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March 30, 2025 | Fourth Sunday of Lent

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## Saved by Beauty

*Dorothy Day, co-founder of the Catholic Worker, has been proposed for canonization. Pope Francis included her among four “great Americans” in his speech to the Congress in 2015. Much of her life was spent in city slums. Though she never became inured to the sights and smells of poverty, she remained keenly alert to signs of beauty, even cultivating the capacity to see beauty in places that others might overlook.*

*Often, she returned to Dostoevsky’s line, “The world will be saved by beauty.” This didn’t mean the world would be saved by fine art or pretty things. It would be saved by our capacity to see beneath the surface, to see reality in its ultimate depth, as God sees it.*

I have fallen in love many a time in the fall of the year. I mean those times when body and soul are revived, and in the keen clear air of autumn after a hot exhausting summer, I felt new strength to see, to “know” clearly, and to love, to look upon my neighbor and to love. Almost to be taken out of myself. I do not mean being in love with a particular person. I mean that quality of in-loveness that may brush like a sweet fragrance, a sound faintly heard, a sense of the beauty of one particular human being, or even one aspect of life. It may be an intuition of immortality, of the glory of God, of His Presence in the world. But it is almost impossible to put into words. The point is that it is general rather than particular, though it may come as a reminder, this flash of understanding, of recognition, with the reading of a particular book, or hearing some strain of music.



It is tied up in some way also with the sense of hope, and an understanding of hope. How can we live without it, as a supernatural virtue, “hoping against hope,” during this dark period of violence and suffering throughout the world?

I am bold in trying to express the inexpressible, to write of happiness, even of Joy that comes, regardless of age, color, or condition of servitude to us all.

Regardless of failures, regardless even of the sufferings of others. If we did not have this hope, this joy, this love, how could we help others? How could we have the strength to hold on to them, to hold them up when they are drowning in sorrow, suffocating in blackness, almost letting go of life, life which we know with a sure knowledge is precious, which is something to hold to, be grateful for, to reverence.

This is the point of war protests, of a strong faith in the doctrine of nonviolence, the evidence of its continuing efficacy throughout the world.

It is the spiritual weapon of the little ones, the weak, the powerless, the poor. In some obscure way, an inarticulate way, the young have grasped this.

From this day on I am going to ask for the Holy Spirit and wait. I will be growing, of this I am sure. Maybe it won’t come until the moment I die.

But how wonderful if we could be “surprised by joy,” to use the title of C.S. Lewis’s book. I have heard of witnesses who said, “When he or she died, at that moment a look of surprise” came over their faces, “surprised joy which was wonderful to behold.”

— Dorothy Day, October 1969, *The Duty of Delight*

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Join us on Monday, March 31st at 7 PM in Wallace Hall for the Laetare Lecture “The Long Pilgrimage of Dorothy Day,” presented by author and publisher Robert Ellsberg. Ellsberg will reflect on Day’s long life “on pilgrimage,” and the way her faith was tested by daily life and the challenges of history. For more information, see page 2.

## 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

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 30th

St. Luke's Call Team.

8:30 PM. Parish House. *Details below.*

#### MONDAY, MARCH 31st

LECTURE | **The Long Pilgrimage of Dorothy Day.**  
7 PM. Wallace Hall & Livestreamed. *Details at right.*

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2nd

**Sustaining Hope Through Forgiveness.**

7 PM. Parish House & Zoom.

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 5th

**Stations of the Cross.**

9 AM. Church. *Details on page 3.*

### St. Luke's Call Team

Sunday, March 30th

Following the 7:30 PM Mass  
Parish House

Calling all healthcare professionals! If you are a physician, nurse, pharmacist, etc. in need of a spiritual community, please join us.

We will share healthcare experiences where God/faith was brought into the encounter and how it affected you.

### Change for Change

Donations this year will be forwarded to the Society of Jesus in Southern Africa.

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.

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays, through April 15th  
6 PM to 8 PM

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 6 PM. The Church will be open for private adoration until shortly before 8 PM, when the exposition concludes with Benediction. The Blessed Sacrament will then be reposed, and the church will close.

## Lectures at St. Ignatius

### The Long Pilgrimage of Dorothy Day

Monday, March 31st

7 PM

Wallace Hall & Livestreamed

Robert Ellsberg will reflect on Day's long life "on pilgrimage," and the way her faith was tested by daily life and the challenges of history.

#### ABOUT THE PRESENTER



Robert Ellsberg is the long-time publisher and editor-in-chief of Orbis Books. In his youth he worked with Dorothy Day for the last years of her life, including two years as managing editor of "The Catholic Worker." He has gone on to edit six volumes of her writings, including her diaries, "The Duty of Delight," and letters "All the Way to Heaven," and his most recent: "Dorothy Day: Spiritual Writings." He was a founding member of the Dorothy Day Guild and was appointed by the archdiocese to serve on the Historical Commission charged with preparing her cause for canonization.

In addition, he is known for his many books about saints and holiness, including "All Saints: Daily Reflections on Saints, Prophets, and Witnesses for Our Time," "A Living Gospel," and "Blessed Among Us," drawn from the daily reflections he has written for "Give Us This Day" over the past fifteen years.

