

SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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Mission: "A Catholic Parish sharing experiences of the Kingdom of God"

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Deacon Paul M. Stanton (Dolores)
Lori Ronczka, Business Manager
Dolores Stanton, Director of Religious Education
Lisa Hall, Director of Music

Weekend Mass Celebrant:

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Masses: Saturday, 5PM

Sunday, 8AM & 10AM

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

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847-966-3266 or sjbschool.org

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays, 11AM - 12:30PM, BY RESERVATION

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:

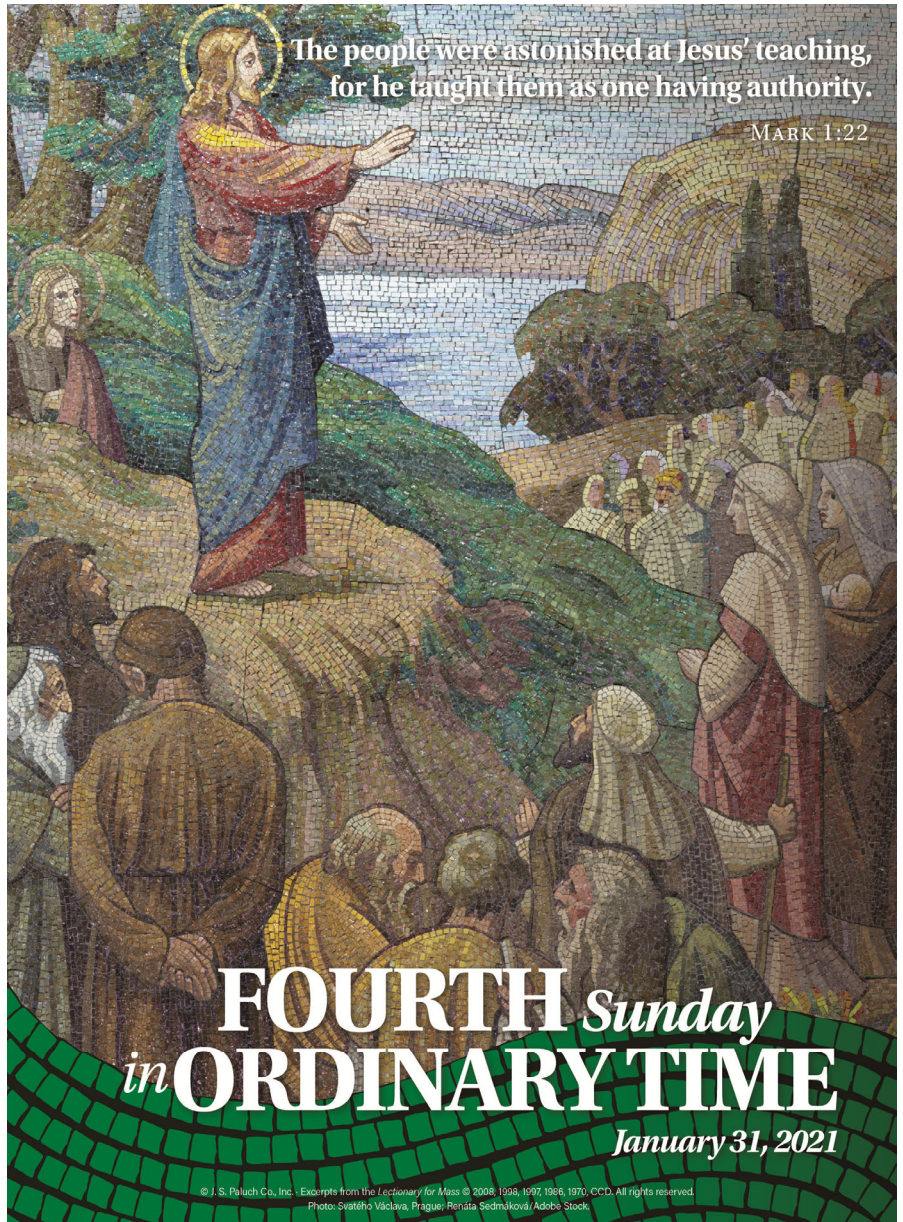
Friday at 5:00 p.m.

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.



