

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:

Rev. Bernard Kennedy, O.F.M.

Masses:

Monday - Saturday: 8:00 AM
Saturday: - 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 11:00 - 12:00 Noon or anytime by request.

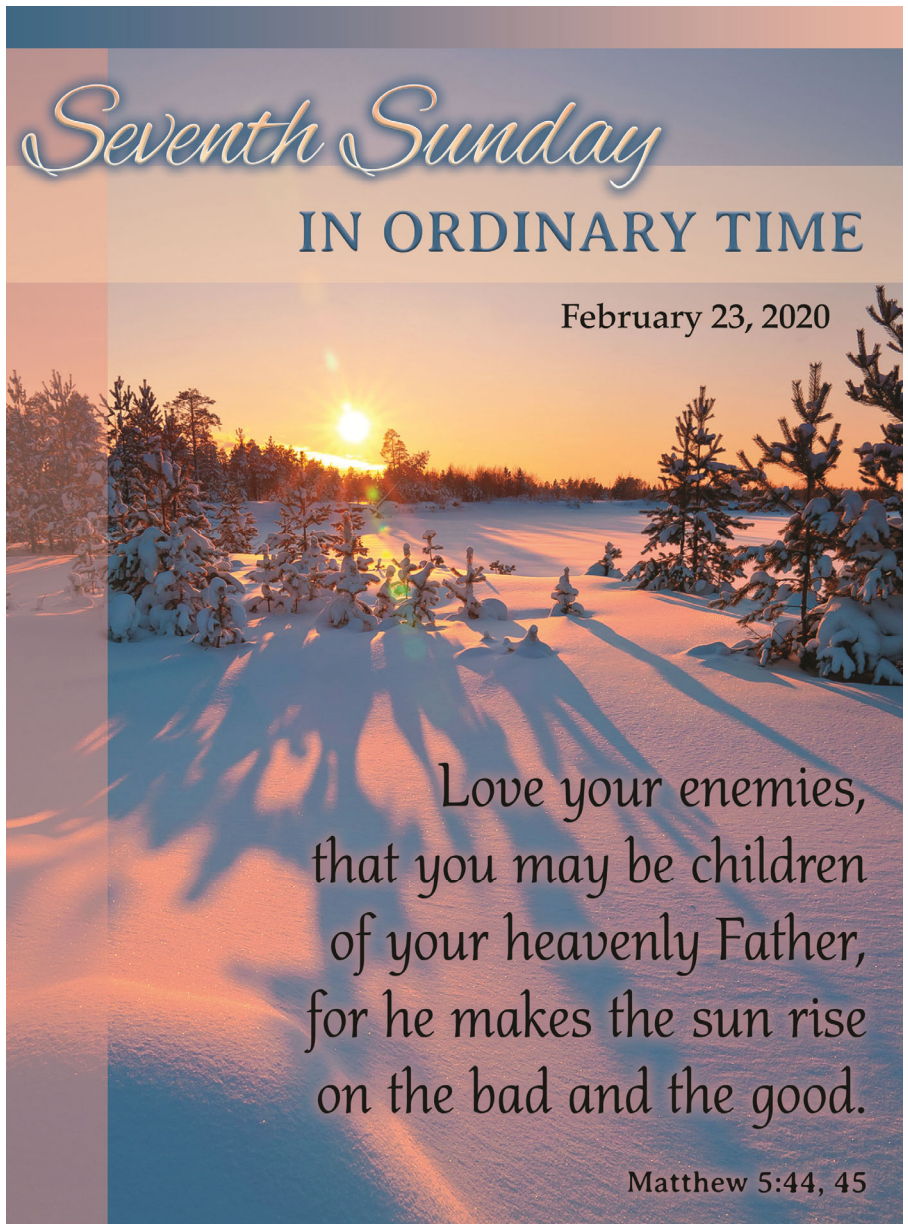
Sacrament of Matrimony: Must be registered for six months prior to setting the wedding date with an additional six months for necessary preparation.

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.



Love your enemies,
that you may be children
of your heavenly Father,
for he makes the sun rise
on the bad and the good.

Matthew 5:44, 45

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 – Chuck Napravnik				
Fil-Am Chairperson – Jelly Carandang (Interim)				



FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

Forgive, As God Forgives

Each of us has been confronted with the tension around whether to forgive someone who has hurt us or to look at it from a different point of view as an eye for an eye. Who hasn't been hurt by the actions or words of another? Perhaps a parent constantly criticized you growing up, a colleague sabotaged a project or your partner had an affair. Or maybe you've had a traumatic experience, such as being physically or emotionally abused by someone close to you. These wounds can leave you with lasting feelings of anger and bitterness, even vengeance. C.S. Lewis says *"To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you."* When Jesus talks about offering no resistance to one who is evil, he is telling us he wants us to love our enemies. It is hard for us to put into practice the teachings of Jesus especially as he invites us to forgive our enemies.

