

SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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

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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.

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said,

"Truly this man was the Son of God!"

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Mark 15:39

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REFLECTIONS FROM FR. CARLOS

Today is Palm Sunday

This year, we shall be reading the Passion according to Mark which according to many scholars is the earliest and shall I say, most dramatic. In the gospel of Mark, Jesus died a lonely man. He was deserted by all. This is not because He did not have friends but because many of his friends did not have the courage to stand for Him. Is that not painful? Imagine your friends not being there for you in difficult moments in life. Martin Luther King Jr. perfectly describes this painful situation when he prophetically said: In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies but the silence of our friends." Peter denied Jesus even after many repeated vows never to leave Him, the Apostles fled, Pilate knew He was innocent but lacked the courage to set Him free, Joseph of Arimathea showed up only after His death and worse of all, women who are always known for their care and compassion 'watched at a distance." Even Barabbas had more people stand for him than Jesus. Did Peter, Joseph of Arimathea and the women abandon Jesus because they are bad or evil? Absolutely not. The whole story of Passion should remind us that often in life we love what is good but lack the will or power to do what is good. Most times, we want to choose what is good, but we end up not being able to do just that. Remember how Peter swore several times not to deny Jesus? That is how we often are. How many times do we promise not to do something we know is wrong but end up doing that? We know what is good but often lack the power to do it.

So, let this week remind you as many times as possible that we need the help of God to stand up for what is good in life. The whole of Lent should in a way remind us of this when we denied ourselves of something. The will to choose and do wrong is more natural to humanity because of original sin. It is a will that is more powerful than our Love of good. The Passion narratives remind us of how weak the human nature is. We either choose evil or lack the will to do good. You can see that human nature at work in Jesus when he was faced with his ultimate destiny in the garden. He prayed three times that God will save Him from this cup. He even crying to God using the words of the Psalm: God, My God, why have you forsaken me? In the end, He overcame that human nature to choose evil in the face of hardship. In the end, He overcame that to give us a new Life. The events of the Passion remind us that humanity cannot save itself. We need help to be saved.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Our Mother of Sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore him in your arms, mourning and weeping. We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you. We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of his passion

Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love. Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen!

THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER MONDAY. ANY/ALL CALLS WILL BE RETURNED ON TUESDAY, APRIL 6TH.

FEAST OF FAITH

The Liturgies of Holy Week

Holy Week is the culmination of the liturgical year. During these holy days, the liturgy will lead us, with Jesus, to the depths and to the heights.

It begins with a harsh juxtaposition, as we carry palms in remembrance of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and then listen to the Passion according to Matthew, as the King is handed over for crucifixion. Then, on Holy Thursday, we remember the night Jesus was handed over—the night he gave himself for us and to us, to live in our midst forever in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. On Good Friday, we touch with our hands the mystery of the Lord's cross, the instrument of torture that has become the tree of life. Then, at the great Easter Vigil, the lighting of the paschal candle speaks to us of the triumph of light over darkness, of life over death. The resurrection of the Lord becomes a living reality in our midst as the catechumens for whom the Church has prayed throughout Lent are plunged into the mystery of Christ's death and share in the glory of his resurrection. These are indeed holy days, the culmination of the Church's liturgy, and an invitation to participate in the very life of Christ. Come, let us worship

THIS WEEK'S LENT SCHEDULE



***Sunday, Mar. 28** – Palm Sunday; **Almsgiving recipient** will continue to be St. Isaac Jogues Outreach Ministry. Monetary or non-perishable food donations appreciated.

***Monday** – Mass at 8 a.m.

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

***Holy Thursday** – Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m.; Lent ends and Sacred Triduum (Holy Three Days) begins at sundown.

