

SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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

PASTOR: Rev. Mario Pereira, S.F.X.

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Pastoral Staff:

Deacon Paul M. Stanton (Dolores)
Lori Ronczka, Business Manager
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Weekend Mass Celebrant:

Rev. Bernard Kennedy, O.F.M.

Masses: Cancelled until further notice

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847-966-3266 or sjbschool.org

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF
Easter
APRIL 26, 2020

Were not our hearts burning within us
while he spoke to us on the way
and opened the Scriptures to us?
Luke 24:32

ST ISAAC JOGUES - Parish Leaders

Parish Pastoral Council			Finance Committee Advisors	
Ted Lenart, Chairperson	Kathy Denning	Gerry Zeller	Kathy Denning	Barbara Watson
Kathy Lord, Vice Chairperson	Lori Ronczka	Dolores Stanton	Gerry Zeller	Irene Baron
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Men's Club Chairperson – Chuck Napravnik				
Fil-Am Chairperson – Jelly Carandang (Interim)				



FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

A Priest for 30 years: Gratitude & Joy

It has been a long time as a priest for 30 years serving in God's vineyard. Looking back into my call to the priesthood, the notion I had; how long is it taking me to be a priest and why so many years of formation one has to go through and am I going to reach the end of it?

Well, it's amazing, the years as a priest rolled by so quickly that I cannot imagine it. I am so thrilled to know, that I am still alive and serving the Lord wherever I am called. Reflecting back on my priesthood, I have worked in formation houses directing seminarians, in the administration at the Provincial level, in mission areas and parishes. My life as a priest revolved around ministering to people of various cultures, languages and countries. Be it in Indian context, Canada, Bahrain, Qatar or US.

One has to encounter number of challenges, but I could always feel the presence of God. There were times I was filled with fear and other times with anxieties but soon all these would cease when you utter the name of the Lord. In my pastoral field, I was put to test for my faith as people came to me seeking God's intercession when they were sick for a cure and when I prayed over them or with them, God never let me down.

At this moment, I am reminded of an elderly lady sacristan back home in Goa, India where I worked in a parish as a Pastor. The lady was 76 years old then and being active would regularly carry out the job of a sacristan. One day she told me that from next month onwards she would not show up as she is very sick and her condition is deteriorating. She further stated that she would be paralyzed for the rest of her life as per her doctor's report. I was stunned when I heard it and thought what's going to happen as we don't have anyone to replace her and secondly she lives all by herself.

It was a time of challenge for me and I kept praying knowing that God would show me the way and indeed it happened. As her condition worsened and she was barely able to walk, one day at a week day mass, I asked the faithful gathered to come forward after the post communion prayer and place their hands on her as she was made to sit beside the altar. I placed my hands over her and prayed like a child weeping, pleading God to have mercy on her and cure her from her illness and with me the rest of the congregation wept. I couldn't believe, within two days' time she was totally healed. She is still alive and doing well.

I am so filled with joy & gratitude for the wonders that God worked and took care of me as a priest and looked after my people wherever I was called to serve. I have many incidences to narrate of God's working in my life. I believe miracles happen all the time but we don't notice them taking place. I am mindful of the blessings of this vocation and the gift of my Missionary Society of St. Francis Xavier to which I belong, which within the Church has given me this priestly ministry. I would recommend the vocation to young men and women to serve in the Church in the decades to come and experience the joy of serving the Lord which is beyond comprehension.

Thank you my people for your prayers & good wishes. I am ever delighted to serve you and energized by God's goodness shown towards me through your loving care and appreciation. May God be your strength & support during this time of pandemic as He will safely lead us through. Missing you all and hoping to see you soon. Be assured of my prayers for each of you. Many blessings!

-Fr. Mario

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER AT HOME

+Sing an Easter Alleluia.

+Prepare for Mass by reading Acts 2:14, 22 -33; Psalm 161-2, 5, 7-11; I Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13 - 25.

