

# SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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

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**Masses:**

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

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

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

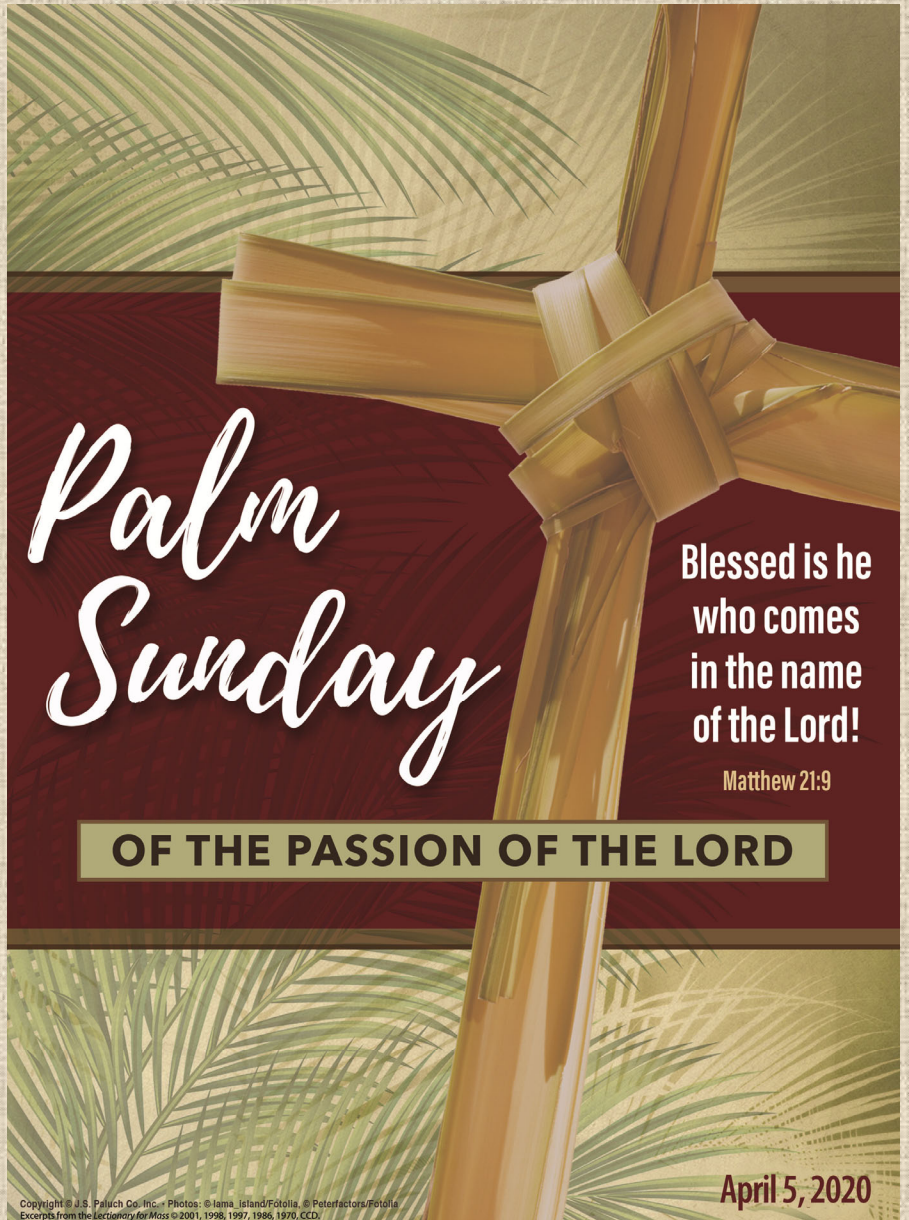
**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Must be registered for six months prior to setting the wedding date with an additional six months for necessary preparation.

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	
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FROM THE  
Pastor's Desk

## A Call to Prayer

As I sit to write my pastors column, the thought of Palm Sunday comes to my mind and how happy we would be to be in church holding the blessed palm in our hands. We are now confined to our homes without a physical celebration in church. That should not dampen our spirits, as we can fulfill our spiritual need by carefully taking time to watch on television; mass at the allotted time.

