



January 12, 2025 | The Baptism of the Lord

## Faith in Action—Getting to Know Sikhi

In May 2018, Pope Francis met briefly with a delegation of representatives of Dharmic religions as part of a conference at the Vatican. Hindus, Buddhists, Jains and Sikhs attended, since their faiths all had roots in India. In November 2018, he urged Christians to foster a “culture of tenderness”, ahead of the Sikh holiday honoring the birth of its founder, Sri Guru Nanak Prakash Diwas.



I knew none of this when I went to India for the first time in 2019. My husband, Kevin, and I were part of a delegation with the International Conference for the Financial Women’s Association. We learned about the economic, business, and political drivers of the country, and in our “spare time”, we learned more about India’s incredibly diverse culture. Not surprisingly for the chair of the Ignatian Interfaith Ministry, we chose to take a tour of various houses of worship in Mumbai—everything from a Catholic Church—named St. Ignatius, no less!—to Hindu and Jain temples, Muslim memorials, and even a synagogue.

However, it wasn’t until we went to New Delhi that I was truly moved. Our delegation went to Bangla Sahib Gurudwara Delhi, one of the holiest places of worship for Sikhs. Thousands visit the Gurudwara (temple) each day and it represents the Sikh teaching of simplicity, service, and respect for all beings.

What I experienced made a huge impact. From our first steps into the temple with our heads covered and barefoot walking through cleansing water, we were reminded of being humble and equal with our fellow visitors.

While the Gurudwara was as ornate as a Hindu temple and had an inner worship area covered in gold, no statues or idols were adorning its dazzling interior, in keeping with the monotheism of the Sikh faith. In the center, there was a platform with a sacred scripture and musical chanting. Both men and women were permitted to pray, and both were required to dress modestly. Some of the prayers were translated into English on video screens and I was moved by the words: “*The Destroyer of Sorrow is Thy Name, O Lord, the Destroyer of Sorrow is Thy Name.*” That, and its monotheism made me realize we had more in common than I realized.

Next, we moved to an immense open kitchen and we learned that service—*Seva*—is part of all Sikh temples. Performing *Seva* refers to the act of volunteering or giving back without any expectations of reward, and it plays an important role for Sikhs. *Seva* activities include serving food and helping with washing up, and visitors are encouraged to join in with these tasks. We all sat down and rolled out Indian flat bread, as we watched people stir huge caldrons of daal (lentils) and vegetable curry. Why do they do this? To serve anyone who wants a simple but healthy meal, “cooked in God’s name”.

Anyone can come in for a meal and all must sit on the floor as equals. There is a huge water basin outside the temple, which reminded me of the reflecting pool in Washington DC. There, anyone can ritually purify themselves as part of religious observance.

I was astonished to learn that the temple and kitchen are open 24/7 and every day the kitchen cooks and serves 1,760 pounds of curry, daal and chapattis (flat breads made out of 3,750 pounds of wheat flour), and 880 pounds of rice. The kitchen feeds over 35,000 people each day and about 100,000 people on special occasions or Sikh festivals! Can you imagine? We left awed and inspired.

I hope you can join us at the Ignatian Interfaith Ministry on Monday, January 13th at 7 PM in Wallace Hall to learn more about this little understood faith tradition, presented by Harmeet Kamboj, Senior State Policy Manager, Sikh Coalition. Doors will open at 6:30 PM. Please register at [ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com](mailto:ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com).

— Simone Vinocour  
Chair, Ignatian Interfaith Ministry

## Parish Mission Statement

*The love of Christ impels us to welcome all,  
to worship joyfully and pray fervently,  
to walk together with those in need, and  
to reverence God in the wonder of Creation.*

### This Week at a Glance

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 13th

LECTURE | Sat Sri Akal (Truth reigns eternal).  
7 PM. Wallace Hall. *Details on page 3.*

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15th

LECTURE | What Did the Synod Do?  
And Where Do We Go From Here?  
7 PM. Wallace Hall. *Details on page 3.*

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 17th

CONCERT | Harvard Glee Club.  
7 PM. Church.  
*Details on page 3.*

### LGBT Catholics & Friends

#### Visit the Mother Cabrini Shrine

Saturday, January 25th  
10:15 AM

701 Fort Washington Avenue

The LGBT Catholics & Friends Ministry invites you to join them for what promises to be an enlightening, fun, and spiritual visit to the shrine.

