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November 26, 2023 | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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## Order, Carry, Feed, Bless

Today's feast has quite a handle—"Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe." What a dramatic title! Pius XI instituted this solemnity in 1925, as a response to the rise of secular, nationalist governments that threatened the rights and privileges of the church. But what does this image of Christ king-of-the-universe mean to us who live in an (arguably) advanced democracy in the 21st century? We might imagine Jesus as the archetype of the "Good King", or a good leader, whose role-modeling we can bring to our stewardship of family, community, and church. To lead in the imitation of Christ is to fulfill four essential tasks—order, carry, feed, bless.

Good leaders are a source of order, not disorder. They create a sense of safety, stability, and reliability. Jesus extended a safe, loving embrace to people whose lives were riddled with disorder and fear—for example, the woman caught in adultery, or poor blind Bartimaeus. Jesus' very presence instilled a spirit of love, acceptance, and hope. We have the power to order forces as well within our own small circles. We can do this by being steady, discerning, compassionate, even-tempered, sober, gentle, and consistent.



The Christ-like leader does not expect others to carry him but seeks instead to carry. Jesus certainly had fears and anxieties of his own, but he did not make those the center of everyone's attention. When he was overwhelmed by the demands and expectations people placed on him, he would retreat in solitude to pray. These periods of spiritual renewal with his Heavenly Father enabled him to be totally present to his family of disciples. Promising rest, Jesus invited others to bring the burdens they carry to him, the one whose "yoke is easy and burden light" (Matthew 11:30). We live this principle when we tend our spiritual, psychological, and emotional health so that we can be more authentically available to others. More importantly, we do our forgiveness work so that we're not transmitting unresolved pain and resentment for others to carry.

Jesus did not feed off the adulation and attention of others. He wanted all to shine, to do their indispensable part in preparing for the coming kingdom of God: "Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father" (Matthew 5:16). We do as Jesus did when we support others in using their gifts and talents to serve God's dream for the world. The good leader nurtures and nourishes the student, then rejoices when surpassed by the pupil, and is content to recede so the other may shine.

Finally, the good leader is a source of blessing; she blesses more than she curses. Jesus was blessed by his Father as the "beloved son in whom I am well pleased," and he bestowed blessing in turn on each of us. We have the power to bless others when we affirm their gifts, welcome them, let them know that they are seen and heard when we speak well of them. I recall the blessing of an older Jesuit colleague at my first teaching job when I was only a few months out of college. As the school year began he took me aside to tell of his gratitude for my presence in the community, how he could see that the students were quickly warming up to me, and that I had the "gift". For a frightened, inexperienced young man, to hear these words of affirmation from a respected senior was the definition of a blessing!

As we pray today with and to Christ the King, may he give us the grace to order, carry, feed, and bless, as he does. His kingdom draws nearer, his people experience healing, and his vision of peace unfolds when each of us seeks to exemplify the traits of Jesus, the "Good King".

— Brian Pinter  
Pastoral Associate

## This Week at a Glance

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28th

**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](mailto:tuesdaynightbookgroup@gmail.com).

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29th

**The Mary Project.**  
7 PM. Zoom.  
Details on page 3.

**Meeting Christ in Prayer: Holy Listening.**  
7 PM. Zoom.  
Details at right.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30th

**All Hearts Together: A Mass of Remembrance.**  
7 PM. Church.  
Details on page 3.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1st

**A Chanticleer Christmas.**  
8 PM. Church.  
Details on page 3.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2nd

**Snow Ball Dance.**  
7 PM. Wallace Hall.  
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## 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.

To stay up-to-date on parish news, follow us on  
Instagram and Facebook at [stignatiusnyc](https://www.instagram.com/stignatiusnyc).

## Annual Appeal

As you consider your end-of-year giving, please  
remember to include your contribution to the  
Annual Appeal on your to-do list.



