A Lowly King Who Regathers the People

Americans have had a disapproving and adversarial relationship to monarchy from our earliest decades as a nation. John Quincy Adams wrote of King George III, “His reign has been a most tempestuous period in the history of the civilized world. His influence over it has been negative and inauspicious. As the great head and champion of the cause of existing institutions, against all innovation, he has contributed to perpetuate abuses of the most pernicious character . . . to prolong the deadly struggle between the absurd and artificial distinctions of hereditary rank, and the tendencies of the age to the common level of democracy.” The monarchy symbolized to many early Americans the diminishment of social and economic progress.

This was not so in Israel. Many Jews believed that their liberation came through a monarchy. The Psalms of Solomon, written in 63 BCE, express the common hope that a descendant of David would come, overthrow their enemies, and reestablish the kingdom. The synagogue prayer of the Eighteen Benedictions, often recited in the first century, called out, “Be merciful, O Lord our God, towards Jerusalem, Thy City, and towards Zion, the abiding place of Thy glory, and towards the kingdom of the house of David, Thy righteous anointed one. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, God of David, the Builder of Jerusalem!”

But even with the Jews’ favorable disposition to kingship, Jesus assumes a far different posture with his entry into Jerusalem. The horse was usually an animal for battle, portraying might and power. The donkey that Jesus rode in on was only considered a draft animal, for ferrying goods and people. It was certainly not befitting most ancient peoples’ views of regal splendor. Spanish theologian Jose Pagola remarks that “Jesus is seeking a reign of peace and justice for all, not an empire built through violence and oppression.” This bold contrast to the Romans in itself would have been enough to warrant a decree of execution.

The multitude does not exclaim the glory of the figure before them, but that he comes “in the name of the Lord.” The bystanders who cut foliage and lay out their tunics, are expressing gratitude to Jesus and their faith in God’s reign.

With the Kingdom of God coming into fulfillment, Jesus desires not the glorification of the monarchy, but rather an equally insistent expectation: the “re-gathering” of Israel. Scholar Gerhard Lohfink notes that this was one of the fundamental propositions in Israel’s theology. The term “gathering” signified the bringing of salvation: The Savior was he who “gathered” the people. The Palm Sunday “gathering” of the people, reenacted at parishes all around the world on this day, is theologically equivalent to liberating, saving, healing, and redeeming. It is always God who gathers the people; it is never said in the Scriptures that the people will gather themselves.

The goal of the gathering is a renewed dwelling in the Land. It is true that the gathering of the people of God means more than simply bringing them together. It always means as well that the people will find unity among themselves. And this gathering includes those outside of Israel, the Gentiles. Why others will be drawn in is crucial: a fascination with eschatological Israel—the ultimate destiny of mankind. It is God who shines forth in the power of divine actions and the peaceful quality of God’s social order. One of the final psalms, 147, conveys this message fittingly “The Lord builds up Jerusalem [anew]; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.”

— Rev. Brett B. McLaughlin, S.J.  
Assistant Pastor
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, MARCH 26th
Moms, Pops & Tots.
10:30 AM. Meeting Room.

Archdiocesan Day of Reconciliation.
3:00 PM – 8:30 PM. Church.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27th
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Church. Details at right.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28th
Stations of the Cross for the Parish Community.
7:30 PM. Church.

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

MORE THAN A BOOK CLUB
GUIDED TOUR AND BOOK DISCUSSION

Backstage Guided Tour of the
Metropolitan Opera House
Monday, April 16th at 2:30 PM
&
April Selection Book Discussion
Thursday, April 19th at 2:00 PM
Meeting Room

APRIL BOOK SELECTION

Bel Canto by Ann Patchett
Based on the Japanese embassy hostage crisis of 1996–1997 in Lima, Peru, the novel follows the relationships among a group of young terrorists and their hostages, who are mostly high-profile executives and politicians, over several months.