ST ISAAC JOGUES - Parish 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				
Fil-Am Chairperson – Jelly Carandang (Interim)				



FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

He taught as one having authority

Reading into the Scripture text of Mark (1:21-28) for the fourth Ordinary Sunday of the year, my attention was drawn to the verse which says "**A new teaching with authority.**" The reaction of the crowd listening to Jesus was one of amazement because he taught as one having authority. What made the teaching of Jesus look different from that of the Scribes and the Pharisees? What gave his teaching the air of authority different from others? Was it because he was Jesus the Son of God?

The others who taught made references to and gave opinions of teachers who came before them and for that matter even the prophets of God began saying "**Thus says the Lord**" While Jesus did not depend on the confirmation of others or sources before him, he taught as the one who had authority on the passage at hand. So those listening to him including the Pharisees were stunned at his teaching and the crowds swelled listening to him teach, heal and so on. Mark the evangelist often mentions the remarkable ability of Jesus to teach in diverse places with great authority and influences among the types of people, like in synagogue, by the sea, among the villages (Mark 6:6) and privately with his disciples. (Mark 9:31)

If Jesus taught with authority and it amazed his listeners then what is it that Jesus could do so well and draw the crowds to him? Can we then likewise have that air of authority in our teaching? We have seen it earlier what made Jesus speak with authority? In order to understand further this point of teaching with authority, we could take a simple example, if you need a medical diagnosis, would you consult a nurse or rather seek the opinion of a specialist in the field you need help in? What makes you to seek their opinion and trust in their words? It is because they have learned and have their experience of life. So in the case of Jesus it is the quality of life that he was living truthful to the ways of God and down to earth in his teaching. He made use of parables as a way to teach people something that he did not invent but something that was prevalent in the Old Testament times.

In order to be like Jesus and have the air of authority to do the way he went about, Jesus invites all of us to imitate him wherein he says "**Be perfect like my heavenly Father.**" We all can develop to have the air of authority in our preaching and in our life. We have to be authentic in our ways of dealing with others. In our style of functioning we should not be ostentatious but be true to oneself in order to be true to others. We need to learn to pray and set our mind on heavenly things and most importantly spend our lives in knowing the God we worship.

This will keep the ball rolling into forming ourselves well to be a disciple of Christ whose nature is to serve God wholeheartedly. If we do all things well there is going to be a transformation in our life. A repentant heart will lead us into understanding the God we worship; how he feels, thinks and behaves. By embracing the nature of God will give us a sense of the air of authority to behave and function. It will be a sign of trust which Jesus had in the Father will equally help us to be obedient to the Father, through the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Like the Apostles filled with the Holy Spirit totally surrendered to the teaching of the Good News with authority, so in the same way God's wisdom will be given to the ones who seek it without grudging. (James 1:5)

-Fr. Mario

From a Sermon by St. Sophronius, bishop: for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on Tuesday
(You might want to light a candle and then read and reflect)

"In honor of the divine mystery that we celebrate today, let us all hasten to meet Christ. Everyone should be eager to join the procession and to carry a light. Our lighted candles are a sign of the divine splendor of the one who comes to expel the dark shadows of evil and to make the whole universe radiant with the brilliance of his eternal light. Our candles also show how bright our souls should be when we go to meet Christ.

"The Mother of God, the most pure Virgin, carried the true light in her arms and brought him to those who lay in darkness. We too should carry a light for all to see and reflect the radiance of the true light as we hasten to meet him. The light has come and has shone upon a world enveloped in shadows; the Dayspring from on high has visited us and given light to those who live in darkness. This, then, is our feast, and we join in procession with lighted candles to reveal the light that has shone upon us and the glory that is yet to come to us through him. So let us hasten all together to meet our God.

"The true light has come, *the light that enlightens every man who is born into this world*. Let all of us, my brethren, be enlightened and made radiant by this light. Let all of us share in its splendor, and be so filled with it that no one remains in the darkness. Let us be shining ourselves as we go together to meet and to receive with the aged Simeon the light whose brilliance is eternal. Rejoicing with Simeon, let us sing a hymn of thanksgiving to God, the Father of the light, who sent the true light to dispel the darkness and to give us all a share in his splendor. Through Simeon's eyes we too have seen the salvation of God which he prepared for all the nations and revealed as the glory of the new Israel, which is ourselves. As Simeon was released from the bonds of this life when he had seen Christ, so we too were at once freed from our old state of sinfulness.