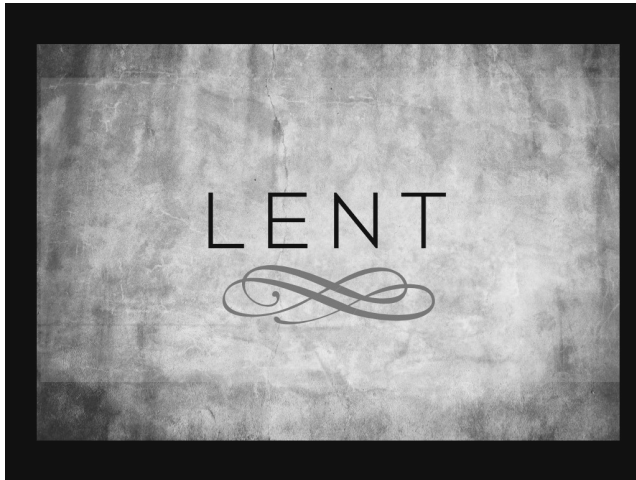
Forgiving another can be a difficult task when the person who wronged us doesn't seem to deserve our forgiveness. It is like you to easily allow the person to be off the hook. While it may seem that way, you are disconnected with the wrong done to you and moving forward rather than lingering over it again can make you more bitter day by day. Ultimately, forgiveness is especially challenging because it's hard to let go of what happened. Forgiving someone who has committed unacceptable behavior can be difficult when we are having trouble letting go of anger or hurt surrounding the event itself. Let's look into the aspect of forgiveness. Why is the Lord inviting us to forgive another and more so our enemies. What benefits do we get from such an action?

We have to remember that forgiveness benefits the forgiver more than the one who is forgiven. Forgiveness is good for your heart—literally. One study from the *Journal of Behavioral Medicine* found forgiveness to be associated with lower heart rate and blood pressure as well as stress relief. This can bring long-term health benefits to your heart and overall health. Another study found forgiveness to be positively associated with five measures of health: physical symptoms, medications used, sleep quality, fatigue, and somatic complaints. It seems that the reduction in negative affect (depressive symptoms), strengthened spirituality, conflict management and stress relief one finds through forgiveness all have a significant impact on overall health. A third study, published in the *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, found that forgiveness not only restores positive thoughts, feelings, and behaviors toward the offending party (in other words, forgiveness restores the relationship to its previous positive state) but the benefits of forgiveness spill over to positive behaviors toward others outside of the relationship. Forgiveness is associated with more volunteerism, donating to charity, and other altruistic behaviors. (And the converse is true of non-forgiveness.)

Well, we have sufficient reason enough to convince virtually anyone to do the work of letting go of anger and working on forgiveness. But if you don't practice forgiveness, you might be the one who pays most dearly. By embracing forgiveness, you can also embrace peace, hope, gratitude and joy. The act that hurt or offended you might always be with you, but forgiveness can lessen its grip on you and help free you from the control of the person who harmed you. Letting go of grudges and bitterness can make way for improved health and peace of mind.

To sum it up, forgiveness is good for your body, your relationships, and your place in the world. Forgiveness can take away the power the other person continues to wield in your life. So let's take the advice of Jesus from now on to forgive as we benefit from it more than others.

-Fr. Mario



PREPARING FOR LENT

*Please arrive at least five minutes before Mass begins to settle ourselves, focus, and pray. Kindly **remember to turn off** all cell phones, pagers, or anything that could distract the Assembly from our worship and prayer.

*We will kneel (as able) and pray the Confiteor, found on Mass card or in missalette, and sing the Kyrie.

*A moment of silence will take place after the Homily and after Communion at all Masses (daily & weekend) for reflection and thanksgiving.

*We will pray the **Apostles' Creed** during this season. We are **all to bow** as we pray the words, **"who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary"**

*Universal Prayer response will be **"Lord, have mercy."**

*Remember that Father is to be the last one in for Mass and the first to leave.

*Kindly hold conversations in the Holy Family Rm. or outside out of respect for those who wish to stay in church to pray.

