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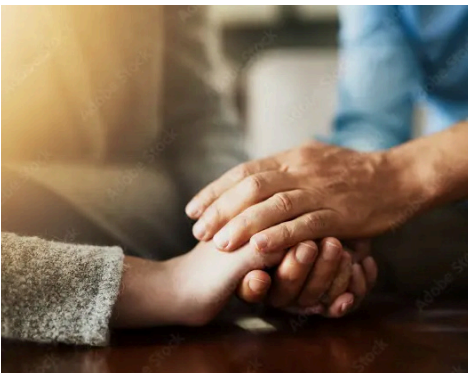
April 13, 2025 | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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## Islands of Hope and Forgiveness

Though Easter and its promise of new life are peeking over the horizon, many are finding it difficult to be hopeful. Chaos and division deepen, alienation triumphs over solidarity, and institutions many of us value are being destroyed. I find myself returning to the wisdom of Swiss psychiatrist Carl Jung, written in the darkest days of World War II: “Is there still a chance to save ourselves from this spiritual decay? Yes, but a miracle will have to happen. And miracles only happen when one believes in miracles. Small islands like mountaintops would have to grow out of the chaotic sludge; islands of contemplation and of a sense of justice. Perhaps a new world will develop from these islands.”

Jung’s words were an act of hope. He was affirming that there is light deep within the human heart that can overcome darkness; that destruction will not have the last word. A new world can rise from the sludge. This future world, a new order on earth that Jesus called the Kingdom of God, is ultimately God’s work but requires our cooperation.



Among the primary ways we can help bring about this kingdom is through the practice of forgiveness. There are forces that are actively working against God’s dream, forces that seek to keep us mired in a feedback loop of hate, conflict, polarization, revenge, violence, and isolation. To forgive is to break these cycles and to resist the forces that stir, and often profit from, them. Forgiveness becomes an act of hope in the face of the “chaotic sludge,” a way to pull ourselves up from the muck that wants to drown us.

The theologian Richard McBrien wrote, “Hope measures everything against the standard of the coming kingdom. It views reality, therefore, in terms of the totality of human relationships: with God, the neighbor, the world, the self.”

Forgiveness likewise has the power to touch and transform every aspect of reality—the intrapersonal, collective, environmental, and global. For when we forgive, we no longer transmit to others the hurt we carry. A space for something new is created, and deeper, more authentic love is possible. An island rises in the sludge where new life can flourish.

Jesus journeyed through his final days steadfast in hope, hope that the One he called his “Abba” would sustain him through the darkness and transform death into life. Among the ways Jesus witnessed to hope was through the ultimate words he spoke from the cross, “Forgive them...for they know not what they do.” This was perhaps his most defiant act of hope, a counter-witness in the maelstrom of violence that plots to seduce the human heart to impulsively seek revenge. In his last words on the cross, Jesus shows us how to escape the endless cycles of retribution into which we often fall.

Jesus invites us to a forgiveness that is not passive, but actively resists the evil of vengeance and retaliation, a forgiveness that confronts abuse and maintains the dignity of all. He models a way of forgiving that is hopeful and leads to new life. Jesus seeks the healing and redemption of all, and in doing so, teaches us the costly truth that our being forgiven hinges on our forgiveness of others.

The resurrection symbolizes the “miracle” of which Jung wrote, but before we can experience that new life, we must pass through Gethsemane, observe Good Friday, and wait in the quiet darkness of the tomb. As we walk with Jesus through Triduum, we are invited to face those places within and without that are marked by woundedness, alienation, brokenness, and anger. I invite you to join Jesus in making forgiveness a part of your practice in these holy days. In doing this we witness with him to hope that something new is possible, that wounded and dead hearts can be made whole in resurrection.

— Brian Pinter  
Pastoral Associate

## 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, APRIL 14th

**Archdiocesan Day of Reconciliation.**  
3 PM to 5 PM and 6 PM to 8 PM. Church.  
*Details below.*

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 15th

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.**  
7 PM. Church.  
*Details on page 3.*

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16th

**Stations of the Cross for the Parish Community.**  
7 PM. Church.  
*Details below.*

#### HOLY THURSDAY THROUGH EASTER SUNDAY

For the schedule of liturgies and confession schedule  
for the Triduum and Easter Sunday,  
see information at right and below.

### Holy Week Confession Schedule

#### MONDAY, APRIL 14TH

**Archdiocesan Day of Reconciliation**  
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available  
from 3 PM to 5 PM and 6 PM to 8 PM in the Church.

#### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH

3 PM to 5 PM in the Church

#### HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH

4 PM to 5:30 PM in the Parish House

### Stations of the Cross for the Parish Community

Wednesday, April 16th  
7 PM  
Church

Please join us and begin making the Stations of the Cross  
an annual Lenten observance for you and your family.

### Sign-up for Our Weekly E-Newsletter!



To receive regular updates on parish news  
and events, scan the QR code or  
visit [ignatius.nyc](http://ignatius.nyc).

### Third Annual Parish Art Show Thursday, May 8th to Saturday, May 10th Wallace Hall

Are you ready to unleash your inner Picasso or Ansel Adams and dazzle the parish community with your artistic flair? Then, grab your pencils, your paintbrushes, or your finest lens, for it's your time to shine. Be they masterpieces or happy accidents, we invite you to submit your work to our second annual Parish Art Show.

