



May 21, 2023 | Seventh Sunday of Easter

## Do Not Cling to Me

I am the father of two beautiful sons, Michael and Matthew, ages 13 and 15. I can't express in words how much my wife Jessica and I cherish our time with them. We've made wonderful memories together—the fishing trips, the summer days at the beach, the baseball games, the heartfelt conversations, and the sheer joy of watching them discover their passions and joys. Yet I know the day is coming, and soon, when I will need to let them go.

Our sons must leave home to become men in their own right. Their parting will be, in a way, a death; a moment of grief and sadness, for the “little boys” will be gone. Our relationship will change, and they will become our peers more than our children. This passage will be painful, and I can only imagine the emotion that will be triggered when I look into their boyhood rooms to see their little beds empty, their toys permanently set aside, their desks vacant. I find hope and consolation, however, in what Jesus told his disciples before he left them—“It is for your good that I go away” (John 16:7), in what he told Mary Magdalene on that first Easter morning, “Do not cling to me...I am ascending” (John 20:17).



*Christ's Appearance to Mary Magdalene after the Resurrection. Alexander Ivanov. 1835.*

Ronald Rolheiser, OMI, among the most insightful spiritual writers of our time, says that the spirituality and theology of the ascension can be summarized like this: “Refuse to cling to what once was, let it go and let it bless you, so that you can recognize the new life you already have with and within you and receive its spirit.” He observes that the ascension is a symbol of a paradox of the human condition “we all reach a point in life where we can only give our presence more deeply by going away so that others can receive the full blessing of our spirits.”

Our sons will undergo their own ascension when they take the nurturing that we gave them and ascend to a richer, more mature, more abundant way of being. Their new life will come back as a blessing to us and to the world. Our little boys will leave us in the form that we have known them, but this will be necessary so that

they can give us the much deeper blessing of their adulthood. Yes, it is good that they go away, for then they will become the men God created them to be!

The Ascension marks Jesus' final departure, but it is also a threshold through which he becomes present to the church in a way that was not possible before. His parting brings the Spirit, the one who stands beside us as a helper, counselor, and comforter; the one who inspires the apostles to bring the Gospel “to the ends of the earth.” Moreover, by his ascension, Jesus becomes our advocate before the Holy One in the highest heaven; a brother who stands before God on our behalf. So much grace was born of his parting!

The ascension story ends, according to the Acts of the Apostles, with the disciples gazing into the heavens as Jesus is “taken up before their very eyes.” They are admonished, however, by the two men dressed in white, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking into the sky?” The women and men who knew Jesus in the flesh wanted, I'm sure, to cling to what was, to what they knew, to that which was familiar, as we all do. But the Spirit compelled them to embrace the new reality, to trust in God's grace, to continue Jesus' ministry, and move forward into an age of fruitfulness. As we journey through the many ascensions of our lives, let us take hope and comfort that sad partings are also doorways to unimaginable light and life.

— Brian Pinter  
Pastoral Associate

## This Week at a Glance

**SUNDAY, MAY 21st**  
**Community Coffee Hour.**  
Following the 11 AM Masses.  
Outside the Parish House. *Details below.*

**MONDAY, MAY 22nd**  
**LECTURE | Quiet Prophecy –**  
**Another Kind of Protest for Social and**  
**Religious Transformation.**  
**SPEAKER: Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI.**  
**7 PM. Wallace Hall & Livestreamed.**  
*Details on page 3.*

**TUESDAY, MAY 23rd**  
**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.*

**BOOMERS & BEYOND | A Good Death - Our Final Gift.**  
**7 PM. Zoom.**  
*Details on page 3.*

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 24th**  
**SCRIPTURE COURSE | Women of the Hebrew Scriptures.**  
**7 PM. Zoom.**  
*Details on page 3.*

## Community Coffee Hour

Sunday, May 21st  
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.

## Low-Gluten Hosts

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

## 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](https://ignatius.nyc/annual-appeal)  
or scan the QR code at left.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

## Inaugural Parish Art Show

We recently held our Inaugural Parish Art Show,  
and it was a smashing success! The show featured 70  
amazing pieces of art created by 28 incredibly talented  
parishioners, generating more than \$4,000 in sales.

All proceeds will be used to support the  
needs of our parish.

We're already counting down the days until next year's  
show and can't wait to see you there.

