



October 15, 2023 | Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Revelations from My Camino to Santiago

June 2023, I was walking along the northwest coast of Spain toward Santiago di Compostela, the endpoint of most caminos, transversing fascinating towns, charming villages, and beautiful beaches. The term ‘Camino’, meaning to walk or hike, is a pilgrimage to reach Santiago de Compostella, the capital city of the province of Galicia, at the Cathedral where the remains of St. James the Apostle lie. Since my first Camino, three years earlier, along a different route in Spain, I dreamed of completing this second pilgrimage, postponed because of COVID-19. I wanted an opportunity to pray, reflect, and reevaluate how I could best channel my skills and energy. I wanted to have some uninterrupted time with God, hopefully hearing Him talk to me about what He had in mind for me.



So there I was, fresh from a total hip replacement fourteen weeks before, with the surgeon’s “OK to proceed cautiously.” I walked for 17 days and covered 250 miles! Often alone but with the periodic company of many fellow pilgrims walking with the same aspirations and sharing experiences, hopes, and dreams. We exchanged pleasantries while walking and over meals. We often talked about essential lessons that are learned from walking a Camino. I recall, with exhilaration, a fellow pilgrim saying, “Everyone should do the Camino to experience how little is needed to make it through a day.” This is the sort of revelation experienced by many pilgrims during the journey. I now implement it in my own life. Although not hiking through Spain, I often reflect on what I need for “today” and pray that I will continue to avoid the distractions and encumberments that come from focusing on unnecessary “stuff” but instead will remain on a Camino-like path.

As an aside, my hip replacement was a discussion point for the other pilgrims until we met a man who had lost a leg in an industrial accident. He was walking his Camino while wearing a prosthetic leg. His answer to why? was “determination”. He said, “The Camino will test your determination, and if we can remain focused on reaching Santiago, we will be able to do likewise in our everyday lives.” I often recall his words and determination. I am stirred to imitate him when my own resolve is tested.

A Camino is not “a walk in the park.” It can be windy, cold, icy, muddy, uncomfortably wet, and oppressively hot. But all pilgrims who commit to the journey anticipate and prepare to travel under these conditions. They ignore the inconveniences and walk with the faith that they will encounter Him. Each day on the road, pilgrims can look forward to feeling at one with nature and the unexpected manifestations where Jesus reveals Himself.

Upon finishing a Camino, it is customary for pilgrims to attend a “Pilgrim’s Mass” at the wonderfully restored Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. I went to mass on the day of the feast of St. John, the Evangelist, a very festive event throughout Northwestern Spain. It seemed as if the homilist knew of our experiences as he spoke of the eased burdens, finding consolation for disappointments, finding the strength to carry on when pain and discomfort became hard to deal with, and the joy of finally reaching the destination. He attributed all these things to the constant presence of Our Lord throughout the walk and in everyday life. Reminiscent of St. Mark’s Gospel 6:9, the homilist concluded by asking all pilgrims to go forth and share their experiences. Like the story of “The Road to Emmaus: Luke 24:13-35,” He will walk with you.

I invite you to research the four major routes of the Camino. Find one that captivates your interest, then embark on this life-changing pilgrimage. Do not be concerned with packing perfectly or how fast you can walk. With faith and determination, you can reach Santiago. Buen Camino!

— Jacques Torchon
Parishioner & Chair, Hospitality Ministry

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15th

Community Coffee Hour.
Following the 11 AM Masses.
Outside the Parish House.

Concert | The Choir of Notre Dame Cathedral,
Paris, France.
4 PM. Church.

To purchase tickets, visit ignatius.nyc/concerts.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17th

The Sage and the Skeptic – Proverbs and Ecclesiastes.
7 PM. Parish House & Zoom. Details at right.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21st

Saturday Midday Retreat: St. Catherine of Genoa.
Noon.

To register to attend, reserve your free copy of St. Catherine of Genoa's book *Fire of Love*, and receive the off-site Upper East Side address, please email "Oct. 21st Retreat" to tuesdaynightbookgroup@gmail.com.

Blessing of the Sneakers

Saturday, November 4th
5:30 PM in the Church

Before running the New York City Marathon on Sunday, November 5th, join us the day before at our 5:30 PM Mass for a special blessing for runners and all who are participating in the Marathon.

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.



Sign-up for Our Weekly E-Newsletter!

To receive regular updates on parish news and events, scan the QR code or visit ignatius.nyc.

The Amazing Race

New Date! Sunday, November 12th, Noon to 2:30 PM
Starting Point: McKinnon Hall
(48 East 84th Street)

Hosted by LGBT Catholics & Friends, Interparish Religious Education Program, Ignatian Social Justice & the Family Ministry

The Amazing Race returns to St. Ignatius! Part race, part scavenger hunt, this year, the event starts and ends in McKinnon Hall, with the route covering the Upper East Side. It's open to all parishioners and friends, adults and children. Sign up with your team, or be assigned to a team the day of the race and meet some fellow parishioners.

Fee: \$10/adult, \$5/child



To register individually or as a team,
scan the QR code at left or
visit ignatius.nyc/amazingrace.

End-of-Life Spirituality - Reflections on Healthcare Choices

Wednesday, November 15th at 7 PM
Wallace Hall & Livestreamed

End-of-life healthcare decisions can be complicated and anxiety-provoking. Our presentation and discussion will explore Catholic teaching on topics including the distinction between extraordinary and ordinary means, medical futility, "Do Not Resuscitate" orders, pain management, palliative and hospice care, and the role of spirituality in end-of-life care.

Brian B. Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will present.

