

SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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Mission: “A Catholic Parish sharing experiences of the Kingdom of God”

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Pastoral Staff:

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

Weekend Mass Celebrant:

Rev. Bernard Kennedy, O.F.M.

Eucharistic Masses:

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

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Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday - Closed

Religious Education: 847-966-1180

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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

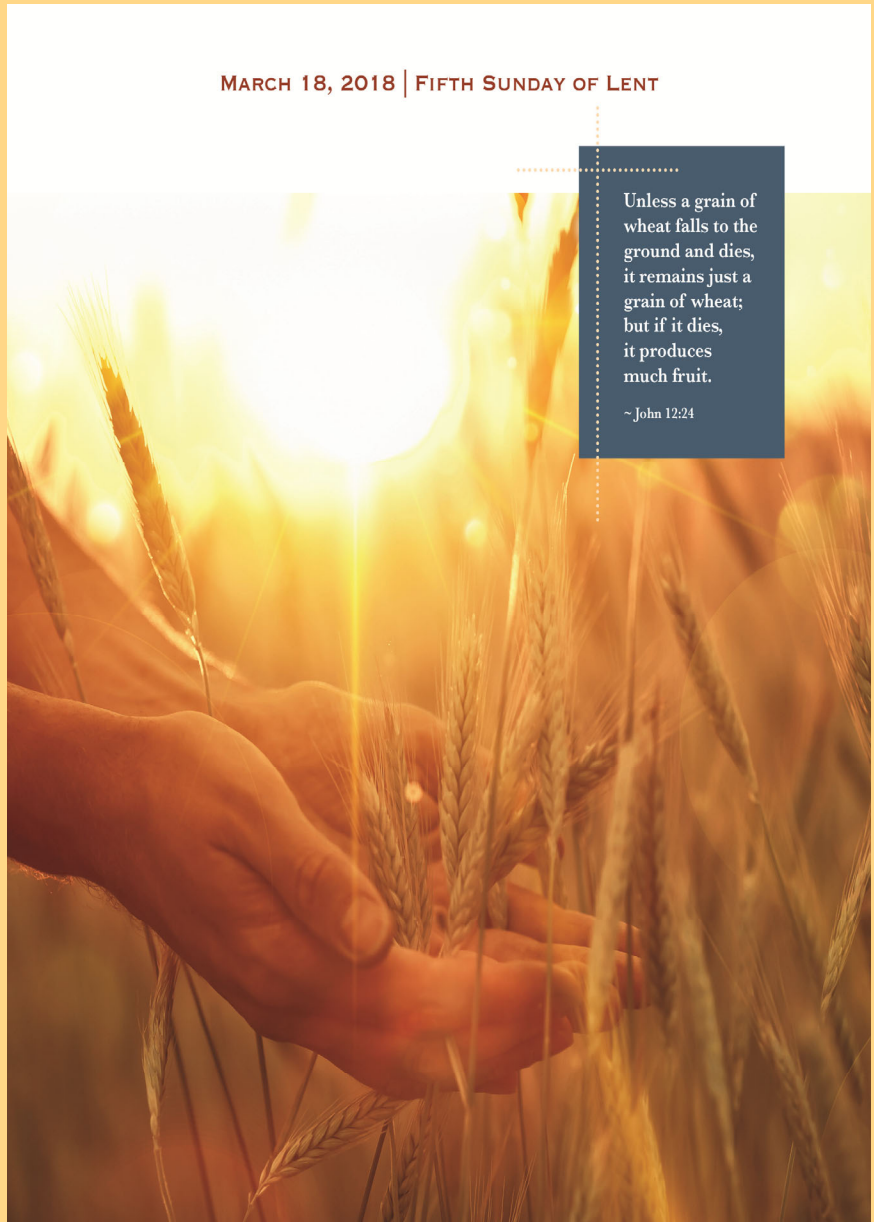
Sacrament of Matrimony: Must be registered for six months prior to setting the wedding date with an additional six months for necessary preparation.

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.



