



Sts. Martha & Isaac Jogues Parish

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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.

March 27, 2022



Fourth Sunday
of

Lent

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is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

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Reflections from Fr. Dennis

Dear Friends and Fellow Parishioners:

There has been much discussion recently regarding who should and who should not receive Holy Communion. Today's familiar Gospel parable can help us to address this complex issue. Specifically, the introduction to the story may be the most important part of this reading. Jesus told this parable because his critics were complaining: "He welcomes sinners and eats with them."

There are two sons in the story, one righteous and the other a renegade. Which one was more eligible to share in the feast? One son knew he was not worthy even to be called a son, let alone have a banquet held in his honor. He was willing to admit this – after a painful process. The other son thought himself worthy of a feast but disapproved of his father's prodigal conduct – as well as the offenses of his wayward brother. We do not know if the righteous son changed his attitude and eventually joined the feast. Taking our cue from the introduction to the parable, we may assume that he stayed outside, condemning and griping. Who could blame him?

In the course of the Gospel parable, what St. Paul calls in the Second Letter to the Corinthians "a new creation" was taking place, beginning in a pigpen far away. Old things were passing away; new things were coming to pass. That is why Jesus was willing to eat with sinners. By welcoming them, He was making it possible for something new to happen. He was opening the door to reconciliation. Jesus didn't always succeed, but He was willing to take the risk. "God made Jesus to be sin," says St. Paul, "who did not know sin, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." Those are mysterious words indeed.

No one is worthy to sit at table and dine with the Son of God. We all declare before we come forward to receive Holy Communion, "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you." We hope that we are reconciled to God as we approach. We don't need to judge how reconciled the person before or behind us is. We cannot know the state of another person's soul at any given moment. THAT person knows. And Jesus knows. Jesus has made himself vulnerable to misuse, in hope that a new creation can take place. We may wonder at that – just as the righteous son wondered at his father's actions. We, too, may wonder, but we can rejoice on this *Laetare* Sunday. For although we may give up on each other, Jesus never gives up on us.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the years, our tradition has come to see this Sunday as a transition, a midpoint, an oasis in the middle of six long weeks of preparation for Easter. The key is the Latin word *Laetare*, or "Rejoice," which was for centuries the first word sung in the Mass for this Sunday. In southern Europe, the first roses of springtime are appearing now, and there used to be a custom of honoring those to be baptized at Easter with roses on this Sunday. Long ago, this was also seen as a day for celebrating the ordination of priests. Many parishes retain the custom of using rose-colored vestments on this day. Normally flowers are banned from worship in the restrained season of Lent, but here, midway, these signposts of festivity pointing to the renewal of Easter springtime sometimes make a quiet appearance. A project for today would be to plant a few paperwhite or narcissus bulbs in a water bowl filled with river rocks. Like those elect who will soon be bathed in baptismal waters, they will come to full stature in the Easter season.

*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.

**This week's Lent &
Special Events**

Sunday – Alms recipient is Heifer International.

Tuesday – Lector Virtual Workshop in HFR, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday – Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., HFR; SPRED Session, 3 p.m., Zoom, Bible Study, 7 p.m., HFR.

Thursday – Presentation on St. Mother Theodore Guerin, 7 p.m., St. Martha Church (big church)

First Friday – Holy Hour & Benediction, from end of 8 a.m. Mass until 9:30 a.m.; Stations of the Cross – 3 p.m. at SM Church (small) and 7 p.m., SIJ Church.

Saturday – Sacrament of Reconciliation, 11 a.m. – 12 Noon, church

Weekend of Mar. 19 – 20: Fifth Sunday of Lent; alms recipient is Heifer International.

Church Interior Renovation Update

Along with the formation of the Unification Committee, and the work to begin to discern a possible new name, St. Isaac Jogues also received permission from Bishop Bartosic to restart the interior renovation project. We have been working with the Archdiocese of Chicago Facilities project managers who are helping us navigate the contract, bidding and permit process based on proposed designs that were discussed with the Design Committee in 2019. We invited another general contractor to review the plan and bid the project. He presented a lower bid. The bid was reviewed & accepted and a contract will be awarded to the new general contractor. Additional contracts will also be awarded to other specific vendors once scope is finalized.

Our project start date is late May-early June at this time, beginning with asbestos abatement. The general contractor believes the project will take 12-16 weeks which could take us to late September. Our hope is to be completed in time for our feast day in October. During the project, the Holy Family Room will become our worship site.

Your design team includes Nancy Winans, Jelly Carandang, Irene Baron, Gerry Zeller, Lisa Hall, Dolores Stanton. Our next meeting with the Architect is scheduled for April after Easter. Once more decisions have been finalized, we will continue to provide updates.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the design committee or email lori@sij-parish.com.



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 after Pentecost until Thanksgiving. 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.



The following items would be helpful at the current time: chili, canned chicken, crackers. **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!

Quick info guide to suggesting our new parish name

Where can I get a name submission form:

-on your seats at St. Martha or from an usher at St. Isaac, -in the narthex at St. Martha or at the 3 entrance doors at St. Isaac, -attached to the Friday Flock Note as a PDF, -from the business offices at either church.

Where can I return my completed form:

-the Sunday collection basket this weekend, -the collection box in the narthex at St. Martha or the designated collection baskets at the entrances at St. Isaac, -the business offices, -email to Lori@saintmarthachurch.org

When is the submission deadline?

