



Sts. Martha & Isaac Jogues Parish

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Saturday, 5PM
Sunday, 8AM & 10AM

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847-966-3266 or sjbschool.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.

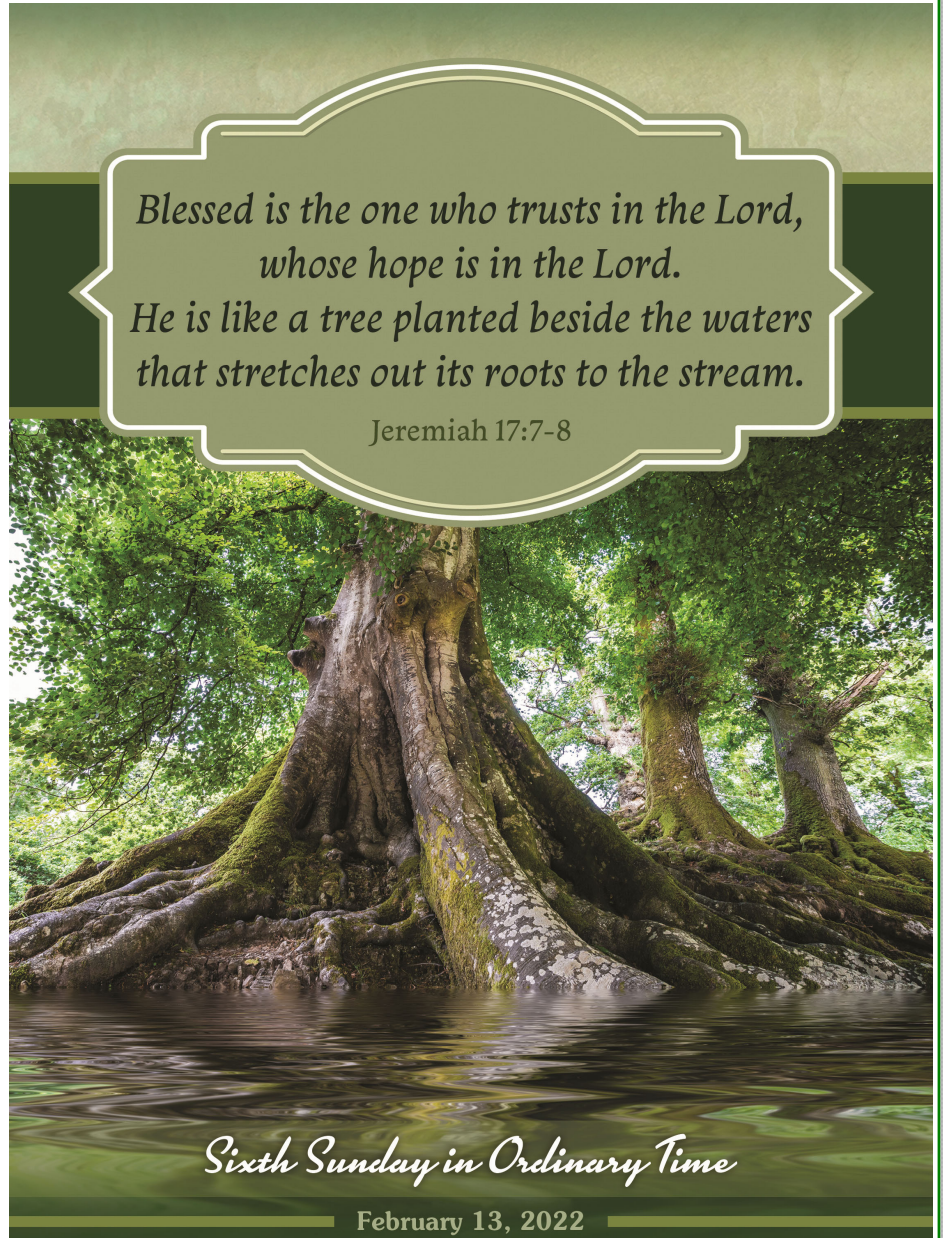
Note: The following wedding times can be scheduled:

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.



*Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,
whose hope is in the Lord.
He is like a tree planted beside the waters
that stretches out its roots to the stream.*

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 13, 2022

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Parish Pastoral Council			Finance Committee Advisors	
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SPIRITUAL READING *From the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World of the Second Vatican Council*

“Husband and wife, by the covenant of marriage, are no longer two, but one flesh. By their intimate union of persons and of actions they give mutual help and service to each other, experience the meaning of their unity, and gain an ever deeper understanding of it day by day. This intimate union in the mutual self-giving of two persons, as well as the good of the children, demands full fidelity from both, and an indissoluble unity between them.

“Christ the Lord has abundantly blessed this richly complex love, which springs from the divine source of love and is founded on the model of his union with the Church. In earlier times God met his people in a covenant of love and fidelity. So now the Savior of mankind, the Bridegroom of the Church, meets Christian husbands and wives in the sacrament of matrimony. Further, he remains with them in order that, as he loved the Church and gave himself up for her, so husband and wife may, in mutual self-giving, love each other with perpetual fidelity.

“True married love is caught up into God’s love; it is guided and enriched by the redeeming power of Christ and the saving action of the Church, in order that the partners may be effectively led to God, and receive help and strength in the sublime responsibility of parenthood. Christian partner are therefore strengthened, and as it were consecrated, by a special sacrament for the duties and the dignity of their state. By the power of this sacrament they fulfill their obligations to each other and to their family, and are filled with the spirit of Christ. This spirit pervades their whole lives with faith, hope, and love. Thus they promote their own perfection and each other’s sanctification, and so contribute together to the greater glory of God.

“Hence, with parents leading the way by example and family prayer, their children – indeed, all within the family circle – will find it easier to make progress in natural virtues, in salvation and in holiness. Husband and wife, raised to the dignity and the responsibility of parenthood, will be zealous in fulfilling their task as educators, especially in the sphere of religious education, a task that is primarily their own. Children, as active members of the family, contribute in their own way to the holiness of their parents. With the love of grateful hearts, with loving respect and trust, they will return the generosity of their parents, and will stand by them as true sons and daughters when their parents meet with hardship and the loneliness of old age.”

Reflections from Fr. Dennis

Dear Friends and Fellow Parishioners:

Have you ever made the misjudgment of putting your trust in someone or something unworthy – even though your gut told you not to? That gut feeling is the prompting of the Holy Spirit. Take heart that the Spirit moves in you. Seek the Spirit and let it move you rather than simply move inside you without response.

The truth rings true. The Evil One is cunning and seductive, but he cannot withstand the truth, the word of God. God always wins spiritual battles when we rely on God with prayer, reading of the Word of God, and receiving the sacraments. By nature we long for meaning and purpose. But it is also in our nature to want to fill ourselves with junk, candy, or dessert if we can. We know, rationally, that we need nourishment and not empty calories. Treat your body and your spirit as the precious vessels they are. Who really wants to deal with difficult, painful realities rather than lie on a beach near a buffet? Although we certainly need money and leisure, we cannot allow them to become our life’s purpose. We cannot allow them to fill the God-sized hole in our hearts.

Paradoxically, liberation is found on the cross. Attachments can make us slaves. The Christian life is not about avoiding suffering. The Christian life includes finding meaning in suffering through the hope we have in Christ Jesus. The redemption found in Christ turns cultural norms on their head. Those who are suffering – the poor, the hungry, the weeping, and the persecuted – are much richer spiritually because they have nothing left other than the Lord. In a certain sense, the more we have stripped away from us in this life, the richer we become as we rely more and more on the Lord.

Each life is a precious gift. Why treat ourselves and others any less than we treat an heirloom? We care for things that are precious. We should think of ourselves and each other as needing care, maintenance, and an opportunity to shine. People of means, people who like a good time, and people who are well-liked are also precious. But their luster should not diminish the value of others. Affirmation can be a drug; money can be a god; now allowing oneself to feel pain can be a way to avoid the cross. God is with us in our joys and pleasures, but be wary of the distracting power of excessive wealth, partying, and leisure. Affirmation from others can be unhealthy. It can lead to an unhealthy placement of oneself at the center of the universe and to subtle forms of idolatry.

