



# Sts. Martha & Isaac Jogues Parish

St. Isaac Jogues Church

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**Masses:** Monday - Friday, 8AM  
Saturday, 5PM  
Sunday, 8AM & 10AM

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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.

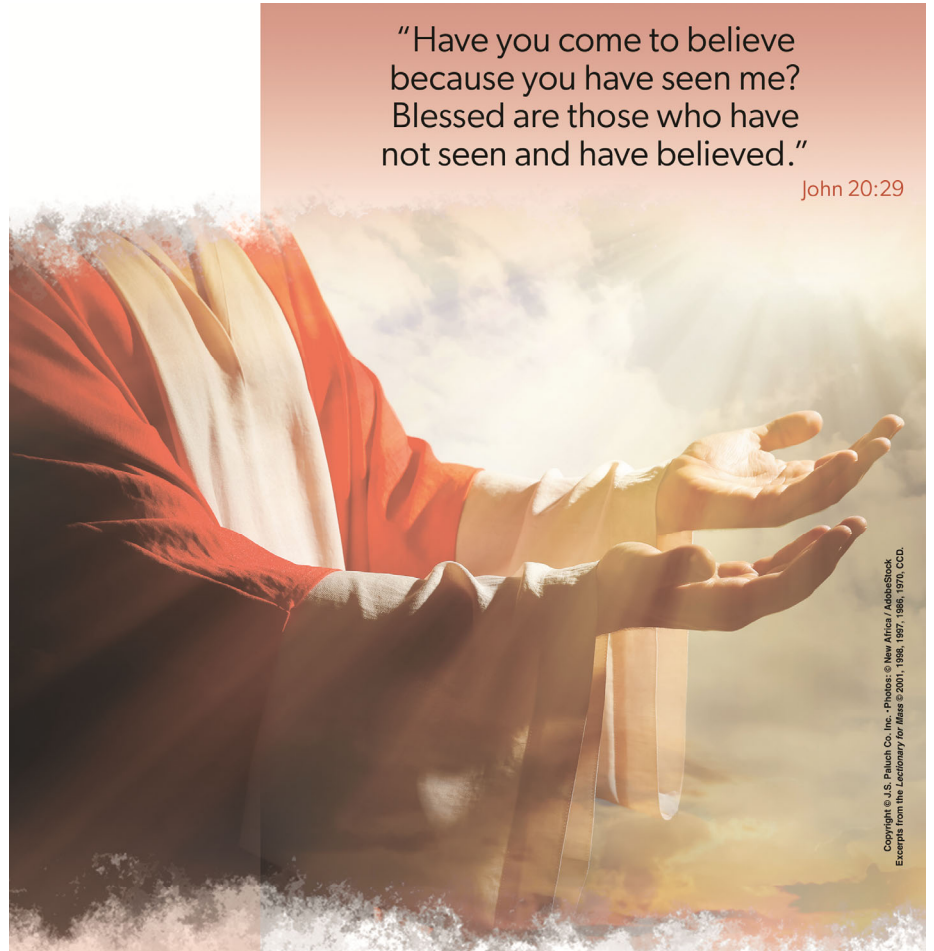
Saturday at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

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.

“Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

John 20:29



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APRIL

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2022

SECOND SUNDAY

OF

Easter

(OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

**ST ISAAC JOGUES - Leaders**

Parish Pastoral Council			Finance Committee Advisors	
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<b>Men's Club Chairperson – Don Baron</b>				
<b>Fil-Am Chairperson – TBD</b>				

## Reflections from Fr. Dennis

Dear Friends and Fellow Parishioners

Imagine you are standing over a cliff, looking at the water below. You and your friends are terrified of heights and have many questions: Are there rocks under the water? Is the water shallow? Are there sharks? Yet you are being encouraged to take a leap into the unknown. Who wouldn't be frightened? But then your leader takes the plunge, comes up from the water, and says: "The water is fine. Jump!" Would you?