God is indeed calling us to prayer. The founding fathers founded America, the Constitution and our government on prayer. The Lord abundantly blessed this nation because we prayed. God is calling our great nation back to her roots. We need to get back to our life of prayer. It is when we seek God and turn from our evil ways that help us to be free. Let's spend time each day praying with passion and perseverance for our country leaders, doctors and nurses, and those who lives are at the service of others and for people out in the world who are urgently in need of our prayers and those suffering from the virus. Fear has gripped us but we need to understand the realities and thus cooperate by doing our best. Thus we practice our charity in the well-being of another.

God's power is manifested to His people when they pray. As in 2 Chronicles chapter 7:14 we come across this " *If my people, upon whom my name has been pronounced, humble themselves and pray, and seek my presence and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and revive their land.*" We are given an earnest invitation by God to come before Him in prayer.

When we prayerfully reflect on the gospel of Palm Sunday, we find that the crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying "*Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is **he** who comes in the **name** of the Lord; hosanna in the highest.*" The crowds proclaimed Jesus as king. Why are we reluctant to sing his praises, glorify and praise Him? To Him belongs the earth and everything in it. Let us make some time now to come together as a family to pray, to be concerned about our neighbor, protect our environment, and use the resources that God has bestowed on us only to the extent that we need. Let Jesus be your Lord and King, hosanna and praise to Him.

At this time of the year when we have to face this most crucial time of uncertainty, I want to assure you of my prayers and support and to let you know that you are not alone in your struggle but we are with you in prayer. You can always call the rectory and our staff member will assist you in the best way possible. God bless you!

-Fr. Mario

### ALMSGIVING

Please mail or drop off your almsgiving donations and Holy Land envelopes. We will divide the alms monies among the six organizations listed in the Lent Overview. Religious Education families are asked to send/drop off their Rice Bowl donations at the Parish Office (check or cash for the total amount; please do not bring rice bowls full of coins). Thank you for your generosity.

While many of us are home from work and spending time with our families, we are trying to suggest ways to celebrate Holy Week & Easter. On the next few pages, there are lists of things that you can do with your families in your homes. There are suggestions for things to watch on television and available on the internet. We hope you find the information useful.

### SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

"My Jesus, I believe that You are  
present in the most  
Blessed Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I  
desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You  
sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually  
into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were  
already there,

And unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated  
from You. Amen.



### HOLY WEEK FILMS

Here's some suggestions of movies based on/connected to the events of Holy Week. Maybe you can check out a few this week. *The Greatest Story Ever Told, Jesus of Nazareth, King of Kings, The Passion of Christ, Ben Hur, The Robe, Barabbas, The Ten Commandments, The Fourth Wise Man, and The Way.*

### HOLY WEEK MUSIC

In an effort to provide you with music for Holy Week, Lisa Hall has made recordings of songs to assist your prayer. Go to [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com) Type in the Search bar Lisa Hall S.I.J. It will bring you to her page and then click on the purple circle with an L. Now you can click on the songs of the day you are observing and either listen or sing along.

### OBSERVING THE SPIRIT OF HOLY WEEK

For the Church to not have Holy Week Services is unprecedented for most, if not all, of us. But let us not forget the central mystery and truth of our Catholic Faith: **JESUS CHRIST IS ALIVE AND WITH US.** By His Passion, Death and Resurrection Jesus has died once for all and has won the victory over death. **Jesus Christ is risen** and nothing – not COVID-19 or any other illness, anxiety, fear, nor death – can take that away from us...unless we allow it to be taken away. Celebrate Holy Week and keep, as best able, your traditions for this holiest season of the Church year. Even though we cannot be together in the church building, always remember that together we are the Church. Let us be joined in spirit, in truth and in prayer. We invite and encourage you to use any or all of the following suggestions to observe this holiest of weeks, even as our country and world live Christ's Paschal Mystery in ways we never imagined we would. God bless you, your loved ones, our faith community, our country and all nations.