"By faith we too embraced Christ, the salvation of God the Father, as he came to us from Bethlehem. Gentiles before, we have now become the people of God. Our eyes have seen God incarnate, and because we have seen him present among us and have mentally received him into our arms, we are called the new Israel. Never shall we forget this presence; every year we keep a feast in its honor.



FEAST OF FAITH

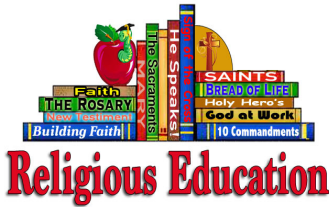
I Confess

One form of the penitential rite at the beginning of Mass is the traditional *Confiteor*, or "I confess," a prayer that was formerly prayed by the priest alone at the foot of the altar, but which is now prayed by the entire assembly. The *Confiteor* is at once personal—"I confess"—and communal, prayed aloud, together. We recognize that sin does not just separate us from God; sin comes between us and others, isolating us. We acknowledge that sin has many dimensions, individual and communal: sins of thought, sins of speech, sins of action, sins of omission. Sin is not something that happens to us; sin is something we do. In the *Confiteor*, we take responsibility for our own actions. The repeated insistence on our "fault," with the ritual gesture of striking the breast, an ancient sign of penitence, is not meant to lower our self-esteem. Rather, it acknowledges our human instinct to transfer the blame whenever we can ("The devil made me do it!"). This prayer stops us short. We take responsibility for ourselves, our actions, our failure to act. Then we cry out to God in those ancient words, *Kyrie, eleison*—Lord, have mercy. For the sinner who repents, there is mercy. This truth is at the heart of our faith, and it is where the Mass, our feast of faith, begins.

FALSE PROPHETS, TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice, the Holy One of God.

The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. And today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.



+Our next virtual Family Event is Monday at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Remember to bring your dessert as we learn about a Saint or two for the month as well as look ahead to the season of Lent and the month's service opportunities. Parents/guardians and students are to participate online.
 +Ms. Bello's class is reminded to drop off their First Communion plate designs at the RE Office on Monday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
 +The February Newsletter has been sent on Remind. Please contact the RE Office if you did not receive it.

+Confirmation Yr. tests due to RE Office no later than 6:30 p.m. Feb. 8. Ms. Bello's class is to have Chs. 1-3 of the Gift of Eucharist book completed to review that night during the session.



Altar Flowers this week

"In loving memory of
Anastacia Aisporna"

Pat Ramos



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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021

Many households in our parish have received, or will be receiving, the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) mailing from Cardinal Cupich. Our generous support of the work of the Archdiocese through the Annual Catholic Appeal is one way each of us can live our discipleship and share the Gospel message of mercy, forgiveness, hope and new life. Bringing hope to others is especially important during these trying and challenging times. We understand that some in our parish are affected financially by the pandemic. So we encourage you to give as you are able. Every gift, be it a pledge fulfilled over five months or one-time, is a sacrifice and a blessing that will bring about goodness for others.



Our ACA parish target this year is \$31,972. Remember that when we have that amount in hand, everything beyond that amount will be returned to St. Isaac Jogues Parish to continue the mission of spiritual formation, religious education, outreach to those in need and more. When we financially support the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Catholic Church throughout the world, we experience a feeling of deep gratitude, especially when we contemplate God's many gifts to us personally. Our participation in the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal will be one way to give witness to our commitment to the Church and each other.

Thank you on behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes and schools who receive funding from the Appeal. Please give prayerful consideration to your response. If you received the mailing, please return your response as soon as possible. If you did not receive a mailing, response cards and other ways to participate will be made available next weekend.

St. Isaac Jogues This Week

+**Tuesday:** Oops – There is no Mass on Feb. 2. If you have candles you would like blessed, please bring them on Wednesday.

+**Wednesday:** General Blessing of Throats at end of 8 a.m. Mass; OLPH Novena after Mass

+**First Friday:** Holy Hour & Benediction begins at end of 8 a.m. Mass

+**Weekend** - Cardinal's ACA homily during Mass and ACA response cards distributed and other ways to participate with a pledge or one-time gift will be shared.