To RSVP, email brianbpinter@protonmail.com.

The Sage and the Skeptic – Proverbs and Ecclesiastes

Tuesdays, through October 24th
7 PM

Parish House & Zoom

How does one live well while finding peace, meaning, and contentment? Ancient Israel's wisdom handbook, Proverbs, sought to answer these questions, while the book of Ecclesiastes articulated skepticism about Proverbs' traditional theology. Course presentations and discussions will explore the history, interpretation, and wisdom in these divergent, fascinating texts.

Brian B. Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will present.

To register, email brianbpinter@protonmail.com.

Ignatian Social Justice

Winter Clothing Drive for Migrant Families

Drop off through October 15th at the Parish House

Needs: New or gently used laundered winter clothing—infant to adult sizes.

Any monetary donations will be used to buy necessities, including boots, socks, and undergarments.

Note: Checks made out to St. Ignatius Loyola should have *Migrant Accompaniment* on the memo line.

Thank you for your generosity.

Snow Ball Dance

Saturday, December 2nd at 7 PM
Wallace Hall

Join us for what promises to be a very merry evening. Come eat, drink, and dance to live music by The Morris Brothers Band with your friends and fellow adult (21+) parishioners.

Tickets are \$75 per person/\$65 for seniors (age 60+). Premium Tables for 8 guests are available for \$1,000.



To purchase, visit ignatius.nyc/snow-ball-dance or scan the QR code at left.

The Mary Project

Beginning Sunday, October 29th at 2 PM
Wallace Hall

Presented by the Ignatian Interfaith Ministry and the Peace Islands Institute

Join the Ignatian Interfaith Ministry as they partner with our Muslim friends from the Peace Islands Institute to embark on an in-depth exploration of Mary in both faith traditions.

Subsequent sessions include:

- Wednesday, November 29th, 7 PM to 8:30 PM (Zoom)
- Wednesday, January 10th, 7 PM to 8:30 PM (Zoom)
- Thursday, February 8th, 7 PM to 8:30 PM (Zoom)
- Sunday, May 19th, 2 PM to 4 PM (Wallace Hall)



Registration is required. To register, scan the QR code at left or visit ignatius.nyc/the-mary-project.

The Bollandists: Historians of the Impossible

Friday, October 27th at 7 PM
Wallace Hall

Speaker: Professor Carlos Eire

Founded in 1607, The Bollandists are a discreet group of scholars who have applied their intellectual rigor to the study of the saints in a systematic, in-depth, scrupulous, disinterested research and are considered the pioneers of documenting the impossible in the lives of saints.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER

Professor Carlos Eire is the T. Lawrason Riggs Professor of History and Religious Studies at Yale University. He is the author of *A Very Brief History of Eternity*, *Reformations: The Early Modern World*, *The Life of Saint Teresa of Avila: A Biography*, and *They Flew: A History of the Impossible*.

Back to Basics 2.0:

What It Means to Be Catholic

Beginning on Thursday, November 9th, the priests of the parish will offer an opportunity to learn more about what it means to be Catholic.

The five topic areas that will be covered are:

THE MASS, *explained from the altar*

Thursday, November 9th at 7 PM | Church

Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.

DEVOTIONAL PRACTICES, *praying the rosary, novenas, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, veneration of the saints, etc.*

Thursday, December 7th at 7 PM | Wallace Hall

Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.

THE CHURCH'S GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND THE ROLE OF THE LAITY

Thursday, February 22nd at 7 PM | Wallace Hall

Fr. Michael Hilbert, S.J.

RELIGIOUS ORDERS OF THE CHURCH
Monday, March 18th at 7 PM | Wallace Hall

Fr. James Casciotti, S.J.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL ENCYCLICALS
Monday, April 15th at 7 PM | Wallace Hall

Fr. Dennis Yesalonia, S.J.

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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 October 22nd

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM Fr. Yesalonia

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Hallinan

9:30 AM Fr. Bergen

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Hallinan

Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia

7:30 PM Fr. Hallinan

Religious Education for Children

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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
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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, October 16th

(28th Monday in Ordinary Time)

Romans 1:1-7 Psalm 98

Luke 11:29-32

8:30 MEM Jack O'Leary

12:10 MEM Nona Arlene Bates

5:30 MEM Mary O'Shea

Tuesday, October 17th

(St. Ignatius of Antioch)

Romans 1:16-25 Psalm 19

Luke 11:37-41

8:30 MEM Richard Gunthel

12:10 LVG Olga C. Fried

5:30 MEM Robert Troilo

Wednesday, October 18th

(St. Luke)

2 Timothy 4:10-17b Psalm 145

Luke 10:1-9

8:30 MEM Robert L. Cahill, Jr.

12:10 MEM Sose & Mark

Prekelzaj

5:30 MEM Kathleen Stallings

Thursday, October 19th

(Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues
& comps.)

2 Corinthians 4:7-15 Psalm 126

Matthew 28:16-20

8:30 MEM Carla Fendi

12:10 MEM James Johnson

5:30 MEM Lindsay Marie

Whalen

Friday, October 20th

(28th Friday in Ordinary Time)

Romans 4:1-8 Psalm 32

Luke 12:1-7

8:30 MEM Leslie & Walter

Kiernan

12:10 ANN Don Melanson

5:30 MEM Nathan Davidson

Saturday, October 21st

(28th Saturday in Ordinary Time)

Romans 4:13, 16-18 Psalm 105

Luke 12:8-12

8:30 MEM Peter Joseph Burke,

Sr. & Annmarie Murphy

Sunday, October 22nd

(29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 Psalm 96

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Matthew 22:15-21