



April 2, 2023 | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Practicing Hope

We tend to conflate hope with optimism. The hopeful person, it is said, sees the glass as half-full, looks on the bright side, and affirms that the future will be better than the present. But this is not how our ancestors in faith understood hope. Ancient theologians—monastics and spiritual writers—viewed hope as a midpoint between despair and what they called presumption, a careless laziness that believed things would work out for the best no matter what we do. Moreover, hope was not focused on the future but rather on how one lives in the present, especially in the face of bad news, tribulation, and failure. Liza Anderson, Ph.D., a scholar of early church history, reflects, “Hope was more often seen as a praxis for living in the present moment—faithfully doing the work that is put directly in front of you without falling into either presumption or despair.”



It’s difficult to imagine that Jesus was feeling optimistic as he entered Jerusalem on that fateful Palm Sunday, but his words and deeds affirm that he was hopeful. There was little cause for optimism, a positive attitude of mind that is influenced by how things appear to be trending in the world. Almost certainly, he’d heard of the warrant for his arrest, and perhaps he suspected that some among his companions might betray him. Though events spiraled downward from slander to mockery to violence, Jesus responded with patience, forgiveness, and non-violence. Among the most memorable of Jesus’ words were those spoken during his passion. They are a testament to his hope-filled heart, uttered in the most pessimistic of circumstances. “Let not your hearts be troubled.” “Peace I leave you.” “Abide in my love.” “Forgive them for they know not what they do.” “Into your hands I commend my spirit.”

When Jesus was arrested on trumped-up charges, when he was subjected to a kangaroo court, when his friends abandoned him, when his enemies spat in his face, and when he was nailed to the cross, I am sure he struggled with the very human temptation to give in to despair, to curse those who did this to him, to curse God for allowing such a fate, and to vow revenge. Jesus maintained his dignity, told mourners not to weep for him, and died with forgiveness on his lips. He engaged in the struggle to cooperate with God’s plan for peace, with God’s work of redeeming humanity from cycles of violence, and he persisted in the face of certain failure. His persistence in choosing peaceful and loving responses to the white-hot hatred he absorbed models what it means to practice hope.

Karl Rahner, the Jesuit priest/theologian, defined hope this way: “A woman sees the tiny rivulet of her life and fears that it might not mean anything, that it might die out completely. Yet she somehow still believes it will flow significantly into the great ocean, despite the immeasurably huge, dry sand-dunes it must cross to get to an ocean it cannot even see.” Our world, with its seemingly irreconcilable divisions in politics and church, with its plague of wars, with its fragile, precious environment endangered, can seem like that uncrossable desert Rahner describes. Despair lures us to give up; presumption leads us to believe the lie that we don’t need to do anything because everything will work out just fine. Hope invites us to continue this twilight struggle, though our individual stories might not unfold into positive outcomes. Hope trusts that God’s grace is at work transforming creation into what God dreams it can be. Hope calls for our cooperation with birthing that dream. Hope inspires us to live in the model and spirit of Jesus throughout Holy Week and every week.

— Brian Pinter
Pastoral Associate

This Week at a Glance

TUESDAY, APRIL 4th
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
6 PM – 8 PM. Church.

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, APRIL 5th
Stations of the Cross for the Parish Community.
7:30 PM. Church. Details below.

HOLY THURSDAY THROUGH EASTER SUNDAY

For the schedule of liturgies and confession schedule for the Triduum and Easter Sunday, see information at right and below.

Holy Week Confession Schedule

MONDAY, APRIL 3RD
Archdiocesan Day of Reconciliation
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 3 PM to 5 PM and 6 PM to 8 PM in the Church.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH
3 PM to 5 PM in the Church

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH
4 PM to 5:30 PM in the Parish House

Stations of the Cross for the Parish Community

Wednesday, April 5th at 7:30 PM
Church

Led by Fr. William Bergen, S.J.

Please join us and begin making the Stations of the Cross an annual Lenten observance for you and your family.

Community Coffee Hour

Sunday, April 16th
Following the 11 AM Masses
Outside the Parish House

Join us on Park Avenue for a new season of our Community Coffee Hour.

We will have coffee as well as an opportunity to mix & mingle with fellow parishioners.