The disciples of Jesus are justifiably scared. They have watched the brutal murder of their teacher, healer, friend, and Messiah. Does the same fate await them? So they hid. Where Jesus went, no one in their right mind would want to go. But now He has returned, saying, "Peace be with you." Surely everything is different now.

He assured his Disciples and us that where He had gone, we too would follow eventually. We would be with Him forever in eternal life. So they had nothing to fear in taking the plunge and opening the shutters of the room in which they were hiding and experience the full beginning of this newness of life. Alas, they were STILL afraid and confused, despite the fact that they were delighted to be with Him again. They still didn't know "What next", and they were certainly not ready to take any sort of plunge.

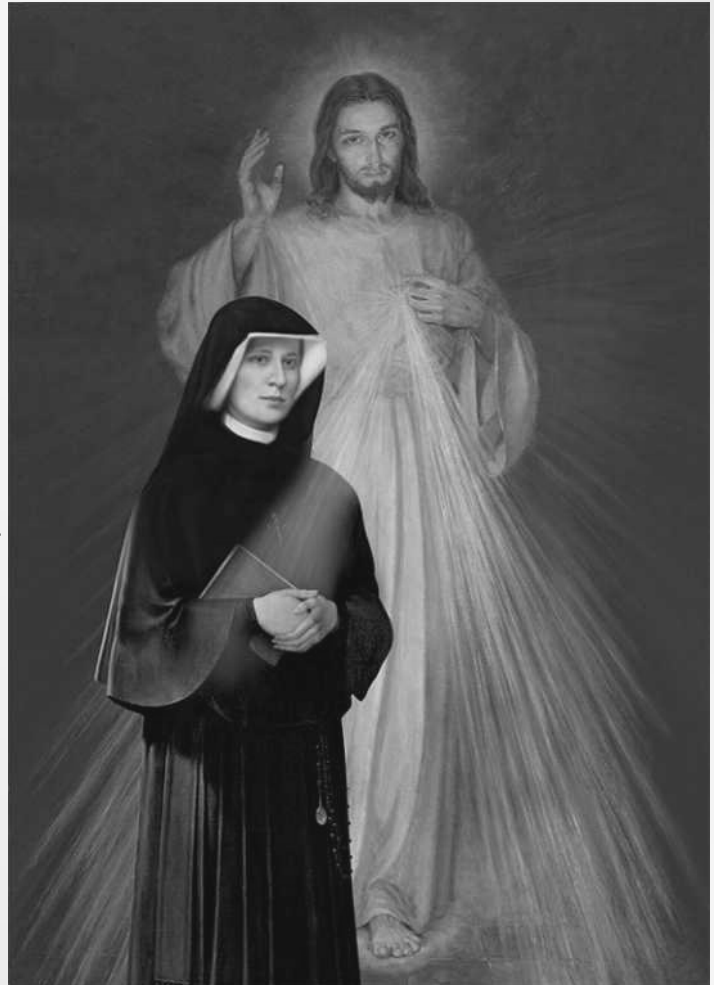
Understanding this, Jesus not only promised to send the Holy Spirit to help them "get it" in a short time. He gave them their first Pentecost that very day, when He breathed on them and said, "Peace be with you." He breathed his very own Holy Spirit into them and gave them the gift of peace, followed by their own reconciliation with Him and the ability to reconcile the entire world to each other and to Jesus Himself.

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. As we continue to celebrate the glorious resurrection of Christ, we remember in a special way his unimaginable gift of mercy – the fact that through the gift of the Holy Spirit we are united to Christ; the Holy Spirit dwells among and within us, stirring us to faith and allowing the divine life to take root in us. What mercy this is – that, despite our sinfulness, we are drawn to our Triune God by an overflowing and never-ending love.

We celebrate this mercy in particular on this special feast day, deriving from Jesus' revelations to the Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, as outlined in her "Diary". In one revelation, our Lord says, "On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." ("Diary," 699).

The image of Divine Mercy, based on St. Faustina's visions, depicts Jesus with his left foot slightly in front of the other. He is stepping out toward us, to meet us wherever we are, just as He came to the Upper Room to meet the disciples, then returned later when Thomas was there. The disciples were afraid. The doors were locked. But Jesus came in anyway, bringing peace.

