In the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius Loyola, contemplation means using our imagination to enter into the life of Jesus. Ignatius asks us to recreate scenes from Jesus’ life with the eyes and ears of the soul: to see what is happening, hear what is being said, and attend to what is being done. He even suggests we create some role for ourselves, becoming bystanders or one of the people in the story. Ignatius recommends contemplation because he knows actions and words only reveal their full meaning in context, and only imagination can help us create a context for Jesus’ words and deeds.

As a young Jesuit contemplating Jesus’ agony in the garden, I thought it was almost unfair of Jesus to complain to the disciples about not watching with him. I had put myself in their place and imagined what they were going through, watching a man whom they loved with all their hearts undergo terrible anguish and distress. Worse still, they were powerless to do anything about it. They could not relieve Jesus’ suffering, and they could not really share it. That must have been physically, emotionally and spiritually exhausting. What else could they do but escape into sleep?

In later years, during a similar contemplation, I realized just how wrong I had been. My mistake was to think there was nothing the disciples could do. If I had been listening, I would have heard Jesus himself telling them what they could do. Pray. Instead of isolating themselves in their own anguish and so deserting Jesus in his, they could pour their hearts out to God and share their love of Jesus with God. But how? What should their approach to prayer in time of crisis be? Indeed, what should our approach to prayer in time of crisis be? Jesus’ example in the garden and on the cross gives us the answer.

Jesus prayed honestly. Jesus told his Father exactly what he wanted and exactly why he wanted it. He was not embarrassed by his need, and he did not try to hide his frailty. He presented himself to God exactly as he was.

Jesus prayed humbly. Jesus knew very well that his hopes and desires might not determine what would happen. He prayed to accept with his whole heart whatever might come to pass. He prayed for unfailing trust in his Father.

Finally, Jesus prayed in solidarity. Neither in the garden nor on Calvary did Jesus have a community to pray with. Still, he did not pray alone. On the way to the garden and during his agony on the cross, Jesus prayed the prayers of his tradition, the psalms. When he offered those prayers he could feel himself praying in solidarity with generations past and generations to come, and that solidarity supported his prayer.

How should we pray in time of crisis? Like Jesus, we should pray honestly. Like Jesus, we should pray humbly. Like Jesus, we should pray in solidarity, relying on the prayers of our tradition—the *Glory Be*, the *Our Father*, the *Hail Mary*—and praying them in companionship with all who have reverently used those words before us and all who will make use of them in the future.

In *Henry and Cato*, a novel by Iris Murdoch, Cato is in the process of leaving the priesthood. He has given up the faith because he feels responsible for events that cost the life of a young man who trusted him. An active priest named Brendan is Cato’s best friend. Murdoch has Brendan give Cato, who claims he no longer believes in God, some apparently paradoxical but also sound advice. Pray. “I wish you would pray for him,” Brendan says, “I wish you would go on praying.” Then he adds, “Praying is the most essential of human activities, it should be like breathing. The need to pray is like the need to breathe.”

The need to pray is like the need to breathe because prayer supports life. Without it, we end up like the disciples in the garden, isolated in ourselves and withdrawn from those we love. Jesus teaches us how to pray at all times, but especially in times of crisis. Pray honestly. Pray humbly. Pray in solidarity. And never cease praying.

—Rev. Thomas H. Feely, S.J.
Administrator
SUNDAY, MARCH 20th
Stations of the Cross for Families. 12:30 PM. Church. Details on page 3.

Sunday Social. 8:30 PM. Wallace Hall. Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults. Follows the 7:30 PM Mass.

MONDAY, MARCH 21st
ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF RECONCILIATION
All parishes in the Archdiocese of New York will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confessions will be heard at St. Ignatius Loyola from 3:00 PM – 6:45 PM.
To be followed by the PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE at 7:00 PM Many priests will be available for Confession.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22nd
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesday Evenings After the 5:30 PM Mass until 8:00 PM. In the Church.
For exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private adoration.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23rd
Job Transition Support Group. 10:00 AM. Parish Lounge. Bringing together experienced professionals looking to secure employment.

HOLY THURSDAY THROUGH EASTER
For the confession schedule and schedule of liturgies for the Triduum and Easter Sunday, see page 5.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY
MARCH 25th – MARCH 27th
Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall. Details on page 4.

For your convenience
To reach the Giving page on the parish website, scan the QR Code at left.
Stations of the Cross for Families
TODAY at 12:30 PM
Dear Children and Parents:
Stations are places where people wait while they are traveling from one place to another. A school-bus stop is like a station. People wait at subway stations or bus stations. Church stations are also places where people take time to think about Jesus as he went to die on a cross. They are Stations of the Cross and show us how much Jesus loved us. Praying the Stations of the Cross is a Lenten tradition.