God is dynamic. We all turn away from God; we are people who sin. God, however, is always before us, seeking us. When we turn away, God is still there waiting for us to respond. God seeks relationship with us. God sought you and me first. We are always responding to God’s invitation, affirmatively or negatively. Choose to affirm God’s call more and more often.



FOOD DISTRIBUTION VOLUNTEERS

It was bitterly cold last month but it did not stop the wonderful volunteers from our parish, Notre Dame Prep and Loyola Academy from making sure the distribution was held. Despite winter's freeze 110 households and over 350 people were given a food bridge during these difficult times.

This month's distribution will be on Wednesday, February 23rd, 4 – 6 p.m., here in the SIJ parking lot. Please share this information with people who would benefit from additional food support right now. If they have a Greater Chicago Food Depository pantry card, please ask them to bring it with as it will move the check in process along. We are in need of about 30 volunteers for the first time frame of 2:45 – 4:15 p.m. and about 20 for the second time frame, 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. which includes clean up. Volunteers need to be in good health with no underlying conditions. Check in takes place inside and distribution is outside. Even though we are outside, we do wear masks and gloves (which are provided). Please remember to dress for the weather! To volunteer please contact the Religious Education Office by Wednesday, Jan. 19th, 847-966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com. or respond via Flocknote. Your assistance will help many!



St. Isaac Jogues Upcoming Events

Monday – Happy Valentine's Day!

Wednesday – Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; SPRED, 3 p.m. Zoom; Bible Study at 7 p.m. **Please note there will be no Men's Club meeting today.** If you plan to help with the Feb. 23 Food Distribution, please contact the Rectory or RE Office by this afternoon.

Thursday – Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10 a.m., HFR, wear masks and bring your needles or hooks.

Weekend of Feb. 19 – 20 – Cardinal's homily regarding the Annual Catholic Appeal and Pledge Process during Masses.

Feb. 22 – Liturgy Meeting via Zoom; Agenda and link to be sent.

ADULT CONFIRMATION OPPORTUNITIES

+Adult Confirmation preparation sessions for a limited number of participants will take place at Holy Name Cathedral Feb. 17 & 24, March 3, 10, 17, & 24 and April 7. Confirmation will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 27, at 7 p.m. at Holy Name Cathedral. To register go to <https://holyname.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/267/responses/new>

+Zoom Classes led by the Archdiocese on Tuesdays, March 22, 29; April 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 7 – 9 p.m. Virtual retreat will be May 14, 9 – 11 a.m. The Confirmation Mass will be on May 20th, site to be determined.

Go to archchicago.org (Parish Vitality and Mission)
+If you are over 18 and have been baptized and made your First Communion but are not confirmed, please contact St. Isaac Jogues RE Office, 847/966-1180, to discuss preparation that will work with your schedule. Confirmation will be on Sunday, May 15th, 3 p.m. at St. Martha Church, with Bishop Francis Kane. Completing your initiation is needed to be a godparent for Baptism, a sponsor for Confirmation, to celebrate your marriage as a sacrament of the Church and especially to strengthen the gift of the Holy Spirit to grow in relationship with Jesus and live your Catholic faith.



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.



Outreach Pantry Wish List

Your support of those in need is greatly appreciated! Right now

the following would be helpful: pasta sauce, 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

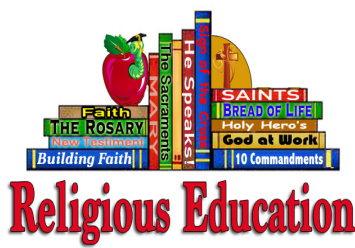


2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Many families in our parish have or 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. The ACA offers a wonderful opportunity to answer the call "Making all things new... God's promise and our responsibility." This is especially important as many in our parishes have been affected financially by the pandemic. We encourage giving at all levels to support this initiative.

In addition to providing ministries and service throughout the Archdiocese, the Appeal funds services that are of help here in our parish – programs to support evangelization, religious education for all ages, liturgy and lay formation. The ACA target for our unified parish of Sts. Martha – Isaac Jogues is over \$58,000. Remember that when we have that amount in hand, every dollar beyond that amount will be returned to Sts. Martha - Isaac Jogues Parish to continue the mission of spiritual formation, religious education, outreach to those in need and more.

