

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

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:

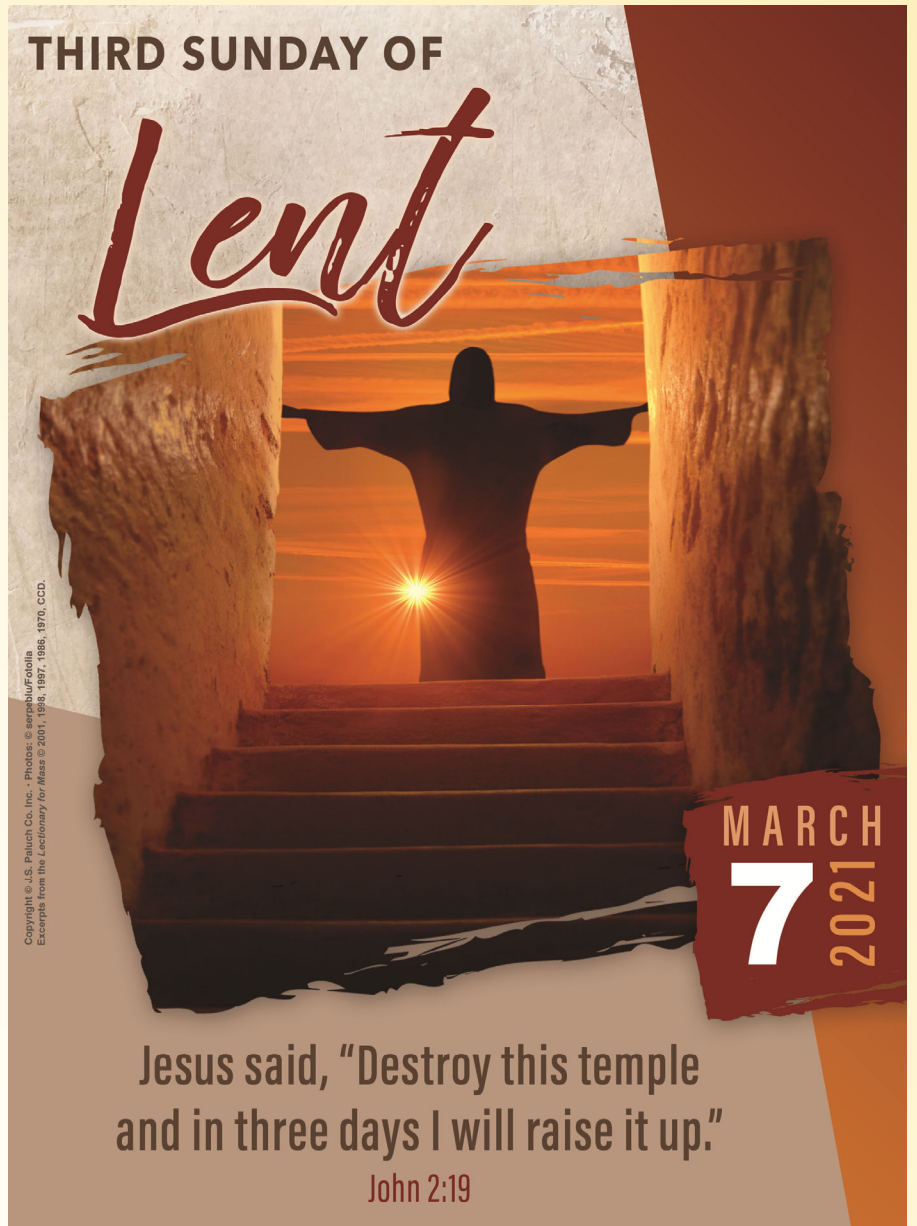
Friday at 5:00 p.m.