#### Featuring:

One hour docent talk

One hour private meditation/visit

One hour lunch

*Entry fee: \$8 per person*



To register, visit  
[forms.gle/7E3okb7R6z16siHXA](https://forms.gle/7E3okb7R6z16siHXA)  
or scan the QR code at left.

### Lady Chapel Open for Private Prayer

The Lady Chapel is open daily for private prayer  
from 1 PM to 4 PM.

During those hours, the Church will be closed.

### Low-Gluten Hosts

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

### Performance

#### Saint Thérèse: The Musical

Sunday, January 19th at 1 PM  
Church

FEATURING Michel Pascal and Luciann Berrios

After 1,000 performances worldwide—including its creation at the Carmel in Paris and shows at Notre-Dame de Paris, the Basilica of Lisieux, Lourdes, Jerusalem, Dubai, Montreal, and Singapore—*St. Thérèse: The Musical* by Michel Pascal will be performed at St. Ignatius on Sunday, January 19th.

### Emmaus Bereavement Group

Begins Monday, January 27th

7 PM to 8:30 PM in the Parish House

A six-session support group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one. The sessions, both educational and supportive, are led by experienced facilitators.

*Registration is required.*

To register, email

[EmmausBereavementGroup@gmail.com](mailto:EmmausBereavementGroup@gmail.com) or call the  
Parish House at 212-288-3588 and leave your name  
and phone number with the receptionist.

### Join Our Email Mailing List!

Sign-up for our e-newsletter to receive regular updates  
on parish news and events.



To sign-up, scan the QR code at left  
or visit [ignatius.nyc](http://ignatius.nyc).

### Parish Digital Publications

To access our Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Report,  
visit [ignatius.nyc/annual-reports](http://ignatius.nyc/annual-reports).

The Vision Statement Implementation Plan  
and the Laudato Si' Action Platform can be  
found at [ignatius.nyc/mission-and-values](http://ignatius.nyc/mission-and-values).

### Lost & Found

If you have lost an item while visiting the church,  
please stop by the Parish House to check if  
your misplaced article has been turned in.

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook at [stignatiusnyc](https://www.instagram.com/stignatiusnyc).

## Lecture

### What Did the Synod Do? And Where Do We Go From Here?

Wednesday, January 15th at 7 PM  
Wallace Hall



**PRESENTER**  
**Fr. James Martin, S.J.**  
*Editor at Large, America Magazine*

A behind-the-scenes look of the Synod of Bishops from Fr. James Martin, S.J., Synod delegate.

## Back to Basics 3.0

### The Encyclicals of Pope Francis

Wednesday, February 12th  
7 PM

Wallace Hall

**PRESENTER**  
**Fr. Michael Hilbert, S.J.**

Join us for this presentation on the Encyclicals of Pope Francis as part of our annual series on what it means to be Catholic.

## Lectures at St. Ignatius Series

### The Risk of Hope

Monday, January 27th at 7 PM  
Wallace Hall



**PRESENTER**  
**Fr. Sam Sawyer, S.J.**  
*Editor in Chief, America Magazine*

Hope calls us to more than just optimism about things turning out well. When we take hope seriously, we are also called to take responsibility for what we hope for.

## Concert

### Harvard Glee Club

Friday, January 17th  
7 PM

Church

An ensemble of tenor and bass voices, the Harvard Glee Club is the oldest collegiate choir in the United States.

The Harvard Glee Club's repertoire has historically drawn from the collegiate, folk, and sacred music of Europe and North America, incorporating pieces dating from the Renaissance onward. This season, the Glee Club will draw upon a variety of choral traditions, including that of the country of Georgia for its performances.