We invite families to join us in the Church today at 12:30 PM where we will walk the Stations of the Cross together. At each Station we will stop and listen to a short reading and say a prayer.

Stations of the Cross for the Parish Community
Wednesday, March 23rd at 7:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

The Liturgy for Good Friday will be celebrated on March 25th at 7:00 PM. It is the starkest of all liturgies during the year and includes the chanting of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion.

Many churches, including St. Ignatius Loyola, also have a Three Hours Devotion service from Noon to 3:00 PM to commemorate the time Jesus hung and died on the cross. This devotion includes meditations on the Seven Last Words of Jesus from the cross.

It does not include Holy Communion.

Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence
“Fasting” requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until age 59. Those not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

“Abstinence” prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent that they are able.

THE THREE HOURS DEVOTION
Good Friday, March 25th, from Noon to 3:00 PM
“The Seven Last Words of Christ”
A traditional Christian devotion commemorating our Savior’s death, centered around the “seven last words” spoken by Jesus from the cross.

FIRST WORD: “Father, Forgive Them”
Rev. Dr. Laurie Andersen
Chaplain, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

SECOND WORD: “Today You Will Be With Me In Paradise”
Robert J. Giugliano, Ph.D.
Spiritual Director/Psychologist

THIRD WORD: “Woman, Behold Your Son”
Br. Gerald Doherty, FMS
Guidance Chairman/Social Worker, Mount St. Michael Academy, Bronx, New York

FOURTH WORD: “My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?”
Rev. Gregory P. Fryer
Pastor, Immanuel Lutheran Church, New York City

FIFTH WORD: “I Thirst”
Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.
Associate Pastor, Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, New York City

SIXTH WORD: “Into Your Hands, Lord, I Commend My Spirit”
Rev. Anita Wright
Pastor, Memorial West United Presbyterian Church Newark, New Jersey

SEVENTH WORD: “It Is Finished”
Rev. Samuel J. Sawyer, S.J.
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Canticum Sacrum Parish Community Choir
Wallace Hall Choir
St. Ignatius Loyola Children’s Choirs, Maureen Haley, Director
Sara Murphy, soloist
with Omega Dance Company
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

**Monday, March 21st**
(Monday of Holy Week)
Isaiah 42:1–7    Psalm 27    John 12:1–11
8:30 MEM Beverly Kopp Bunce
12:10 MEM Deceased Members of the Dapul Family
5:30 MEM Nathan Davidson

**Tuesday, March 22nd**
(Tuesday of Holy Week)
Isaiah 49:1–6    Psalm 71    John 13:21–33, 36–38
8:30 MEM Shane Conran
12:10 MEM Francis J. Nish
5:30 MEM Helen Regan

**Wednesday, March 23rd**
(Wednesday of Holy Week)
Isaiah 50:4–9a    Psalm 69    Matthew 26:14–25
8:30 MEM Renee Stambuk
12:10 MEM Adele Flannery
5:30 MEM The Gilhooley Family

**Thursday, March 24th**
(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, March 25th**
(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, March 26th**
(Holy Saturday)
Easter Vigil:
Genesis 1:1–2:2       Baruch 3:9–15, 32–4:4
Genesis 22:1–18       Ezekiel 36:16–17a, 18–28
Exodus 14:15–15:1     Romans 6:3–11
Isaiah 54:5–14        Psalm 118

**Sunday, March 27th**
(Easter Sunday)
Acts 10:3a, 37–43       Colossians 3:1–4
Psalm 118              John 20:1–9

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**The Easter Vigil**
The Easter Vigil liturgy is the most beautiful liturgy in the Roman Catholic Church. Celebrated on Holy Saturday after sunset, the Vigil Mass is regarded as the most important Mass of the liturgical year.

Adults who have never been baptized are baptized at this liturgy. Baptized Christians of other denominations are received into the Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Baptized Roman Catholics who have never had religious instruction are confirmed and receive their First Eucharist.

Because it is so rich with detail, the Vigil Mass usually lasts about three hours. We invite you to attend the Vigil service on **Saturday, March 26th**! Doors will open at 7:30 PM; the service begins at 8:00 PM. Because the Vigil begins in complete darkness, no latecomers will be admitted into the Church until the end of the “Exultet.”
CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday, March 21st
ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF RECONCILIATION
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 3:00 PM to 6:45 PM.
To be followed by the
PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE at 7:00 PM
Many priests will be available for Confession.

Good Friday, March 25th
3:00 PM – Immediately following The Three Hours Devotion.
In the Church.