COLLECTIONS FOR HOLY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY

This year's **Holy Thursday** collection will be given to our **SIJ Outreach Ministry** to support their work and projects as they assist and affirm the dignity of those who come to our parish door in need. **Please place your donations in the marked box as you leave Mass that night.**

Pope Francis asks us to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your prayers and financial gift helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic Schools, and offer religious education, as well as help preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis and pandemic the collection also provides humanitarian aid to those in most need. **Please place your envelope/ donations in the alms box in the narthex Thank you for your generosity!**

TRIDUUM HELP

If you are 65 and younger and would be willing to help with decorating the church on Holy Thursday after Morning Prayer and/or Holy Saturday after Morning Prayer, please contact Dee Stanton at 847-966-1180 or email sjre2004@yahoo.com. Safety protocols will be observed and masks must be worn.



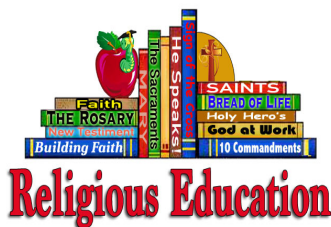
Holy Week

SACRED TRIDUUM, EASTER MASSES AND DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY RESERVATIONS

Links for Triduum Services and Easter Masses are available through Flocknote or the parish website. **Please note** that the Easter Octave (eight days) begins with Easter Sunday and ends with Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11th. This is the highpoint of our liturgical year and 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, we ask that you not 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. **FYI** – Sunday Mass at Mercy Home will air a one-hour Mass on Easter Sunday, 9:30-10:30 on WGN Ch.9, for those who are not yet coming to church.

HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION

Because First Friday falls on Good Friday, the Holy Hour and Benediction will be held after the 8 a.m. Mass on Friday of Easter Week, April 9th.



- +Mrs. Stanton will be in the RE Office on Monday, 5:30-6:30, if you want to drop off your Rice Bowl check made out to SIJ Parish and Rice Bowl in memo line (remember we cannot take all the coins), and/or Easter/Spring cards to give to the nursing facilities and senior living residences.
- +The students will have class with their catechists via Zoom at the usual time of 7 p.m.
- +The April RE newsletter will be sent on Remind by Monday evening.
- +Confirmation Year II Sponsor letters are being sent out Monday. There is a response form for them to complete and return by April 19th.



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."

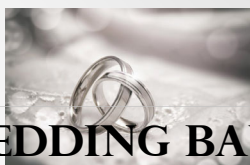


DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

St. Faustina wrote, "While I was saying the chaplet, I heard a voice which said, ***Oh, what great graces I will grant to souls who say this chaplet; the very depths of My tender mercy are stirred for the sake of those who say the chaplet. Write down these words, My daughter. Speak to the world about My mercy; let all mankind recognize My unfathomable mercy. It is a sign for the end times; after it will come the day of justice. While there is still time, let them have recourse to the fount of My mercy; let them profit from the Blood and Water which gushed forth for them.***" (#848, Diary)

April 11th is Divine Mercy Sunday. The Feast of Mercy Mass will be at 10 a.m. followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until Noon. Confessions will not be heard that Sunday, but are available on Saturday, April 10th, 11:00-12:30 in the Holy Family Room by reservation.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at Noon followed by Benediction. All are invited to continue the celebration of Easter by participation in all or some part of this feast day as we conclude the Octave of Easter.



WEDDING BANS II

Congratulations to Jonathan Herrera & Lorie Jean Pangilinan on their upcoming marriage

Saturday, April 10, 2021
1:00 PM

SOME NOTES ABOUT HOLY WEEK

***Reservations necessary** for all Masses and services, all current protocols continue (masks, doors open 15 min. ahead of time, hand sprayed, etc.)

***Palm Sunday:** Due to the generosity of one of our parish families, we will have a new machine to sanitize the church and which will allow us to sanitize the fabric on the kneelers. So **the tape will come off the kneelers beginning Palm Sunday** and we will be able to kneel at the usual times. There will be an **additional Mass at Noon**. Ushers will distribute palm as people arrive. They will be blessed and sprinkled with holy water at each Mass (Father will wear his face shield and go up and down aisles). If you do not want a palm, please tell the Ushers. If palms are left behind, we cannot hand them to someone else. Missalettes will also be given so those who wish to participate in the Crowd part of the Passion Gospel may do so. If you take a missalette, you must take it home with you at the end of Mass. If you are coming on Good Friday, please bring the missalette with you to participate in the Gospel again.

