

SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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

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

Weekend Mass Celebrant:

Rev. Bernard Kennedy, O.F.M.

Masses: Saturday, 5PM

Sunday, 8AM & 10AM

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

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Parish School: St. John Brebeuf School

847-966-3266 or sjbschool.org

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:

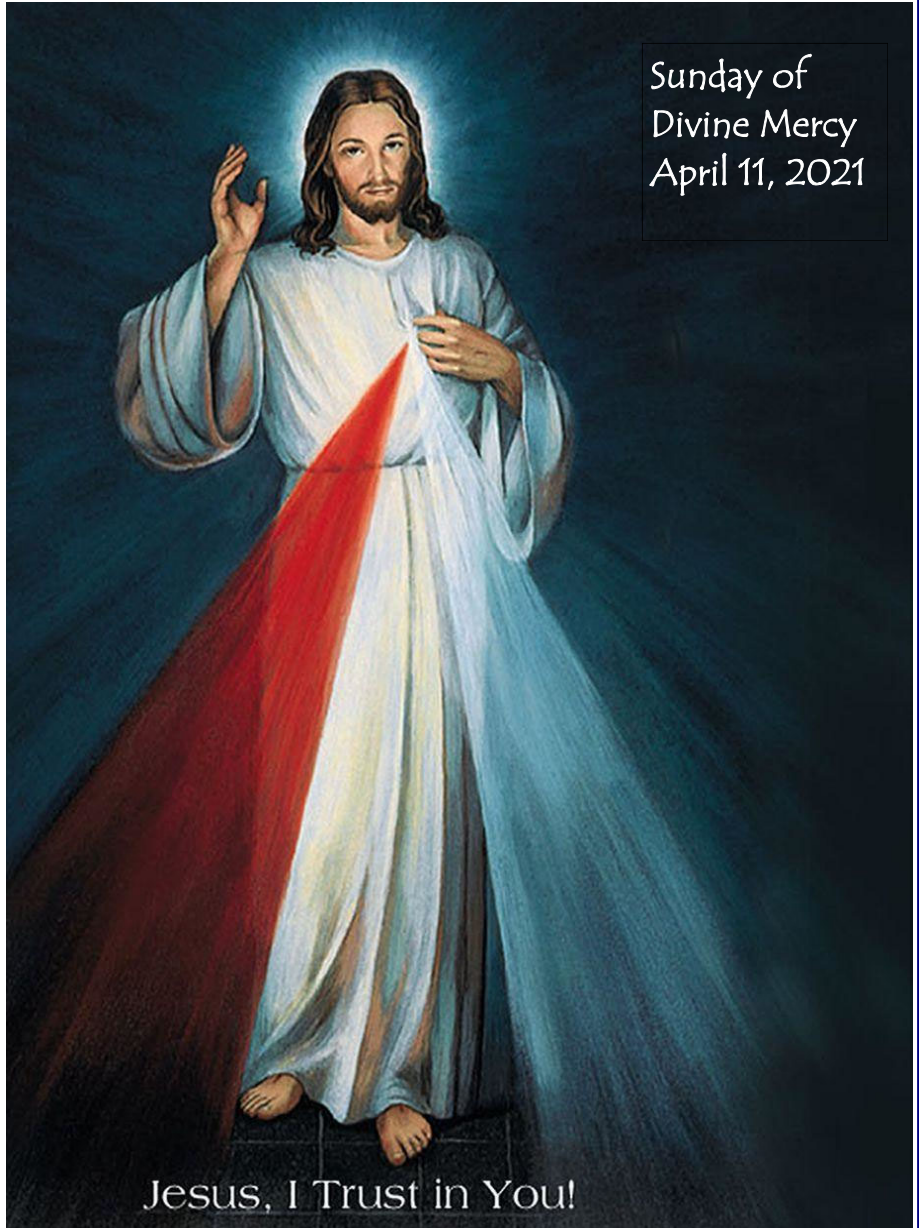
Friday at 5:00 p.m.

