

**Loyola University New Orleans**  
**College of Law Graduation Mass**  
**May 8, 2025**

**Main Celebrant**

Reverend Lawrence Moore, S.J.  
*Professor of Law*

**Main Concelebrants**

Reverend John Cunningham, S.J.  
*Vice President of Mission and Identity*

Reverend Penn Dawson, S.J.

*Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, New Orleans Jesuit Community Rector*  
*Board of Trustees Secretary/Treasurer*

**Academic Procession Leaders**

Blaine LeCesne  
*Associate Dean and Donna and John Fraiche Distinguished Professor of Law*

Ramona Fernandez

*Deputy Director of the Loyola Law Clinic and Clinic Professor*

**Spirit of Ignatius Award Recipient**

Anna Katherine Gilbert

**Choir**

Kolby Griffin, soprano  
Laura Hamilton, alto  
Justin David Eifert, tenor  
David Michel, bass

**Organist**

Michael Bauer

**Trumpet**

Nick Volz

*Associate Professor of Classical and Jazz Trumpet*

**Liturgy Coordinator and Music Director**

Ken Weber  
*Associate Director of Ministry*

# GATHERING PROCESSION

Loyola University Gonfalon

Megan M. King

College of Law Gonfalon

Angelica Alexandria Pickens

Faculty and Staff

Graduates

Crucifer

Eric M. Miller

Reader

Ashley E. White

Universal Prayers Announcers

Taylor N. Avery, JaCorvis T. Cobbs, Mi'Kel T. Granville,  
Ryan P. Simoneaux, Jessica Rae Vadiee

Concelebrants

Main Celebrant

PROCESSIONAL HYMN\*

*Amazing Grace*  
Text: Newton

STAND

1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!
3. The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.
4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

*\*Las traducciones al español se pueden encontrar escaneando el código QR  
en la parte posterior del programa.*

## PENITENTIAL RITE

Priest: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Christ, have mercy.

Priest: Lord, have mercy.

Response: Lord, have mercy.

Response: Christ, have mercy.

Response: Lord, have mercy.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 118: Let Us Rejoice*

Marty Haugen

Refrain

This is the day the Lord has made, let us re -  
*Or:* Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
joice and be glad; this is the day the Lord has  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -  
made, let us re - joice and be glad!  
ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Verses

1. Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's mercy endures for ever;  
Let the house of Israel say: "God's mercy endures for ever."
2. The hand of the Lord has struck with power, God's right hand is exalted,  
I shall not die, but live anew, declaring the works of the Lord.
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,  
the Lord of love and mercy has brought wonder to our eyes!

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Celtic*  
Michael Jonas



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## GOSPEL

John 14:12, 15:12-17

Priest: The Lord be with you.  
Priest: A reading from ....  
Priest: The gospel of the Lord.

Response: And with your spirit.  
Response: Glory to you, O Lord.  
Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## HOMILY

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS & ALTAR

### Gift Bearers

Elise Verheugen Garvey Watkins and guests  
Brandon Michael Tate and guests

Priest: Pray my sisters and brothers...

Response: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at  
your hands for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of all his holy  
Church.

Priest: The Lord be with you.  
Priest: Lift up your hearts.  
Priest: Let us ... our God.

Response: And with your spirit.  
Response: We lift them up to the Lord.  
Response: It is right and just.

# HOLY

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*f* Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of

*mf* hosts.\_\_\_\_\_ Heav-en and earth are full, full of your

*f* glo - ry.\_\_\_\_\_ Ho - san - na,\_\_\_\_\_ Ho -

*mf* san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

*f* comes in the name of the Lord.\_\_\_\_\_ Ho - san -

*ff* - na,\_\_\_\_\_ Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san -

*rit.* - na,\_\_\_\_\_ Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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KNEEL (OR SIT)

# MYSTERY OF FAITH

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*Presider:* *ALL:*

The mys-ter-y of faith. Opt. I We pro-claim your  
Opt. II When we eat this Bread and  
Opt. III Save us, Sav-ior

Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion,  
drink this Cup, we pro-claim your Death, O Lord,—  
of the world, for by your Cross and Res-ur-rec-tion,

1. un-til you come a-gain. 2. gain.  
un-til you come a-gain. When we gain.  
you have set us free. free.