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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A LENTEN REFLECTION: From the treatise *On Prayer* by Tertullian, priest

"Prayer is the offering in spirit that has done away with the sacrifices of old. *What good do I receive from the multiplicity of your sacrifices?* asks God. *I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams, and I do not want the fat of lambs and the blood of bulls and goats. Who has asked for these from your hands?* What God has asked for we learn from the Gospel. *The hour will come, he says, when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. God is a spirit, and so he looks for worshipers who are like himself.*

We are true worshipers and true priests. We pray in spirit, and so offer in spirit the sacrifice of prayer. Prayer is an offering that belongs to God and is acceptable to him; it is the offering he has asked for, the offering he planned as his own. We must dedicate this offering with our whole heart, we must fatten it on faith, tend it by truth, keep it unblemished through innocence and clean through chastity, and crown it with love. We must escort it to the altar of God in a procession of good works to the sound of psalms and hymns. Then it will gain for us all that we ask of God.

Since God asks for prayer offered in spirit and in truth, how can he deny anything to this kind of prayer? How great is the evidence of its power, as we read and hear and believe. Of old, prayer was able to rescue from fire and beasts and hunger, even before it received its perfection from Christ. How much greater then is the power of Christian prayer. No longer does prayer bring an angel of comfort to the heart of a fiery furnace, or close up the mouths of lions, or transport to the hungry food from the fields. No longer does it remove all sense of pain by the grace it wins for others. But it gives the armor of patience to those who suffer, who feel pain, who are distressed. It strengthens the power of grace, so that faith may know what it is gaining from the Lord, and understand what it is suffering for the name of God.

In the past prayer was able to bring down punishment, rout armies, withhold the blessing of rain. Now, however, the prayer of the just turns aside the whole anger of God, keeps vigil for its enemies, pleads for persecutors. Is it any wonder that it can call down water from heaven when it could obtain fire from heaven as well? Prayer is the one thing that can conquer God. But Christ has willed that it should work no evil, and has given it all power over good. Its only art is to call back the souls of the dead from the very journey into death, to give strength to the weak, to heal the sick, to exorcise the possessed, to open prison cells, to free the innocent from their chains. Prayer cleanses from sin, drives away temptations, stamps out persecutions, comforts the fainthearted, gives new strength to the courageous, brings travelers safely home, calms the waves, confounds robbers, feeds the poor, overrules the rich, lifts up the fallen, supports those who are falling, sustains those who stand firm.

All the angels pray. Every creature prays. Cattle and wild beasts pray and bend the knee. As they come from their barns and caves they look up to heaven and call out, lifting up their spirit in their own fashion. The birds too rise and lift themselves up to heaven: they open out their wings, instead of hands, in the form of a cross, and give voice to what seems to be a prayer. What more need be said on the duty of prayer? Even the Lord himself prayed. To him be honor and power for ever and ever. Amen."

A LENT PRAYER: Blessed Peter Faber, SJ

Jesus Christ, may your death be my life and in your dying may I learn how to live. May your struggles be my rest, Your human weakness my courage, Your embarrassment my honor, Your passion my delight, Your sadness my joy, In your humiliation may I be exalted. In a word, may I find all my blessings in your trials. Amen.



THIS WEEK'S LENT SCHEDULE: You can make reservations for Masses, Reconciliation, devotions and Lent Series viewing in the church via Flocknote or by calling the Rectory, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday – Friday, unless another way to make a reservation is noted.

***Sunday, Mar. 7** – Our alms recipient continues to be **Sunday Mass at Mercy Home.**

***Monday, 3/8** – Mass at 8 a.m.

***Tuesday, 3/9** – Please pray for the Confirmation Candidates of Ignacy Paderewski Polish School who will be confirmed this evening in our church.

***Wednesday, 3/10** – Mass at 8 a.m.; Bible Study in HFR, 9:30 a.m. Doors open at 9:15 a.m., wear masks.

***Thursday, 3/11** – 1st session of Lent Series, *Encountering Jesus in a Year Like*

No Other, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. via Zoom on your computer or in the church. See article regarding reservations for church or link. .