All completed forms must be received by 3pm on Monday, March 28.

What if I have more than 1 suggestion?

Complete a form for each name, including a reason for each.

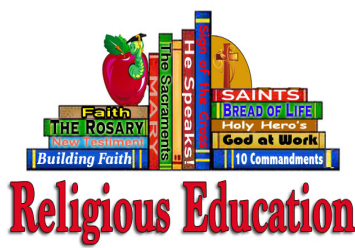
Are there protocols to guide my suggestion?

According to the guidelines laid out by the Archdiocese, the name of the new parish should be:

- a title of Christ under a title already accepted in the liturgy or that speaks to a mystery in His life;
- one of the angels or a canonized saint;
- a name based on a special devotion to a particular saint or because the saint represents a certain cultural or ethnic perspective.
- The name for the new parish should have a feast day for the new parish to celebrate.
- Do not submit a name that is already in use for a parish, school, mission, agency or shrine in the archdiocese. Please do not submit a name under Mary or her titles due to the large number of churches in her honor already. Consult the list of used names posted in each church building.

What if I have more questions?

A member of the Naming or Communication Subcommittee is available after all Masses this weekend to answer questions.



*Lent Reconciliation for all classes First Communion – Confirmation Year II will be held Monday. All are to be in class by 6:45 p.m. The Pre-First Communion Class will have a forgiveness service in that night.

*Permission slips for Apr. 2nd Spring Cleanup service event due on Monday night.

*RE Family Event, Monday, April 4th, 6:30 p.m. Evening includes prayer, discussion on Passover and Holy Week, Easter art project to help decorate the Church and Holy Family Room. Bring RE bags w/scissors, crayons, markers, other supplies.

Keep in touch with us via email and text!

Mass times, weather cancellations, ministry updates, & more delivered to your phone

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LENT SERIES

The Gift and Transformative Power of Ordinary Holiness Lent series continues this Thursday at St. Martha in the big church at **7 p.m.** A free will offering will be taken up. Sister Susan Paweski, S.P. will present “The Life of Saint Mother Theodore Guerin: a one-woman show” complete with full habit of that time and Breton accent. She weaves the story of this great saint, who said “We are not called on to do all the good possible, but only that which we can do,” from her childhood days on the shores of France to her missionary work in Indiana. *Sr. Sue is co-director for the Providence Associate relationship.relationship.*

Next Week: “Saint Among the SkyScrapers, St. Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini.”

WAYS TO HELP

+We are seeking volunteers to help remove the pew cushions, wash and dry the pews, and put back the cushions before Holy Week, possibly April 7 and/ or 8.

+A couple of volunteers to help decorate in the Holy Family Room on Holy Thursday morning, April 14, 9 a.m. (after morning prayer).

+A couple of volunteers to help take down the canopy and take out the flowers from the HFR at 11 p.m. on Holy Thursday when Adoration concludes.

+A few volunteers to help decorate the church on Holy Saturday morning (4/16, about 9 a.m. after Morning Prayer). We need to be finished by Noon.

+At least three volunteers to help serve at the reception after the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday.

Volunteer Sign Up



starting point for all volunteers

Whether you can give an hour or more, your assistance will benefit our faith community. Please contact Dee Stanton, 847-966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com, to sign up to help.



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
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TIM DENDOR	SHARON KILIKEVIC
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FRANK BEIL	PATTY ZEMAN
NELSON PETINES	ALEXANDRA LAQUAGWA
TERRY GAZDZIAK	NORBERT FLOREK
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JOHN FOLISI	BERNITA DEL ROSARIO
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	BRENDA WHITEHEAD
	CHERYL HEYDENBURG
	FR BERNARD KENNEDY
	OLIVIA TARSNEY

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: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b;
Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12;
Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14;
Jn 8:1-11;

Alternate readings (Year A):
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

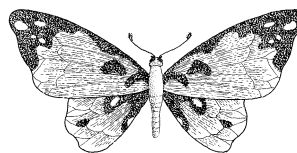
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God's people enter the promised land, observe the Passover, and eat of the produce of the land (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) or *1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a*.

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) or *Psalm 23*.

Second Reading — We are now ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) or *Ephesians 5:8-14*.

Gospel — We must rejoice when our brother who was dead in sin repents and comes back to life (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) or *John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]*.



Fourth Sunday of Lent March 27, 2022

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.
— *2 Corinthians 5:17*

Mass Intentions

Sunday - March 27, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Jim Kveton
10:00 a.m.	Laura Hall-Schordje Dolly Ostapiuk - Special Intention

Monday - March 28, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society John Affatati, Sr.
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Tuesday - March 29, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Adolfa Ostrega Sylwia & Ryan Murphy & Children - Special Intention Stephanie Cwiok
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Wednesday - March 30, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Andres Zollner
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Thursday - March 31, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Beata Jozwiak - Special Intention
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Friday - April 1, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Davis Kodiyan
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Saturday - April 2, 2022

5:00 p.m.	Don Angelaccio Johann Schwab Betty Landon Grazyna Spitek - Spec. Intention John Arenó
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Sunday - April 3, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ John Affatati, Jr.
10:00 a.m.	Steve Brisku

Next Week Liturgy Schedule April 2nd & 3rd

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 Fourth Sunday of Lent

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way,
grant, we pray,
that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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 am I preparing myself for the celebrations of Holy Week?
Is there more that I can do?



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