**This is a free concert. No tickets are needed.**

## Ignatian Interfaith Ministry

### Sat Sri Akal (Truth reigns eternal)

Monday, January 13th at 7 PM in Wallace Hall



**PRESENTER**  
**Harmeet Kamboj**  
*Senior State Policy Manager  
Sikh Coalition*

Join us as we learn more about one of the world's largest faith traditions: Sikhi. Founded in the 15th century by Guru Nanak, it is the fifth largest religion in the world and also monotheistic.

To register,  
email [ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com](mailto:ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com)

## St. Ignatius Has an App!

It has never been easier to find current information on parish programming, participate in online giving, learn about our ministries, and more.



To download our app, visit  
[parishsolutionsco.com/ignatiusnewyork.html](http://parishsolutionsco.com/ignatiusnewyork.html)  
or scan the QR code at left.

## Ignatian Volunteer Corps

Ignatian Volunteer Corps volunteers are adults over 50 years of age who offer their life skills and experience one to two days a week to directly serve those in need.

**Interested? Contact Maureen Fullam,**  
**Regional Director, at 917-859-0928**  
or email [mfullam@ivcusa.org](mailto:mfullam@ivcusa.org),  
and visit us at [ivcusa.org](http://ivcusa.org).

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul welcomes all St. Ignatius parishioners to volunteer with us—and join us at our meetings for prayer, reflection, spiritual growth, fellowship, and community service year-round.

Our regular meetings take place every other Wednesday at 7 PM in the Parish House. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 22nd—and all are welcome!

**For more information, please contact us at**  
[svdpmembership980@gmail.com](mailto:svdpmembership980@gmail.com).

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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.

### 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

Jen Arvay Kefalas Robert Reuter  
Daniel Beckwith Michael Sheetz  
Christina Kay Elizabeth Van Os  
Douglas Purcell  
Scott Warren, *Director*

### Assistant to the Pastor

Rebecca Brucas

### Administrative Assistant

Patricia Schneider

### Director of Communications

Elizabeth O'Sullivan

### Director of Facilities

Robert Cisternino

### Facilities Coordinator

Pattie Hughes

### 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 January 19th

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

## 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, January 13th

(First Monday in Ordinary Time)

Hebrews 1:1–6 Psalm 97

Mark 1:14–20

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

**12:10 MEM** Janet Lavinio

**5:30 MEM** Robert Connor

### Tuesday, January 14th

(First Tuesday in Ordinary Time)

Hebrews 2:5–12 Psalm 8

Mark 1:21–28

**8:30 MEM** John & Nora Reilly

**12:10 MEM** Teresa Villarroel

**5:30 MEM** Mari Helen Bohlen

### Wednesday, January 15th

(First Wednesday in Ordinary Time)

Hebrews 2:14–18 Psalm 105

Mark 1:29–39

**8:30 MEM** Jack O'Leary

**12:10 MEM** Bernadette Sloan

**5:30 MEM** Nora & Hugh Halligan

### Thursday, January 16th

(First Thursday in Ordinary Time)

Hebrews 3:7–14 Psalm 95

Mark 1:40–45

**8:30 MEM** Anne Marie Bradley

**12:10 MEM** Sose & Mark Prekelezaj

**5:30 MEM** Kevin Hayden

### Friday, January 17th

(St. Anthony)

Hebrews 4:1–5, 11 Psalm 78

Mark 2:1–12

**8:30 MEM** John D. Shaw

**12:10 MEM** Adam Charles Fudge

**5:30 MEM** Willie O'Shaughnessy

### Saturday, January 18th

(First Saturday in Ordinary Time)

Hebrews 4:12–16 Psalm 19

Mark 2:13–17

**8:30 MEM** Carla Fendi

### Sunday, January 19th

(Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Isaiah 62:1–5 Psalm 96

1 Corinthians 12:4–11 John 2:1–11