***Friday** – A day of abstinence: No meat or poultry products on the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday, by those ages 14 & older; 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 March 20 and 27 with six in the church and six in the HFR.

***Weekend of Mar. 13 – 14:** Fourth Sunday of Lent; **Almsgiving recipient will be North American Martyrs Council #4338**, which is part of the larger lay Catholic men's organization, The Knights of Columbus. The KC raise funds for programming and activities for those with cognitive challenges and learning disabilities as well as activities for youth in general. In particular they have helped fund our SIJ SPRED Ministry and shared friendship and support with our SPRED participants and team since our beginning. Because of COVID they were not able to have their annual Tootsie Roll Drive at the Jewel (at which we usually helped) nor could the annual SPRED Tootsie Roll Sale be held here at the parish. Our alms will assist their fund-raising efforts in order to provide some monies for groups who could use them for alternative activities being conducted during this time. Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

Please note: We request that checks for any of the weeks' almsgiving be made out to St. Isaac Jogues Parish and one check for the total amount collected will be sent. If you are not coming to church but would like to support a particular almsgiving recipient, please mail or drop off your donation during the week. On the envelope or in the memo line please indicate to which ministry(ies)/organization(s) the alms are to be given.

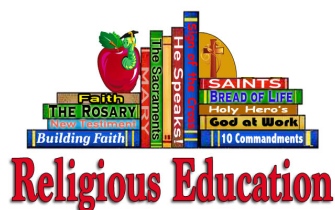


Holy Week

SACRED TRIDUUM AND EASTER MASS RESERVATIONS

In an effort to give everyone a chance to sign up for Triduum Services and Easter Masses, reservations will be taken by **phone only on Monday, March 15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 847/967-1060. Links will be sent out on Flocknote Tuesday, Mar. 16th, and will be put up on the parish website on Wednesday, Mar. 16th.**

Please note that the Easter Octave (eight days) begins with Easter Sunday and ends with Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11th. This time frame is so important to our Salvation History and our life as the Church that it repeats the solemnness of Easter each of the eight days. Therefore, **if you sign up for a Mass on Easter Vigil or Easter Sunday, you are not to sign up for a Mass the weekend of April 10 – 11 until Friday, April 9th, after 1 p.m.**, so that those who are not able to sign up for Easter Vigil or Easter Sunday will have the chance to celebrate Easter within the Octave at a Mass that weekend.



+Ms. Bello's class is to have Ch. 4 – 6 completed in the Gift of Eucharist Book to review Monday night.

+The **Family Event originally scheduled for March 29, has been moved to March 22nd** so that families can participate in the Joint Parish Mission with St. Martha. It will be on Zoom. The March 29th session will be class with their catechists.



FOOD DISTRIBUTION VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to those who helped with the **February** food distribution done in collaboration with Catholic Charities and the Greater Chicago Food

Depository. We **served 249 households which totaled 942 people.**

The next distribution will be hosted here in our SIJ parking lot on **Wednesday, March 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 2:00 – 4:30 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 Noon on March 15. If we do not have enough helpers by that day, we will reach out to other volunteer pools. This is a wonderful way to share your compassion and time – helping be a bridge for people in a time of food insecurity. 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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SHARE THE JOY OF EASTER

Have any extra Easter/Spring cards? Sign your family's name and our parish name to an Easter card or Passover card or two or more to send to local nursing homes and senior living facilities so they know they are being thought about and prayed for. **All cards need to get to the RE Office by Monday, March 29th.** You can leave them in the envelope on the outside of door #9 by the RE Office, put them in the mail slot at the Rectory or bring them to the RE Office on Monday, Mar. 29th, 5:30-6:30 p.m. They will be delivered to the various facilities the next day. Thanks for sharing the joy of Easter and Spring!