Cost of the Tour: $20/person
(Pre-paid reservations only)

Send a check (payable to "Church of St. Ignatius Loyola", with the memo line note "Opera Tour") to:
More Than A Book Club, c/o St. Ignatius Loyola, 980 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10028

Checks must be received by Monday, April 9th.
Registrants will meet in the lobby of the Metropolitan Opera House at 2:30 PM. Please enter the lobby by the south side entrance (opposite the Box Office). The tour will start at 2:45 PM.

To RSVP for the guided tour and/or the book discussion, email MoreThanaBookClubSIL@gmail.com

MUSIC

The N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series
presents
DAVID HIGGS
Chair, Organ Department,
Eastman School of Music

SUNDAY, APRIL 15TH at 3:00 PM
Tickets: $25

Tickets are available online at www.smssconcerts.org or by calling 212-288-2520.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Through Tuesday, March 27th
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM in the Church
The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 6:00 PM. The church will be open for private adoration until shortly before 8:00 PM when the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed and the church will close.
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 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 31st! 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.”

THE LITURGY FOR GOOD FRIDAY will be celebrated on March 30th 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.

THE THREE HOURS DEVOTION

Good Friday, March 30th
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”
Sr. Maureen Colleary, FSP
RENEW International

SECOND WORD:
“Today You Will Be With Me In Paradise”
Rev. Paul Robert Sauer
Pastor, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Bronx
Assistant Professor of Religion, Concordia College

THIRD WORD: “Woman, Behold Your Son”
Sr. Margaret Ormond, O.P.
President
Dominican Academy, New York City

FOURTH WORD:
“My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?”
Mr. Brian Daley
Department of Theology
Loyola School

FIFTH WORD: “I Thirst”
Rev. Rebekah Hutto
Associate Minister of Christian Education & Discipleship
Brick Presbyterian Church, New York City

SIXTH WORD:
“Into Your Hands, Lord, I Commend My Spirit”
Rev. Brett McLaughlin, S.J.
Assistant Pastor
Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

SEVENTH WORD: “It Is Finished”
Rev. Jim Salladin
Rector, Emmanuel Anglican Church, New York City

Participating Musicians and Choirs

K. Scott Warren
Robert Reuter, Michael Sheetz, Philip Anderson
Members of the Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola
Canticum Sacrum Parish Community Choir
Wallace Hall Choir
St. Ignatius Loyola Children’s Choirs,
Maureen Haley, Director
with Omega Dance Company
We welcome new parishioners and invite you to fill out a Parishioner Registration Card located in the pew racks and online at stignatiusloyola.org

IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS
invites you to a reading/signing/celebration of
God Isn’t Finished With Me Yet: Discovering the Spiritual Graces of Later Life by Barbara Lee

Wednesday, April 4th | 3:00–5:00 PM & 6:00–8:00 PM
Jesuit Provincial Center | 39 East 83rd Street
To RSVP, email blee_aida@msn.com and specify afternoon or evening session.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

**Monday, March 26th**
*(Monday of Holy Week)*
Isaiah 42:1–7  Psalm 27  John 12:1–11
8:30 MEM  Emil Wittek
12:10 MEM  James Gill
5:30 MEM  Daniel Cording

**Tuesday, March 27th**
*(Tuesday of Holy Week)*
Isaiah 49:1–6  Psalm 71  John 13:21–33, 36–38
8:30 MEM  Carla Fendi
12:10 MEM  Francisco Dancel
5:30 MEM  Kevin Leary

**Wednesday, March 28th**
*(Wednesday of Holy Week)*
Isaiah 50:4–9a  Psalm 69  Matthew 26:14–25
8:30 MEM  Wallace Storch
12:10 MEM  Toni Brown
5:30 MEM  William Powers

**Thursday, March 29th**
*(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 30th**
*(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 31st**
*(Holy Saturday)*
Genesis 1:1–2:2  Isaiah 55:1–11
Psalm 104  Isaiah 12
Genesis 22:1–18  Ezekiel 36:16–17a, 18–28
Psalm 16  Romans 6:3–11
Exodus 14:15–15:1  Matthew 28:1–10

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

**Continuing the Journey Through Holy Listening**

If you treasured the faith sharing experiences of Meeting Christ in Prayer and long to deepen your relationship with Christ by sharing your prayer experience with your brothers and sisters, you are invited to join either of two groups who will meet for four sessions of Holy Listening.

