



March 3, 2024 | Third Sunday of Lent

Jesus Reveals Who He Is

Have you ever noticed or thought about why Jesus has the most protracted dialogue and encounter with the woman at the well, Jacob's well, than any dialogue with his disciples? Although the "woman at the well" remains nameless, she represents people in any community who are the least respected, the marginalized of society, and they are the people Jesus always reaches out to in his ministry.

Jesus chose her because she was not a Jew and not the usual male persona we generally meet in the Gospel stories. She was an outsider, a Samaritan who was both Gentile and Jew and not highly regarded in her community. As a Samaritan, she believes in foreign or idolatrous gods, along with the Hebrew God.

Think about this, she had to get her water from the well at high noon so she wouldn't encounter other women from her community because they viewed her as a fallen woman.



Christ and the Samaritan Woman at the Well.
Jacob Van Oost. 1668.

Suddenly, a man appears who is sitting next to the well and asks the woman for a drink of water from her bucket. She knows he is not from Samaria because of his features and realizes he must be a Jew. Yet, Jesus disregards who she is and where she is from and asks for water. He has had a long journey and is thirsty and in need of a drink. She cannot understand why this Jewish man asks her, a Samaritan woman, for a drink of water.

At this moment, she meets the Light of the World at noon—the brightest hour of the day. Jesus offers her the Living Water of life, "those who drink of this water will never be thirsty again." Something stirs up in her heart. As their conversation unfolds, it is a bit unnerving to the Samaritan woman to hear Jesus recount the innermost personal aspects of her life. He knows she was married five times and is now not married but living with a man.

She thinks of him as a prophet, and it is here at Jacob's well where the Samaritan woman becomes enlightened and discerns *who* this man might be. She speaks of the Christ, the Anointed One, who will come and proclaim all things to humankind. When Jesus says, "I am he," the Christ, her eyes are opened, and she realizes he is the One who will lead, teach, and save God's people. She heads back to her village to proclaim the "Good News" that the Messiah is among them right now. In our world today, if she had an Instagram account, it would have taken seconds to proclaim the news! And she probably would have taken a selfie with Jesus!

Why does Jesus reveal himself first to a woman? A Samaritan? An "outcast?" Jesus intentionally breaks down the religious, racial, and gender barriers in this one encounter with a Samaritan woman. This is our lesson to learn. Throughout the ages, humankind has put up barriers. We cannot bridge the divide if we continue to shut out those who are different from us. It is time to open our eyes and see the possibilities. See the wonder and beauty in diversity. Jesus shows humankind that it takes a variety of people to build any community. We, too, are all related to each other in some way—whether by blood, religion, church, nationality, ancestry, friendship, neighborhood—and we are related to Jesus.

Johannine theology emphasizes that all of us must come into personal contact with Jesus. Jesus himself, shows us in the Samaritan woman how important an encounter is to him. This Lenten season how will you encounter Jesus? How can you bridge the divide and bring the living water of Christ to others? How will Jesus reveal himself to you?

— Jean Santopatre
Pastoral Associate

This Week at a Glance

TUESDAY, MARCH 5th

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
6 PM. Church. *Details below.*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6th

Bible Study | “Why Have You Forsaken Me?”
Lent with the Psalms.
7 PM. Parish House & Zoom. *Details at right.*

SATURDAY, MARCH 9th

Stations of the Cross.
9 AM. Church.
Details on page 3.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday Evenings, through March 26th
6 PM to 8 PM
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.

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.

St. Ignatius Now Has An App!

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Low-Gluten Hosts

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

Lenten Food Drive

*Benefiting the Church of the Ascension
on the Upper West Side*

Through **Sunday, March 10th**, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the Interparish Religious Education Program are collecting canned goods and non-perishable items to help our neighbors in need during this Lenten season. Your contribution matters!

Requested Donation Items:

Canned: beans, corn, green beans, yams, tomatoes, tomato sauce, other canned fruit & vegetables, chili, soup, tuna, condensed milk

Boxed/Bags: rice, pasta, dried beans, cereal, shelf-stable milk

Other: Peanut butter, spices/seasonings, olive oil in plastic bottles or cans

No glass bottles.

Items may be dropped off daily at the Parish House.

Bible Study

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

Wednesdays, through March 13th 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

Palm Sunday Concert

Sunday, March 24th at 3 PM
Church

*Featuring the Hunter College Chamber Singers,
Parish Community Choir & Canticum Sacrum*

We gather in musical reflection on Palm Sunday with singers from our music ministries, joined by students from the Hunter College Music Department under the direction of Michael Sheetz.