ST ISAAC JOGUES - Parish Leaders

Parish Pastoral Council			Finance Committee Advisors	
Ted Lenart, Chairperson	Kathy Denning	Gerry Zeller	Kathy Denning	Barbara Watson
Kathy Lord, Vice Chairperson	Jerry Menezes	Dolores Stanton	Gerry Zeller	Al Leksander
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Women's Club Chairperson – Kathy Denning				
Men's Club Chairperson – John Affatati				
Fil-Am Chairperson – Lorna Alba				



FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

Yield Good Fruit

Scriptures often equate people to fruit trees or grapevines and portray God as the owner of the orchards and vineyards. A tree is known by its fruits. As is the tree, so are its fruits—either good or bad. (Matthew 12:33) God's number one concern is for all fruit to be **good**. In fact, Jesus warned, "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and is thrown into the fire" (Mt 7/19) "A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit." And what is *good*? Only God has the supreme authority to define good and evil. We must always aim high to reach the highest goals. To produce the best fruit requires work, time, patience and perseverance. (James 5:7-11)

Lent is precisely the time to reflect on our lives and evaluate the goodness that the Lord has bestowed on us, and how well we have used the resources given to us. Every person has been endowed with some goodness or the other and it is left to each of us to trade that goodness in our dealings with others. When we use the symbol of the tree and its fruit, the tree that brings forth good fruit is good antecedent to the fruit it produces; it is first good, and then puts forth good fruit: it is not the fruit that makes the tree good, but makes it appear to be so; but it is the goodness of the tree that makes the fruit good.

As a good person does, and will do good works, those works do not make a person a good person. They are so before they performs good works, or they would never be able to do them. These works make them appear to be a good person. Likewise, if the tree is corrupt, the fruit will be corrupt; and so will be the ways of the person. We are all called to yield good fruits in our lives because God has sown his goodness in us and the time, work and patience will help us yield a rich harvest of joy.

As we journey through the season of lent we are called to make use of the opportunities that God offers to bring about a renewal through our Lenten mission and soup suppers, we also invite you for the concert "Song of Mark" in our parish this weekend so that every opportunity that is offered to bring about a renewal will serve to yield good and abundant fruit in our life. May you yield the desired fruit that God expects of you as you journey along.

-Fr. Mario

THIS WEEK'S LENT SCHEDULE

+Sunday: *Song of Mark* Music Ministry Presentation, 3 p.m., Church, free will offerings & alms recipient: SJJ Outreach Ministry
+Monday: RE Lent Reconciliation
+Tuesday: Women's Club Lent Mass, 6:30 p.m., church, all welcome
+Wednesday: Men's Club Lent Mass, 7 p.m., church, all welcome
+Thursday: Joint Parish Soup Supper at St. Martha, 6 – 7 p.m. followed by talk
+Friday: Day of abstinence; Divine Mercy Chaplet & Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m., church
+Saturday: Parish Lent Reconciliation, 11 a.m.
+Weekend of Mar. 24 - 25: Holy Week begins; Usual weekend Mass schedule w/blessing of palms at all Masses; Alms recipient – Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Project

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES...

Join the RE students in their Lenten Service project! CRS Rice Bowl has helped transform the lives of those in most need for over 40 years. Countries for this year's focus include Iraq, Nicaragua, Burkina Faso, Haiti, Malawi, and 25% of the monies support projects in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Place your donations in the alms boxes. They also invite you to pray the Rice Bowl Project Prayer during this week:

"**God** of the journey, whenever we stumble on life's roads, you are with us. Your love enables us to get back up and start again. May our Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving be an encounter with your mercy. May our experience of your selfless love inspire us to 'go and do likewise,' becoming companions for our neighbors most in need, and for every member of our human family.
Amen."

PRACTICES FOR HOLY WEEK

***Easter Vigil** (Presider, Deacon, Altar Servers, Lectors, RCIA), Saturday, 3/24, 2 p.m.

***Good Friday** -- both services (Presiders, Deacon, Servers, Lectors, EMs), Sunday, 3/25, 1:30 p.m.

***Holy Thursday** (Presider, Deacon, Altar Servers, Lectors, EMs, Oil Bearers, Those Having Feet Washed), Monday, 3/26, 8 p.m.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

+Our **Mass schedule for next weekend will be our usual weekend schedule.** As there are options for the beginning of Mass on Palm Sunday, we will have the Solemn Entrance at all the Masses (except the 10 a.m. Mass), which includes the blessing of palms, the proclamation of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and a simple procession. At the 10 a.m. Mass we will have the Procession which includes everything as the Solemn Entrance but the procession will be throughout the church. An invitation to be part of the opening procession will be given before each Mass if you would like to participate. (Be sure to save your place with a coat or a paper reserve sign from one of the Ushers. During the proclamation of the Passion and Death of Jesus according to the Gospel of Mark the Assembly will have the part of the Crowd.

+**Altar Servers for Palm Sunday, March 24 - 25, are reminded that there is a practice at 6:15 p.m. this Monday, March 19th, in church.** If you arranged for a substitute for next weekend, please be sure your sub has this information about the practice. We will be finished before RE Classes begin.

