



May 14, 2023 | Sixth Sunday of Easter

Quiet Prophecy

Christian discipleship calls all of us to be prophetic, to be advocates for justice, to help give voice to the poor, and defend truth. But not all of us, by temperament or by particular vocation, are called to civil disobedience, public demonstrations, and the picket lines, as were Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Daniel Berrigan, and other such prophetic figures. All are asked to be prophetic, but for some, this means more wielding a basin and towel than wielding a placard.

There is a powerful way of being prophetic which, while seemingly quiet and personal, is never private. And its rules are the same as for those who are wielding placards and risking civil disobedience. What are those rules, rules for a Christian prophecy?

First, a prophet makes a vow of love, not of alienation. There is a critical distinction between stirring up trouble and offering prophecy out of love, a distinction between operating out of egoism and operating out of faith and hope. A prophet risks misunderstanding but never seeks it, and a prophet always seeks to have a mellow rather than an angry heart.

Second, a prophet draws his or her cause from Jesus and not from an ideology. Ideologies can carry a lot of truth and be genuine advocates for justice. But, people can walk away from an ideology, seeing it precisely as an ideology, as political correctness, and thus justify their rejection of the truth it carries. Sincere people often walk away from Greenpeace, from Feminism, or Liberation Theology, from Critical Race Theory, and many other ideologies which, in fact, carry a lot of truth because those truths are wrapped up inside of an ideology. Sincere people will not walk away from Jesus. A prophet must be ever vigilant as to whether he or she is drawing truth from the Gospels and not from some ideology.

Third, a prophet is committed to non-violence. A prophet is always seeking to personally disarm rather than arm, to be, in the words of Daniel Berrigan, *a powerless criminal in a time of criminal power*. A prophet takes Jesus seriously when he asks us, in the face of violence, to turn the other cheek. A prophet incarnates in his or her way of living, the eschatological truth that in heaven, there will be no guns.

Fourth, a prophet articulates God's voice for the poor and for the earth. Any preaching, teaching, or political action that is not good news for the poor, is not the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Jesus came to bring good news to the poor, to "widows, orphans, and strangers" (biblical code for the most vulnerable groups in society). As an insightful axiom has it: *Nobody goes to heaven without a letter of reference from the poor.*

Fifth, a prophet speaks out of a horizon of hope. A prophet draws his or her vision and energy not from wishful thinking nor from optimism but from hope. Christian hope is based on God's promise, a promise that was fulfilled in the resurrection of Jesus; it is based on the belief that we can entrust ourselves to love, truth, and justice, even if the world kills us for it, knowing that the stone will always roll back from the tomb.

Finally, a prophet doesn't just speak or write about injustice, a prophet acts, and acts with courage, even at the cost of death. A prophet is a wisdom figure, a Magus or a Sophia, who will also act, no matter the cost in lost friends, lost prestige, lost freedom, and danger to his or her own life. A prophet never seeks martyrdom but accepts it if it finds him or her.

This last counsel, I believe, is the most challenging one for "quiet" prophets. Magi and Sophias are not renowned for being on the picket lines. But there is the challenge. An authentic prophet can discern when to park the placard and bring out the basin and towel—and also when to lay aside the basin and towel and pick up the placard.

— Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI

On Monday, May 22nd at 7 PM, in Wallace Hall, Fr. Rolheiser will present *Quiet Prophecy – Another Kind of Protest for Social and Religious Transformation*.

Scripture tells us that, as he grew, John the Baptist "grew strong in spirit." What if you are the type of person who is "accommodating in spirit"? How can your quiet gifts challenge the world and the church to be more just, loving, and faith-filled? Is there another kind of "protest" that is powerfully prophetic? For more details, see page 3.

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY, MAY 14th

Community Coffee Hour.

Following the 11 AM Masses.

Outside the Parish House. Details below.

St. Luke's Call Team.

Following the 7:30 PM Mass. Gonzaga Meeting Room.

Details at right.

TUESDAY, MAY 16th

BOOK LAUNCH | *Just Church* by Dr. Phyllis Zagano.

7 PM. Wallace Hall.

Details on page 3.

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, MAY 17th

SCRIPTURE COURSE | *Women of the Hebrew Scriptures.*

7 PM. Zoom. Details on page 3.

ASCENSION THURSDAY

MAY 18TH

Vigil Mass at 5:30 PM on *Wednesday, May 17th*
in the Church.

Masses at 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:30 PM & 7:30 PM on
Thursday, May 18th in the Church.

LGBT Catholics & Friends Meeting.

7 PM. Parish Lounge.

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

Community Coffee Hour

Sunday, May 14th

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.

Lost & Found

If you have lost an item while visiting the church,
please stop by the Parish House to check if
your misplaced article has been turned in.

The Spring Appeal is Underway!

The Spring Appeal is an important source of funds for the
many ministries and ordinary operations of the parish.

Please support your parish and contribute
to the *2023 Spring Appeal*.



To give online, visit
ignatius.nyc/annual-appeal
or scan the QR code at left.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

St. Luke's Call Team

**Sunday, May 14th, following the 7:30 PM Mass
Gonzaga Meeting Room**

Are you a doctor, nurse, physical therapist, pharmacist,
or other healthcare worker looking for a community?
Then, we invite you to join our community of prayer,
discussion, and faith sharing.