If you have not yet made a donation, you  
can do so by visiting [ignatius.nyc/annual-  
appeal](https://www.ignatius.nyc/annual-appeal) or scanning the QR code at left.

Thank you for your support!

## 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](mailto:MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org).

## Book of Remembrance

During the month of November, we remember  
our loved ones who have died.

The Book of Remembrance is located on the altar of  
the Jesuit Boy Saints (at the back of the church,  
on the East 84th Street side).

Individuals are invited to write the names of  
deceased loved ones in this book.

## 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.



To receive our weekly email newsletter,  
scan the QR code or visit [ignatius.nyc](https://www.ignatius.nyc).

**Snow Ball Dance**  
Saturday, December 2nd  
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](http://ignatius.nyc/snow-ball-dance) or scan the QR code at left.

**The Mary Project**  
Wednesday, November 29th  
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](http://ignatius.nyc/the-mary-project).

**Hospitality Ministry**

**Volunteers Needed**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH**  
*Christmas Eve*

- 4 PM Family Mass
- 6 PM
- 8 PM Mass of Christmas
- Midnight Mass

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH**  
*Christmas Day*

- 9:30 AM
- 11 AM

If you can assist, please email [liturgicalministers@saintignatiusloyola.org](mailto:liturgicalministers@saintignatiusloyola.org) with your availability.

**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.*

**Concerts at St. Ignatius**

**A Chanticleer Christmas**  
Friday, December 1st at 8 PM  
& Sunday, December 3rd at 4 PM  
Church

A Chanticleer Christmas celebrates its 10th anniversary at St. Ignatius Loyola!

The multiple Grammy Award-winning all-male vocal ensemble comprised of 12 singers hailing from across the U.S. offers joy and transcendence through beautifully sung music of all centuries, from classical to carols. The joy of Chanticleer's Christmas season comes from sharing this precious moment in the year with you.

To purchase tickets, visit [ignatius.nyc/concerts](http://ignatius.nyc/concerts).

**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.*

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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 December 3rd

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

## Religious Education for Children

Ms. Kate Noonan, Director

(212) 288-3588 x609

noonank@saintignatiusloyola.org

## 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, November 27th

(34th Monday in Ordinary Time)

Daniel 1:1–6, 8–20 Daniel 3

Luke 21:1–4

**8:30 MEM** Brian Mackle

**12:10 MEM** Michael Muggeo

**5:30 MEM** Francis Mazurkiewicz

### Tuesday, November 28th

(34th Tuesday in Ordinary Time)

Daniel 2:31–45 Daniel 3

Luke 21:5–11

**8:30 MEM** John Figge

**12:10 MEM** Mary Rinklin

**5:30 MEM** Nicolas Nuño-Kelley

### Wednesday, November 29th

(34th Wednesday in Ordinary Time)

Daniel 5:1–6, 13–14, 16–17, 23–28

Daniel 3 Luke 21:12–19

**8:30 MEM** Toni Brown

**12:10 LVG** Sr. Mary Petrosky

**5:30 MEM** Charlie Glowacki

### Thursday, November 30th

(St. Andrew)

Romans 10:9–18 Psalm 19

Matthew 4:18–22

**8:30 MEM** Angela Lenihan

**12:10 MEM** Nicholas Buhay

**5:30 MEM** William Powers

### Friday, December 1st

(Ss. Edmund Campion, Robert  
Southwell & comps)

Daniel 7:2–14 Daniel 3

Luke 21:29–33

**8:30 MEM** Ciro Saracino

**12:10 MEM** Denise T. Askin

**5:30 MEM** Daniel Manichello

### Saturday, December 2nd

(34th Saturday in Ordinary Time)

Daniel 7:15–27 Daniel 3

Luke 21:34–36

**8:30 ANN** Daniel F. Kelly

### Sunday, December 3rd

(First Sunday of Advent)

Isaiah 63:16b–17, 19b, 64:2–7

Psalm 80 1 Corinthians 1:3–9

Mark 13:33–37