**PALM SUNDAY**

+In preparation for Mass read the Scriptures of the day – Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66

+Watch Sunday Mass at Mercy Home, 9:30 a.m., WGN Channel 9 or on Archdiocese of Chicago or Word on Fire Websites or EWTN (TV).

+Listen or sing along with songs for this day. (See Holy Week Music above)

+Share with someone -- When have you claimed you were Jesus' follower and then shortly after turned from him through your sin? When was the last time you asked God to help you follow His will?

**MONDAY, TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY**

+Read each day's readings and share your prayerful thoughts about what you read with someone. Monday – Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 27:1-3, 13-14; John 12:1-11. Tuesday – Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 71:1-6, 15, 17; John 13:21-33, 36-38. Please note that you can see the Chrism Mass on arch-chicago.org. Wednesday – Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34.

+Do an Examination of Conscience and, with a firm resolve to change, make a good Act of Contrition. After the crisis is past celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**HOLY THURSDAY**

+Have a candle, Bible, bread on a plate, individual cups w/wine and/or grape juice

+“We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.” (Galatians 6:16)

+Music for Holy Thursday (see Holy Week Music above or sing *At That First Eucharist*)

+Read Exodus 12:1-8, 11-4; Psalm 116:12-13, 15-18; I Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15

+Think about or share with others at home/on phone: Whose feet would you wash? Why? Whose feet would you find it difficult to wash? Why?

+Music for Holy Thursday (see Holy Week Music above or sing *Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est*).

+Pray for the unity and witness of the Church; for our clergy and their ministry to, for and with us; for one another to love and serve all others, for a deeper appreciation for the Eucharist; for those people whose feet you'd find it difficult to wash; for the poor, the sick, & all who have died.

+Re-enact the Last Supper by sharing bread and each drinking from their own glass of wine or grape juice. Then quiet yourselves and offer the Spiritual Communion Prayer .





### GOOD FRIDAY

+The paschal fast begins today. “The *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of Vatican II* states: ‘Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be observed everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, as a way of coming to the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection with uplifted and welcoming heart.’ (# 110) It is that kind of fast, the fast of excitement, the fast of being so full of what is to come that food is almost forgotten. A Friday and Saturday like that will give us hearts uplifted and ready to welcome the Vigil.”

+Pray the Stations of the Cross. Announce the station, pray -- “We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world”, then spend some time in silent reflection. The stations: Jesus is condemned to death, Jesus takes up his cross, Jesus falls the first time, Jesus meets his mother, Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry the cross, Veronica wipes the face of Jesus, Jesus falls the second time, Jesus meets the weeping women of Jerusalem, Jesus falls the third time, Jesus is stripped of his clothing, Jesus is nailed to the cross, Jesus dies on the cross, Jesus is taken down from the cross, Jesus is laid in the tomb.

+Begin the Divine Mercy Novena.

+Have a candle, Bible, crucifix/cross. Go to Good Friday songs. (see Holy Week music above or sing *Were You There*)

+Read the readings of the day – Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12; Psalm 31; Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9;

John 18:1-19:42; Share with someone what it means to you that Jesus died for you.

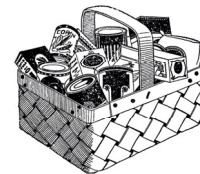
+Pray for the Holy Church of God; our Holy Father Pope Francis; Cardinal Cupich, all Bishops, Priests, Deacons and all the faithful; those preparing for Baptism; the unity of Christians; the Jewish people; those who do not believe in Christ; those who do not believe in God; those in public office; for undergoing any trial.

+Hold your cross/crucifix in your hand & spend some quiet time in adoration. Then offer a kiss or other form of reverence. (*if a family, have everyone with their own cross or for safety sanitize the cross after each person’s adoration*)

+Offer the Spiritual Communion Prayer

### BLESSING OF FOOD FOR FIRST MEAL OF EASTER

(Usually done Holy Saturday afternoon)



