



Sts. Martha & Isaac Jogues Parish

St. Isaac Jogues Church

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Saturday, 5PM
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847-966-3266 or sjschool.org

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays, 11AM - 12:00PM

Sacrament of Matrimony: Must be registered for six months prior to setting the wedding date with an additional six months for necessary preparation.

Note: The following wedding times can be scheduled:

Friday at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

Sunday at 3:00 p.m. (Ceremony only)

Sacrament of Baptism: Second and fourth Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM. Baptism Preparation Session must be completed before Baptism. Contact the Parish Office as soon as possible for details.

Amen, I say to you,
no prophet is accepted
in his own native place.

Luke 4:24

JANUARY

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2022



FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

ST ISAAC JOGUES - Leaders

Parish Pastoral Council			Finance Committee Advisors	
Ted Lenart, Chairperson	Kathy Denning	Gerry Zeller	Kathy Denning	Barbara Watson
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Men's Club Chairperson – Don Baron				
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SPIRITUAL READING: From a homily by a spiritual writer of the fourth century

“Those who have been considered worthy to go forth as the sons of God and to be born again of the Holy Spirit from on high, and who hold within them the Christ who renews them and fills them with light, are directed by the Spirit in varied and different ways and in their spiritual repose they are led invisibly in their hearts by grace.

“At times they are like men who mourn and lament over their fellow men, and pouring forth prayers for the whole human race, they plunge into tears and lamentation, on fire with spiritual love for mankind. At other times they are enkindled by the Spirit with such love and exultation that, were it possible, they would clasp in their embrace all mankind, without discrimination, good and bad alike. At one time they are like a brave man who puts on the king’s full armor and goes down into battle; he fights bravely against the enemy and defeats them. In like manner, the spiritual man takes up the heavenly arms of the Spirit and marches against the enemy and engaging in battle tramples the foe beneath his feet. At another time the soul is at rest in deepest silence, tranquility and peace, existing in sheer spiritual pleasure and in ineffable repose and a perfect state.

Again, the soul is instructed by grace in a certain understanding in the ineffable wisdom and the inscrutable knowledge of the Spirit on matters which neither tongue nor lips can utter. Then again, the soul becomes like any ordinary man.

“In such varied ways does grace work within them and many are the means by which it leads the soul, renewing it according to God’s will and training it in different ways so that it may be set before the heavenly Father pure and whole and blameless. We, too, therefore must make our prayer to God and entreat in love and in great hope that he may bestow upon us the heavenly grace of the gift of the Spirit. We pray that we, too, may be guided by that Spirit and that he may lead us into the fullness of divine will and refresh us with the varied kinds of his repose, that by the help of this guidance, exercise of grace and spiritual advancement, we may be considered worthy to attain to the perfection of the fullness of Christ, as the Apostle says: *that you may be filled to the complete fullness of Christ.*”

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Forty days after Christmas, this week’s ancient feast of the Presentation of the Lord is an extension of the shining days of Christ’s coming into the depths of winter. This is the day when, for a thousand years, the Church has blessed a year’s supply of candles. In many places, a procession forms outside the church. The core memory is of Simeon and Anna’s meeting with the infant Jesus and his parents outside the temple on the fortieth day after the child’s birth, and the delight of going to the table of the Lord for the Eucharist, a foretaste of our final meeting with Christ.

For some Christians, today is known as “The Meeting,” suggesting not only the encounter in the temple, but also our assembly at the Lord’s table and our longing for the kingdom. One story suggests that the commotion made by so many candle-bearing, hymn-singing faithful in the wintry fields of Germany on their joyful way to Mass stirred the badger from hibernation to examine this promise of springtime. The interrupted nap of the groundhog is amazingly linked to the light of Christ driving away the shadows of the world’s darkness. This beautiful feast only rarely falls on a Sunday. What better reason could there be for candles at dinner tonight?



MORNING BIBLE STUDY

--There is no morning Bible Study this Wednesday, Feb. 2nd.

--The Wednesday morning Bible Study will focus on Women in the New Testament beginning Feb. 9th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Holy Family Room. All are welcome and need not have been in a Bible Study before. The cost of materials is \$10. If you plan to participate, please contact the RE Office by Monday, Jan. 31, 4 p.m. After that date you are still welcome but will only be ordering a couple of books over the number reserved.

FEAST OF PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

The blessing of candles will take place during the 8 a.m. Mass on Wednesday, Feb. 2nd. You may bring candles you would like blessed with you to the Mass. We will also have boxes of two home candles (for use during prayer) blessed and then available after Mass. The suggested donation is \$5 per box.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grant us, Lord our God,
that we may honor you with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth of heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

What can I do to come closer to loving everyone in truth of heart?

St. Isaac Jogues Upcoming Events

Monday

RE Classes, 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday –

Liturgy Board Meeting on Zoom, 7 p.m.
Agenda has been sent.
(Rescheduled from last week)

Wednesday

Candlemas

Blessing of Candles during 8 a.m.

