



November 19, 2023 | Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

War is a Defeat for Humanity

In his message for the World Day of Peace on January 1, 2000, Pope John Paul II wrote: “Wars generally do not resolve the problems for which they are fought and therefore, in addition to causing horrendous damage, they prove ultimately futile. War is a defeat for humanity.” As we witness the conflict between Israel and Hamas, the ongoing war between Ukraine and Russia, as well as the conflicts that have not garnered the West’s attention, it is difficult to deny the truth that war is, indeed, a defeat for humanity.

At the outset of Christianity, the use of violence was considered irreconcilable with the gospel of Jesus Christ. One of the earliest Christian theologians, Origen, wrote: “We [Christians] no longer take up sword against nation, nor do we learn war any more, having become children of peace for the sake of Jesus, who is our leader.” In time, of course, the Church came to articulate a theory in which the use of violence could be considered just under carefully delineated circumstances. This was the “just war theory.” The just war theory had two components. The



first sought to define the conditions under which military force was justified. The second sought to define how such force may be used in an ethical manner. A war could only be considered ‘just’ if the requisite conditions necessary for military force were present and that military force was used consistent with the ethical criteria of a just war. In the just war tradition, military force could only be deployed as a means of last resort, and that force could only be deployed in a way proportionate to the wrong that was done. Every effort had to be made to avoid the killing of non-combatants.

After witnessing firsthand the progressively greater destruction wrought by wars throughout the twentieth century, the Catholic Church returned to its roots and began to reject the use of military force as a just means to resolve issues between or within nations. In

his encyclical, *Pacem in terris* [Peace on earth], Pope John XXIII wrote: “It is contrary to reason to hold that war is now a suitable way to restore rights which have been violated.” More recently, John Paul II wrote: “Today, the scale and horror of modern warfare...makes it totally unacceptable as a means of settling differences between nations. War should belong to the tragic past...” Benedict XVI focused on war and violence as an assault on human dignity: “To put one’s trust in violent means in the hope of restoring more justice is to become the victim of a fatal illusion. Violence begets violence and degrades man.” Pope Francis continues in this tradition by calling for a renunciation of violence and responding to evil with the weapons of truth and love.

The Church’s repudiation of violence as a means to redress wrongs that individuals and nations have suffered was first tested with the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. It has been further tested by the barbaric assault by Hamas on Israel. In the case of the war between Ukraine and Russia, our Church holds out the hope that a just and peaceful resolution can be achieved that will end the senseless suffering this war has inflicted on so many. In the case of the conflict between Hamas and Israel, our Church is deeply concerned with the disproportionate suffering of the civilian population in Gaza in Israel’s response to what was an unspeakably horrific assault on Israel’s own civilian population. Particularly painful is the large number of children killed in Gaza—4000 as of early November, with 1250 missing. It is clear in both cases that war is, indeed, a defeat for humanity—a wound that, even if it heals, leaves a lasting, ugly scar.

— Rev. Mark C. Hallinan, S.J.
Associate Pastor

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19th

St. Luke's Call Team.
8:30 PM. Parish House.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20th

Fr. James Martin, S.J., on *Come Forth and His Experience at the Synod on Synodality*.
7 PM. Wallace Hall. *Details on page 3.*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21st

Roundtable Discussion on Loneliness.
7 PM. Parish Lounge.
Details on page 3.

Tuesday Night Book Group:
The Surprising Rebirth of Belief in God.
7 PM. Zoom.

To receive the Zoom link, RSVP with the subject line "Rebirth of Belief" to tuesdaynightbookgroup@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd

Thanksgiving Day Mass.
9 AM. Church.

*This will be the only Mass celebrated on Thanksgiving Day.
The Parish House will be closed.*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24th

One Mass will be celebrated in the Church at 8:30 AM.
The Parish House will be closed.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Christmas Angels Gift Project Through Sunday, December 10th

Benefiting Our Lady of Lourdes Church, the Church of the Immaculate Conception, and the migrants accompanied by the Ignatian Social Justice Ministry

Angel Cards listing recipients' Christmas wishes will be on the trees in the Narthex and Wallace Hall.

There will be volunteers to help parishioners with their Angel registration at all Masses. It's very important to register your Angel card(s) with one of the volunteers so we can keep track of the hundreds of gifts.

Please bring your wrapped Angel gift(s) to the Parish House by *Sunday, December 10th*.

We ask each person or family to limit their number of Angel Cards to four.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I am delighted to inform you that the *Vision Statement Implementation Plan* will be distributed at all Masses on the weekend of 18-19 November. With its publication, we now begin the task of bringing to life the vision that we have for our parish.

The path before us will not always be easy, but by embracing the implementation plan as a shared responsibility, together we will succeed in creating the paradigm of what it means to be a parish church in the 21st century. We will taste and see the joy of discipleship.