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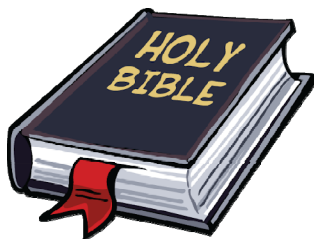
+Lent Series, "Encountering Jesus In a Year Like No Other," with Elizabeth (Beth) White; Thursdays, Mar. 11, 18 & 25, 7:00-8:30 p.m. on Zoom. Presentation and discussion in break out rooms (handled by Beth and her tech wizards) will make up the evening. There's two ways you can register for those who want to participate from home. For those with iPhones, you can hover your camera over the QR code shown. Your phone will take you directly to the registration form for the Lenten Series. For those without iPhones, here is the link to the registration page: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Lent2021>. Once you're registered, a link will be sent to you the day before each presentation for which you register.



For those who do not have computers or who are unsure how to work with Zoom, we will access Zoom with a computer and projector in St. Isaac Jogues Church and show all the above events on the dates and times listed. Those choosing to come to the church will need to make a reservation and all protocols will be followed. The Lent series link to make a reservation has been sent out on Flocknote and can be found on the parish website. You can also call the Rectory for assistance to make a reservation, 847/967-1060.

This Thursday's presentation is entitled, "Where Do I See and Experience Jesus in My Life?" This has been a year like no other. When we left each other a year ago, we were reflecting on Jesus and where we have seen him in our lives. This night we will consider the importance of being able to recognize Jesus in the here and now. We will reflect on how we have experienced the living Christ during a pandemic.

+Lent Mission, "Running the Paschal Mystery", with Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson; Sunday, Mar. 21, at 4 p.m. and Monday & Tuesday, Mar. 22 & 23, at 7 p.m. on Zoom. The first session will focus on Holy Thursday, the second on Good Friday and the third on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday.



BIBLE STUDY

An in-person Bible study will be held on Wednesdays, beginning March 10, 9:30 a.m. in the Holy Family Room. We will wear masks and be socially distanced. It will focus on the Passion and Resurrection Accounts of all four Gospels. Cost for materials is \$15. To register please contact the RE Office early this week so materials can be purchased, 847/966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com.

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	TONY LIVORSI
MICHAEL NOBLE	JOHN ROMANO
JULIE HIGGINS	AUDREY JANS
CARL AFFATATI	DAVID FORST
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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MARTHA DEMKO	PELAGIA SAJULGA
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TIM DENDOR	PATTY ZEMAN
	ALEXANDRA LAQUAGWA
	NORBERT FLOREK
	IRENE LINGAYA

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21 Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

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
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*Rhodora Gargantiel
Elfa Cervana*

In Memoriam

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The law was given through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) *or Exodus 17:3-7.*

Psalm — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) *or Psalm 95.*

Second Reading — We proclaim Christ crucified; the foolishness of God is greater than human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) *or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.*

Gospel — Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up (John 2:13-25) *or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].*

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 7, 2021	
8:00 a.m.	Pjeter Brisku Hilario Oria David Peter Magdalen Dexter
10:00 a.m.	Purificacion Rodriguez & Serafin Rodriguez
12:00 p.m.	Florentina del Rosario
Monday - March 8, 2021	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Sebastian Chirayil
Tuesday - March 9, 2021	
8:00 a.m.	Purificacion Rodriguez & Eduardo Rodriguez
Wednesday - March 10, 2021	
8:00 a.m.	Maria & Waldemar Tolpkowski Stanley Jezior
Thursday - March 11, 2021	
8:00 a.m.	Egidio Aranas
Friday - March 12, 2021	
8:00 a.m.	Gertrude Powers
Saturday - March 13, 2021	
8:00 a.m.	Peter De Sario
5:00 p.m.	Luke & Philomena Moran
Sunday, March 14, 2021	
8:00 a.m.	Tony Irmen
10:00 a.m.	John Affatati, Marjory Ann Joswick Rosa abbinante
12:00 p.m.	Separated Families


Liturgy Next Weekend March 13th & 14th

Confessions - 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Jose

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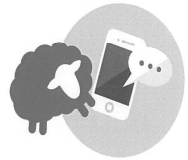
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