Any non-digital media can be submitted: photographs, paintings, drawings, pastels, watercolors, etchings, linocuts, lithographs, collages, mixed media, sculpture. All artists aged 18 and over are invited to submit.

You can submit up to two pieces (more if we have the space). All submissions (except sculptures) must be framed and ready to hang. Maximum size is limited to 3 feet by 3 feet; sculptures are limited to 25 pounds.

Pre-registration is required. **Sign up online at [ignatius.nyc/artshowreg](http://ignatius.nyc/artshowreg).** *The last day to register is Wednesday, April 30th. Don't miss out!*

**Submissions are to be dropped off at the Parish House on Thursday, May 1st (6 PM to 9 PM), Friday, May 2nd (6 PM to 9 PM), and Saturday, May 3rd (10 AM to 2 PM).**

You can offer the work for sale or display it. If your work is sold, all sale proceeds will go to the parish. All art must be family-friendly.

The Art Show will open in Wallace Hall on Thursday, May 8th, at 6:30 PM. The art will remain on display until Saturday, May 10th, at 2 PM.

**For more information, email [silartshow@gmail.com](mailto:silartshow@gmail.com).**

### 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*)

## 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.*

## 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.

## The Spring Appeal is Underway!

The Spring Appeal is an important source of funds for the many ministries and ordinary operations of the parish.

Please support your parish and contribute to the 2025 Spring Appeal.



To give online, visit [ignatius.nyc/annual-appeal](https://ignatius.nyc/annual-appeal) or scan the QR code at left.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

## Ignatian Volunteer Corps

IVC 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](https://ivcusa.org).**

## Lectures at St. Ignatius

### Doctor, Will You Pray for Me?

Monday, April 28th at 7 PM  
Wallace Hall

PRESENTER

**Prof. Robert Klitzman, M.D.,  
Director of the Masters of Bioethics Program,  
Columbia University**

Patients and families often struggle with religious, spiritual and existential quandaries, especially when confronting the end of life. This lecture will explore how these individuals seek and find sources hope, meaning, purpose and connection, and how hospital chaplains often help.

### About the Presenter

Robert Klitzman, M.D., is a Professor of Psychiatry at the Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons and the Joseph Mailman School of Public Health, and the Director of the Online and In-person Bioethics Masters and Certificate Programs at Columbia University. He has written over 180 scientific journal articles, ten books, and numerous chapters on critical issues in bioethics.

## Back to Basics 3.0

### Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick

Wednesday, May 7th at 7 PM  
McKinnon Hall

PRESENTER

**Fr. Dennis Yesalonia, S.J.**

Join us for this presentation on sacraments of healing as part of our series on what it means to be Catholic.

### To Dare the Audacity of Darkness: Selected Writings of Hope from Pope Francis and Fethullah Gülen

Wednesday, April 30th at 7 PM  
Wallace Hall

Mr. Hakan Yesilova, Editor of *The Fountain Magazine*, and Father Dennis Yesalonia, S.J., Pastor of the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, will discuss the nexus between faith and hope from a Muslim and a Christian perspective. The abiding relevance and the need for hope will be explored through the writings and teachings of both Islamic scholar, Fethullah Gülen, and Pope Francis.

*Co-sponsored by Peace Islands Institute New York and the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola*

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Rev. James A. Casciotti, S.J.

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### Weekday Masses (Monday – Friday)

8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:30 PM

**Saturday:** 8:30 AM

No Weekday Masses Holy Thursday,

Good Friday, or Holy Saturday

### Easter Sunday Masses

8:00 AM Fr. Casciotti

10:00 AM Fr. Hilbert

Wallace Hall 10:00 AM Fr. Hallinan

Solemn 12 Noon 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  
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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, April 14th

(Monday of Holy Week)

Isaiah 42:1-7 Psalm 27

John 12:1-11

**8:30 MEM** Margaret & Peter  
Voorhies

**12:10 MEM** James Robert Boylan

**5:30 MEM** Joyce Flammer

### Tuesday, April 15th

(Tuesday of Holy Week)

Isaiah 49:1-6 Psalm 71

John 13:21-33, 36-38

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

**12:10 MEM** Joey John Villarroel

**5:30 MEM** Milena Jovic

### Wednesday, April 16th

(Wednesday of Holy Week)

Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 69

Matthew 26:14-25

**8:30 MEM** Philomena Quinn

**12:10 MEM** Janet Scanlon Hehir

**5:30 MEM** Betty Jane Franklin

### Thursday, April 17th

(Thursday of Holy Week)

Mass of the Lord's Supper:

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 Psalm 116

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-15

### Friday, April 18th

(Good Friday)

Celebration of the Lord's Passion:

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 31

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

John 18:1-19:42

### Saturday, April 19th

(Holy Saturday)

Genesis 1:1-2:2 Ezekiel 36:16-

Genesis 22:1-18 17a, 18-28

Exodus 14:15-15:1 Romans 6:3-11

Isaiah 54:5-14 Psalm 118

Isaiah 55:1-11 Luke 24:1-12

Baruch 3:9-15,

32-4:4

### Sunday, April 20th

(Easter Sunday)

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4

Psalm 118 John 20:1-9