MARDI GRAS SPLIT THE POT RAFFLE

Join us in a fun and safe Carnival celebration before Lent begins and help our parish at the same time! The Split the Pot Raffle will have three prizes -- 1st Prize – 15% of total pot; 2nd Prize – 10% of total pot; 3rd Prize – 5% of total pot. Tickets are \$5 for one, \$20 for five (1 column), and \$40 for ten (whole page). Return filled out tickets and checks payable to St. Isaac Jogues Church or cash by mail or drop off in the Rectory mailbox by Wednesday, February 10. The drawing will take place on Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday, February 16th. Tickets were sent to all registered households. If you did not receive tickets or you need more for your family, friends and neighbors, please contact the Rectory, 847-967-1060 or office@sij-parish.com.

Enter to win and good luck!



St. Isaac Jogues Outreach Ministry

The following items would be helpful as we assist those coming to our doors for food: stews, chili, hash, soups that eat like meals, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, rice, canned vegetables, canned fruit, pasta sauce, cereal, rice, laundry detergent, shampoo, deodorant (that can be used by men or women). You may bring your donations when you come for weekday or weekend Masses or call the Rectory, 847/967-1060, M - F, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to set up a time to drop them off. Thanks!

SIJOM SENDS THANKS & BLESSINGS!

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."



Pray for

KERMIT TURNER	MARY JANE PIKULA
MICHAEL NOBLE	TONY LIVORSI
JULIE HIGGINS	JOHN ROMANO
CARL AFFATATI	AUDREY JANS
RICHARD VAIL	DAVID FORST
BETTY LANDON	CHRISTINA WALD
EMILY SITKOWSKI	KIMBERLY KNOX
CYNTHIA MELNICK	DIANE BAUER
MICHAEL FOLISI	NONA YOAKUM
DOROTHY BEZDON	KATHY EGLOFF
MATTHEW PONDER	ROBERT STEPHENSON
FELICITA BAYANI	LAURA HALL - SCHORDJE
EMILY CABRERA	HENRIETTA SAGARIO
LORNA ALBA	MARY SUNSHINE PONDER
SUSAN ARENDT	JUDY CABRERA
CINDY NOLAN	YUL VENTURA
FR. BERNARD KENNEDY	MARY LERPS
MARTHA DEMKO	SHARON KILIKEVICE
ANNE MARRAZZO	PELAGIA SAJULGA
LAURA MORA	JOHN OLDERSHAW
TIM DENDOR	COLLEEN KING
ALEXANDRA LAQUAGWA	PATTY ZEMAN
	ROSE LUZ
	STAN JEZIOR
	REMEDIOS MAGPANTAY

Thank you, Lord, for the courage and selfless service of our troops and first responders. May our loved ones and all who serve around the world turn to you for safety and protection. Help them to not be afraid and to trust that you hold them securely at all times. 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

U.S. Army Reserves - Christopher Dexter

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

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 — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: “A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you” (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

Gospel — The people were astonished at Jesus’ teaching; he taught them as one having authority (Mark 1:21-28).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

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

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14,
17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11;
Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19,
22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 31, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ John Burke
10:00 a.m.	Deacon Robert O'Keefe
12:00 p.m.	Pietro Di Franco

Monday - February 1, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Marian Bragiel Krystyna & Wieslaw Swidzinski
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Tuesday - February 2, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Marco Di Franco Michael Mac Donald Anastacia Aisporna Ciriaco Donato
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Wednesday - February 3, 2021

8:00 a.m.	For the Sick
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Thursday - February 4, 2021

8:00 a.m.	For Caretakers
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Friday - February 5, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Michael Mac Donald
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Saturday - February 6, 2021

8:00 a.m.	For the Unemployed
5:00 p.m.	Luke & Philomena Moran

Sunday, February 7, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Michael MacDonald Helene Kowalik Laura Hall-Shorejay - Spec. Intention Jones Augustin
10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Purificacion Rodriguez Jeffrey Musni
12:00 p.m.	Mark Duval

Liturgy Next Weekend February 6th & 7th

Confessions - 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul



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