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## AMEN

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*ALL:*

(*Priest intones*) A - men, A - men,

A - men, A - men, A - men!

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OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil...

Response: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

## SIGN OF PEACE

## FRACTION RITE

*Litany for the Breaking of the Bread*

John Schiavone

Cantor



A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di:

Ostinato Refrain: All



mi - se - ré - re no - bis; do - na no - bis pa - cem.

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*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world: have mercy on us; grant us peace.*

Priest: This is the Lamb of God...

Response: Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.

## COMMUNION

*All are invited to come forward in the Communion procession.*

*Those receiving Communion are invited to present one hand over the other  
in front of the Communion minister, receive the host, respond, "Amen,"  
and consume the host immediately.*

*Those receiving a blessing instead are invited to place your hands to your heart.*



# COMMUNION SONG

Pan de Vida

## Refrain

\* *Pan de Vi - da, cuer-po del Se - ñor,*  
cup of bless - ing, blood of Christ the Lord.  
At this ta - ble the last shall be first, \*\* *po -*  
*der es ser - vir, por-que Dios es a - mor.*

## Verses

1. *z* We are the dwell-ing of God,  
\*\*\* 2. *Us - te - des me lla - man "Se - ñor,"* *me in -*  
3. *z* There is no Jew or Greek,  
fra - gile and wound-ed and weak. We are the  
*cli - no\_a la - var - les los pies:* *Ha - gan lo*  
there is no slave or free: there is no  
bod - y of Christ, called to be the com -  
*mis - mo, hu - mil - des, sir - vién - do - se*  
wom-an or man; on - ly heirs of the  
D.C.  
pas - sion of God.  
*u - nos a o - tros.*  
prom - ise of God.

\* *Bread of Life, body of the Lord,* \*\* *power is for service, because God is Love.*

\*\*\* *You call me "Lord," and I bow to wash your feet:*

*you must do the same, humbly serving each other.*

# Spirit of Ignatius Award for Outstanding College of Law Graduate

Presented by Madeleine M. Landrieu, Dean and Judge Adrian G. Duplantier Distinguished Professor of Law

Conferred by President Xavier Cole

Anna Katherine Gilbert

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

## FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Priest: May almighty God ...

Priest: Go forth ...

Response: **And with your spirit.**

Response: **Amen.**

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** All graduating students are asked to assemble after Mass on the front steps of Marquette Hall, which is located on the horseshoe just outside of the church.

## SENDING FORTH

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*  
African-American Spiritual

1 I am weak, but thou art strong; Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;  
2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?  
3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;  
*Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,*

*D.C. for Refrain*

I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.  
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.  
guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.  
dai - ly walk - ing close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It includes a main melody and a refrain, with a double bar line and repeat sign at the end of the refrain.

## Anna Katherine Gilbert

Anna Katherine Gilbert is a native of Charlotte, North Carolina. She earned a B.A. from Grinnell College in 2009 and an M.B.A. from the University of Maryland Robert H. Smith School of Business in 2017. On Saturday, she will earn her J.D., summa cum laude, and will graduate as a William L. Crowe, Sr. Scholar.

Prior to attending law school, Anna worked in the areas of legal aid and campaign management before founding a data and analytics consulting firm in Washington, D.C. She also co-founded ReNew Orleans, collegiate organization which recruited 200 students and faculty to volunteer with post-Katrina recovery efforts.

While at Loyola Law, Anna served as Online Editor for the Loyola Law Review and was a staff member of both Moot Court and the Becnel Trial Advocacy Program. She interned with The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School in 2023, and she worked as a summer law clerk for the New Orleans firms of Liskow & Lewis and Fishman Haygood in 2024. This academic year, she has been a Rule XX student practitioner in the criminal defense section of the Stuart H. Smith Law Clinic.

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### To the Class of 2025:

*It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you  
and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain...*

*This I command you: love one another.*

*-John 15: 16-17*

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