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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.

April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday
of
Lent

I put water in the desert
and rivers in the wasteland
for my chosen people to drink.

Isaiah 43:20

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Reflections from Fr. Dennis

Dear Friends and Fellow Parishioners

In the Gospel today, Jesus is in the temple area, the most important place that any Jewish scholar of the law then could teach. Passover, Jewish prime time on its biggest stage, prompts the scribes and the Pharisees to test Jesus. This Gospel should raise two questions for us. 1) what was Jesus writing in the dirt on the stones of the temple courtyard? 2) Why did the scribes and the Pharisees bring only this woman to Jesus? Doesn't it take two to commit adultery? Jewish law required equal punishment of both parties. The answers to those questions may not come this side of heaven, but asking those questions is not merely a matter of curiosity. It points to two important questions about how we are to live Christian lives.

At the heart of things, in all the teaching that He did not only in the temple, but during his three years of public ministry, Jesus was constantly proclaiming, "Believe that God loves you and live your life in response to that love!" So Jesus taught that the life of his disciples is always and really about responding in love to their being loved. This means for Jesus the two most important questions which can be applied not only to this situation but to every situation must always be: How do we see God's love as present right here, right now in our midst? The second question will always be: How do we respond to that love as individuals and as a community?

Jesus was teaching that God loves us – and not only those we may include in our definition of "us", but also everyone else. When Jesus said that the greatest commandment was to love God and love our neighbors as ourselves, He set the priorities for all Christian life. Whatever our situation, out of love for us, God readily offers forgiveness, not condemnation. God's love is always present for us and among us. Jesus offered the woman brought to him not condemnation but a loving opportunity to move forward with her life. Forgiveness is THE sign of God's love and the presence of the kingdom of God.

Jesus told the woman brought to him to go and sin no more, to live her life in response to God's love for her. Rather than condemning the woman for her mistakes, Jesus offered her a second chance. We all make mistakes, but the biggest mistake we can make is to give in to despair and try to live without hope. Repentance and conversion are always possible, and that is what Jesus asks the woman – and us – to think about and to do. God respects our freedom so much that God always gives us the choice to repent or not, to live life responding to God's love as our guide – or try living in some different way.

People ready to condemn others without offering a chance to repent and make a fresh start, fail to see God's love all around them. Our judgment of others deflects judgments of ourselves because we can say to ourselves, "At least I didn't do what they did!" Was Jesus writing in the temple courtyard's dirt a list of sins? A list of sinners in that crowd? Something very important happened while Jesus was writing that day. Both the woman and those who brought her left profoundly changed by Jesus' question and actions. If we believe in God's love for us and for everyone else, we can get up when we fall, dust ourselves off, and try again to live as God calls us to live – not out of fear, but out of gratitude.

-Fr. Dennis

SOMETHING NEW IN CHRIST

Jesus knew that the scribes and Pharisees were trying to trap him. They put him in what seemed to be a no-win situation. Let the woman who was caught in adultery go, and he would have been accused of ignoring the law. Let her be stoned, and he would fail to show mercy toward her, contradicting his life's message. Jesus' response teaches three crucial lessons: none of us is free of sin; we are not the ultimate judges of others; Jesus is the mercy of God, in whom we can always trust. In Christ, God does something new. When we give our hearts to Christ, we have the hope of new life, a life in which mercy reigns.

*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 continues to be Heifer International.

Monday – Altar Server Practice for Palm Sunday at 6 p.m. in church.

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

Wednesday – OLPH Novena after 8 a.m. Mass; Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., HFR; SPRED Team Meeting, RE Office, 1 p.m.; Bible Study, 7 p.m., HFR.

Thursday – Presentation on St. Mother Frances Cabrini, 7 p.m., St. Martha Church (big)

Friday – Stations of the Cross – 3 p.m. at SM Church (small) and 7 p.m., SIJ Church.