PARISH TRANSFORMATION MEETING

The Parish Transformation Steering Committee invites **all who attended any of the PT Meetings last year, and other interested parishioners**, to a meeting on Friday, April 6th, 7:00 p.m. in the Holy Family Room. They will review survey results, update some actions taken and invite input regarding next steps. If you have questions, please contact Ted Lenart, Kathy Lord, Gabrielle Carsello, Nancy Kadiri, Fr. Mario or Dee Stanton.

St. Isaac Jogues Men's Club

The Lenten meeting will be Wednesday, March 21st at 7PM. We begin with the Lenten Mass celebrated by Fr. Mario. After Mass the members will gather downstairs in the church hall to for our meeting and to celebrate with a St. Patrick's day feast of Corned Beef and Cabbage, hosted by our president, John Affatati.

The cost to join the club for the last three meetings is \$15.00. The cost for this meeting is only \$10.00.

We will be choosing new officers for 2018-2019 and the MAN OF THE YEAR.
WE NEED ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND!

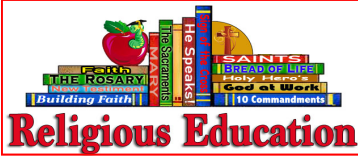
In addition, we will be taking a donation for our favorite charity SIJ Outreach Ministry.

LENT AND HOLY WEEK ASSISTANCE

Looking to share some time these next few busy weeks of Lent/Holy Week? We are looking for help in the following ways:

- +A few people who know how to **make decorative palm weavings** for Palm Sunday.
- +**Help decorate** Holy Family Room on Holy Thursday morning for that night.
- +**Help decorate** Church & Holy Family Room on Holy Saturday morning for Easter
- +**Help serve and/or clean up** at the Agape Celebration after the Easter Vigil.

Please contact the RE Office for more information and/or to sign up, 847/966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com



*Grs. 6 – Confirmation II will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation Monday during class. Please have children here on time, 6:45 p.m.
 *For this Monday's Session: Ms. Bello's class is to have Chs. 4-6 completed in their Gift of Eucharist Book and Confirmation Yr. II Candidates are to turn in their completed service logs & service summary.

HOLY THURSDAY PILGRIMAGE

Why on this night do we travel from church to church to adore the Lord? It was at the Last Supper Jesus gave us the Eucharist, His Eternal Presence in our lives. He gave us the Eucharist to remind us that He is always with us to help strengthen us as we go about living our lives as his disciples. The Eucharist also points to Christ's command that we be one in love for Him and each other. So, on this night we travel about to share our celebration of the Holy Eucharist with one another.

Our tradition of making a pilgrimage to other churches on Holy Thursday (3/29) continues and will include St. Alphonsus Liguori, St. Emily, St. Edna, St. Raymond de Penafort, St. Cecelia, St. Martha and one yet to be determined. The Mass of the Lord's Supper is at 7:30 p.m. We leave promptly at 9 p.m. and will hopefully return to St. Isaac Jogues in time for Night Prayer.

It is necessary to reserve a seat on the bus. A minimum donation of \$5 per person will be collected that evening. Please call the Rectory, 847/967-1060 to make a reservation. There are 45 seats and we will have just one bus. As a reminder: we get on and off the bus several times and some churches have stairs or are a bit of a walk from the parking lot to the building.



St. Isaac Jogues Outreach Ministry

The hardworking, dedicated men and women of your Outreach Ministry have helped to provide many types of assistance and comfort to those in need. They served 21 clients in January & February. Those clients received 35 bags of food and/or \$ 700 in Walmart & Aldi Cards which allows the clients to purchase other items like medications, Ventra transportation cards and necessities. Without our help some would have much difficulty getting to doctor appointments or receiving necessary medical treatments.

They are preparing for our Easter Food Basket program and ask for your help. They will be providing Easter dinners to 20 families and we can't do it without YOU! Food and monetary donations are always welcome.

Please keep St. Isaac Jogues Outreach Ministry in your prayers as they continue to share God's blessings with others.

Please pray for our military, reservists and first responders as they serve and protect our nation and our communities:

First Responders
 United States Air Force
 United States Army
 U.S. Army Reserves
 United States Marines

United States Navy
 U.S. Navy Reserves
 Illinois National Guard

Shane Long, Brad Markovich, Greg Zalewski
 Joshua Aujero, Mason Janzen
 Brian Caplin, Gale Renner
 Christopher Dexter
 Patrick Edward Echavez, Joseph John Zimmerman III,
 Lance Renner, Gian Patrick Reyes
 Justin Pascoe, Timothy Kelly, David Perez
 William B. Dexter
 Nathaniel Janzen

To add a name to the prayer list please contact the RE Office at 847/966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com.