**If you have questions or concerns, please reach out
to Fr. Hilbert at hilbertm@saintignatiusloyola.org
or call the Parish House.**

Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary
any time during 2023 are invited to attend the Golden
Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at St.
Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, June 4th at 2:30 PM.
Pre-registration is required.

**To register, contact Rebecca Brucas
at 212-288-3588 or brucasr@saintignatiusloyola.org
by Monday, May 15th.**

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 or leave your
name and phone number at the Parish House for
Fr. Hilbert, and someone will be scheduled to visit.**



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at left or visit ignatius.nyc.

Lectures at St. Ignatius

Quiet Prophecy – Another Kind of Protest for Social and Religious Transformation

Monday, May 22nd at 7 PM
Wallace Hall & Livestreamed

SPEAKER: FR. RONALD ROLHEISER, OMI

Scripture tells us that, as he grew, John the Baptist “grew strong in spirit.” What if you are the type of person who is “accommodating in spirit”? What if you are not the type of person who can openly protest things and openly challenge others? What are your prophetic gifts?

How can your quiet gifts challenge the world and the church to be more just, loving, and faith-filled? Is there another kind of “protest” that is powerfully prophetic?

About the Speaker

Fr. Rolheiser is President Emeritus of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas, and a Professor of Spirituality there. He is a community-builder, lecturer, and writer. His books

are popular throughout the English-speaking world and have now been translated into many languages.



Book Launch

Just Church

Tuesday, May 16th at 7 PM
Wallace Hall

SPEAKER: DR. PHYLLIS ZAGANO



Phyllis Zagano is an internationally acclaimed Catholic scholar and lecturer on contemporary spirituality and women's issues in the church. Pope Francis appointed her to the Papal Commission for the Study of Women in the Diaconate, which convened in Rome in 2016.

Her new book *Just Church* reviews Catholic social teaching and modern synods in relation to current and prospective ministry by women. With an eye to the intersection of synodality and women's concerns, Dr. Zagano argues for an increased presence of women in the apostolic, liturgical, and governance sectors of the Church, and in this vein the ordination of women to the diaconate.

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!

Livestream Viewing Recommendation

For a consistently more reliable viewing of livestreamed Masses, we encourage you to use our parish YouTube channel, rather than Facebook.



You can find us on YouTube at [youtube.com/c/ChurchofStIgnatiusLoyolaNYC](https://www.youtube.com/c/ChurchofStIgnatiusLoyolaNYC) or by scanning the QR code at left.

Low-Gluten Hosts

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

Scripture Course

Women of the Hebrew Scriptures

Wednesdays, through May 24th at 7 PM
Zoom

Women play pivotal roles in the story of salvation, cooperating with God's plans at key moments to further God's work of redemption.

Our class meetings will explore the extraordinary stories of Rebecca, Ruth, Esther, and others. Brian B. Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will present.

To RSVP, email brianbpinter@protonmail.com.

Ignatian Volunteer Corps



Join the Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) and become a contemplative in action in the spirit of St. Ignatius Loyola and the Jesuits!

IVC volunteers are adults over 50 years of age who offer their life skills and experience one to two days a week to directly serve those in need.

Interested? Contact Maureen Fullam, Regional Director, at 917-859-0928 or email mfullam@ivcusa.org, and visit us at ivcusa.org.

To stay up-to-date on parish news, follow us on Instagram and Facebook at *stignatiusnyc*.

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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 May 21st

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM Fr. Bergen
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Tunney
9:30 AM Fr. Martin
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Hilbert
Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Hallinan
7:30 PM Fr. Hilbert

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, May 15th

(Sixth Monday of Easter)

Acts 16:11–15 Psalm 149

John 15:26–16:4a

8:30 MEM Jack O'Leary

12:10 MEM Toni Brown

5:30 MEM Eileen Rown Walsh

Tuesday, May 16th

(Sixth Tuesday of Easter)

Acts 16:22–34 Psalm 138

John 16:5–11

8:30 MEM Douglas Handal

12:10 MEM Kevin Francis
Quinlan

5:30 MEM Ella Tumambing

Wednesday, May 17th

(Sixth Wednesday of Easter)

Acts 17:15, 22–18:1 Psalm 148

John 16:12–15

8:30 ANN Nora Blackstock

12:10 MEM Joan Ryan

Thursday, May 18th

(The Ascension of the Lord)

Acts 1:1–11 Psalm 47

Ephesians 1:17–23

Matthew 28:16–20

Friday, May 19th

(Sixth Friday of Easter)

Acts 18:9–18 Psalm 47

John 16:20–23

8:30 MEM Edward Dugan

12:10 MEM Carla Fendi

5:30 MEM Ritsa Adamopoulos

Saturday, May 20th

(Sixth Saturday of Easter)

Acts 18:23–28 Psalm 47

John 16:23b–28

8:30 MEM Arthur Levin

Sunday, May 21st

(Seventh Sunday of Easter)

Acts 1:12–14 Psalm 27

1 Peter 4:13–16 John 17:1–11a