Whatever sin is locked in our hearts today – whatever sin is holding us down, binding us, and preventing us from loving God as we should – we need to invite Jesus into that space. Let us allow Him to come and say, "Peace be with you." And let us meet Him where he waits, longing to immerse each of us in his divine mercy.





The presentation on Venerable Father Augustus Tolton to be given by Joyce Duriga has been rescheduled for Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. at St. Martha in the big church. All are encouraged to come and learn more about the first Black American to be ordained a priest and who ministered and died in Chicago. His cause for canonization to Sainthood was opened by Cardinal George and the Archdiocese of Chicago in 2010. Discover, too, how his faith and discipleship can inspire and encourage ours!

St. Isaac Jogues  
Upcoming Events

**Tuesday** – Liturgy Board Meeting, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday** – Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., HFR; Food Distribution in SIJ parking lot, 4 – 6 p.m.  
**Saturday** – Congratulations to the children of the Ignacy Paderewski Polish School who will receive their First Communion today.  
**Sunday** – St. Isaac Jogues Church First Communion. Please pray for our seven First Communion Candidates and their families!



**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Due to preparations for a First Communion Mass the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place in the Holy Family Room this coming Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m. to Noon. Signs will also be posted. Thank you for your understanding.

*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.

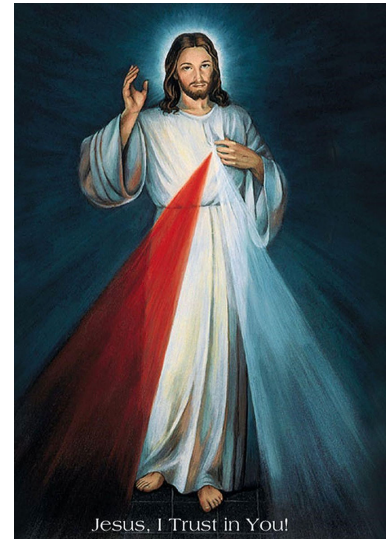
Never, never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



### MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE

Beautiful bouquets of flowers will be sold Mother's Day Weekend, May 7 – 8, after Masses in the Holy Family Room. They range in price from \$10-\$12-\$20 per bouquet. Treat the special ladies in your life and help support the pro-life work of The Women's Center of Greater Chicagoland.



### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Sunday of Divine Mercy and the end of the Octave of Easter is today! At the end of the 10 a.m. we will have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Noon. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at Noon followed by Benediction. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will **not be** available during Adoration. All are invited to continue the celebration of Easter by participation in all or some part of these special events.



### FOOD DISTRIBUTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ST ISAAC JOGUES

SIJ has been supporting the community with this monthly effort to feed those in need. Working with Catholic Charities and The Greater Chicago Food Depository, food is distributed to anyone in need. All are welcome!

This month's distribution will be this Wednesday, 4 – 6 p.m., in the SIJ parking lot. Please share this information with friends and neighbors who would benefit from extra food support at this time. If people have a Greater Chicago Food Depository pantry card, please ask them to bring it with as it will move the check in process along. Volunteers, who are in good health with no underlying conditions, are welcome to help. Please remember to dress for the weather because the distribution takes place rain or shine. For more information or to volunteer please contact the Religious Education Office, 847-966-1180 or [sjre2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sjre2004@yahoo.com).





## Religious Education

\*All Rice Bowl donations need to be sent to class on Monday, if your children did not bring them during Holy Week. Please send either cash or a check payable to St. Isaac Jogues Church and we will send one total check. So far we have collected almost \$440! Great work with your prayers and sacrifices - thank you!

\*First Communion Practice will be on Monday evening, 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. for Ms. Bello's Class. A parent or guardian must attend the entire practice with them. Those with a reading part should bring their papers to practice with the microphone.

\*Ms. Gawne's Class will have a Vocation Panel in class Monday. Parents are welcome to join at 6:45 p.m. Please let the RE Office know ahead of time if you plan to attend.