Saturday – Parish Lent Reconciliation Service w/individual confession & absolution, 11 a.m., church. Come prepare for Holy Week and Easter by celebrating the Lord's mercy and love. Easter Vigil Practice for all ministers, 2 p.m., church.

Weekend of Mar. 9 – 10: Palm/Passion Sunday Masses; alms for church's Easter flowers; Good Friday 3 & 7:30 p.m. Services Practice, 11:30 a.m.

HOLY WEEK

Next weekend begins the celebration of Holy Week. Here is some information that will may be helpful to you.

Palm Sunday – Ushers will pass out palm as you arrive for the blessing at the beginning of Mass. The Solemn Entrance will take place at the 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. The Procession will be at the 10 a.m. The Assembly will read the part of the Chorus during the Passion.

Morning Prayers – will be held at 8:30 a.m. Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. It will be a combination of Morning Prayer and the Office of Readings.

Holy Thursday, 7:30 p.m. – The holy oils blessed and consecrated on Tuesday of Holy Week will be presented at the beginning of the Sacred Triduum (The Holy Three Days, sundown today until sundown Easter Sunday). Twelve parishioners will have their feet washed. Only hosts will be distributed at Communion time. At the end of Mass we will process around the church and bring the Blessed Sacrament to the Holy Family Room to the Altar of Repose. Adoration will be until 11 p.m. Access to the Holy Family Room during that time will only be through outside door #12. There will be no pilgrimage again this year.

Good Friday, 3 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. – Church will be open all day for prayer. Same service both times. The Assembly will read the part of the Chorus during the proclamation of the Passion. Veneration of the Cross will take place with a reverent bow or genuflection. There will be no physical contact with the cross (no touching, using it to get up from a genuflection, etc.)

Blessing of Easter Foods, 1:00 p.m. – Please keep your baskets with you in your pew. Deacon Paul will walk around the church to sprinkle the baskets.

Parish Easter Vigil, 8:00 p.m. – There will be no 5 p.m. Mass. This is a unified parish celebration with liturgical ministers from both worship sites. We welcome those from St. Martha Church who will be joining with us. The blessing of the fire will be outside and the Assembly will be invited to come outside to participate (those who wish). Everyone will have tapers this year for the Service of Light and Renewal of Baptismal Promises. As you leave Mass each household will be given a small bottle of newly blessed holy water and a home blessing with which to bless your home on Easter. The **Agape reception** returns this year. Food will be served by helpers wearing masks and gloves.

Easter Sunday – Usual Mass Schedule, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Both Masses will be in the church. There will be no Mass in the Holy Family Room.

SACRED TRIDUUM SCHEDULE
St. Isaac Jogues Church

Holy Thursday, April 14th

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

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

Only collection for Parish Outreach Ministry
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from end
 of Mass until 11:00 p.m., Holy Family Room

Good Friday, April 15th

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 16th

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

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

8:00 p.m. - Unified Parish Easter Vigil

Followed by Agape Reception, Holy Family
 Room

Easter Sunday, April 17th

Masses will be held in the Church at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00
 a.m.

SACRED TRIDUUM SCHEDULE
St. Martha Church

Holy Thursday, April 14th

8:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Lord's Supper (Large Church)

Please bring non-perishable food items for
 those in need.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from
 end of Mass until 10:00 p.m., Large Church

Good Friday, April 15th

4:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross (Large Church)

8:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord (Large
 Church)

Holy Saturday, April 16th

12:00 p.m. - Blessing of Easter Foods (Small Church)

8:00 p.m. - Unified Parish Easter Vigil at SIJ Church

Easter Sunday, April 17th

Mass in Small Church - 7:00 a.m.; Masses in Large
 Church - 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Brass and Choir at
 both these Masses.

WAYS TO HELP FOR HOLY WEEK

+We are seeking volunteers to help remove the pew cushions, wash and dry the pews, and put back the cushions this Thursday starting after the morning Mass.