L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** For our sake Christ became obedient, accepting even death, death on a cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him the name above all other names. Blessed be God forever. **Blessed be God forever.** Throughout Lent we have been preparing for the Lord’s resurrection by prayer, fasting & almsgiving. Our Lenten fasting is a reminder of our hunger and thirst for holiness which is satisfied only by Christ who feeds and nourishes us by His word and sacraments. When we gather at our first meal on Easter morning, may this food be a sign for us of that heavenly banquet to which the Lord calls us. (*Someone now reads John 6:1-14*)

For Easter to find us cleansed of sin and ready to live anew our Christian faith; we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.** For the bread we share to be a reminder of the bread of life we share in the Eucharist; we pray...That we may be ready to give from our table to those who hunger and thirst; we pray...That we may one day enjoy the banquet of the Lord in the heavenly kingdom; we pray...**Our Father...** L: God of glory, the eyes of all turn to you as we celebrate Christ’s victory over sin and death. Bless us and this food of our first Easter meal. May we who gather at the Lord’s table continue to celebrate the joy of his resurrection and be admitted finally to his heavenly banquet. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Stay connected with SIJ and please remember your Sunday & Easter offertory! Any questions, call the rectory.



**EASTER VIGIL**

+Have unlit new candle, Bible, dish of water, maybe a flower or plant +Light the candle and pray: "May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds."

+Read parts of our Salvation History. Pause for a moment of silence after each before praying the psalm. Genesis 1:1-2:2 & Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 35; Genesis 22:1-18 & Ps. 16:5, 8-11; Exodus 14:15-15:1 & Exodus 15:1-6, 17-18; Isaiah 55:1-11 & Isaiah 12:2-6; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28 & Psalm 43:3, 5, 43:3-4

+Pray the Gloria; read Romans 6:3-11; sing the Easter Alleluia (see Holy Week Music above)

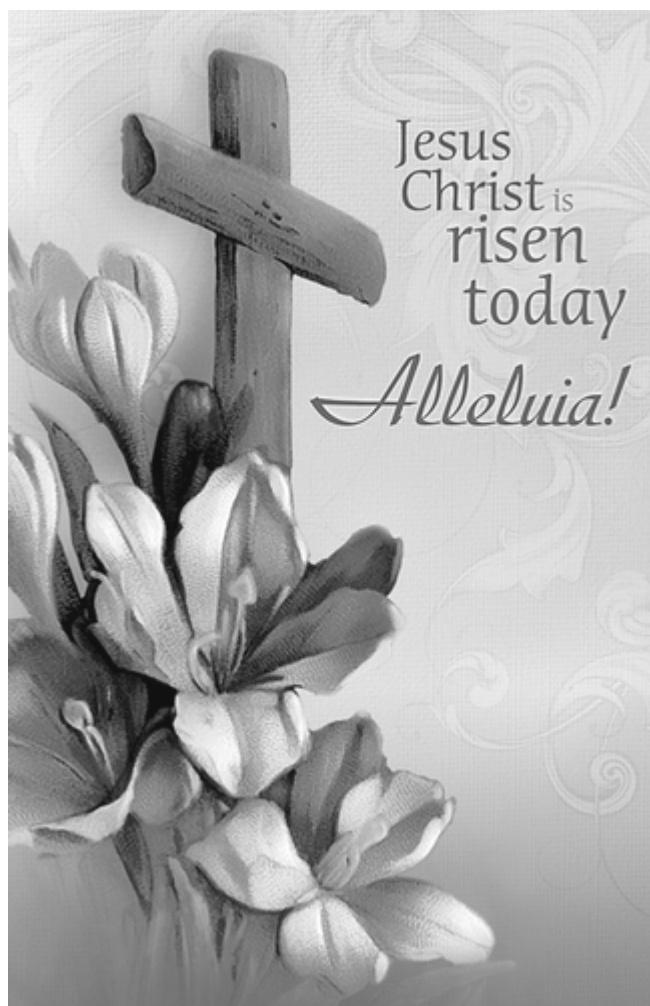
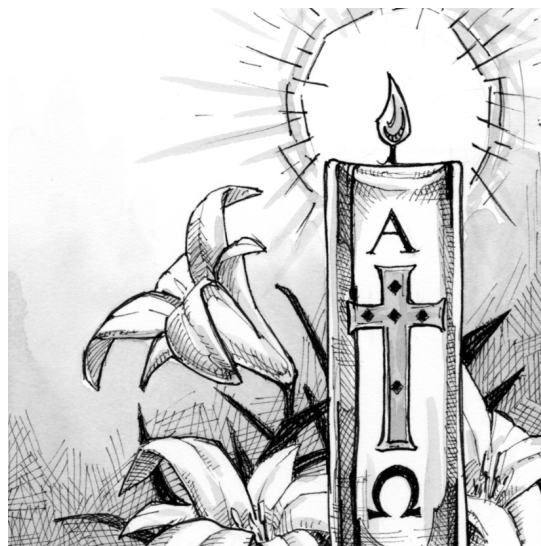
+Read Matthew 28:1-10. Take a moment to worship Jesus.