+Watch **Sunday Mass** at Mercy Home, 9:30 a.m. on WGN Channel 9 or from Holy Name Cathedral, 9:30 a.m. on WLS Channel 7. Offer the Spiritual Communion Prayer

+**Reflect** -- How is Jesus walking with you now? What is He teaching you about who He is? How do you recognize Jesus at this time? Do you have a favorite Scripture passage that is bringing you comfort, hope, joy, peace, greater trust in God, etc. during these weeks? Share your "good news" with others.

+Lift up the people and needs entrusted to your spiritual embrace and prayers. Help others by making a monetary donation to a local food pantry, to Kolbe House (Archdiocesan Jail Ministry), Mercy Home or in kind donation – meal for a neighbor who is a healthcare provider/first responder, another activity while staying safe and following social distancing, etc.

St. Isaac Jogues News

AHEAD THIS WEEK

+We've been doing a **second round of calls** to our registered parishioners wishing them a Happy Easter, checking if we can be of help, asking for special intentions they would like our clergy and staff to pray for, along with passing on some reminder, which follow below. If we left you a message, call us back if you would like, 847/967-1060.

+Please **sign up for FlockNote**. We want to be able to better communicate with you!
+Please remember to mail, email or phone the Rectory with **your update** of address, phone numbers and/or email, which were requested in the Easter mailing, 847/967-1060 or lori@sij-parish.com. Include whether or not you want your info in the Parish Directory or if you only want certain info in the directory and which information that would be.

+**Pray for our First Communion Candidates and Confirmation Yr. II Candidates**. May the Lord fill them with eager anticipation, grace and joy as they await the celebration of their particular sacraments.



Census 2020

Make yourself count: April 1, 2020

LET'S ALL GET COUNTED

The **2020 U.S. Census** is "much more than just a head count, it provides a detailed picture of our nation and its communities. An accurate count is very important because the data collected is used to determine the allocation of more than \$675 billion in federal funding to states and local communities each year for programs that support education, housing, health facilities, transportation, food assistance, emergency services and more. It also determines how many representatives each state will have in the U.S. Congress for the next 10 years."

"Be Proactive: The best way to avoid a follow-up visit from a census taker, when they start, is to **fill out the census questionnaire online, by phone or by mail now.**" They want to ensure that everyone is counted. Please note: **"Your personal information is kept confidential. The Census Bureau is bound by federal law to protect your information and your data is used only for statistical purposes....The Census Bureau will never ask for your Social Security number, bank or credit card account numbers, money or donations, or anything on behalf of a political party.**



Dear parishioners & well-wishers, I was overwhelmed to see the number of people who came driving through on Saturday, April 18, 2020 as they greeted me outside the rectory, lowering the glass windows of their cars with greetings for my 30th Ordination Anniversary which is April 22, 2020. I did not expect so many to be there. Dee informed me that she sent the information on flock notes on Friday April 17, and so many joined in, including Fr. Ron Kalas. It was nice of him to be part of this parade and to assure his support along with our people.

It meant a lot to me to know about their care and concern as their Pastor of the parish of St. Isaac Jogues. Although the liturgical celebrations continue to be suspended; it did not prevent them from showing their appreciation by coming out in spite of lockdown. It has certainly boosted my spirit and as I recall the words of Jesus who says "Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides" (Mt 6:33).

It is an honor to serve the Lord and take care of his flock. I feel blessed to be chosen and sent to proclaim his kingdom. Thanks to everyone who drove through to wish me and others who sent their wishes and those who could not make it but prayed for me and Dee for organizing it so well. Please stay safe and healthy and I assure you of my prayers as you will be especially remembered at the Eucharistic celebration. May God bless you.

