Conceived and Born to Die

You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

– Hebrews 10:7-10

The scripture text quoted above tells us that the Son taking on a human body and doing the Father’s will is the replacement of Old Testament sacrifices.

Now, taking the suggestion of the text from Hebrews, I would like to present a positive image of how Jesus saved us. To be saved is to be reconciled with God. To be restored to God’s family from which by my sin I have cut myself off is to be saved. If this is the correct understanding of being saved, then all we need consider is the moment of the incarnation. When Mary accepted God’s invitation to become the Mother of Jesus, and “the Word became flesh,” at that moment the human race was reconciled to God. God had accepted humanity, and so we were united with God, reconciled with God. We were saved. The Son had taken on a body, and all His life would be a total subjection to the Father’s will. In Him, humanity would be shown to be obedient to the Father, and so be forever united with Him. Of course, we as individuals have still to open our hands to receive this gift. We can freely accept to be united with Christ and, with Him and in Him, return to the Father. If, however, we do not wish to be reconciled with God, He will not force us.

If this is the case, then how does the cross fit into this image? We believe that Jesus is indeed God made man. He was as perfect as any human being could be. But He was born into a sinful world, lived in an occupied country, and experienced all the struggles of a poor family in a rural village. He also must have observed the occasional casual cruelty of the occupation army, and He witnessed the injustices in society, the gap between the rich and the poor. He also encountered the marginalization of the blind, the deaf, the lame, and the isolation of lepers. Through His prayer and reflections on the Hebrew Scriptures, and always attuned to the Father’s will for justice movingly expressed in the prophets, He must have come to realize His call to preach and bear witness to a different kind of society based on God’s plan in the original creation before sin. As any mature, intelligent human being, He would have combined His various daily experiences with His prayerful reflections and so discerned what God desired of Him. And so Jesus embarked on a vocation that would bring Him into conflict with religious and civil authorities.

If we look at some events in recent history, we see the high probability of this scenario. We only have to consider the life of Archbishop Oscar Romero or the lives of many priests and religious who were killed because of what they taught or the way they lived as advocates and friends of the poor and marginalized. There is still sin in the world. In a sinful world, it is very probable that such a person will risk losing his life. In the political situation in Palestine two thousand years ago, condemnation to death meant execution by crucifixion. And so Jesus would die on a cross.

It is only in this way that we can understand what it means to say that it was the Father’s will that Jesus die on the cross. What the Father willed is that Jesus would be a human being fully attuned to the Spirit of Wisdom, Justice, Peace, and Love. He would experience everything that any human being does. And that commitment was made at the moment of the incarnation. At that point God became united to humanity and by so doing reconciled sinful humanity to its Creator. His living fully what it is to be a human being in the image of God in a sinful world brought Him to the cross. His death becomes a lesson for all humanity: a lesson in obedience and submission to God, a lesson in sacrificial love.

Rev. Ugo Nacciarone, S.J.
Associate Pastor
SUNDAY, MARCH 25th
Stations of the Cross for Children and Families.
1:00 PM. Church.

MONDAY, MARCH 26th
Dr. Beverly Musgrave discusses The Sacred Relationship of Caregiving: An Intergenerational Exploration.
7:00 PM. Wallace Hall. Details on page 5.

Ranger Rosary Ministry. 7:00 PM. Meeting Room. To date, over 3,250 rosaries have been made by the volunteers and sent to chaplains who distribute them to soldiers, sailors, Marines, and Air Force personnel. Supplies and instructions are provided and new members are always welcome!

TUESDAY, MARCH 27th
Reconciliation Tuesdays: The Sacrament of Confession will follow the 5:30 PM Daily Mass during Lent.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28th
Daily Masses at 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:30 PM: Quiet Wednesdays. The Daily Masses on the Wednesdays of Lent will offer a few moments to reflect quietly upon the readings of the day (in lieu of a homily).

The Tears of Faith: Repentance and Mourning. Presented by Rev. Leo J. O’Donovan, S.J.
7:00 PM. Wallace Hall. Details on page 5.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.
7:00 PM. Conference Room. All are welcome!

THURSDAY, MARCH 29th
Meetings of the Thursday Evening Scripture Reflection Group are cancelled until further notice.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY NOW PLEASE REMEMBER US LATER!
Remember St. Ignatius in Your Estate Plan.
Leave a legacy to the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola by including a bequest in your will.