Holy Saturday, March 26th
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM in the Parish House Parlors.

LITURGIES OF THE TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 24th
The church will be closed during the morning for set-up and rehearsal.
During this time the Lady Chapel will remain open.
Mass of the Lord’s Supper
7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM)
Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J., Presider

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25th
The church will be closed until 11:30 AM on Friday morning as it is prepared for the Three Hours Devotion.
During this time the Lady Chapel will remain open.
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
Liturgy at 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM)
Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J., Presider

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 26th
The church will be closed for decorating.
The Lady Chapel will remain open all day.
Easter Vigil
8:00 PM (doors open at 7:30 PM)
Rev. Thomas H. Feely, S.J., Presider
For reasons of safety, once the Vigil begins, latecomers will not be admitted into the Church until the end of the “Exultet.” Please be on time.

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27th
Please note the change in Mass Times:
7:30 AM – Organ/Cantor
9:00 AM – Organ/Cantor
10:30 AM – Organ/Cantor/Choirs/Brass
10:30 AM (Wallace Hall Family Mass) – Piano/Choirs/Omega Dance Company
Noon (Solemn) – Organ/Cantor/Choirs/Brass
There is no 7:30 PM Mass on Easter Sunday.

MUSIC

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 24th
MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER
7:00 PM MASS
Duruflé  Ubi caritas
Farrant  Lord, for thy tender mercy’s sake
Tallis  O sacrum convivium
Berger  The eyes of all wait upon thee
12th c.  Lament of Rachel

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25th
THREE HOURS DEVOTION
Noon – 3:00 PM
with Omega Dance Company, Parish Community Choir, Training Choir II, and Middle School Choir
Gillen  In living water
Loosemore  O Lord, increase our faith
Archer  We Cannot Measure

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S PASSION
7:00 PM
Chant  The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ
According to St. John
Victoria  O vos omnes
Sheppard  In manus tuas

SATURDAY, MARCH 26th
SOLEMN VIGIL OF EASTER – 8:00 PM
Palestrina  Sicut cervus
Victoria  Vidi aquam
Vaughan Williams  O clap your hands
Gabriel  O sacrum convivium
Widor  5ème Symphonie pour Orgue, Op. 42: V. Toccata

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27th
10:30 AM MASS AND 12:00 PM NOON MASS (SOLEMN)
with Parish Community Choir
Krape  Prelude on Christ is Errstanden
Willan  Prelude on Gelobt sei Gott
Vaughan Williams  O clap your hands
Hancock  Christ, our Passover
Widor  5ème Symphonie pour Orgue, Op. 42: V. Toccata

10:30 AM WALLACE HALL FAMILY MASS
Prelude begins at 10:15 AM
with Omega Dance Company and Wallace Hall Choir
Hawkins  O happy day
arr. Warren  Joyful joyful
Ray  He never failed me yet
WAY OF THE CROSS OVER THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE

On Good Friday, March 25th, Communion and Liberation will sponsor the Way of the Cross over the Brooklyn Bridge.

Participants will congregate for the first station at St. James Cathedral-Basilica, Brooklyn, at 10:00 AM. After a station on the Brooklyn Bridge, the procession will follow the cross to a third station at City Hall Park in Manhattan and a fourth station near Ground Zero. The final station will be at St. Peter’s Church on Barclay Street, concluding at 1:30 PM.

At each station, there will be readings from the Passion, a meditation, a reflection, and hymns. All are invited.

For more information, call Communion and Liberation at (212) 337-3580 or visit www.wocbrooklynbridge.org

Volunteers Needed: Brooklyn Jesuit Prep, a Jesuit middle school for low-income children in Crown Heights, is in need of volunteers to support its programs. There is a particular need for volunteers who are willing to tutor students during daily study halls and on Saturdays, help with grant writing, organize extracurricular programs in cooking, the arts, music, sports, double-dutch, and more. If you are interested in volunteering, email info@brooklynjesuit.org or call 718-638-5884 and speak with the Principal, Brian Chap, or the President, Patricia Gauvey.

Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers Needed. Lenox Hill Hospital’s Department of Pastoral Care is seeking additional Eucharistic Ministers. Volunteer ministers are asked to commit two hours on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. For more information and application, contact Carlos Cuartas, Chaplain at ccuartas@nshs.edu

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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. Confessions will be heard at St. Ignatius Loyola Church during the Archdiocesan Day of Reconciliation on Monday, March 21st, beginning at 3:00 PM. This will be followed by our Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service at 7:00 PM.

Baptisms
Please call Teresa Cariño at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x632) 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 call Teresa Cariño at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x632) 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.

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