As we contemplate God's many gifts to us, we 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 give prayerful consideration as to how you will respond and support the 2022 ACA. Three ways include: **Return the response form** you received in the mail if you have one; **participate in the pledge process** during the Masses next weekend, **Feb. 19 – 20.**; make your gift online at annualcatholicappeal.com. Every gift will be a blessing and sincerely appreciated!



Religious Education

*The Religious Education Families and Staff give thanks to God for Jesus, the greatest love given to us. We pray for a blessed St. Valentine's Day for all. May you ever treasure the love that Jesus has for you personally!

*Ms. Bello's class is to have Chs. 1-3 completed in the Gift of Eucharist book for Monday, Feb. 14th. The children are to bring that book to class to review the material. Vessels and Vestments presentation by Fr. Carlos at 7 p.m. Family members who missed it at the preparation meeting are welcome to attend.

*Helpers needed during next weekend's Masses for the Annual Catholic Appeal pledge process. Contact the RE Office to sign up. Assist the faith community and complete service at the same time!

*Confirmation Year II Candidates will receive their Confirmation books in class on Monday. Those who need to retest are to come Monday at 6 p.m.

FEELING BLESSED

Congratulations! Welcome to the Kingdom! Rejoice and leap for joy! Sounds a little like Easter, doesn't it? Well, in a very real way, it is. This Sunday, the scriptures remind us that we are blessed and beloved, especially when we have difficulties and don't feel especially blessed. Jesus reminds us that God blesses us in our trials, so we should trust in the saving power of God. We are "raised from the dead," as it were, each time we arise from our hardships. The ultimate proof of all of this is our new life in Christ, who died so that we could be free of sin, and was raised from the dead so that we might all have new life. Wouldn't that be something? A new life, in which poverty is riches and sadness is transformed into lightness of spirit? It's a topsy-turvy world, isn't it? Do you feel blessed today?

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.



Altar Flowers this week

"In loving memory of Laura Hall-Schordje"
Hall Family

For my dear sister, Laura



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	HENRIETTA SAGARIO
LORNA ALBA	MATTHEW PONDER
CINDY NOLAN	MARY SUNSHINE PONDER
MARTHA DEMKO	BRAD BOWER
REMEDIOS MAGPANTAY	LAURA & DANNY MORA
TIM DENDOR	SHARON KILIKEVICE
CAROLYN BEIL	PELAGIA SAJULGA
NELSON PETINES	PATTY ZEMAN
TERRY GAZDZIAK	ALEXANDRA LAQUAGWA
FR. DAN FALLON	NORBERT FLOREK
CURT NAPRAVNIK	IRENE LINGAYA
JOHN FOLISI	CATHY FORST
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	CHERYL HEYDENBURG

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The one who trusts in the LORD is like a tree planted beside the waters (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

Psalms — Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1).

Second Reading — Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20).

Gospel — Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76;
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19;
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6;
Mk 8:34 — 9:1

Saturday: Jas 3:1-10; Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8;
Mk 9:2-13

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4,
8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38



Mass Intentions

Sunday - February 13, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Joseph Putherickal
10:00 a.m.	Dean Johansen JoAnn Carlson Richard Chmielewski, Sr. Christina Pereira - Spec. Intention

Monday - February 14, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Sikora & Chrzaszcz Family - Special Intentions
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Tuesday - February 15, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Margaret O'Keefe
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Wednesday - February 16, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Jim Mc Nally
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Thursday - February 17, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Annam Mathai Buen Bunanig - In Thanksgiving
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Friday - February 18, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Lawrence Dorsen
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Saturday - February 19, 2022

5:00 p.m.	Mark Duval Buenaventura Bunanig Lonappan Kodyan Hayes Holgado Irene Cabacungan
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Sunday - February 20, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Art Even Clyde Podraza
10:00 a.m.	Frank Mc Nally

Next Week Liturgy Schedule February 19th & 20th

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

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, who teaches us that you abide
in hearts that are just and true,
grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace
as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.
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:

How can I allow God's grace to fashion me into a
pleasing dwelling for the Lord?



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