St. Isaac Jogues News

UPCOMING EVENTS

+ Dinner Meeting for **all** Altar Servers Monday, 6 p.m., HFR

+ Bible Timeline, Monday, 7 p.m., HFR, and Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., HFR

+Ash Wednesday: Masses at 8 a.m. & 7 p.m.; Liturgy of the Word at Noon & 4 p.m.; ashes will be distributed during all four services.

+Divine Mercy Chaplet & Stations of the Cross, Friday, 7:00 p.m., church

+Weekend of Mar. 1: Recorded by Mission Speaker Fr. Bill Vollmer; Mission Presentation, *Jesus of the Gospels*, 3 p.m.; Alms recipient: Catholic Extension Society.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: these disciplines, prescribed by Jesus himself in the Sermon on the Mount, along with strict instructions not to flaunt them in public to win recognition and praise (Matthew 6:1-18), have been embraced by all the saints at the beginning of every Lent for almost two thousand years. But mention Lent, and many react with a grimace or slight shudder—even now, years after official obligations have been reduced to a minimum! No wonder the Eastern Rite's "Lenten Announcement" sounds surprising: "Let us receive with joy, O faithful people, the divinely inspired announcement of Lent! The Lenten Spring shines forth! Begin the fast with joy! Let us fast from passions as well as food, taking pleasure in the good works of the Spirit, and accomplishing them in love!" Saint John Chrysostom, whose feast is September 13, elaborates: "Do you fast? Give proof by your works. If you see a poor person, take pity. An enemy, be reconciled. A friend gaining honor, don't be jealous." A positive approach! May the saints help us keep such a Lent!



The SIJ Women's Club would like to thank all who contributed and purchased the home-made muffins, cookies and cakes and supported the raffles.

We hope that you enjoyed your treats!

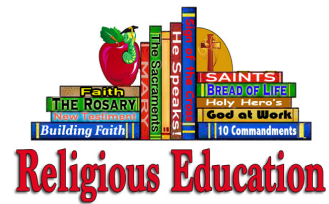


Our St. Patrick Dinner fundraiser is Saturday, March 21st, 6 - 10 p.m. here at St. Isaac Jogues Parish. We hope you'll come. T'will be grand! Invite your families, friends and neighbors to join with us for a Harrington's family – style corn beef dinner (w/water, coffee, and tea), cash bar, entertainment by the Sheila Tully Academy of Irish Dance and singer Kathy Cowen, basket raffles w/Irish goodies, Split the Pot o' Gold, and a good time with all. Tickets are \$40 per person and will be available after Masses Feb. 29 – Mar. 1; Mar. 7 – 8; and Mar. 14 – 15. They will also be available at the Rectory beginning Mar. 2nd. Please note tickets must be purchased by Mar. 15, as we need to give the caterer a final count. No tickets will be sold the night of the event.



PARISHIONERS OF ST. ISAAC JOGUES ARE INVITED TO JOIN ST MARTHA FOR THEIR ST. JOSEPH TABLE AND AUCTION! COME SHARE A MEATLESS MEAL AND ALL OF THE EXCITEMENT OF A LIVE AUCTION. THE EVENT WILL BE HELD IN THE LARGE CHURCH ON SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND AT NOON AND WILL END WHEN ALL OF THE AUCTION ITEMS ARE GONE. NO RESERVATIONS OR TICKETS NECESSARY. IF YOU MIGHT WANT TO DONATE A DISH, PLEASE EMAIL ANN SIMKINS AT Asimkins4@sbcglobal.net.

ALL ARE WELCOME - COME SHARE THE FUN!



Religious Education

+Confirmation Year II Candidates are reminded that Gifts of the Spirit Journal, Part II, is due Monday. Remember you will be contacted soon for their second interview with staff

+RE Families and interested parishioners are invited to join with the RE classes for a Pre-Lent Prayer Service Monday at 7:20 p.m. in Church. Mrs. Faso's Confirmation Yr. I Candidates will help lead our prayer. +The March newsletter and rice bowls for our Lent Project will be passed out during class Monday. Parents/guardians are asked to read materials carefully.

+Grade 6 – Confirmation Year II students and parents/guardians are to attend the Parish Mission here at St. Isaac Jogues on Monday, Mar. 2nd, at 7 p.m.

This is a class night and attendance will be taken by the Catechists. If a parent has a major conflict and cannot attend, it is still expected that your child will be here.

+Please note **RE classes for Grs. 1 – 5 & Initiation will be 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. on Monday, Mar. 2nd** so that parents and guardians of those students can attend the Lent Mission presentation in the Holy Family Room. The classes will focus on the Mission theme of "Who Is This Jesus?" When the presentation and prayer are finished, you are welcome to bring your child(ren) back to the HFR for refreshments with you.