\*First Communion will be celebrated next Sunday, May 1. Please pray for them as they prepare to receive Jesus, the Bread of Life, for the first time. May He be their strength and hope.

\*Please note that the **Family Event scheduled for May 16 is moved to May 2<sup>nd</sup>**. May 9 & 16 will be class nights.



## 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.

## Making all things new...

God's promise and our responsibility



There's still time to pledge or donate to our Annual Catholic Appeal. Envelopes are available in both churches or you can donate electronically at [givecentral.org](http://givecentral.org) or [annualcatholicappeal.org](http://annualcatholicappeal.org).

Remember, once our unified goal of \$58,234 is reached, every dollar is returned to us to support our local ministries.



## Welcome to Fr. Anthony Castello, sfx.!

Fr. Anthony, ordained in 1995, joins Fr. Carlos from the Society Missionaries of St. Francis Xavier, Goa India. It may take a bit of time to complete all of the necessary Archdiocese of Chicago requirements before he can celebrate Mass, but I'm sure you will see him around. Please make him feel at home!



## 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
REMEDIOS MAGPANTAY	LAURA & DANNY MORA
TIM DENDOR	SHARON KILIKEVICE
CAROLYN BEIL	PELAGIA SAJULGA
FRANK BEIL	PATTY ZEMAN
NELSON PETINES	ALEXANDRA LAQUAGWA
TERRY GAZDZIAK	IRENE LINGAYA
FR. DAN FALLON	CATHY FORST
CURT NAPRAVNIK	BERNITA DEL ROSARIO
JOHN FOLISI	ROSE SIMPSON
DAVID NUCCIO	KATHY EGLOFF
ALISON TOLSON LORD	JOSEPH WHITE
GARZA	CORNELIO NATIFIDAD II
VICENTE F. CASTILLO	BRENDA WHITEHEAD
	CHERYL HEYDENBURG
	FR BERNARD KENNEDY
	OLIVIA TARSNEY

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The apostles perform many signs and wonders among the people. Many are added to their numbers (Acts 5:12-16).

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

**Second Reading** — John, caught up in the spirit, envisions the glorified Lord, the first and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).

**Gospel** — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

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](mailto:sijre2004@yahoo.com).



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;  
Mk 16:15-20

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 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6,  
11-13; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]



Nick Guerrero

*In Memoriam*

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday - April 24, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ John Affatati
10:00 a.m.	Edward C. O'Keefe John Igoe & John Burke Lizzette Grace Jose - Birthday Blessings Elmano Rego

### Monday - April 25, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Christine Dombrowski Uba
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### Tuesday - April 26, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Bozena Szady
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### Wednesday - April 27, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Thomas Banner
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### Thursday - April 28, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Mariya John - Spec. Intention
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### Friday - April 29, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Janet Grant Joe Zimmerman George Joseph Thevarcad Lynn Clark
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### Saturday - April 30, 2022

5:00 p.m.	Tony & Paul Irmén Chris Hunt Nelson Petines
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### Sunday - May 1, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Laura Hall-Schordje
10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ

## Next Week's Liturgy Schedule April 30th & May 1st

Reconciliation 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul

### EASTER REFLECTION:

From Pope St. Leo the Great, 5<sup>th</sup> Century

"But it is not only the martyrs who share in his passion by their glorious courage; the same is true, by faith, of all who are born again in baptism. That is why we are to celebrate the Lord's paschal sacrifice with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. The leaven of our former malice is thrown out, and a new creature is filled and inebriated with the Lord himself. For the effect of our sharing in the body and blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive. As we have died with him, and have been buried and raised to life with him, so we bear him within us, both in body and in spirit, in everything we do."

AND from  
Dietrich Bonhoeffer, German theologian

"The table fellowship of Christians implies obligation. It is *our* daily bread that we eat, not my own. We share our bread. Thus we are firmly bound to one another not only in the Spirit but in our whole physical being. The one bread that is given to our fellowship links us together in a firm covenant. Now none dares go hungry as long as another has bread, and anyone who breaks this fellowship of the physical life also breaks the fellowship of the Spirit.

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