OLPH Novena after Mass,

SPRED Session on Zoom, 3 p.m.

Bible Study at 7 p.m.

Thursday

Memorial of St. Blaise

Blessing of Throats at end of 8 a.m. Mass

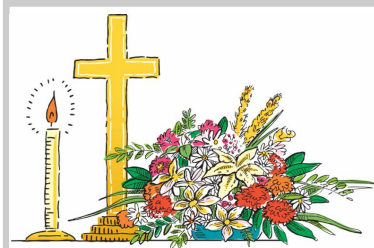
First Friday

Adoration & Benediction,
end of 8 a.m. Mass until 9:30 a.m.

TO BE A PROPHET

Today's readings show us what it is like to be a prophet. As Jeremiah recounts his call, God warns him that he will need strength and perseverance to withstand the hostility he will face from "Judah's kings and princes" and "its priests and people" (Jeremiah 1:18b). God also assures him that they "will not prevail over you, for I am with you" (1:19). The psalm reflects both of these struggles as well as deliverance from them ("salvation").

This is exactly what Jesus experiences in today's Gospel. After he claims that his own mission is the same as what Isaiah proclaimed, at first the people marvel at his "gracious words" (Luke 4:22). Soon, however, they become suspicious, skeptical, and hostile, even threatening to kill him. But just as God promised to deliver Jeremiah, so Jesus "passed through the midst of them and went away" (4:30).



Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are a lovely way to remember a loved one or a special occasion. Flower arrangements are \$55 each and two can be purchased each weekend before Lent and again after Pentecost. Your intention and name will be placed in the bulletin each weekend. If you would like to purchase an arrangement, please call the rectory. Available dates go quickly, so you may want to reserve your date soon.



Food Pantry Needs

Outreach Pantry Wish List

Thank you to those who responded to our plea for help in restocking the pantry. **God bless you** for your generosity and assistance to those struggling during these times. As you'll see below, many items are off the list for the time being. There are some things we could still use: stews, hash, hearty soups, rice, shampoo, deodorant, laundry detergent. **We are unable to accept fresh foods, packages that are open and partially used or items that are out of date.** Please bring donations to Mass or call the Rectory to set up a time to drop them off during the week. Thank you!



Making all things new...

God's promise and our responsibility

2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes, and schools that receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible. For those who might not receive the mailing we will have a pledge process during Masses the weekend of Feb. 19 – 20.

The ACA offers a wonderful opportunity to answer the call "Making all things new... God's promise and our responsibility." In addition to providing ministries and service throughout the Archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of help here in our parish – programs to support evangelization, religious education for all ages, liturgy and lay formation.

As we contemplate God's many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude for those many blessings. Your financial support for the work of our parish, our archdiocese and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please pray and then give what you can to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal.



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Even if we are unable to physically receive Holy Communion at times we can enter into spiritual Communion with the Lord by praying:

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

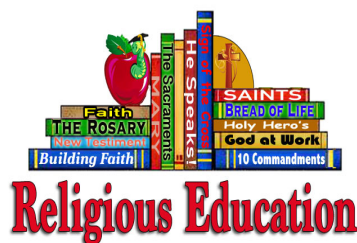
I love You above all things, and I desire to possess You within my soul. I am sorry for ever having offended you.

Since I am unable now to receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as being already there, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never, never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



*Confirmation Yr. II Candidates will have class (relic presentation) at St. Martha in Morton Grove on Monday in the big church. They are to be there by 6:45 p.m. Mr. Lenart will take attendance them. Pick up time is 8 p.m. and Mr. Lenart will wait until all have their rides. Those with children also at SIJ that night will wait in the Holy Family Room with Mrs. Stanton until you arrive.

*The February newsletter will be distributed in class Monday evening. Families are reminded to read it thoroughly.

*The next RE Family Event will be on Monday, February 7, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the church. All students are to attend with at least one parent/guardian per family.

Reflections from Fr. Dennis

Dear Friends and Fellow Parishioners:

People called him a company man. He didn't rock the boat or stand out. He didn't get into trouble, and no one viewed him as a threat. Then one day things began to change. And he began to get into "good trouble" on behalf of the poor and the marginalized of El Salvador. He spoke with fire about God's deep love for each person, confronting the powers of this world with the promise of the kingdom of God. And they killed him for it. It is fair to say that Oscar Romero's deep prayer life led him to accept his baptismal call as a prophet. And in doing so, the love of God poured into Romero's heart in such a profound way that a prophetic fire brimmed over into this world.

