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January 29, 2023 | Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Barking to the Choir

So I'm in my office at Homeboy Industries talking with Ramón, a gang member who works in our bakery.

Lately, he has been veering into the lane of oncoming traffic. He's late for work, sometimes missing it entirely, and his supervisors tell me he is in need of an emergency "attitude-ectomy." I'm running it down to him, giving him "kletcha"—schooling him, grabbing hold of the steering wheel to correct his course. He waves me off and says, self-assuredly, "Don't sweat it, bald-headed . . . You're barking to the choir."

I immediately liked, of course, the combo-burger nature of his phraseology. The marriage of "barking up the wrong tree" to "preaching to the choir." It works. It calls for a rethinking of our status quo, no longer satisfied with the way the world is lulled into operating and yearning for a new vision. It is on the lookout for ways to confound and deconstruct.

What gets translated in Scripture from the Greek *metanoia* as "repent" means "to go beyond the mind we have." And the "barking" is directed at the "Choir"—those folks who "repent" and truly long for a different construct, a radically altered way of proceeding and who seek "a better God than the one we have." The gospel can expose the game in which "the Choir" can find itself often complacently stuck. The game that keeps us from the kinship for which we long—the endless judging, competing, comparing, and terror that prevents us from turning the corner and bumping into that "something new." That "something" is the entering the kinship of God . . . here and now, no longer satisfied with the "pie in the sky when we die."

The Choir is everyone who longs of and aches to widen their "loving look" at what's right in front of them. What the Choir is searching for is the authentic.



In a recent *New Yorker* profile of American Baptists, the congregation's leadership resigned itself to the fact that "secular culture" would always be "hostile" to Christianity. I don't believe this is true. Our culture is hostile only to the inauthentic living of the gospel. It sniffs out hypocrisy everywhere and knows when Christians aren't taking seriously, what Jesus took seriously. It is, by and large, hostile to the right things. It actually longs to embrace the gospel of inclusion and nonviolence, of compassionate love and acceptance. Even atheists cherish such a prospect.

Human beings are settlers, but not in the pioneer sense. It is our human occupational hazard to settle for little. We settle for purity and piety when we are being invited to an exquisite holiness. We settle for the fear-driven when love longs to be our engine. We settle for a puny, vindictive God when we are being nudged always closer to this wildly inclusive, larger-than-any-life God. We allow our sense of God to atrophy. We settle for the illusion of separation when we are endlessly asked to enter into kinship with all. The Choir has settled for little . . . and the "barking," like a protective sheepdog, wants to guide us back to the expansiveness of God's own longing.

The Choir is certainly more than "the Church." And in many ways, Homeboy Industries is called to be now, what the world is called to be ultimately. The Choir understands this. Homeboy wants to give rise not only to the idea of redemptive second chances but also to a new model of church as a community of inclusive kinship and tenderness. The Choir consists of those people who want to Occupy Everywhere, not just Wall Street, and seek, in the here and now, what the world is ultimately designed to become.

— Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J.

(An excerpt from Fr. Boyle's book, "Barking to the Choir" [2017])

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Join us on Monday, January 30th at 7 PM (in Wallace Hall & livestreamed) as Fr. Boyle presents *When the Wave Knows It's the Ocean: Apostolic Wholeness and the Kinship of God*. Fr. Boyle will explore the marks of authentic discipleship: flourishing, joy, and fearlessness. For more information, please see page 3.

## This Week at a Glance

### MONDAY, JANUARY 30th

**Lecture | When the Wave Knows It's the Ocean:  
Apostolic Wholeness and the Kinship of God.**  
7 PM. Wallace Hall & Livestreamed.

*Details on page 3.*

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 31st

**Tuesday Night Book Group: *Proclaiming the  
Power of Christ* by Bishop Robert Barron.**  
7 PM. Zoom.

*For more information and to register, email  
TuesdayNightBookGroup@gmail.com,  
with "Bishop Barron" in the subject line.*

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1st

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul.**  
7 PM. Gonzaga Meeting Room.

## Spirituality and Midlife

**Wednesday, February 15th, from 7 PM to 8 PM**  
Zoom

Midlife stirs us to reflect more deeply on our relationships—what they mean and have meant, how they have been a blessing and a channel for God's love and grace, and where they are in need of healing. Our presentation and discussion will explore how we can cooperate with God's grace as it moves us toward more soulful, Christ-like relationships with others. Brian B. Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will facilitate the discussion.

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

## Parish Art Show

Calling all artists! We are holding our first ever Parish Art Show.

When? May 11th to 13th. Mark your calendar.  
And, start readying your work *now!*

What media can be submitted? Paintings, Drawings,  
Photographs, Collage, Watercolors, Linocuts,  
Lithographs, Mixed Media, Sculpture

Who can take part? All parishioners over the age of 18.

All sale proceeds will benefit our parish.

More details to come later.

**Questions? Email [silartshow@gmail.com](mailto:silartshow@gmail.com).**

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook at *stignatiusnyc*.

## Daily Mass Livestream

Due to continuing technical difficulties with the livestreaming of Mass in the Lady Chapel at 12:10 PM, the daily livestreamed Mass will be permanently relocated to the church at 5:30 PM as of **Wednesday, February 1st**. The 12:10 PM Mass will not be livestreamed.

