



March 12, 2023 | Third Sunday of Lent

Social Sin

Sin is almost synonymous with Lent. Our primary focus is normally on our personal sin, but we should not neglect the reality of social sin, the ways in which the society in which we live sustains systems and structures that violate the rights and dignity of individuals. Just as we are called to overcome our personal sinfulness, we are also called to change systems and structures that contribute to social sin. One of the perniciously persistent social sins of our society is racism. We need to reflect on how it manifests itself and how we respond to it.

Maternal and infant mortality rates in the United States are significantly higher than in other developed nations. When you look at the rate of maternal mortality rates by race, there is a shocking disparity that has only gotten worse over time. In 2000, the national maternal mortality rate was 9.8 deaths per 100,000 births. For Black women, it was 22 deaths per 100,000 births. In 2020, the maternal death rate for White women was 19.1 deaths per 100,000 births, while for Black women, the rate was 55.3 deaths per 100,000 live births. Independent research has shown that a variety of factors contribute to the high rate of maternal deaths among Black women: the prevalence of chronic diseases associated with high mortality rates; lack of access to quality prenatal care, birth care, and post-partum care; stressors that are particularly acute for Black women; and unconscious bias in the delivery of health care to persons of color.



Underscoring the dramatic difference in maternal and infant outcomes for Black women was a recent study of two million California births from 2007 to 2016. The study showed that the richest mothers and their newborns are most likely to survive after childbirth—except when the family is Black. The risks of childbirth vary by both race and parental income, with Black families suffering the worst outcomes regardless of income. Both maternal mortality rates and infant mortality rates were just as high among the highest-income Black women as among low-income White women. What makes this study particularly disturbing is that California represents the best-case scenario because California's maternal mortality

rates have declined over the last decade, and California has some of the most generous policies to support pregnant women. If this study were replicated in other states with less generous policies and higher maternal mortality rates, the disparity might well be greater.

High rates of maternal and infant mortality should be of great concern to us, who are committed to respecting and protecting the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. Seeing significant racial disparities in maternal and infant mortality rates should serve to remind us that the social sin of racism manifests itself in many forms and requires our constant efforts to uproot it. We should be active advocates for ensuring that all pregnant women have access to insurance before and after pregnancy, paid family leave, access to quality prenatal care, birth care, and post-partum care, and generous nutritional support programs for the mother and child. Targeted outreach to communities of color to ensure that they know of and have access to these benefits will be critical to begin closing the gap in maternal and infant mortality rates.

As we seek to address our personal sins this Lent, let us not neglect the social sins of our society. Each of us must do what we can to help uproot such sins so that our society will become what God wants it to be: one people united in our care for each other, with particular concern for those who are the most vulnerable among us.

— Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.
Associate Pastor

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY, MARCH 12th

TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK GROUP |

Sunday In-Person Lent Series. 12:15 PM. Parish House.

To register to attend and to receive details, email TuesdayNightBookGroup@gmail.com with "God's Will" in the subject line (and indicate your preference of in-person or online participation).

St. Luke's Call Team.
Following the 7:30 PM Mass.
Gonzaga Meeting Room.

MONDAY, MARCH 13th

Ranger Rosary.
1:30 PM. Gonzaga Meeting Room.

WAR AND PEACE DISCUSSION GROUP |
IBM & the Third Reich.
7 PM. Parish Lounge.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14th

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
6 PM – 8 PM. Church. Details at right.

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.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15th

Roundtable Discussion on Forgiveness.
7 PM. Parish Lounge. Details at right.

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

COURSE | "He Is Risen!": The Resurrection Narratives.
7 PM. Zoom.

To RSVP, email brianbpinter@protonmail.com.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16th

LGBT Catholics & Friends Meeting.
7 PM. Parish Lounge.

For more information, email join.lgbt.caf@gmail.com.



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CARDINAL'S
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
Sharing God's Gifts

Strengthened by the Eucharist, we respond to God's generosity in our lives with gratitude by using and sharing our gifts in the service of others.

Please consider a gift in support of this year's Appeal.
Gifts can be made online at cardinalsappeal.org.

Concerts at St. Ignatius

Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola: Double Choir Masses of Rheinberger & Martin

Sunday, March 19th at 4 PM

Church & Livestreamed

The Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola invites you to their first *a cappella* concert in three years as they present the sumptuously ravishing *Masses for Double Choir* by Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901) and Frank Martin (1890-1974).

To purchase tickets, visit ignatius.nyc/concerts.

Roundtable Discussion on Forgiveness Wednesday, March 15th at 7 PM in the Parish Lounge

Sponsored by the Parish Council

A necessary ingredient to peace, whether in our personal lives, our relationships, or in the world, is forgiveness. It will be an opportunity for us to learn from one another about the need for forgiveness and our capacity to be forgiving.

To RSVP, email discussforgiveness@gmail.com.

Lenten Food Drive

Through **Sunday, March 12th**, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the Interparish Religious Education Program will accept food donations for the Parish of St. Charles Borromeo.

Please bring non-perishable foods to the Parish House.

Requested Donation Items:

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| - Spices | - Canned fruit/vegetables |
| - Pasta | - Soup |
| - Cereal | - Peanut butter |
| - Rice | - Olive oil |
| - Beans | - Granola bars |
| - Canned fish | |

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday Evenings through April 4th

6 PM – 8 PM in the Church

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 6 PM. The Church will be open for private adoration until shortly before 8 PM, when the exposition concludes with Benediction. The Blessed Sacrament will then be reposed and the church will close.

