

SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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

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Masses: Saturday, 5PM

Sunday, 8AM & 10AM

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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.

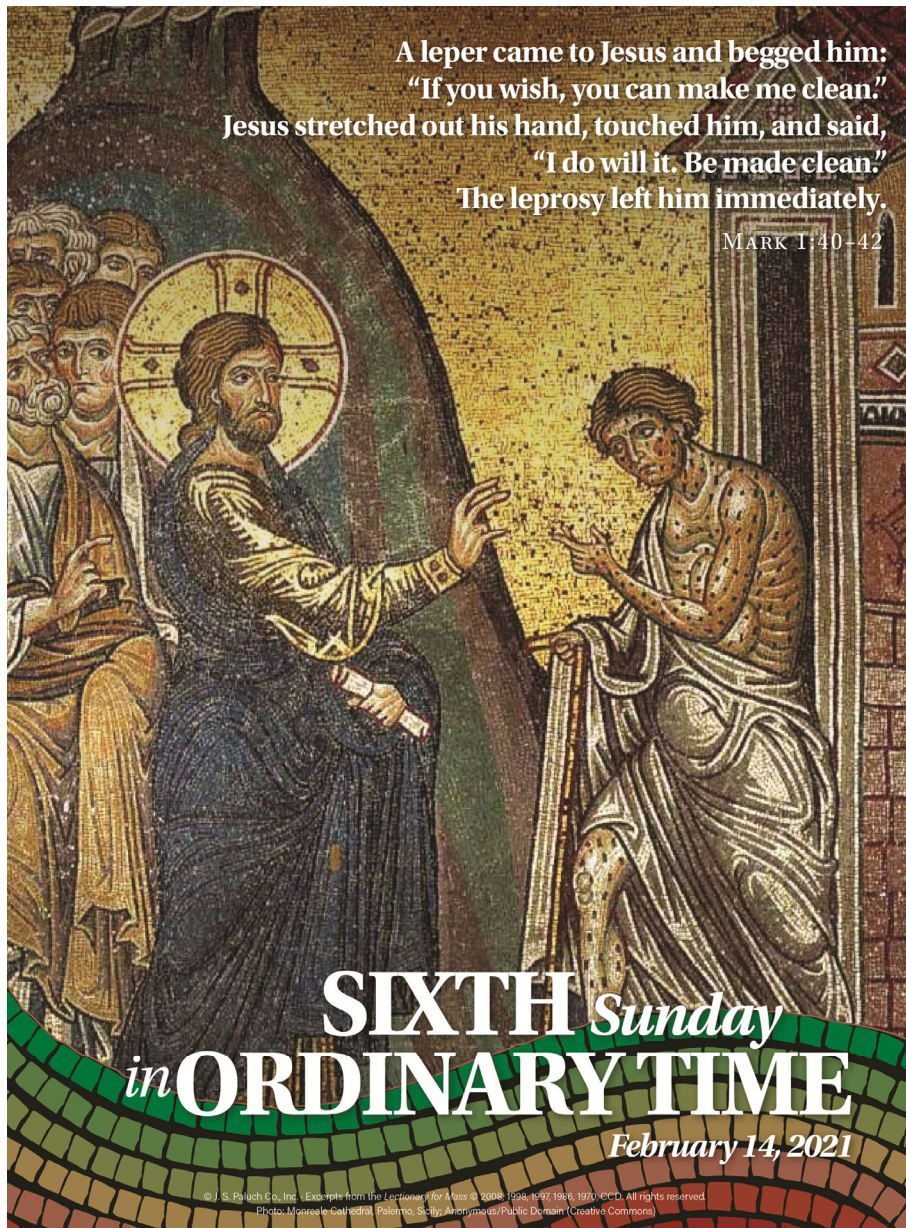
Saturday at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

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.



A leper came to Jesus and begged him:

"If you wish, you can make me clean."

Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said,

"I do will it. Be made clean."

The leprosy left him immediately.

MARK 1:40-42

SIXTH *Sunday*
in ORDINARY TIME

February 14, 2021

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REFLECTIONS FROM FR. CARLOS

Today is Valentine's Day. What some do not know is that in the Church, today is also the feast day Saint Valentine who was also known for his promotion and support of authentic marital love. May we always come to know the Love of God and share it with others. Amen.