Palm Sunday & Holy Week Mass Schedule

Palm Sunday/April 2nd Masses
5:30 PM Saturday Vigil, 8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM (Church/livestreamed), 11 AM Wallace Hall Family Mass, and 7:30 PM

Holy Week Masses
HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 PM (Church & livestreamed)

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH
Three Hours Devotion, from Noon to 3 PM (Church & livestreamed)
Celebration of the Lord's Passion Liturgy at 7 PM (Church & livestreamed)

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH
Easter Vigil Mass at 8 PM (Church & livestreamed)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH
8 AM, 10 AM (Church), 10 AM Wallace Hall Family Mass, and 12 PM Noon (Church & livestreamed)

To view our livestreamed Masses, visit our YouTube channel [ChurchofStIgnatiusLoyolaNYC](https://www.youtube.com/channel/ChurchofStIgnatiusLoyolaNYC)

The Three Hours Devotion: The Seven Last Words of Christ

Good Friday, April 7th, Noon to 3 PM

A traditional Christian devotion commemorating our Savior's death, centered around the "seven last words" spoken by Jesus from the cross.

FIRST WORD: "Father, Forgive Them"
Ms. Megan Klingenberg

SECOND WORD:
"Today You Will Be With Me In Paradise"
Mr. Luke Lapean, S.J.

THIRD WORD: "Woman, Behold Your Son"
Mr. Ashton McFadden

FOURTH WORD:
"My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?"
Ms. Samantha O'Donoghue

FIFTH WORD: "I Thirst"
Ms. Adele Gallo

SIXTH WORD:
"Into Your Hands, Lord, I Commend My Spirit"
Rev. Walter Modrys, S.J.

SEVENTH WORD: "It Is Finished"
Rev. Kaji Douša

Back to Basics Class: What It Means to Be Catholic

Beginning on Wednesday, April 19th, in the Grammar School's McKinnon Hall, 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 (registration is required), visit ignatius.nyc/back-to-basics-class-registration or scan the QR code at left.

Inaugural Parish Art Show

Calling all artists! We are having our first Parish Art Show!

Now is the time to ready your submissions.

Any non-digital media can be submitted: photographs, 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**. 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.

For more information, email silartshow@gmail.com.

Hospitality Ministry

Volunteers Needed

Holy Thursday | April 6th at 7 PM

Good Friday | April 7th at 7 PM

Easter Vigil, Saturday | April 8th at 8 PM

Easter Sunday | April 9th

8 AM, 10 AM (Church & Wallace Hall Family Mass)
& 12 PM Noon Solemn Mass

Interested? Contact Jacques Torchon at siloyolanyhospitality@gmail.com.

Meeting Christ in Prayer

Holy Listening

**Tuesday, April 11th to Tuesday, May 2nd
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 Easter readings, this program provides new opportunities for spiritual conversation as you share your prayer experience with spiritual friends.

To register, email MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org.

Eucharistic Ministers Needed

We are in need of additional Eucharistic Ministers for all of our Masses. This is especially true as we return to offering the chalice at each Mass. Young persons who have received the sacrament of confirmation are eligible to serve.

If you are interested in serving as a Eucharistic Minister, please contact Fr. Hallinan who will schedule a simple, easy training: hallinanm@saintignatiusloyola.org or call the Parish House.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve!



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Weekday Masses (Monday – Friday)

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

Saturday: 8:30 AM

**No Weekday Masses Holy Thursday,
Good Friday, or Holy Saturday**

Easter Sunday Masses

8:00 AM Fr. Hallinan

10:00 AM Fr. Bergen

Wallace Hall 10:00 AM Fr. Hilbert

Solemn 12 Noon 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
M.S. Ed. (Admin.), M.S. Ed. (Literacy)
48 East 84th Street
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(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, April 3rd

(Monday of Holy Week)

Isaiah 42:1-7 Psalm 27

John 12:1-11

8:30 MEM Elizabeth Murphy

12:10 MEM Dennis Walsh

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

Tuesday, April 4th

(Tuesday of Holy Week)

Isaiah 49:1-6 Psalm 71

John 13:21-33, 36-38

8:30 MEM Bridget Burke

12:10 MEM Clifford Jones

5:30 LVG Maryanne T. Barry

Wednesday, April 5th

(Wednesday of Holy Week)

Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 69

Matthew 26:14-25

8:30 MEM The Choix & Gordon
Families

12:10 MEM Margaret Bay

5:30 MEM Jack Kehoe

Thursday, April 6th

(Thursday of Holy Week)

Mass of the Lord's Supper:

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 Psalm 116

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-15

Friday, April 7th

(Good Friday)

Celebration of the Lord's Passion:

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 31

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

John 18:1-19:42

Saturday, April 8th

(Holy Saturday)

Genesis 1:1-2:2 Isaiah 12

Psalm 104 Ezekiel 36:16-17a,

Genesis 22:1-18 18-28

Psalm 16 Romans 6:3-11

Exodus 14:15-15:1 Matthew 28:1-10

Isaiah 55:1-11

Sunday, April 9th

(Easter Sunday)

Acts 10:3a, 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4

Psalm 118 John 20:1-9