Based on Resurrection readings, this program provides new opportunities for spiritual conversation.

For registration and information, contact Grace Gorman or Rosario Conde-Johanek at MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org

**HOSPITALITY MINISTRY**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Holy Thursday, March 29th**
- Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7:00 PM

**Good Friday, March 30th**
- Celebration of the Lord’s Passion at 7:00 PM

**Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 31st at 8:00 PM**

**Easter Sunday, April 1st**
- 7:30 AM • 9:00 AM
- 10:30 AM (Church & Wallace Hall Family Masses)
- Solemn Mass at 12:00 Noon

For more information, contact Rob Manning, head of the Hospitality Ministry, at robbiefmanning@gmail.com
### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**PASSION SUNDAY, March 25th**

*Hosanna*

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

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

- **Monday, March 26th**
  - ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF RECONCILIATION
    - The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 3:00 PM to 8:30 PM.
- **Good Friday, March 30th**
  - Immediately following the Three Hours Devotion. Church.
- **Holy Saturday, March 31st**
  - 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM in the Parish House Parlors.

### LITURGIES OF THE TRIDUUM

**HOLY THURSDAY, March 29th**

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 30th**

Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
- Liturgy at 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM)
- Rev. Thomas H. Feely, S.J., Presider

**HOLY SATURDAY, March 31st**

Easter Vigil
- 8:00 PM (doors open at 7:30 PM)
- Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, 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, April 1st**

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/Omega Dance Company

### MUSIC

**HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 29th**

**MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER – 7:00 PM**

- 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 30th**

**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*
  - Warren  *Humbly I adore thee*
  - Hurford  *Litany to the Holy Spirit*

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S PASSION**

- 7:00 PM
  - Chant  *The Passion According to St. John*
  - Casals  *O vos omnes*
  - Sheppard  *In manus tuas*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 31st**

**SOLEMN VIGIL OF EASTER – 8:00 PM**

- Palestria  *Sicut cervus*
- Victoria  *Vidi aquam*
- Stanford  *Ye choirs of new Jerusalem*
- H. Parker  *Light’s glittering morn bedecks the sky*
- Gigout  *Grand Choeur Dialogue*

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1st**

10:30 AM MASS AND
12:00 PM NOON MASS (SOLEMN)

- with Omega Dance Company (12:00 PM only)
- J.S. Bach  *Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 718*
- Krape  *Christ ist erstanden*
- Held  *Prelude on the Easter chant*
- Vicitimae paschali laudes
- Stanford  *Ye choirs of new Jerusalem*
- Scheidt  *Surrexit Christus hodie*
- Farnam  *Toccata on O Filii et Filiae* (10:30 AM only)
- Gigout  *Grand Choeur Dialogue* (12:00 PM only)

10:30 AM WALLACE HALL FAMILY MASS

- with Omega Dance Company
- and Wallace Hall Choir

- Hampton  *Praise His Holy Name*
- Ray  *He Never Failed Me Yet*
Music Information: (212) 288-2520 Email: music@stignatiusloyola.org

WAY OF THE CROSS OVER THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE
On Good Friday, March 30th, the Movement of 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 the Movement of Communion and Liberation at (212) 337-3580 or visit wocbrooklynbridge.org

Film: The Nuclear Requiem. Wednesday, April 11. 6:15 PM. The Town School, 540 East 76th Street. A documentary that explores the question, “Why do nuclear weapons still exist?” Reception to follow.