Today's readings talk about God as a healer and in this case, a healer of the skin disease called leprosy. The way the first reading described the one who contracted this skin disease reminds us well of what it means to quarantine oneself today in the era of COVID-19. It is true that today we have cures of so many diseases that our ancestors did not have. However, that does not mean that Jesus has stopped being a healer. In a way, just as we have discovered the cure to many ailments in our world, there are so many others we do not have a solution to, and we have to look up to God for healing. Even in cases where cures are possible, it is not everyone who has access to the cure that survives. In the end, we need to always remember that our medicine is always a show of care, but, it is only God who truly heals. Also, we have many other ailments sometimes that are beyond the physical. Marital challenges, getting one's family or friend off one form of addiction or the others, loneliness of the soul, fear or anxieties. While we have also developed psychological strategies to cope with these challenges of human life, we should always remember that God is the true doctor of the soul. Our belief in science should not mean that there should not be a space for God. In fact, our belief in science should necessitate our belief in God.

From the Office of Readings for Ash Wednesday: From a letter to the Corinthians by St. Clement, pope

"Let us fix our attention on the blood of Christ and recognize how precious it is to God his Father, since it was shed for our salvation and brought the grace of repentance to all the world. If we review the various ages of history, we will see that in every generation the Lord has *offered the opportunity of repentance* to any who were willing to turn to him. When Noah preached God's message of repentance, all who listened to him were saved. Jonah told the Ninevites they were going to be destroyed, but when they repented, their prayers gained God's forgiveness for their sins, and they were saved, even though they were not of God's people.

"Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the ministers of God's grace have spoken of repentance; indeed, the Master of the whole universe himself spoke of repentance with an oath: *As I live, says the Lord, I do not wish the death of the sinner but his repentance.* He added this evidence of his goodness: *House of Israel, repent of your wickedness. Tell the sons of my people: If their sins should reach from earth to heaven, if they are brighter than scarlet and blacker than sackcloth, you need only turn to me with your whole heart and say, "Father," and I will listen to you as to a holy people.* In other words, God wanted all his beloved ones to have the opportunity to repent and he confirmed this desire by his own almighty will. That is why we should obey his sovereign and glorious will and prayerfully entreat his mercy and kindness. We should be suppliant before him and turn to his compassion, rejecting empty works and quarreling and jealousy which only lead to death.

"Brothers, we should be humble in mind, putting aside all arrogance, pride and foolish anger. Rather, we should act in accordance with the Scriptures, as the Holy Spirit says: *The wise man must not glory in his wisdom nor the strong man in his strength nor the rich man in his riches. Rather, let him who glories glory in the Lord by seeking him and doing what is right and just.* Recall especially what the Lord Jesus said when he taught gentleness and forbearance. *Be merciful, he said, so that you may have mercy shown to you. Forgive, so that you may be forgiven. As you treat others, so you will be treated. As you give, so you will receive. As you judge, so you will be judged. As you are kind to others, so you will be treated kindly. The measure of your giving will be the measure of your receiving.*

"Let these commandments and precepts strengthen us to live in humble obedience to his sacred words. As Scripture asks: *Whom shall I look upon with favor except the humble, peaceful man who trembles at my words?* Sharing then in the heritage of so many vast and glorious achievements, let us hasten toward the goal of peace, set before us from the beginning. Let us keep our eyes firmly fixed on the Father and Creator of the whole universe, and hold fast to his splendid and transcendent gifts of peace and all his blessings."

LENT OVERVIEW



The Liturgy Board has copies of the Lent Overview of activities as you leave Mass today. It was also sent out on Flocknote for you to print off a copy. If you do not have access to a computer and would like a copy, please contact the Rectory to make arrangements to pick a copy up.

THIS WEEK'S LENT SCHEDULE:

***Monday or Tuesday** – If you have not already decided, what is your plan for Lent to help you turn away from sin and live your discipleship more closely to the way of Jesus? How will your prayer look? Your fasting? Your almsgiving and good works?