What hope does this inspire in you?

+Ask God to bless the water; pray Apostles Creed & bless yourself as a reminder of Baptism.

+Offer your Spiritual Communion Prayer and sing "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today."

+You can now end the paschal fast or wait for Easter morning.

**EASTER SUNDAY**

+SING THE EASTER ALLELUIA! (SEE ABOVE HOLY WEEK MUSIC).

+PREPARE FOR EASTER MASS BY READING ACTS 10:34A, 37-43; PSALM 118:102, 16-17, 22-23; COLOSSIANS 3:1-4; JOHN 20:1-9.

+WATCH **SUNDAY MASS AT MERCY HOME, 9:30-10:30 A.M. ON WGN CHANNEL 9 WITH CARDINAL CUPICH** PRESIDING. OFFER THE SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER AT COMMUNION TIME

+SHARE WITH OTHERS: WHAT NEW LIFE HAS JESUS GIVEN YOU DURING THE LAST FEW WEEKS? WHAT NEW LIFE HAVE YOU GIVEN TO OTHERS?

+GIVE A BLESSING TO EACH OTHER AND OFFER, IN WORDS OR A BOW, THE SIGN OF PEACE.

+EASTER MEAL GRACE: *LIGHT YOUR DESIGNATED "EASTER CANDLE". SING A FAVORITE ALLELUIA. L: THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE, ALLELUIA.*

**LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD, ALLELUIA.** WE JOYFULLY SING YOUR PRAISES, LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHO ON THE DAY OF YOUR RESURRECTION WERE RECOGNIZED BY YOUR DISCIPLES IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD. REMAIN HERE WITH US AS WE GRATEFULLY PARTAKE OF THESE GIFTS, AND AT THE BANQUET TABLE IN HEAVEN WELCOME US, WHO HAVE WELCOMED YOU IN OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, FOR YOU LIVE AND REIGN FOR EVER AND EVER. **AMEN.** *HAVE EVERYONE BLESS THEMSELVES FROM THE DISH OF HOLY WATER FROM THE EASTER VIGIL.*

Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 5, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Arlene Forneck Jenny Ponder
10:00 a.m.	Gloria Zisman Living & Deceased Members of SIJ
12:00 p.m.	Ray Wilde Bernard Kennedy Sr.
Monday - April 6, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Dawn Napravnik
Tuesday - April 7, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Clarence Turek
Wednesday - April 8, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	George Mathai (Special Intention) Mathew Thuruthikara John Affatati
Thursday - April 9, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer - no intentions
7:30 p.m.	Annamma Thoman
Friday - April 10, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer - no intentions
3:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.	Lord's Passion & Death - no intentions
Saturday - April 11, 2020	
8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer - no intentions
8:00 p.m.	Brady and Stanton Families
Sunday, April 12, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Helene Kowalik
10:00 a.m.	Rosina & Pellegrino Pighetti
10:15 a.m.	Mark Duval
12:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Gerard Dreyfuss

Almighty and everlasting God, grant our loved ones, troops, reservists, and first responders, the strength to carry out their duties. Give them courage and endurance each day as they use their skills to overcome challenges and obstacles. May they ever place their trust in you, 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

**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** - Timothy Kelly, 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](mailto:sijre2004@yahoo.com).



  
**Pray for**

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DIANE BAUER

NONA YOAKUM

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