+Four people to have their feet washed during the Mass of the Lord's Supper, Holy Thursday (4/14), 7:30 p.m. There is a practice on Monday, 4/11, at 8 p.m. in church. Please call RE Office ASAP, 847/966-1180).

+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 volunteer to help carry in one of the oil bottles during the Holy Thursday Mass (4/14), 7:30 p.m. Practice on 4/11 at 8 p.m. in church.

+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 Agape reception after the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday.

+We will purchase most everything for the Agape Reception. If you would like to make a monetary donation towards the preparation of the Agape, please give it to Dee Stanton when you come to Mass this week or Palm Sunday Weekend or drop it off in an envelope marked "Agape" at the Rectory by Wednesday, April 13th.

+Be sure to invite your family members, friends and neighbors to come for prayer and worship during Holy Week. All are most welcome!

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, this week to sign up to help.

Volunteer Sign Up





Religious Education

*The RE Family Event is Monday at 6:30 p.m. beginning in the Church. Our evening includes prayer, discussion on Passover and Holy Week, and an Easter art project to help decorate the Church and Holy Family Room. Please bring RE bags w/scissors, crayons, markers, sharpened colored pencils, and other supplies.

*Confirmation Year I Candidates are to turn in their autobiographies on Monday, April 11th. Please see your Confirmation overview sheets for details.

*First Communion Retreat permission slips are due no later than April 11th.

*Rice Bowl donations are to be returned on April 11th. Please do not send the change but write a check, payable to St. Isaac Jogues Church or insert cash for the amount. We will then send one total check from the RE Program. Thank you for your sacrifices.

*Please note that the **Family Event scheduled for May 16 is being moved to May 2nd**. May 9 & 16 will be class nights.



LENT SERIES

The Gift and Transformative Power of Ordinary Holiness Lent series concludes this Thursday at St. Martha in the big church at **7 p.m.** A free will offering will be taken up. In 1947 Samuel Cardinal Stritch reflected: "We often think of sanctity as being something that you find a way off in some distant country. But here, in the heart of this great metropolis lived Mother Cabrini...Nothing far off...a Saint here in Chicago coping with the same conditions and difficulties which surround us in our own lives." Together with Nancy Golen we will reflect on the life of the "Saint Among the Sky Scrapers, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini."

Nancy A. Golen is an experienced Retreat and Spiritual Director who serves as Director of Casa Iskali, the former Cabrini Retreat Center.

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	OLIVIA TARSNEY

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD does something new for the chosen people (Isaiah 43:16-21) *or* *Ezekiel 37:12-14*.

Psalms — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126) *or* *Psalm 130*.

Second Reading — The supreme good is knowing Jesus as Lord (Philippians 3:8-14) *or* *Romans 8:8-11*.

Gospel — A woman caught in the act of adultery is brought to Jesus. He challenges anyone without sin to throw the first stone (John 8:1-11) *or* *John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]*.

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:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20 (or Jn 8:1-11 if Year A readings were used on Sunday)
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 31:10-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday:	Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]



Mass Intentions

Sunday - April 3, 2022

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

Monday - April 4, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Gregorio Aisporna
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Tuesday - April 5, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Johana Cardoza
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Wednesday - April 6, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Amilia Cymorman & Family
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Thursday - April 7, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Sara & Ray Koz
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Friday - April 8, 2022

8:00 a.m.	George Mathai - In Thanksgiving
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Saturday - April 9, 2022

5:00 p.m.	Stanley Jezior
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Sunday - April 10, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Susan Arendt, Pjeter Brisku Fran Zimmerman, Tony Irman Raphael & Daniel Chirayath
10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Purificacion Rodriguez Agustina Bauti

Next Week Liturgy Schedule April 9th & 10th

Reconciliation 11:00 a.m.	Frs. Carlos, Dennis & Ron
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Fifth Sunday of Lent

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. 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 do I follow the example of Jesus in loving others?

Food Pantry needs this week: 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!



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