### Palm Sunday & Holy Week Mass Schedule

#### Palm Sunday/April 13th Masses

5:30 PM Saturday Vigil, 8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM (*Church/livestreamed*), 11 AM Wallace Hall Family Mass & 7:30 PM

#### HOLY WEEK MASSES

##### Holy Thursday, April 17th

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 PM (*Church/livestreamed*)

##### Good Friday, April 18th

Three Hours Devotion, from Noon to 3 PM (*Church*)  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion Liturgy at 7 PM  
(*Church/livestreamed*)

##### Holy Saturday, April 19th

Easter Vigil Mass at 8 PM (*Church/livestreamed*)

##### Easter Sunday, April 20th

8 AM, 10 AM (*Church*), 10 AM Wallace Hall Family Mass, and 12 PM Noon (*Church/livestreamed*)

### Archdiocesan Day of Reconciliation

Monday, April 14th

CONFESSIONS

3 PM to 5 PM, 6 PM to 8 PM in the Church.

**Stations of the Cross: Saturdays in Lent**  
Through April 12th 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: There will be Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, April 16th, at 7:30 PM in the Church.

**Lenten/Easter Food Drive**  
Through Sunday, April 13th

*Benefiting the Church of the Ascension*

Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Interparish Religious Education Program, and Saint Ignatius Loyola Grammar School are collecting canned goods and non-perishable items to help our neighbors in need during this Lenten season. Your contribution matters!

**Suggested Food Donations**

**Canned:** beans, corn, green beans, yams, tomatoes, other canned vegetables & fruits, chili, stew, soup, tuna and other canned fish & meat, condensed milk

**Boxed, Bags, Plastic Jars, Shelf-Stable Packages:** rice, pasta, dried beans, cornbread mix, baking/pancake mix (e.g., Bisquick), shelf-stable milk, hot or cold cereal, instant soups, brown sugar, cake or brownie mix with frosting,

**Other:** seasonings, olive oil or avocado oil in plastic bottles or cans

**NO glass jars or bottles.**

*Items may be dropped off daily at the Parish House.*

**Circle of Friends**

**In the Age of Titanic:  
Immigration Versus Travel Abroad  
the Great Ocean Liners**

Tuesday, April 8th at 1 PM in Wallace Hall

William Roka, the Director of Programs at Village Preservation, will discuss the fascinating history of this ship. Titanic was built in an era when ships of her class were designed to accommodate mass immigration and the world's wealthiest travelers. From what inspired her construction to the profoundly tragic sinking of this most famous ocean liner, Titanic's life perfectly encapsulated the fascinating and complex transatlantic world of the early 20th century.

*Advance registration is required.*

To RSVP, email [silcircleoffriends@gmail.com](mailto:silcircleoffriends@gmail.com).

**Back to Basics 3.0**

**Catholic Beliefs Concerning the Afterlife**  
Wednesday, April 9th  
7 PM  
Wallace Hall

**PRESENTER**  
Fr. James Casciotti, S.J.

Join us for this presentation on Catholic beliefs concerning the afterlife as part of our annual series on what it means to be Catholic.

**Concert**

**Westminster Cathedral Choir, London**  
Sunday, April 6th  
4 PM  
Church

Westminster Cathedral Choir is widely considered to be one of the finest choirs in the world. Since its foundation in 1901, it has occupied a unique and enviable position at the forefront of English church music, not least because of the ground-breaking work of its first Master of Music, Sir Richard Terry, who revived the great works of the English and continental Renaissance composers.

The choir's fame grew under Terry as it presented this forgotten music, transforming attitudes to the repertoire.

Innovation continued under George Malcolm who pioneered the development of the choir's sound along continental lines, resulting in a choir that was truly revolutionary in both what and how it sang. The choir continues these traditions today, and it remains the only Catholic Cathedral choir in the world to sing daily Mass and Vespers. More recent holders of the post have included Colin Mawby, Stephen Cleobury, David Hill, James O'Donnell, and Martin Baker. Since September 2021, the choir has been directed by Simon Johnson.

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

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Sock Hop**  
Saturday, May 17th  
7 PM  
Wallace Hall

It's time to have some fun and dance.

So, ladies, get the bobby socks and poodle skirts out of the mothballs. Gents, get those white socks washed and the penny loafers polished. In the meantime, practice your jitterbug routines.

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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 March 30th

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

## 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  
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### 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, March 31st

(Fourth Monday of Lent)

Isaiah 65:17-21 Psalm 30

John 4:43-54

**8:30 MEM** Jeff Lencinoi

**12:10 MEM** Mary Ellen Whitfield

**5:30 MEM** William Powers

### Tuesday, April 1st

(Fourth Tuesday of Lent)

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 Psalm 46

John 5:1-16

**8:30 MEM** Ciro Saracino

**12:10 MEM** Kathleen Marie Jordan

**5:30 MEM** Cono Pasqua

### Wednesday, April 2nd

(Fourth Wednesday of Lent)

Isaiah 49:8-15 Psalm 145

John 5:17-30

**8:30 MEM** The Choix & Gordon  
Families

**12:10 MEM** Jeanne Xenakes

**5:30 MEM** Lorraine Tantillo

### Thursday, April 3rd

(Fourth Thursday of Lent)

Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 106

John 5:31-47

**8:30 MEM** Elizabeth Murphy

**12:10 MEM** Rita Moore

**5:30 MEM** Clifford Jones

### Friday, April 4th

(Fourth Friday of Lent)

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22 Psalm 34

John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**8:30 MEM** Bridget Burke

**12:10 MEM** Ian MacNabb

**5:30 MEM** Francoise Augustin

### Saturday, April 5th

(Fourth Saturday of Lent)

Jeremiah 11:18-20 Psalm 7

John 7:40-53

**8:30 MEM** Franca Fendi

### Sunday, April 6th

(Fifth Sunday of Lent)

Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126

Philippians 3:8-14 John 8:1-11