



February 11, 2024 | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Unanswered Questions

Someone has said that a person faces four questions as one goes through life.

As an adolescent, one of the main questions is: “*Who am I?*” As a young adult, the main question becomes: “*What am I to do?*”. Later, around 40, “*Whom am I with?*” And finally, around 60, “*What does it all mean?*”

You could quarrel with the timing, with how old a person usually is when he or she asks these questions, but it would be hard to quarrel with the questions themselves. They are always relevant and provocative.

Because we are about to enter the season of Lent, and because Lent is often a time to be more consciously introspective, it might be a good time for us to look at what’s currently happening in our own lives. A few questions come to mind.

Is my life taking me *outside* myself, beyond the range of my own needs and concerns? We only start to live when we can get *outside* ourselves and away from the very stubborn tendency to be self-centered and self-serving. The

Christian scriptures keep reminding us that the point of being human is the effort to care passionately about *others*, not the effort to care passionately about myself.



I see this altruism, oftentimes strangely enough, in people who are dying! The dying are often more concerned for their loved ones who will survive them than they are for themselves and their own pain. I often think of the story told by Fr. Lawrence Jenco, the priest abducted in Lebanon and held as a prisoner for a year and a half. After his release, he talks about visiting his mother as she lay dying in a hospital. When he approached her bed, she tried to speak to him, but he couldn’t hear her.

So, he bent closer to hear her last words of wisdom, words that would surely be filled with great meaning and insight. With great effort, she clearly whispered: “*Did you have lunch?*” She died within the hour.

I’m always moved by this story, and I tell it frequently. It shows so clearly the complete lack of self-concern in a person who had every reason to be self-concerned at that moment.

This coming Wednesday, we will be entering the season of Lent. For a Christian, this may be an ideal time for some healthy self-questioning.

“Am I becoming a more self-giving person?”

A more caring person?

A more forgiving person?

Is life teaching me that I am not as independent as I may think I am, or as I may want to be?

And where is God in all of this?”

May the season of Lent be a rich and rewarding time for all of us.

— Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.
Senior Priest

This Week at a Glance

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12th

In God We Trust: A Spirituality of Money.

7 PM. Parish House & Zoom.

Details at right.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13th

Caring for Creation: A Weekly Lenten Reflection.

1 PM. Parish House.

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Tuesday Night Book Group | *The Discernment of Spirits: An Ignatian Guide for Everyday Living* by Fr. Timothy Gallagher.

7 PM. Zoom.

To register and receive the Zoom link for this series, please email "Discernment of Spirits" to TuesdayNightBookGroup@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14th

Ash Wednesday.

Masses at 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:30 PM (organ/cantor), and 7:30 PM (organ/cantor).

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

Lecture | Free Speech and Civility on College Campuses.

7 PM. Wallace Hall.

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.

7 PM. Parish House.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15th

LGBT Catholics & Friends Meeting.

7 PM. Parish House.

Tuesday Night Book Group |

Field Trip to "Jesus in Zion" Night of Worship.

6:30 PM. St. Patrick's Cathedral.

To register to attend, please email tuesdaynightbookgroup@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17th

Stations of the Cross.

9 AM. Church.

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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Tuesday Evenings, February 20th to March 26th
6 PM to 8 PM in the Church**

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 6 PM. The church will be open for private adoration until shortly before 8 PM when the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed and the church will close.

In God We Trust: A Spirituality of Money

Monday, February 12th at 7 PM

Parish House & Zoom

Money is among the most powerful, mesmerizing objects of the human experience. The quest to acquire money, keep it, and spend it stirs deep passions, potentially constellating both the best and worst in us.

This presentation and conversation will explore biblical, psychological, and spiritual viewpoints on money. Brian B. Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will present.

To RSVP, email brianbpinter@protonmail.com.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Blood Drive

Sunday, February 25th, from 9 AM to 3 PM

McKinnon Hall (Grammar School)

48 East 84th Street



To schedule your donation appointment, scan the QR code at left.

The Annual Change for Change Drive

Donations this year will be forwarded to the Cheyenne River Reservation.

The collection period runs to the end of Lent. Loose change, bills, and checks (made out to "Church of St. Ignatius Loyola") are welcome.

Please bring donations to the Parish House.