***Ash Wednesday -- Masses will be at 8 a.m. & 7 p.m. Liturgies of the Word will be at Noon and 4 p.m. Ashes will be distributed at all four services.** Reservations

need to be made. A link is available through Flocknote (already sent out) and on the parish website. As part of the COVID guidelines from the Archdiocese please note that our parish community will receive ashes in the ancient tradition of a pinch of ashes being sprinkled on the crown of the head (preferred option). They will not be placed as a cross on the forehead. on. **Alms recipient is the SIJ Outreach Ministry** - support this long - serving parish ministry, which has been a great support to many within and beyond our boundaries during the pandemic, by giving **monetary donations** (for gift cards or some rent/utility bill assistance (following Outreach Ministry guidelines), or **non-perishable food items** for the pantry. Please also pray for all who come to our parish door in need. May each person who visits have their dignity affirmed by our community as we help them practically and spiritually.

***Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. Fasting** (Diocesan regulations): Only one full meal is permitted by those **between the ages of 18-59**. Two smaller meals may be eaten for reasons of health, but there is no eating between meals. Fasting is on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. **Abstinence**: No meat or poultry products on Ash Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday, by those **ages 14 & older**.

***Friday -- Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Stations of the Cross, 3 p.m., in church.**

***Saturday – Sacrament of Reconciliation, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. by reservation.** Link was sent on Flocknote and is on parish website. FYI – There will be no Parish Lent Reconciliation Service w/individual confessions this year. Plan ahead and make your reservation early for the Saturdays. Twelve appointments will be available the last two weekends of March with six in the church and six in the HFR.

***Weekend of Feb. 20 – 21: First Sunday of Lent; Almsgiving recipient:** Continues to be SIJ Outreach Ministry. If you are not coming to church but would like to support this almsgiving recipient, please mail or drop off your donation during the week. On the envelope or in the memo line please indicate alms for Outreach Ministry. Thank you.



Food Pantry

St. Isaac Jogues Outreach Ministry

The Outreach Ministry thanks all who have been so generous in supplying the food pantry. We do remind

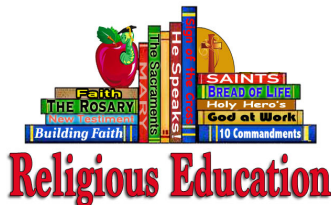
you, however, that **we can only take non-perishable foods**. The following items would be helpful as we assist those coming to our doors for food: stews, chili, hash, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, rice, canned vegetables, pasta sauce, cereal, rice, shampoo, small bottles of laundry detergent, deodorant (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!

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."



+RE families who do not yet have their rice bowls for the Catholic Relief Services project are to stop by the RE Office Monday, 5:00-6:30 p.m. to do so. Confirmation Yr. I Candidates are also to pick up their retreat materials.

+On Monday families may drop off the homemade bookmarks for the Lutheran General's Children's Hospital and Confirmation Yr. II Candidates may bring their Gifts of the Spirit Journal Part II. Otherwise both these items are due to the RE Office by Monday, Feb. 22nd (via snail mail, email, put in Rectory mail slot, place in envelope taped to outside door #9).

+Confirmation Yr. I Candidates will have their retreat on Sunday, Feb. 28th, beginning by participating in the televised Mass w/Cardinal Cupich at 9:30 a.m. on WLS Channel 7. The retreat will then be on Zoom until 11:30.

+RE Families who plan to help with the Feb. 24th Food Distribution are to sign up by Monday morning by contacting the RE Office via Remind or 847/966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com Thanks!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021

Please take time this week to respond to the Annual Catholic Appeal if you have not yet done so (if you did – thank you!). This year's ACA theme is "Come, follow me...and bring hope to the world" and was selected because as disciples of Jesus, we follow the Master who both gives us hope and sends us to bring his hope to our world that needs it so much. The ACA is much different than a one-time special collection: It is a pledged commitment to make a gift over time. Your pledge can be made payable in six installments (credit card, check or Give Central).



You are strongly encouraged to use the online giving form found at www.annualcatholicappeal.com. You may use the response card you received by mail or the envelope distributed as you left Mass this past weekend. If you need a mail-in envelope, please contact the Rectory at 847/967-1060, to make arrangements to pick one up. Another way is to text-to give on your cell phone. Just enter the phone number 345345 in the To: section. Type the keyword ACA2021 (not case sensitive) in the message of your text application and hit the send button. A text reply to your phone will give you a hyperlink to a secure online giving form (the same form found online above. Complete your gift by filling out the form and submitting.

Remember that **our parish's ACA goal this year is \$31,972**. It is important to indicate that you are from St. Isaac Jogues Parish so your pledge/donation is credited to us. When we have that amount in hand, everything given beyond that amount will be returned to St. Isaac Jogues Parish to continue the mission of evangelization, spiritual formation, religious education, outreach to those in need and more. Every gift is important and makes a difference. It expresses gratitude to God for our many blessings and is one way to give witness to Jesus and to the mission He entrusted to the Church. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.