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

Lectures at St. Ignatius

A Better Kind of Politics: Advancing the Common Good in Challenging Times

Monday, March 27th at 7 PM
Wallace Hall & Livestreamed

SPEAKER: PROFESSOR KIM DANIELS

Faced with a public life dominated by hostility and division, U.S. Catholics can advance the common good and peacemaking efforts by looking to Pope Francis and Catholic social thought.

About the Speaker

Professor Daniels is the co-director of the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life & an adjunct professor in Georgetown's Department of Theology and Religious Studies.



LGBT Catholics & Friends

Screening of the Documentary

Wonderfully Made: LGBTQ+R(eligion)

Wednesday, March 22nd at 6:45 PM in Wallace Hall

Join LGBT Catholics & Friends for a screening of the documentary *Wonderfully Made*, which explores the challenges and aspirations of LGBTQ+ Catholics and, more broadly, the hurdles that religious doctrine presents to full acceptance of LGBTQ+ people everywhere.

A Q&A will follow the screening, with
Fr. James Martin, S.J. & Fr. Bryan Massingale.

To RSVP, email lgbtcafscscreening@gmail.com.

Ignatian Interfaith Ministry

Fourth Annual Iftar Dinner

Friday, March 31st at 6:35 PM in Wallace Hall

Join us for "Observing the Holy Seasons of Fasting in Daily Life—From the Perspective of Women Scientists of Faith."

SPEAKERS

- Dr. Seyma Aslan, L'Oréal Research & Innovation
- Dr. Maria Jasin, Memorial Sloan Kettering

MODERATOR: Adele Gallo, Convent of the Sacred Heart

Our annual Iftar dinner will also include live traditional Sufi music by the group Amir Vahab and Ensemble.

While there is no charge, advance registration is required. Families are welcome.

To RSVP, email ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com by Monday, March 27th.

Back to Basics Class: What It Means to Be Catholic

Beginning on Wednesday, April 19th, in the Parish Lounge, the priests of the parish will offer an opportunity to learn more about what it means to be Catholic.

The four topic areas that will be covered are:

Faith and Religion 101 | Wednesday, April 19th | 7 PM

An overview of faith and how it is manifested in religion. (Fr. Yesalonia)

Catholicism 101 | Wednesday, April 26th | 7 PM

What distinguishes Catholicism from other religions. (Fr. Casciotti)

Ignatian Spirituality 101 | Wednesday, May 3rd | 7 PM

Fundamental principles. *The Examen*. Discernment. The meaning and significance of AMDG. (Fr. Hilbert)

Liturgy of the Mass 101 | Wednesday, May 10th | 7 PM

Each part of the Mass will be explained, along with its accompanying prayers. (Fr. Hallinan)



To register, visit
ignatius.nyc/back-to-basics-class-registration
or scan the QR code at left.
Registration is required.

Inaugural Parish Art Show

Calling all artists!

We are having our first-ever Parish Art Show!

Now is the time to ready your submissions. Any non-digital media can be submitted: paintings, drawings, pastels, watercolors, etchings, linocuts, lithographs, collage, mixed media, sculpture.

You can submit up to two pieces (more if we have the space). All submissions (except sculptures) must be framed and ready-to-hang. Maximum size is limited to 3 feet by 3 feet, sculptures are limited to 25 pounds.

Pre-registration is required. **Sign up online at ignatius.nyc/artshowreg**. We'll need to know the size of your work framed or size of your sculpture. We also need you to send us a photo of it. *The last day to register is Thursday, April 27th*. Don't miss out!

Submissions are to be dropped off at the Parish House between Friday, May 5th and Sunday, May 7th, from 9 AM to Noon, and 6 PM to 8 PM.

You can offer the work for sale, or just display it. If your work is sold, all sale proceeds will go to the parish.

All art must be family-friendly.

The Art Show will open in Wallace Hall on Thursday, May 11th at 7 PM. The art will remain on display until Saturday, May 13th at 4 PM.

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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 March 19th

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM Fr. Bergen
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Hilbert
9:30 AM Fr. Hilbert
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia
Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Hallinan
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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(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, March 13th

(Third Monday of Lent)

2 Kings 5:1-15ab Psalm 42
Luke 4:24-30

8:30 MEM Margaret & Peter
Voorhies

12:10 MEM Alfred A. Lotano

5:30 MEM Veronica Raible

Tuesday, March 14th

(Third Tuesday of Lent)

Daniel 3:25, 34-43 Psalm 25
Matthew 18:21-35

8:30 MEM John & Nora Reilly

12:10 MEM Maryanne T. Barry

5:30 MEM Fred Lione

Wednesday, March 15th

(Third Wednesday of Lent)

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9 Psalm 147
Matthew 5:17-19

8:30 MEM Jack O'Leary

12:10 MEM Roberto Rapalo

5:30 MEM James & Patricia
Roche

Thursday, March 16th

(Third Thursday of Lent)

Jeremiah 7:23-28 Psalm 95 Luke
11:14-23

8:30 ANN Charles Denihan

12:10 MEM John Figge

5:30 ANN Charles Denihan

Friday, March 17th

(Third Friday of Lent)

Hosea 14:2-10 Psalm 81
Mark 12:28-34

8:30 MEM Mary Ward

12:10 MEM Manus McGeady

5:30 MEM Mario Daiuto,
David Deporis & Suhair Koura

Saturday, March 18th

(Third Saturday of Lent)

Hosea 6:1-6 Psalm 51 Luke 18:9-14
8:30 MEM Carla Fendi

Sunday, March 19th

(Fourth Sunday of Lent)

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41