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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Lectures at St. Ignatius

Free Speech and Civility on College Campuses

Wednesday, February 14th at 7 PM
Wallace Hall

PRESENTER

Tania Tetlow | *President, Fordham University*

The lecture will discuss the realities of engaging civil discourse and free speech on college campuses. Tetlow, a renowned legal scholar and former federal prosecutor before her career in higher education, will share how she navigates this terrain via theory and real-life examples.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER



Tania Tetlow has been president of Fordham University since July 1, 2022. Previously, she was president of Loyola University New Orleans. She is the first woman and the first layperson to hold each of those positions at those two Catholic universities.

Bible Study

“Why Have You Forsaken Me?” Lent with the Psalms

Four Wednesdays, beginning February 21st at 7 PM
Parish House & Zoom

The Psalms reflect the human condition—hope and despair, victory and failure, death and new life. Our presentations and discussions will focus on the Psalms we encounter in the Lenten lectionary readings. Brian B. Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will present.

To RSVP, email brianbpinter@protonmail.com.

Concerts at St. Ignatius

Organ Recital: Olivier Latry

Thursday, February 22nd at 8 PM
Church

French organist Olivier Latry is one of the most distinguished concert organists in the world today. One of three titular organists at the Cathedral of Notre-Dame in Paris, he is also Professor of Organ at the Paris Conservatory of Music, Organist Emeritus with the Montreal Symphony Orchestra in Canada, Artist in Residence at the Dresdner Philharmonie for the 2021-2022 season, and the William T. Kemper Artist in Residence at the University of Kansas until 2024.

To purchase tickets, visit ignatius.nyc/concerts.

Back to Basics 2.0: What It Means to Be Catholic

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

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.

Caring for Creation: A Weekly Lenten Reflection

Begins Tuesday, February 13th at 1 PM
Parish House

Join Jean Santopatre and Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J., in a journey through Lent in which we reflect on Lenten themes through the lens of the call to care for creation.

We will meet every Tuesday starting on February 13th (the day before Ash Wednesday) and conclude on the Tuesday before Holy Week (March 19th).

Scripture readings and reflection material are available for registered participants at the Parish House reception desk. Persons are asked to prepare in advance for each session.

To register, please send an email to Jean Santopatre at santopatrej@saintignatiusloyola.org or call the Parish House at 212-288-3588. We would like your name, telephone number, and email address.

Thank you for joining us as we pray through Lent!

Stations of the Cross: Saturdays in Lent

Beginning Saturday, February 17th

9 AM
Church

Led by Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.

Join us for this traditional devotion as we draw closer to Jesus through a prayerful reflection on his passion and death.

Note: We will not meet on Saturday, March 23rd. There will be Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, March 27th, at 7:30 PM in the Church.

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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 February 18th

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

Religious Education for Children

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Saint Ignatius Loyola School

Upper Campus

(First Grade through Eighth Grade)

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(PreK-3 through Kindergarten)

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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, February 12th

(Sixth Monday in Ordinary Time)

James 1:1–11 Psalm 119

Mark 8:11–13

8:30 MEM Maureen Estelle
Ingram

12:10 MEM Odalys & Ismenia
Nunez

5:30 MEM John F. Murray, Jr.

Tuesday, February 13th

(Sixth Tuesday in Ordinary Time)

James 1:12–18 Psalm 94

Mark 8:14–21

8:30 MEM Gilbert Minoso

12:10 MEM Abigail Feerick

5:30 MEM Mae Tantillo

Wednesday, February 14th

(Ash Wednesday)

Joel 2:12–18 Psalm 51

2 Corinthians 5:20–6:2

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–18

Thursday, February 15th

(Thursday After Ash Wednesday)

Deuteronomy 30:15–20 Psalm 1

Luke 9:22–25

8:30 MEM Jack O'Leary

12:10 MEM Janet F. Beeson

5:30 MEM Nora Terriberly

Friday, February 16th

(Friday After Ash Wednesday)

Isaiah 58:1–9a Psalm 51

Matthew 9:14–15

8:30 ANN Cathleen F.
McGoldrick

12:10 MEM Nicholas Nuno

5:30 MEM Susan Meyer

Saturday, February 17th

(Saturday After Ash Wednesday)

Isaiah 58:9b–14 Psalm 86

Luke 5:27–32

8:30 MEM Theresa Rinaldo

Sunday, February 18th

(First Sunday of Lent)

Genesis 9:8–15 Psalm 25

1 Peter 3:18–22 Mark 1:12–15