Please contact Mary Reed, Director of Development, at 212-288-3588 x632 or reedm@stignatiusloyola.org
**IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS**

**SUNDAY SOCIALS SCHEDULE**
The IYA hosts socials for young adults (ages 21-39) in Wallace Hall from September through June following the Sunday evening 7:30 PM Mass.

**Next Sunday Social:**
**April 1st**
To receive updates on IYA events and other opportunities, please sign up for our email list at http://tinyurl.com/IgnatianYoungAdults and follow us on Facebook at “Ignatian Young Adults (NYC)”

**Finding God in Movement**
**Saturday, April 14th at 5:00 PM**
Wallace Hall
Come explore how to deepen your prayer practice through body awareness and simple movement with liturgical dancers Katie and Becky Bignell. Teens and adults of all ages are welcome. No prior movement experience is necessary.

To register, or for more information, please contact Katie Bignell at kbignell@gmail.com by Wednesday, April 11th.

**Finding God in Art**
**Friday, April 20th at 6:30 PM**
Metropolitan Museum of Art
Kate Wysocki Gunsch, a PhD candidate in African art history at the Institute of Fine Arts, New York University, will lead a tour on the role of faith in African art. This tour will examine artworks in the African galleries as they relate to faith and spirituality. From Ethiopian Christian icons to sculptures used in Baule divination, and even El Anatsui's beautiful sculptural tapestry *Between Heaven and Earth*, artists and patrons working in diverse periods and nations within Africa reflect the universal desire to find meaning and spiritual guidance in life.

After a short presentation on each object, participants will be invited to discuss the art works as a group. Have no fear – whether you’ve never set foot in an art history class before or have never considered African art, this will be a fun, low-key way to appreciate one of the Met’s finest collections! Social to follow afterwards.

To register, or for more information, please contact Fr. Anthony SooHoo, S.J., at soohooa@stignatiusloyola.org by Tuesday, April 17th.
Easter Memorial Liturgy
Tuesday, April 17th at 7:00 PM
Our annual liturgy to remember parishioners and family members who died in 2011.
You are invited to submit the names of deceased loved ones to Sr. Kathryn King no later than Sunday, April 1st.
Sr. King can be reached at 212-288-3588 or kingk@stignatiusloyola.org

Lenten Resources:
New! The homepage of the New York Province of the Society of Jesus features a collection of resources, including video reflections by Jesuits of the New York Province, on Lent and the weekly readings. Visit www.nysj.org and click on “Lenten Resources.”

Pray as You Go
http://www.pray-as-you-go.org
Pray-as-you-go is a daily prayer session designed for use on your iPod or other portable MP3 player.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

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| (5th Thursday of Lent) |        |        |        |
| Genesis 17:3-9        | Psalm 105 | John 8:51-59 |        |
| 8:30 MEM              | John Figge |        |        |
| 12:10 MEM             | Edgardo Jastillana |        |        |
| 5:30 MEM              | Living & Deceased Members of the Wallace Family |        |        |

| Friday, March 30th  |        |        |        |
| (5th Friday of Lent) |        |        |        |
| Jeremiah 20:10-13     | Psalm 18 | John 10:31-42 |        |
| 8:30 MEM             | Mary Lawtom |        |        |
| 12:10 MEM            | Deceased Members of the McIntyre Family |        |        |
| 5:30 MEM             | William Powers |        |        |

| Saturday, March 31st |        |        |        |
| (5th Saturday of Lent) |        |        |        |
| Ezekiel 37:21-28     | Jeremiah 31 | John 11:45-56 |        |
| 8:30 MEM             | Angelina Filak |        |        |

| Sunday, April 1st   |        |        |        |
| (Easter Sunday)     |        |        |        |
| Isaiah 50:4-7       | Psalm 22 |        |        |
| Philippians 2:6-11  | Mark 14:1 – 15:47 |        |        |
Dr. Beverly Musgrave discusses
The Sacred Relationship of Caregiving:
An Intergenerational Exploration
Monday, March 26th at 7:00 PM
Wallace Hall
Topics include:
- How to recognize some of the psychological and spiritual dimensions of transition.
- How to develop a new space in your heart for compassionate caregiving.
A wine and cheese reception will follow the talk.
RSVP: Sr. Kathryn King at kingk@stignatiusloyola.org or 212-288-3588.