Thank you for your patience for the past few weeks as we tried to address the disruptions in the quality of the livestreaming.

## Ignatian Interfaith Ministry

**Rescheduled Book Launch | *Hearts and  
Minds: Hizmet Schools and Interethnic  
Relations* with Dr. Vincent N. Parrillo**

**Thursday, February 9th at 6:45 PM**  
Wallace Hall

Moderated by Emre Celik

This book is a comparative, qualitative research study of an educational phenomenon still functioning worldwide:

Hizmet. Dr. Parrillo and Dr. Ansari present a cross-cultural study of Hizmet schools in seven countries of varying histories and ethnic compositions. Some are fairly homogeneous, while others are longstanding multicultural, multiracial societies. Some have Muslim-majority populations, others a small Muslim minority. Through hundreds of interviews with students, parents, staff, and financial supporters, the authors explored individual perceptions and experiences, as well as the triad of student/parent/school interaction.

The book will be available for sale at the event at special event pricing.

Light refreshments will be served.

**Registration is required.**  
**To register, scan the QR code at left.**



## Giving

Church of St. Ignatius Loyola is confidently planning its future and your help is needed

Register today for regular electronic giving and support your parish.

Donations can be made on a weekly, monthly, or annual basis directly from your bank account, debit card, or credit card.



**Scan the QR code at left or  
register online at [ignatius.nyc/giving](http://ignatius.nyc/giving).**

## 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.

## Ignatian Social Justice

### Migration with Dignity

Sunday, February 5th at 3 PM  
Parish Lounge

Please join the Ignatian Social Justice Ministry to hear and engage with Joanna Williams, Executive Director of the bi-national Kino Border Initiative in Nogales, Arizona, and Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. Their mission consists of direct humanitarian assistance & holistic accompaniment of migrants, education & encounter between migrants and others that transforms people and communities towards solidarity with migrants, and policy advocacy in Mexico & the United States.

Joanna Williams, who has served at Kino since 2015, is a Georgetown University graduate and a leader in the movement for "Migration with Dignity" for our asylum-seeking brothers and sisters along the United States-Mexico border. Its purpose is to break down barriers to humane, just, and workable migration, affirming human dignity and solidarity.

Ms. Williams will report on Kino's recent work in these challenging times and will take questions from the audience.

## Retreat

**Save the Date: Parish Retreat**  
Friday, April 21st to Sunday, April 23rd  
Jogues Retreat Center  
Cornwall, New York

Details to follow in an upcoming bulletin.

## 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

## Meeting Christ in Prayer

Wednesdays, February 8th to March 29th  
7 PM to 8:30 PM on Zoom

Are you longing for a deeper relationship with God through Christ? Is your childhood way of relating to God insufficient now that you are an adult?

If you answered yes, please join us in  
Meeting Christ in Prayer.

Meeting Christ in Prayer is an interactive 8-week guided prayer experience for small groups. Based on the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius Loyola, it introduces participants to various ways of praying and provides an opportunity to support one another through faith sharing, via Zoom.

A good faith offering will be appreciated, as the cost of materials ranges between \$30-\$50.

To register, email [MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org](mailto:MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org)  
by Sunday, February 5th.

## 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).

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Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.

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Rev. James Martin, S.J.

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Rev. James A. Casciotti, S.J.

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Maureen Haley

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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 February 5th

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM Fr. Hallinan

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Hallinan

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

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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48 East 84th Street

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### Lower Campus

(PreK-3 through Kindergarten)

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 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 30th

(Fourth Monday in Ordinary Time)

Hebrews 11:32-40 Psalm 31

Mark 5:1-20

**8:30 MEM** Robert Blackstone, Jr.

**12:10 MEM** Jeannette F. Petrus

**5:30 MEM** William Powers

### Tuesday, January 31st

(St. John Bosco)

Hebrews 12:1-4 Psalm 22

Mark 5:21-43

**8:30 MEM** Helen & Charles Regan

**12:10 MEM** Hilda Handal

**5:30 MEM** Anne Dooling Clarke

### Wednesday, February 1st

(Fourth Wednesday in Ordinary Time)

Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15 Psalm 103

Mark 6:1-6

**8:30 MEM** The Choix & Gordon  
Families

**12:10 MEM** Ciro Saracino

**5:30 MEM** Kay Borba

### Thursday, February 2nd

(The Presentation of the Lord)

Malachi 3:1-4 Psalm 24

Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40

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

**12:10 MEM** Margaret Waterson

**5:30 MEM** Michael Kelly

### Friday, February 3rd

(Fourth Friday in Ordinary Time)

Hebrews 13:1-8 Psalm 27

Mark 6:14-29

**8:30 MEM** Petar Nikac

**12:10 MEM** Jeff Cloidt

**5:30 MEM** Bill Hassett

### Saturday, February 4th

(Fourth Saturday in Ordinary Time)

Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21 Psalm 23

Mark 6:30-34

**8:30 MEM** Lehane & Coffey  
Family

### Sunday, February 5th

(Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Isaiah 58:7-10 Psalm 112

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Matthew 5:13-16