Our goal is praiseworthy. It is easily within our reach if we work together. Please join us in this endeavor to bring greater glory to God through the ways in which we live and celebrate what it means to be parishioners of the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola.

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit guide us in all our actions as we begin the process of implementing our Vision Statement.

God bless you!

Fr. Gesalonia

Back to Basics 2.0: What It Means to Be Catholic

Through April 2024, the priests of the parish will offer an opportunity to learn more about what it means to be Catholic.

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

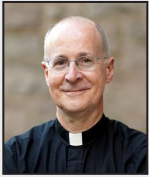
Thursday, February 22nd at 7 PM | Wallace Hall
Fr. Michael Hilbert, S.J.

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.

Fr. James Martin, S.J., on *Come Forth* and His Experience at the Synod on Synodality

Monday, November 20th
7 PM
Wallace Hall



Join us as Fr. James Martin, S.J., discusses his new book *Come Forth: The Promise of Jesus's Greatest Miracle*, which explores our everyday metaphorical deaths and resurrections through the biblical story of Jesus and Lazarus, as well as

his experience as a delegate at the recent Synod on Synodality session in Rome.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service

Sunday, November 19th at 4 PM

Temple Shaaray Tefila

250 East 79th Street (corner of Second Avenue)

At 4 PM, join us for an Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service hosted by Temple Shaaray Tefila.

Preceding the Prayer Service, at 1 PM, there will be an opportunity at the synagogue to help pack welcome food bags for our neighbors in need.

Roundtable Discussion on Loneliness Tuesday, November 21st at 7 PM in the Parish Lounge

Sponsored by the Parish Council

Join us for a roundtable discussion on the issue of loneliness and how it affects our lives and those of our loved ones, regardless of age.

Antonio del Rosario and Kenn Kern will lead this discussion, providing a space for parishioners and friends to come together to share their thoughts and learn from one another.

To RSVP, email Adelrosario@bhsusa.com.

Snow Ball Dance Saturday, December 2nd at 7 PM Wallace Hall

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 10 guests (featuring a VIP package) are available for \$1,000.



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

Meeting Christ in Prayer

Holy Listening

Wednesday, November 29th to December 20th
7 PM on Zoom

If you treasured the faith sharing experiences of Meeting Christ in Prayer and long for new opportunities for spiritual conversation, we invite you to continue the journey and join us for four sessions of Holy Listening

We will share reflections on Advent readings and on each others' reflections.

To register, email MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org.

All Hearts Together: A Mass of Remembrance Thursday, November 30th at 7 PM in the Church

The LGBT Catholics & Friends ministry invites all parishioners to a Mass in observance of World AIDS Day.

Reception to follow in Wallace Hall.

All are welcome.

The Mary Project Wednesday, November 29th at 7 PM on Zoom

*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

- 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.

Sign-up for Our Weekly E-Newsletter!

We invite you to join our email mailing list to receive updates on parish news and events.



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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 November 26th

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM Fr. Casciotti

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Hilbert

9:30 AM Fr. Casciotti

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia

Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Hallinan

7:30 PM Fr. Yesalonia

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Saint Ignatius Loyola School

Upper Campus

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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, November 20th

(33rd Monday in Ordinary Time)

1 Maccabees 1:10–15, 41–43, 54–57,
62–63 Psalm 119 Luke 18:35–43

8:30 MEM Robert Blackstock, Jr.

12:10 MEM Nicolas James Nuño
Kelley

5:30 MEM Dr. & Mrs. Edward
Brennan

Tuesday, November 21st

(The Presentation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary)

2 Maccabees 6:18–31 Psalm 3

Luke 19:1–10

8:30 MEM P.J. Feerick

12:10 MEM Matthew DiOrio

5:30 MEM Nathan Davidson

Wednesday, November 22nd

(St. Cecilia)

2 Maccabees 7:1, 20–31 Psalm 17
Luke 19:11–28

8:30 MEM Michele Lindsay

12:10 MEM Sose & Mark
Prekelezaj

5:30 MEM Tantillo Family &
Fudge Family

Thursday, November 23rd

(33rd Thursday in Ordinary Time)

1 Maccabees 2:15–29 Psalm 50
Luke 19:41–44

9:00 MEM Antonio Magliocci

Friday, November 24th

(St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc & comps.)

1 Maccabees 4:36–37, 52–59

1 Chronicles 29 Luke 19:45–48

8:30 MEM Craig Jacko

Saturday, November 25th

(33rd Saturday in Ordinary Time)

1 Maccabees 6:1–13 Psalm 9

Luke 20:27–40

8:30 MEM Elizabeth A. Crowley

Sunday, November 26th

(Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the
Universe)

Ezekiel 34:11–12, 15–17 Psalm 23

1 Corinthians 15:20–26, 28

Matthew 25:31–46