***Morning Prayer** will be held at 8:30 a.m. Holy Thursday – Holy Saturday.

***Holy Thursday:** We will have the Presentation of Oils (Chrim Mass will take place earlier in the week). The Washing of the Feet will not take place per Archdiocesan guidelines for Holy Week. Only the ministers will process at the end of Mass to the Tabernacle of Repose, which will be in the Chapel area. Exposition will be until 10 p.m. for those who wish to stay to pray. Per guidelines there is no pilgrimage bus this year.

***Good Friday:** Missalettes will be given to those who wish to participate in the Passion Gospel (and who do not have one with them from Palm Sunday). Intercessions will be the “let us kneel/let us stand” format. When the cross is brought into the church, we will recite the response to the invitation, which will also be recited. Ushers will guide people in each section (keeping six feet apart) up the main aisle to **simply bow before the cross**. Per guidelines there can be no touching of the cross this year.

***Easter Vigil:** Most of the Service of Light is omitted and we may not use the small candles because everyone would have to pull their masks down at the same time to blow them out the two times. We will bless a bowl of water prior to renewal of Baptismal Promises and Father will then put on his face shield and go up and down the aisles to sprinkle us with holy water.

***Easter Sunday:** There will be an **additional Mass at Noon in church**. There will be no Masses in the Holy Family Room. The Penitential Act will be recited and the Cantor will sing the Gloria. We will renew our Baptismal Promises and Father will then put on his face shield and go up and down the aisles to sprinkle us with holy water.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES****Palm/Passion Sunday,**
March 27 & 28

Sat. 5:00 p.m. &
Sun. 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. &
12:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 1st

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer
7:30 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper
End of Mass. – 10:00 p.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday, April 2nd

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, April 3rd

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer
1:00 p.m. - Blessing of Easter Foods
8:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 4th

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

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!





Pray for

KERMIT TURNER	TONY LIVORSI
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DOROTHY BEZDON	ROBERT STEPHENSON
MATTHEW PONDER	LAURA HALL - SCHORDJE
FELICITA BAYANI	HENRIETTA SAGARIO
EMILY CABRERA	MARY SUNSHINE PONDER
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	ALEXANDRA LAQUAGWA
	NORBERT FLOREK
	IRENE LINGAYA

TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Mark (Mark 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]).

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: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: **Chrism Mass**: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 - 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 28, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Michael Mac Donald
10:00 a.m.	Luke & Philomena Moran
12:00 p.m.	Marian Bragiel & Krystyna & Wieslaw Swidzinski

Monday - March 29, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Stanley Jezior
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Tuesday - March 30, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Andres Zollner Lydia Luz Don Angelaccio
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Wednesday - March 31, 2021

8:00 a.m.	John Areno
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Thursday - April 1, 2021 - Holy Thursday

8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
7:30 p.m.	Marco Di Franco

Friday - April 2, 2021 - Good Friday

8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
3:00 p.m.	Lord's Passion
7:30 p.m.	Lord's Passion

Saturday - April 3, 2021 - Holy Saturday

8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
8:00 p.m.	Brady/Stanton Families

Sunday - April 4, 2021 - Easter

8:00 a.m.	Tony Irmen
10:00 a.m.	Michael Mac Donald Maria & Waldemar Tolpkowski
12:00 p.m.	Mark Duval

Holy Week Liturgy Schedule April 2nd - April 4th

Holy Thursday - 7:30 p.m. Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul

Good Friday - 3:00 p.m. Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul

Good Friday - 7:30 p.m. Fr. Jose/Deacon Paul

NO CONFESSIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil - 8:00 p.m. Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul

Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m. Fr. Jose/Deacon Paul

10:00 a.m. Fr. Bernard/Deacon Paul

12:00 p.m. Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul

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