Dr. Beverly Musgrave has a Ph.D. in psychology and is trained as a psychoanalytic psychotherapist and spiritual director. She is a licensed mental health counselor in New York State and has a private practice in New York City. Dr. Musgrave recently retired from Fordham University as a professor in pastoral care and counseling.

Hosted by Emmaus Bereavement Ministry, Boomers & Beyond, Ignatian Young Adults, and 40s & Fabulous with the generous support of Frank E. Campbell The Funeral Chapel.

THE TEARS OF FAITH Repentance and Mourning presented by Rev. Leo J. O’Donovan, S.J. Wednesday, March 28th at 7:00 PM in Wallace Hall
A Lenten slide lecture with commentary on faith moved to tears and how great artists have interpreted grief, mourning, and repentance.

Rev. Leo J. O’Donovan, S.J., is President emeritus of Georgetown University and a past president of the Catholic Theological Society of America. He has written art criticism for publications such as America, Commonweal, The Washingtonian, Stimmen der Zeit (Munich), the Los Angeles Times, and the National Catholic Reporter.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
PASSION SUNDAY APRIL 1st
Regular Weekend Mass Schedule:
Saturday 5:30 PM (Vigil)
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM
11:00 AM (Solemn)
11:00 AM (Wallace Hall Family Mass)
7:30 PM

LITURGIES OF THE TRIDUUM
HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 5th Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM) Rev. William Bergen, S.J., Presider Rev. Philip Judge, S.J., Homilist
GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6th Celebration of the Lord’s Passion Liturgy at 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM) Rev. Ugo Nacciarone, S.J., Presider Rev. James Dugan, S.J., Homilist
HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 7th Easter Vigil 8:00 PM (doors open at 7:30 PM) Rev. George M. Witt, S.J., Presider Rev. William Bergen, S.J., Homilist
For reasons of safety, once the Vigil begins, no one will be admitted into the Church until the end of the “Exultet.” Please be on time.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8th Please note the change in Mass Times:
7:30 AM – Organ/Cantor
9:00 AM – Organ/Cantor
10:30 AM - Organ/Cantor/Choirs/Brass
11:00 AM (Wallace Hall Family Mass) – Piano/Choirs
Noon (Solemn) – Organ/Cantor/Choirs/Brass
7:30 PM – Organ/Cantor
Lenten Vespers 2012: En Las Calles y en Nuestras Casas. Sunday, March 25th at 4:00 PM. Speaker: Dr. Carmen Nanko-Fernández, Catholic Theological Union. Corpus Christi Church, 529 West 121st Street. For more information, visit www.corpus-christi-nyc.org

Model Seder at St. Thomas More. Hosted by The Yorkville Christian-Jewish Council. Wednesday evening, March 28th at 7:00 PM. Church of St. Thomas More, 65 East 89th Street. The event will feature a taste of traditional foods, holiday songs, and customs. All are welcome. Admission is free, but reservations are required. Call 212-472-1823.

Easter Triduum Retreat (Silent): “No Greater Love.” Thursday, April 5th – Sunday, April 8th. St. Ignatius Jesuit Retreat House, 251 Searingtown Road, Manhasset, NY (Accessible by LIRR, Port Washington Line.) The retreat begins with a conversational Seder supper at 6:00 PM on Holy Thursday, followed by silence and prayerful presentations until the reception after the Easter Vigil. The retreat ends on Easter morning with an Emmaus Walk and breakfast. There will also be the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Silence will be embraced throughout the weekend. Price: $390/pp private room; $345/pp semi-private; $320/pp commuters. Call 516-621-8300 x15 for registration and additional information, or visit www.inisfada.net

Institute for Spirituality in the Workplace 2012 Pilgrimages:
Along the Pathways of Sts. Thomas and Francis Xavier: A Pilgrimage to India. October 1st –15th, with Fr. Joe Costantino, S.J. Total cost, including airfare and taxes, all breakfasts and 7 dinners: $3,995. Early Bird Special: $3,950.


For more information, contact Angie Cruz, Ph.D. at cruzangie@yahoo.com or angiecruzphd@gmail.com or call 212-807-0484.

Weekday Masses Monday–Friday
8:30 AM, 12:10 PM and 5:30 PM
Saturday: 8:30 AM

Masses for Next Weekend:
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM Fr. Witt
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Bergen
9:30 AM Fr. Witt
Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Dugan
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Ugo
7:30 PM Fr. Martin

Music Information: (212) 288-2520 Email: music@stignatiusloyola.org