It's the Ocean: Apostolic Wholeness and the Kinship of God

Monday, January 30th at 7 PM  
Wallace Hall & Livestreamed

— SPEAKER —  
FR. GREG BOYLE, S.J.

Fr. Boyle will explore the marks of authentic discipleship: flourishing, joy, and fearlessness.

#### About the Speaker

Fr. Boyle is the founder and director of Homeboy Industries, the world's largest gang intervention and rehabilitation program. His latest book is *Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship*.



## A Panel Discussion of Prevalent Mental Health Issues

Thursday, February 16th at 7 PM  
Wallace Hall

— PANELISTS —



**DR. ELIZABETH FITELSON, M.D.**  
Director of the Women's Program,  
Department of Psychiatry at Columbia  
University Irving Medical Center/  
Neurological Institute of New York



**DR. ERIN ENGLE, PSY.D.**  
Clinical Director of Columbia  
University Psychiatry Specialty Services,  
Neurological Institute at Columbia  
University Medical Center



**DR. MARY SCIUTTO, M.D.**  
Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry  
at Columbia University & Medical  
Director of the Columbia University  
Psychiatry Specialty Services

## Tuesday Night Book Group

### Saturday Midday Field Trip

Saturday, January 21st  
Noon

Join the Tuesday Night Book Group on a Saturday Midday Field Trip to hear a one-hour talk on William of St. Thierry (1085–1148), who was the best friend of St. Bernard of Clairvaux and is the most quoted author in Statutes of the Carthusian Order. He wrote much on contemplation and love, and will help us do what he so aspired to: “May I love Him whom to love is to live indeed.”

After the Noon talk by a former Carthusian monk, there will be an optional 1 PM to 3 PM guided meditation to allow William of St. Thierry's writings to take us deeper into the interior life.

To register to attend, and to receive details regarding the Upper East Side location, please email [tuesdaynightbookgroup@gmail.com](mailto:tuesdaynightbookgroup@gmail.com).

All are welcome.

## Lay Ministers' Enrichment Ministry Day of Reflection - Spring 2023

Saturday, January 28th in Wallace Hall

You are invited to join the St. Ignatius Lay Ministers' Enrichment Ministry for a day of personal and group reflection led by Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J.

Doors open at 8:15 AM for registration and breakfast.

The day's activities will comprise two presentations by Father Modrys, each followed by time for personal reflection and group faith-sharing. There will be a Q&A session following the last group session.



To register, scan the QR code at left or visit [ignatius.nyc/lmespring2023](http://ignatius.nyc/lmespring2023).

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

## Emmaus Bereavement Support Group

Begins Tuesday, January 24th  
7 PM to 8:30 PM in the Parish House

A six-session support group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one. The sessions, both educational and supportive, are run by experienced facilitators.

To register, email [EmmausBereavementGroup@gmail.com](mailto:EmmausBereavementGroup@gmail.com) or call the Parish House at (212) 288-3588 and leave your name and telephone number with the receptionist.

Registration is required.



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## PARISH STAFF

### Pastor

Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.

### Associate Pastors

Rev. Mark C. Hallinan, S.J.

Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.

### Senior Priest

Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.

### Assisting Priest

Rev. James Martin, S.J.

### In Residence

Rev. James A. Casciotti, S.J.

### Pastoral Associates

Kate Noonan Brian Pinter Jean Santopatre

### Pastoral Assistant

Maureen Haley

### Music Ministries

Daniel Beckwith Douglas Purcell  
Robert Reuter Elizabeth Van Os  
Michael Sheetz

Scott Warren, *Director*

Danya Katok, *Director of Concerts*

### Assistant to the Pastor

Rebecca Brucas

### Administrative Assistant

Patricia Schneider

### Director of Communications

Elizabeth O'Sullivan

### Director of Facilities

Robert Cisternino

### Facilities Coordinator

Caroline Fernandes

### Treasurer

Fernando Castro

### Weekday Masses (Monday – Friday)

8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:30 PM

**Saturday: 8:30 AM**

### Masses for the Weekend of January 15th

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM Fr. Yesalonia

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia

9:30 AM Fr. Bergen

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Hallinan

Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Hilbert

7:30 PM Fr. Hallinan

## 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

M.S. Ed. (Admin.), M.S. Ed. (Literacy)

48 East 84th Street

(212) 861-3820 | Fax: (212) 879-8248

### Lower Campus

(PreK-3 through Kindergarten)

Ms. Mary Larkin, Head of School

240 East 84th Street

(212) 734-6427 | Fax: (212) 734-6972

## 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.

## Ignatian Young Adults (IYA)

For more information about our IYA  
ministry, email Jean Santopatre at  
santopatrej@saintignatiusloyola.org

## Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

### Monday, January 9th

(The Baptism of the Lord)

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Psalm 29

Acts 10:34-38 Matthew 3:13-17

**8:30 MEM** Simona Saracino Fendi

**12:10 MEM** Guity Wambold

**5:30 MEM** Stratford Wallace

### Tuesday, January 10th

(First Tuesday in Ordinary Time)

Hebrews 2:5-12 Psalm 8

Mark 1:21-28

**8:30 MEM** Eileen S. Fell

**12:10 MEM** Valentino Mazzia

**5:30 ANN** George Terriberry

### Wednesday, January 11th

(First Wednesday in Ordinary Time)

Hebrews 2:14-18 Psalm 105

Mark 1:29-39

**8:30 MEM** The Meehan Family

**12:10 MEM** Mary O'Toole

**5:30 MEM** Deceased Members of  
the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

### Thursday, January 12th

(First Thursday in Ordinary Time)

Hebrews 3:7-14 Psalm 95

Mark 1:40-45

**8:30 MEM** John & Nora Reilly

**12:10 MEM** Elizabeth A. Dawson

**5:30 MEM** Nancy A. Garvey

### Friday, January 13th

(First Friday in Ordinary Time)

Hebrews 4:1-5, 11 Psalm 78

Mark 2:1-12

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

**12:10 MEM** Helen S. & Lawrence  
A. Dawson

**5:30 MEM** Rose Lamonica

### Saturday, January 14th

(First Saturday in Ordinary Time)

Hebrews 4:12-16 Psalm 19

Mark 2:13-17

**8:30 MEM** Joseph & Margaret  
Phelan

### Sunday, January 15th

(Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 Psalm 40

1 Corinthians 1:1-3 John 1:29-34