## 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](mailto:hilbertm@saintignatiusloyola.org) or leave your  
name and phone number at the Parish House for  
Fr. Hilbert, and someone will be scheduled to visit.

## Lady Chapel Open for Private Prayer

The Lady Chapel is open daily for private prayer  
before the Blessed Sacrament, from 1 PM to 4 PM.

During those hours, the Church will be closed.

## Join Our Email Mailing List!

We invite you to sign-up for our e-newsletter to receive  
regular updates on parish news and events.



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

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook at [stignatiusnyc](https://ignatiusnyc).

## 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.

## Boomers & Beyond

### A Good Death - Our Final Gift

Tuesday, May 23rd at 7 PM  
On Zoom

Just as we are called to pour out our lives in service to others, so too can the way we face our death be a gift. Our conversation will explore spiritual practices and practical steps we can take now so that our final parting brings a spirit of blessing, gratitude, and peace to our loved ones. Brian B. Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will facilitate the conversation.

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

## 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](mailto:hallinanm@saintignatiusloyola.org) or call the Parish House.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve!

## Ignatian Interfaith Ministry

### Bread-Making and Faith-Sharing

Sunday, June 4th  
2 PM to 4 PM  
Wallace Hall

Join the Ignatian Interfaith Ministry as we share in an interfaith community building, bread-baking activity during which we will share our sacred stories of where we have found meaning in our lives that refresh our souls.

Rabbi Joel Mosbacher of Temple Shaaray Tefila will be leading us in a 90-minute program. During this time, we will make dough from scratch, braid the dough, and then take it home with instructions about how to bake it either immediately or at a later time. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and learning a new skill.

*Registration is required. Space is limited.*

To register, visit [ignatius.nyc/breadandfaith](http://ignatius.nyc/breadandfaith).

The registration deadline is Wednesday, May 31st.

## Scripture Course

### Women of the Hebrew Scriptures

Wednesdays, through May 24th  
7 PM  
On 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](mailto:brianbpinter@protonmail.com).

## Interested in Becoming Catholic?



Do you have a friend, family member, or a loved one who is considering becoming Catholic? Encourage them to reach out to us to inquire about our parish program designed to initiate adults into the Catholic faith.

A group will meet here during the year to inquire into the Catholic faith, to come to know Jesus through the Gospels, and to pray & to prepare for the Easter Sacraments.

For more information, contact Maureen Fullam at 212-288-3588 or email [church@stignatiusloyola.org](mailto:church@stignatiusloyola.org).

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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 Christina Kay

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 May 28th

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM Fr. Yesalonia  
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Hilbert  
9:30 AM Fr. Bergen  
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Hallinan  
Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Casciotti  
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, May 22nd

(Seventh Monday of Easter)

Acts 19:1-8 Psalm 68

John 16:29-33

**8:30 MEM** Alice & Winthrop  
Rutherford

**12:10 MEM** Nancy Goodenough

**5:30 MEM** Nathan Davidson

### Tuesday, May 23rd

(Seventh Tuesday of Easter)

Acts 20:17-27 Psalm 68

John 17:1-11a

**8:30 MEM** Angelo Rubino

**12:10 MEM** Ivan Potts

**5:30 MEM** Mortimer Newton

### Wednesday, May 24th

(Seventh Wednesday of Easter)

Acts 20:28-38 Psalm 68

John 17:11b-19

**8:30 MEM** Charles Denihan

**12:10 LVG** JoAnn Ruggiero

**5:30 MEM** Charles Denihan

### Thursday, May 25th

(Seventh Thursday of Easter)

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Psalm 16

John 17:20-26

**8:30 MEM** Frank Ceglia

**12:10 MEM** Sose & Mark Prekelezaj

**5:30 MEM** Living & Deceased

Members of the Wallace Family

### Friday, May 26th

(St. Philip Neri)

Acts 25:13b-21 Psalm 103

John 21:15-19

**8:30 MEM** Jack Dempsey

**12:10 MEM** Luz del Carmen Reyes

**5:30 MEM** Bernard Kelly

### Saturday, May 27th

(Seventh Saturday of Easter)

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Psalm 11

John 21:20-25

**8:30 MEM** Toshiko Urban

### Sunday, May 28th

(Pentecost)

Acts 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Psalm 104 John 20:19-23