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.



Sunday of
Divine Mercy
April 11, 2021

Jesus, I Trust in You!

ST ISAAC JOGUES - Parish Leaders

Parish Pastoral Council			Finance Committee Advisors	
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REFLECTIONS FROM FR. CARLOS

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Some years ago, this Sunday was known as the low Sunday in contrast to Easter Sunday which is the high Sunday. On this day, many years ago, the newly baptized would lay aside, the white garments they had worn throughout the first week of Easter. So, it was also known as the Sunday you drop the white garments. The name we call it today, the Divine Mercy was in obedience to the instruction Jesus gave to Saint Maria Faustina in her numerous visions, the first Saint to be canonized this millennium. You can learn so much from her and the experience of the mercy of God by reading her Diary.

The first thing to notice in today's first reading is the unity that existed among the early Christians. They had everything in common. One of the Graces we experience in the Risen Christ. He restores people to unity. We all remember how they were scattered after the death of Christ. Some were even ashamed that they had betrayed Him and wanted to go their way. However, Jesus' resurrection is a powerful source of unity. That means every Christian Church or family that truly bears the mark of Christ should be united. Unity is a sign that Christ dwells with us in our families or in our Church. It is the Devil that sows the seed of division and we must watch out for that. Christian unity must be based on moral truth, genuine love and sound teaching. If there is any time Christians need to be united, it is now that our values are constantly under attack by secularism. On a practical side, a unity I also think we need in families today is for parents to be on the same page when they correct their children. Maybe I can call that unity of correction. When parents are divided when correcting the children, that is the sign of a crack in the family. The devil loves such cracks and uses them to bring down homes. We must always avoid this. The same unity was also expressed by the disciples when Jesus appeared to them. Jesus also loves unity based on Love and Truth. We pray that our families and our world will always be united.

“ALLELUIA” AND “THANK YOU” ARE OUR SONGS

“We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!” We are also a Eucharistic people with thanks ever flowing from our lips and our hearts. On behalf of our faith community thank you to everyone who helped make our celebration of the Sacred Triduum, the Holy Three Days, one of great reverence, prayerfulness, beauty, and joy, one of safety, hopefulness and friendship! Thank you to each and every person for whatever gift(s) you shared during Lent and Triduum and that you will share in the remaining weeks of the Easter Season. Your faith, time, prayer, skills, monetary gifts and very selves were blessings that we depend on as we continue the mission of Christ. May the Risen Lord Jesus bless and keep you and those you hold dear!

DOUBT

The desire to be able to prove the existence of a divinity has troubled humanity since human consciousness first became aware of the divine. To this very day we are fond of saying that any number of things—from sunsets to hot fudge sundaes—are “proof that there is a God.” We get so caught up in the story of “doubting Thomas” that we fail to notice that today's Gospel gives us John's account of Pentecost, the bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples following the Resurrection. Thomas, evidently, missed out not only on seeing the Risen Christ, but receiving the Holy Spirit as well. This is not to be taken lightly and, perhaps, makes Thomas' disbelief a bit easier to comprehend. It also makes his professing that Jesus is his Lord and God—the only time the New Testament explicitly refers to Jesus Christ as “God”—more remarkable.

EASTER REFLECTION:

From a sermon by St. Gaudentius of Brescia, bishop

“The heavenly sacrifice, instituted by Christ, is the most gracious legacy of his new covenant. On the night he was delivered up to be crucified he left us this gift as a pledge of his abiding presence. This sacrifice is our sustenance on life’s journey; by it we are nourished and supported along the road of life until we depart from this world and make our way to the Lord. For this reason he addressed these words to us: *Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you will not have life in you.*



“It was the Lord’s will that his gifts should remain with us, and that we who have been redeemed by his precious blood should constantly be sanctified according to the pattern of his own passion. And so he commanded those faithful disciples of his whom he made the first priests of his Church to enact these mysteries of eternal life continuously. All priests throughout the churches of the world must celebrate these mysteries until Christ comes again from heaven. Therefore let us all, priests and people alike, be faithful to this everlasting memorial of our redemption. Daily it is before our eyes as a representation of the passion of Christ. We hold it in our hands, we receive it in our mouths, and we accept it in our hearts.