Prophets take the long view, refusing to accommodate the ever-growing demands of smallness. Prophets see the world on a wide plane – that is, in the light of salvation and God's mission fulfilled by Jesus in the Gospel today. They refuse to deny their kingdom perspective to accommodate the powers-that-be, politics of the day, or individual gain. Prophets take a deep view, looking below the surface of a deeper truth. They know the unconditional and absolute love of God has for each person, those whom God formed in the womb and knows completely. The prophet has the courage to speak this deeper truth in the face of shallow rhetoric that denies human dignity. Prophets choose radical and transformative love that is often inconvenient and selfless. The prophet then is patient and kind – not jealous, pompous, inflated, or rude. Prophets do not seek their own interests.

Let's review what happened in this Gospel. When Jesus publicly accepted his role as prophet, the religious people became furious. The Bible says, "They rose up, drove him out of town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong." Let that sink in. "Churchfolk" tried to assassinate Jesus on his first day of public ministry! Jesus preached the depth of God's love to those on the margins (the sick, outcasts, and captives) – and this threatened the powers-that-be. Jesus' ministry rocked the boat from the start as he upheld the eternal perspective of God's kingdom. And like the prophets before him, Jesus was met with persecution, resistance, and even rejection by those closest to him.

We are called to accept our vocation as prophet. Love: we are called to practice transformative love. As prophets, we claim the love of God absolutely for ourselves and all others. This inevitably leads to taking an unpopular path. Lineage: We are called to take our place in the lineage of the prophets, joining religious rabble-rousers, gritty mystics, and risk-takers. Jesus also found his place here and invites us to join him. Taking our place among prophets demands courage and risk-taking, even putting our lives on the line for the Gospel. Life: Like Romero, accepting the call to be a prophet radically alters one's life. Every vocation – ordained, religious, or lay – had an explicit prophetic reality, sharing in Jesus' ministry as priest, prophet, and king. To disregard the prophetic dimension of one's life means denying the totality of one's new life in Christ through Baptism.



Pray for

KERMIT TURNER	TONY LIVORSI
MICHAEL NOBLE	JOHN ROMANO
JULIE HIGGINS	AUDREY JANS
CARL AFFATATI	DAVID FORST
EMILY SITKOWSKI	KIMBERLY KNOX
CYNTHIA MELNICK	NONA YOAKUM
MICHAEL FOLISI	ROBERT STEPHENSON
DOROTHY BEZDON	LAURA HALL - SCHORDJE
LORNA ALBA	HENRIETTA SAGARIO
CINDY NOLAN	MATTHEW PONDER
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	CORNELIO NATIFIDAD II
	BRENDA WHITEHEAD
	JACK O'CALLAGHAN
	CHERYL HEYDENBURG

Father of grace and mercy, be with our loved ones and friends as they serve and protect our nation and communities. Bless them and fill them with newness of life. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

First Responders - Shane Long, Brad Markovich, Greg Zalewski

United States Air Force - Joshua Aujero
Mason Janzen

United States Army - Brian Caplin, Gale Renner,
Jordan Irving, Violet Ennis

United States Marines - Patrick Edward Echavez
Joseph John Zimmerman III
Lance Renner, Kyle Franklin
Gian Patrick Reyes
Christopher Pruden

United States Navy - David Perez,
Paul Matthew Ledesma

Illinois National Guard - Nathaniel Janzen

To add a name to the prayer list please contact the RE Office at 847/966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God appoints Jeremiah as prophet to the nations (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19).

Psalms — I will sing of your salvation (Psalm 71).

Second Reading — Love with its many facets is the most important of the virtues (1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]).

Gospel — When Jesus claims his salvific mission is for all people, not just the Jews, he is expelled by the enraged members of the Nazarean synagogue (Luke 4:21-30).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7;
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3;
Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12;
Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51;
Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8;
1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11



Annunziata Palese

In Memoriam

Mass Intentions

Sunday - January 30, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Edward "Ned" Griffin
10:00 a.m.	John Burke

Monday - January 31, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Deacon Robert C. O'Keefe
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Tuesday - February 1, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Anastacia Aisporna
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Wednesday - February 2, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Ciriaco Donato
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Thursday - February 3, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Amilia Cymorman & Family
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Friday - February 4, 2022

8:00 a.m.	John Affatati
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Saturday - February 5, 2022

8:00 a.m.	All Church Ministries
5:00 p.m.	Dean Johansen

Sunday - February 6, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Helene Kowalik Salud Corral John Areno Martin Cinco
10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Mark Duval

Next Week Liturgy Schedule February 5th & 6th

Reconciliation 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul

Announcing – Lori Ronczka accepted the position of Operations Director for the unified Parish of SS. Martha & Isaac Jogues. After conversations among the Renew My Church Transition team, Bishop Bartosic, our Dean, Fr. Ron Kalas & Frs. Dennis and Carlos, the Operations Director position was offered to Lori. Her knowledge and experience with both churches and the Archdiocese of Chicago will be helpful to the new Pastor, Unification teams and future committees as the unification process continues over the next several months. Please join us in congratulating Lori and keep SS. Martha & Isaac Jogues in your prayers as we find additional ways to come together.



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