Altar Flowers

"In gratitude for the numerous gifts from your infinite bounty"
The Putherickal Family

"In loving memory of Stan Jezior"
His Family



MARDI GRAS SPLIT THE POT RAFFLE

Mardi Gras is this Tuesday and so is the drawing to determine the three prize winners for the Split the Pot Raffle, but you have to enter to win! It's fun, safe, and helps the parish at the same time! The Mardi Gras 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, with checks payable to St. Isaac Jogues Parish or cash, by way of the Rectory mailbox by Monday, evening, February 15. The drawing will take place Tuesday morning and winners will be notified by phone or email. Their names will appear in next weekend's bulletin.

Good luck to all participants!



PRAYER FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Almighty and eternal God,
you blessed the union of married couples
so that they might reflect the union of Christ
with His Church:

look with kindness on them.

Renew their marriage covenant,
increase your love in them,
and strengthen their bond of peace
so that, with their loved ones,

they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



FOOD DISTRIBUTION VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all who helped with the January food distribution (with prayer, time in person, etc.) done in collaboration with Catholic Charities and the Greater Chicago Food Depository. In these trying times 220 households came and 826 of our brothers and sisters had a little more food support!

The next distribution will be hosted here in our SIJ parking lot on Wednesday, February 24th, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Please pass this information along to those who would benefit from such support right now. We will pack indoors but the distribution will be outside, rain or snow or cold or shine.

We are in need of about 30 volunteers for each time frame. The first time frame is 1:45 – 4:00 p.m. for instructions and to carry out the tasks of getting food indoors, packing it and then bringing it outside to tables, setting up signs, checking in guests and the like. The second time frame is 3:45 - 6:30 p.m. to help with the distribution, continue packing as needed and clean up. We are in particular need of people who can help carry heavy items including families, teens, and adults under 65 years of age.. Everyone needs to be in good health, no underlying conditions, and will have to wear a mask and gloves (which we will provide). Those over 65 and have no underlying medical conditions who choose to volunteer, are welcome to contact us to discuss your involvement.

To volunteer please contact the Rectory, Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at 847-967-1060, the RE Office at 847/966-1180 or email sijre2004@yahoo.com, by Monday morning, February 15th. If we do not have enough helpers by that day, we will reach out to other volunteer pools. What a great way to jumpstart your Lent – reaching out to the community in this time of greater need. Please pray for this event and for those who will benefit from it, and thank you for your consideration to help that day.



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RICHARD VAIL	CHRISTINA WALD
BETTY LANDON	KIMBERLY KNOX
EMILY SITKOWSKI	DIANE BAUER
CYNTHIA MELNICK	NONA YOAKUM
MICHAEL FOLISI	KATHY EGLOFF
DOROTHY BEZDON	ROBERT STEPHENSON
MATTHEW PONDER	LAURA HALL - SCHORDJE
FELICITA BAYANI	HENRIETTA SAGARIO
EMILY CABRERA	MARY SUNSHINE PONDER
LORNA ALBA	JUDY CABRERA
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	ROSE LUZ
	ALEXANDRA LAQUAGWA

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

Psalm — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

Second Reading — Do everything for the glory of God; be imitators of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

Gospel — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18; Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Thursday:	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Friday:	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Saturday:	Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 14, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Tony Irmen
10:00 a.m.	Michael MacDonald Jones Augustin - Spec. Intention
12:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Piotr Mlynarczyk

Monday - February 15, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Margaret O'Keefe
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Tuesday - February 16, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Jim Mc Nally
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Wednesday - February 17, 2021

8:00 a.m.	John Affatati
7:00 p.m.	Michael MacDonald

Thursday - February 18, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Those suffering with COVID
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Friday - February 19, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Piotr Mlynarczyk
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Saturday - February 20, 2021

8:00 a.m.	All Caregivers
5:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Frank McNally

Sunday, February 21, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Members of the Alber & Rancich Families - Special Intention
10:00 a.m.	Michael MacDonald
12:00 p.m.	Mark Duval Margarita M. Vioria Lucero S. Vioria

Liturgy Next Weekend February 20th & 21st

Confessions - 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



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