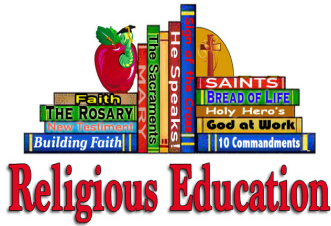
“It is appropriate that we should receive the body of Christ in the form of bread, because, as there are many grains of wheat in the flour from which bread is made by mixing it with water and baking it with fire, so also we know that many members make up the one body of Christ which is brought to maturity by the fire of the Holy Spirit. Christ was born of the Holy Spirit, and since it was fitting that he should fulfill all justice, he entered into the waters of baptism to sanctify them. When he left the Jordan he was filled with the Holy Spirit who had descended upon him in the form of a dove. As the evangelist tells us: *Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan.* Similarly, the wine of Christ’s blood, drawn from the many grapes of the vineyard that he had planted, is extracted in the winepress of the cross. When men receive it with believing hearts, like capacious wineskins, it ferments within them by its own power.

“And so, now that you have escaped from the power of Egypt and of Pharaoh, who is the devil, join with us, all of you, in receiving this sacrifice of the saving Passover with the eagerness of dedicated hearts. Then in our inmost being we shall be wholly sanctified by the very Lord Jesus Christ whom we believe to be present in his sacraments, and whose boundless power abides for ever.”



BIBLE STUDY

A new study begins on Wednesday, April 21st, 9:30 a.m. in the Holy Family Room. All protocols are followed. The group is leaning towards the book of Revelation as of this writing. The final decision will be in next weekend’s bulletin. All are welcome whether you have participated in Bible Study before or this is your first time.



Religious Education

+Rice bowl donations need to be turned into the RE Office by Monday, Apr. 12th. You can drop them off from 5:30-6:30 p.m. that night at the RE Office. Please bring cash or make a check out to SIJ Parish and write Rice Bowl in memo line (remember we cannot take all the coins). Ms. Bello's class is also to come and pick up retreat supplies.

+Religious Education classes resume Monday night. Links are being sent out.
 +First Communion Retreat will be next Saturday, April 17th, 1:30 p.m. on Zoom.
 +Confirmation Year I Candidates will meet at 9 a.m. in Church next Saturday, Apr. 17th. Please remember to bring your completed tests with you. Be thinking

about your letter to Fr. Ron requesting to be confirmed, as well.

+Confirmation Year II Candidates are asked to remind your Sponsors that the completed response forms are to be returned to the RE Office by April 19th.

+Service Opportunity for Confirmation Year I & II Candidates on Saturday, Apr. 24, 9 a.m. – Noon. Clean up of the grounds of the parish. If you are interested in volunteering, please send a note via REMIND to Mr. Lenart by April 15th. Then the service opportunity will be opened up to other RE students and families.



St. Martha's Church Baby Shower

APRIL 2021

Your gifts help babies in need—
and give moms encouragement when they need it most.

NEW baby items, unwrapped, should be placed in the baby crib in Church

Items needed include:

- INFANT Carseats • Baby Clothing 0 to 12 months
- Diapers Sizes 4, 5 & 6 • Baby Socks • Bibs
- Baby shampoo, Baby Towels, Baby Powder, Lotion, Oil
- Teether Toys, Pacifiers • Baby Bottles • Baby Utensils



Special Need for
**BABY BATH
ITEMS**

The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland

Offices in Chicago, Des Plaines, Evergreen Park
Mobile Ultrasound Clinic and Resource Centers

JOIN THE PARTY!