COME, FOLLOW ME...
and heal our world

COME, FOLLOW ME... AND HEAL OUR WORLD

Many thanks to all who have participated in the Annual Catholic Appeal by making a pledge or one-time donation! Not only does your pledge help the ministries and works of the Archdiocese, it also assists our parish. When our parish goal of \$36,497 is reached in cash, 100% of any additional funds return to our parish to help with our needs. Thank you for your support!

To those who needed some more time to prayerfully consider your response to the appeal, please remember to return your pledge form in next weekend's collection. If you needed more time to think about your response, and you did not take a pledge envelope home, please stop in the Holy Family Room next weekend to fill one out. We would also appreciate it if you would fill out an envelope with just your identifying information if you already sent in a pledge commitment by mail. This helps us with bookkeeping. Even if you feel you cannot give at this time, please indicate that on the envelope and be removed from any follow-up efforts. It is our hope that we will receive a pledge envelope, with some type of response, from all active households in our community.



Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 26th. Save the dates and plan to participate as much as your schedule permits in our Lenten preparation events.

LENT PARISH MISSION

Who Is This Jesus?, jointly sponsored by St. Martha Parish and hosted here at St. Isaac Jogues Church, Sunday – Tuesday, Mar. 1 -3, led by Fr. Bill Vollmer Associate Pastor of Holy Name Cathedral.
Mar. 1, 3 p.m. – *Jesus of the Gospels*
Mar. 2, 7 p.m. – *Jesus: Human & Divine*
Mar. 3, 7 p.m. – *Jesus in Our Everyday Lives*. Plan now to attend as you set off on your Lenten journey with Jesus. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors for an inspiring time of prayer, reflection and discussion! Free will offering.

Save the Dates !!

Soup Suppers are here at
St. Martha's again



March 12th

March 19th

March 26th



SOUP SUPPER ASSISTANCE

St. Martha will be hosting the joint Soup Supper & Lent Series this Lent. In support of the food, we are look for one soup for each of the three weeks (Spiritual Life Commission members are already providing the other two soups each of the three weeks) and two desserts for each of the three weeks. If you are willing to help, please contact the Religious Education Office, 847/966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com or sign up on the sheet in the Holy Family Room next weekend.

Call or email Ann Barry to volunteer or to bring a soup
(847) 682-1579 or ann.barry11@gmail.com



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).
Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).
Second Reading — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).
Gospel — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
 Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
 Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11



Thank you, Lord for the courage and selfless service of our troops, reservists, first responders, in particular our loved ones. Be their help and protection each day and fill them and their families with your love. 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
- 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** - Timothy Kelly, 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.



Larry Fox
In Memoriam



Log in to givecentral.org and register today!



Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 23, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
10:00 a.m.	Purificacion Rodriguez Jeffrey Musni
12:00 p.m.	Fran Zimmerman Ricardo Retotal
Monday - February 24, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Mary and Bob Chernesky
Tuesday - February 25, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Clarence Turek
Wednesday - February 26, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Fran Zimmerman
7:00 p.m.	Bernard Kennedy Sr.
Thursday - February 27, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Pietro Di Franco
Friday - February 28, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Christine Wolf Baby Jacob Deceased Members of Anthony Family John Areno
Saturday - February 29, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Isabel Kadiri (Special Intention)
5:00 p.m.	Lieschen Llerena John Areno
Sunday, March 1, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Arlene Forneck
10:00 a.m.	Gerhard Drag
12:00 p.m.	Mathew Jacob

Liturgy Next Weekend February 29th & March 1st

Confessions - 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Mario/ Deacon Paul
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario/ Deacon Paul
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
12:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos



5:00 p.m.	Aaron Linang Jalen Moraga Alaina Linang
8:00 a.m.	Nathan Ledesma Mark Lucas Michael Lucas
10:00 a.m.	Julia Jaroslowski Alessandra Banez A. Aaron Banez
12:00 p.m.	Jonathan Magboo, Jr. Raymond Ortin Rafael Cedric Ortin Jr.

COLLECTION FOR CHURCH IN EASTERN EUROPE

In your church envelope packet there is an envelope for a second collection to benefit the Church in Eastern Europe dated for March 1. Since there is already a second collection next weekend to help reduce the parish deficit, we will take up a **second collection the weekend of Mar. 7 - 8 for the Church in Eastern Europe.**

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