With many blessings,
Fr. Mario Pereira, sfx





Religious Education

RE HAPPENINGS

- +Please continue working with your children in their text books and doing assignments given by their catechists.
- +Talk about the upcoming Sunday's readings together and have the younger children do the activities of the Children's bulletins that were mailed to you.
- +Pray as a family each day – meal graces, the Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, read a psalm from the Bible, share prayers of thanks and on behalf of others from your heart, sing a song from church and pray twice.
- +Watch and participate in Mass each Sunday and at Communion time pray the Spiritual Communion prayer.
- +Make praying for you cards and send them to local nursing homes or write thank you and praying for you cards to local hospitals, police and/or fire stations. What are other acts of service you are doing that we can share with other RE families?
- +Let your catechist or Mrs. Stanton know how you are living your faith these days. Call 847/966-1180 or email her at sjre2004@yahoo.com.
- +**Confirmation Year II Candidates:** Your completed Test II, letter to Fr. Mario and Sponsor response form are due back **by Monday**. Please mail or drop off in mail slot at Rectory.
- +**Confirmation Year I Candidates** are to email, mail or drop off your autobiographies **by Monday**.
- +Please send in/drop off Rice Bowl donations **in an envelope marked RE Rice Bowl** in the mail slot of the Rectory/Parish Office (check payable to St. Isaac Jogues Parish or cash for the total amount). **Please do not bring rice bowls full of coins.** We will then write one check to Catholic Relief Services. Thank you for your Lenten sacrifices and prayers.



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.



AN EASTER SEASON PRAYER

God of all Life, we rejoice with you in this season of death's defeat. To the bewildered eyes of your disciples, Christ's death looked like tragic loss, but you turned it into a great gain. Give us the faith you gave them to believe that, through the creative power of your love, even the greatest tragedy can be transformed and become life-giving. May our faith strengthen throughout the fifty days of this Easter Season as we pray to embrace your gift of new and everlasting life. Amen.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God has raised the crucified Jesus, who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us (Acts 2:14, 22-33).

Psalm — Lord, you will show us the path of life (Psalm 16).

Second Reading — Our faith and hope are in God, who raised Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:17-21).

Gospel — Through his words and in the breaking of the bread, the risen Christ made himself known to two disciples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59, or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

STAY WITH US, LORD

Walk with us, Lord,
 along the road of resurrection!
 Explain for us, so slow to believe,
 the things that Scripture says of you.
 Break the bread of the Eucharist with us
 whenever we share our lives
 with our brothers and sisters.
 Stay with us
 each time night approaches
 and the daylight fades in our hearts!

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.



GLORIA CABACUNGAN

TONY LIVORSI

JOHN ROMANO

AUDREY JANS

DAVID FORST

CHRISTINA WALD

KIMBERLY KNOX

DIANE BAUER

NONA YOAKUM

KATHY EGLOFF

ROBERT STEPHENSON

SUE TUREK

LAURA HALL - SCHORDJE

HENRIETTA SAGARIO

KERMIT TURNER

MICHAEL NOBLE

JULIE HIGGINS

CARL AFFATATI

RICHARD VAIL

KATIE KIRWAN

BETTY LANDON

EMILY SITKOWSKI

CYNTHIA MELNICK

MIKE FOLISI

DOROTHY BEZDON

Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 26, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Thomas Banner
10:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of Anthony Family
12:00 p.m.	Joseph Healy
Monday - April 27, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Joe Zimmerman
Tuesday - April 28, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of Anthony Family Joseph Gryzik
Wednesday - April 29, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Pietro Di Franco
Thursday - April 30, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Janet Grant
Friday - May 1, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Xavier Job
Saturday - May 2, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	John Affatati
5:00 p.m.	John Areno
Sunday, May 3, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of Anthony Family Arlene Forneck
10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Helene Kowalik
12:00 p.m.	Purificacion Rodriguez Jeffrey Musni



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VIA EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE

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TO 84576

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VIRTUAL MAY CROWNING

Mundelein Seminary will have a **virtual May Crowning next Sunday, May 3rd, at 1 p.m.** To register go to usml.edu, click on News & Events and then click on Upcoming Events. Scroll down to the May Crowning and sign up.



JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY... If you need assistance with picking up groceries or meds, etc., please call the Rectory, 847/967-1060. If we are not here, calls are forwarded 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday – Saturday. Messages are also picked up usually once a day. We will contact you as quickly as possible.

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