During the month of April, the Food and Clothing Pantry at St. Martha Parish will emphasize the needs of babies by hosting a Baby Shower! All of the baby-related items collected during April will benefit The Women's Center. Please see the flyer for details about specific items that the organization is requesting. As usual items can be dropped off at the south entrance of the Large Church at St. Martha on Wednesdays between 9 a.m. and noon. Or you can drop your items at the SIJ rectory and we will be happy to get the items to St. Martha. Monetary donations are always welcomed.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

CHRIST IS HERE

Christ departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find him. For he departed, and behold, he is here.

—St. Augustine



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*)

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. The Feast of Mercy Mass is at 10 a.m. followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until Noon. The Diving Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at Noon followed by Benediction. If you are attending the 10 a.m. Mass you may either stay for adoration or leave. If you are attending another Mass but want to come for adoration and/or the Chaplet and Benediction, you are welcome to come to the usual door and give us your name and phone number and come in based on how much space we have and what we have been able to sanitize. Masks must continue to be worn. 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.



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 each weekend before Lent and again after Pentecost. 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.



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.



Pray for

KERMIT TURNER	TONY LIVORSI
MICHAEL NOBLE	JOHN ROMANO
JULIE HIGGINS	AUDREY JANS
CARL AFFATATI	DAVID FORST
RICHARD VAIL	KIMBERLY KNOX
BETTY LANDON	DIANE BAUER
EMILY SITKOWSKI	NONA YOAKUM
CYNTHIA MELNICK	KATHY EGLOFF
MICHAEL FOLISI	ROBERT STEPHENSON
DOROTHY BEZDON	LAURA HALL - SCHORDJE
MATTHEW PONDER	HENRIETTA SAGARIO
FELICITA BAYANI	MARY SUNSHINE PONDER
EMILY CABRERA	JUDY CABRERA
LORNA ALBA	YUL VENTURA
SUSAN ARENDT	MARY LERPS
CINDY NOLAN	SHARON KILIKEVICE
FR. BERNARD KENNEDY	PELAGIA SAJULGA
MARTHA DEMKO	JOHN OLDERSHAW
REMEDIOS MAGPANTAY	COLLEEN KING
LAURA MORA	PATTY ZEMAN
TIM DENDOR	ALEXANDRA LAQUAGWA
	NORBERT FLOREK
	IRENE LINGAYA
	CATHY FORST

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

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.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus (Acts 4:32-35).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — The victory that conquers the world is our faith (1 John 5:1-6).

Gospel — Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed (John 20:19-31).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20;
Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;
Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9;
1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48



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Mass Intentions

Sunday - April 11, 2021 - Easter

8:00 a.m.	John Areno Tony Irmen
10:00 a.m.	Purificacion Rodriguez & Eduardo Rodriguez
12:00 p.m.	Egidio Aranas

Monday - April 12, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Pjeter Brisku
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Tuesday - April 13, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Fran Zimmerman
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Wednesday - April 14, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Joseph Putherickal
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Thursday - April 15, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Joseph Chacko
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Friday - April 16, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Marian Bragiel Krystyna & Wieslaw Swidzinski
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Saturday - April 17, 2021

8:00 a.m.	All Confirmandi & Their Families
5:00 p.m.	John Aeno

Sunday - April 18, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of SIJ Luke & Philomena Moran
10:00 a.m.	John Affatati Amelia Nicelli Grace Malatesta
12:00 p.m.	Aleyamma Joseph

Next Week Liturgy Schedule April 17th & 18th

Confession - 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Jose
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Jose/Deacon Paul
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Jose/Deacon Paul
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Bernard/Deacon Paul



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	Actual	Budget	Difference
Week 1	8,826	12,000	(\$3,174)
Week 2	6,614	9,500	(\$2,886)
Week 3	5,026	9,000	(\$3,974)
Week 4	6,006	9,500	(\$3,494)
FEB TOTAL	\$26,472	\$34,000	(\$7,528)
YEAR TO DATE	\$236,760	\$364,000	(\$127,240)

Financial stability continues to challenge St. Isaac Jogues. We do pray for all experiencing your own challenges as well. Whatever you can do to help will be greatly appreciated. Every dollar counts!

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