JOINT PARISH SOUP SUPPERS AND LENT SERIES

Join St. Isaac Jogues and St. Martha of Bethany Parishes for last soup supper and talk **this Thursday, March 22, with soup from 6 – 7 p.m. and the talk beginning at 7 p.m. It will be held at St. Martha's big church on Georgiana in Morton Grove.** This week



Fr. Richard Fragomeni will talk about *The Relationship Between Relics and The Eucharist*. If possible please sign up today in the Holy Family Room or contact the RE Office, 847/966-1180 but all are welcome Thursday!

**Parish Reconciliation Service**

Saturday, March 24 at 11:00 a.m.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES**Palm/Passion Sunday, March 24-25**

Sat. 5:00 p.m. &

Sun. 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday, March 29

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

7:30 p.m. - Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

9:00 p.m. - Pilgrimage to nearby parishes

9:00 p.m. – Midnight

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday, March 30

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

3:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

7:30 p.m. - Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday, March 31

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

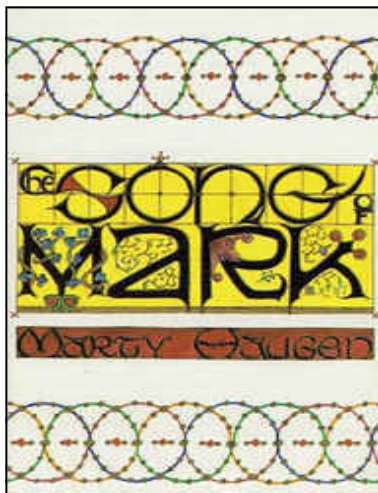
1:00 p.m. - Blessing of Easter Foods

8:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil followed by Agape

Easter Sunday, April 1

Church - 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., & 12:00 p.m.

Holy Family Room - 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

**Come and Listen To This Story!**

The musical *Song of Mark* was written by Marty Haugen to bring the Gospel of Mark to life. The music ministry will present a performance of this entertaining and prayerful musical on **Sunday, March 18 at 3:00pm** in the church. Our youth choir, Praise Singers, adult choir, and guest musicians are working together to bring the gift of music to you, while bringing the gift of compassion to the less fortunate. A free will offering will be taken after the performance to benefit the SJJ Outreach Ministry. Come to laugh, to cry and to share the wonderful experience which is the *Song of Mark*.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. (Jeremiah 31:31-34) or *Ezekiel 37:12-14*.

Psalm — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) or *Psalm 130*.

Second Reading — Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Hebrews 5:7-9) or *Romans 8:8-11*.

Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) or *John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]*.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession)
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent;
Third Scrutiny

Monday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: Spring begins

Friday: Abstinence; St. Turibius of Mogrovejo



St. Joseph with Jesus

COLLECTIONS FOR HOLY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY

The **only collection on Holy Thursday** is taken up to help those in need and so will be **given to our Sharing Parish, Maternity BVM**, for their fund to help those who come to them for assistance. Without this extra money, they would be taking from their general parish funds to help those in need. They are very grateful for this extra support. The collection will be taken up at the usual time during the Mass.

**HOLY WEEK**

Every year each parish in the United States takes up a **collection on Good Friday**, as designated by the Holy Father. This collection helps support the **work of the Franciscans in the Holy Land**. The money is used to care for the people and places of the Holy Land. This collection keeps Christianity alive in this area made holy by the life, suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Please place your envelope/donations in the alms boxes at the doors of the church that day.** Your prayers and gifts are the hands of God's mercy! Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS

March 18, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Tom Lisowski
10:00 a.m.	Edith & Joseph Lukas
12:00 p.m.	Gary Morales Sr. Joyce Roehl
March 19, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Richard Noble
March 20, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Alice Mc Nally Maggie Kiesler Mary Punnose
March 21, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Ester Agulto
March 22, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Annamma Chacko
March 23, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Mary Jane Polinski
March 24, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Richard Coulon
5:00 p.m.	Cipriana Ramos-Chua
March 25, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Lisowski Family
10:00 a.m.	Cosme Abella
12:00 p.m.	Mario Feijo

Liturgy Next Week March 24th & 25th

Time	Celebrant	Servers
Lent Reconciliation Service 11:00 a.m.	Frs. Mario, Carlos & Bernard	
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Mario/ Deacon Paul	Kristine Roque Lawrence Escarez Steve Livingston
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos/ Deacon Paul	Eugene Villarino Engell Villarino Nathan Ledesma
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario/ Deacon Paul	Maya Gherman Rafael Cedric Ortin, Jr. Rhenz Mangurali
12:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos/ Deacon Paul	Remi Dalangin Jonathan Magboo, Jr. Shaydon Pinto



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