Featuring *Cantata 106* by Johann Sebastian Bach and accompanied by a professional period instrument chamber orchestra alongside works by Palestrina, Victoria, and Sister Sulpitia Cesis.

Free and open to the public. No tickets needed.

Lectures at St. Ignatius

John F. Kennedy, The Houston Speech, and Catholic Citizenship

Monday, March 11th at 7 PM
Wallace Hall

PRESENTER

Mark Massa, S.J.

Director of the Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life, and Professor of Theology at Boston College

John F. Kennedy's 'Houston Speech' before 300 Protestant clergymen in 1960 supposedly won him the presidency. Was that good news for the Catholic presidential candidates who came after him?

ABOUT THE PRESENTER



Mark Massa, S.J., is director of the Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life and Professor of Theology at Boston College. From 2010 to 2016, he served as the first dean of the School of Theology and Ministry at BC. He is the author of seven books; Oxford University Press will publish his eighth book this year, entitled *Catholic Fundamentalism in America*.

Ignatian Interfaith Ministry

Fifth Annual Iftar Dinner

Friday, March 15th at 6:20 PM
Wallace Hall

Join us for "Living Faith: Navigating the Intersection of Faith and Work as a Young Professional."

PRESENTERS

- **Imam Gazi Aga** | Director, North East Islamic Community Center
- **Kerime Akoglu** | Litigator, Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C.
- **Adam Llorens** | Producer, NFL Network

MODERATOR: Simone Vinocour
Chair, Ignatian Interfaith Ministry

Our annual Iftar/breaking of the fast dinner will also include live traditional Sufi music by the group Amir Vahab and Ensemble.

While there is no charge, advance registration is required. Families are welcome.

To RSVP, email

ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com
by Monday, March 11th.

Stations of the Cross: Saturdays in Lent Through Saturday, March 16th at 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.

Support the Lent & Easter Liturgical Music Fund

If you have been moved by the exceptional liturgical music ministry at St. Ignatius Loyola, please consider giving a special gift to the Lent & Easter Liturgical Music Fund. Your gift will support the liturgical music program throughout the year: our musicians, staff, musical scores, robes, and maintenance of instruments.

Gifts of \$100 or more that are received by Wednesday, March 13th will be listed in the Triduum and Easter Day worship leaflets.

To give, visit ignatius.nyc/ent-easter-music, or mail a check made out to "Church of St. Ignatius Loyola," with "Lent/Easter Music 2024" in the memo line, to the following address:

Church of St. Ignatius Loyola
Lent/Easter Music
980 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10028

Back to Basics 2.0: What It Means to Be Catholic

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

RELIGIOUS ORDERS OF THE CHURCH
Monday, March 18th
7 PM

Wallace Hall
Fr. James Casciotti, S.J.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL ENCYCLICALS
Monday, April 15th
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 March 10th

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

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(First Grade through Eighth Grade)

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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, March 4th

(Third Monday of Lent)

2 Kings 5:1-15ab Psalm 42

Luke 4:24-30

8:30 MEM Franca Fendi

12:10 MEM William Kerr

5:30 MEM Joseph O'Byrne

Tuesday, March 5th

(Third Tuesday of Lent)

Daniel 3:25, 34-43 Psalm 25

Matthew 18:21-35

8:30 MEM Living & Deceased
Members of the Brenninkmeijer
Family

12:10 MEM Bruce Gethardt

5:30 MEM Mladen Vucetic

Wednesday, March 6th

(Third Wednesday of Lent)

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9 Psalm 147

Matthew 5:17-19

8:30 MEM The Choix & Gordon
Families

12:10 MEM Grace Matonte

5:30 MEM Alfred Lebeau

Thursday, March 7th

(Third Thursday of Lent)

Jeremiah 7:23-28 Psalm 95

Luke 11:14-23

8:30 MEM Anne Rafferty

12:10 MEM Sose & Mark
Prekelezaj

5:30 MEM Jane Cabes

Friday, March 8th

(Third Friday of Lent)

Hosea 14:2-10 Psalm 81

Mark 12:28-34

8:30 MEM Dieuseul Valcin

12:10 MEM Laretta Feng

5:30 MEM Deceased Members of
the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

Saturday, March 9th

(Third Saturday of Lent)

Hosea 6:1-6 Psalm 51

Luke 18:9-14

8:30 MEM Simona Saracino
Fendi

Sunday, March 10th

(Laetare Sunday)

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41