

SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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

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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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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:

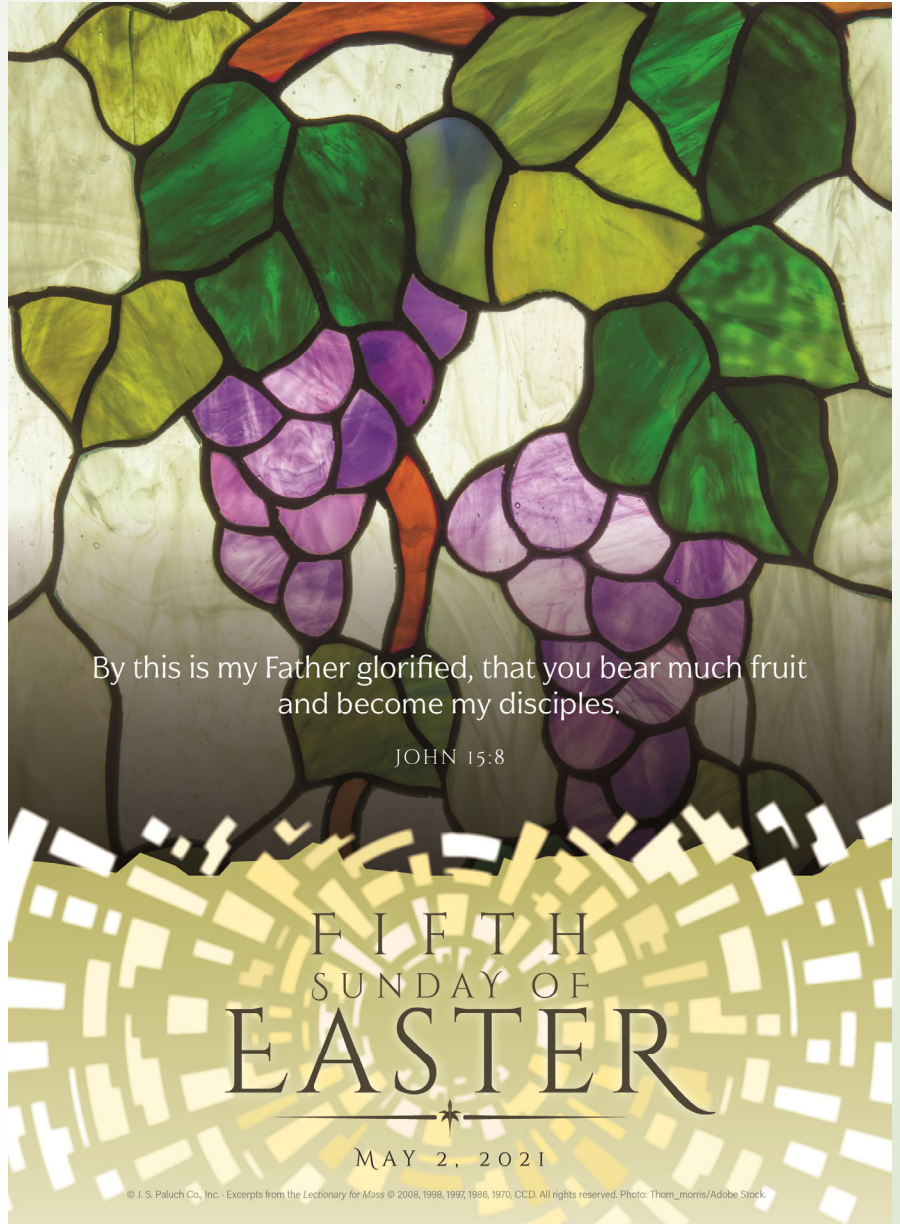
Friday at 5:00 p.m.

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.



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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Women's Club Chairperson – Louella Preston				
Men's Club Chairperson – Don Baron				
Fil-Am Chairperson – Jelly Carandang (Interim)				

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THOUGHTS FROM FR. JOSE

RELATIONSHIP OF LOVE

The main point in the Gospel of this weekend is to learn to “abide in Jesus” and that without that there is no life or fruit; but with that we will be effective and bring glory to God the Father. This teaching clearly states that success or failure all rests on experiencing this one reality - which is “abiding.” The first truth is that we must know who Jesus is and the role of God the Father in giving us an effective and meaningful life. Without knowing who Jesus is, we cannot abide.

‘The Vine and the Branches’, image sketches a series of relationships of love, which is a bond uniting Father, Son, disciples, and the disciples with one another. This image is clarified in terms of love-relationships. Love has its source in the Father, it is disclosed in Jesus and the disciples share in this gift of love and manifest it in their relationships within the community. But the key relationship is that between Jesus, the vine and disciples, the branches.

The vine or the vineyard was an Old Testament symbol for the people of Israel. The book of Isaiah, Is. 5:1-7, pictures God’s covenant love for his people as a vinedresser who tends his vineyard with loving care. Also, to ‘bear fruit,’ with reference to a vine or other plants, is to live according to God’s commandments with emphasis on justice and love. Here it is Jesus who is the ‘true vine,’ for he replaces all imperfect manifestations, even the vine which was the Old Testament symbol for the people of Israel.

The key points of the “vine and the branches” image are: the vinedresser who is the Father, the vine (Jesus), and the branches (disciples) who abide in one another, and the fruit. At the beginning the Father is mentioned as the one who tends the vine with its branches, for he prunes the branches and clears them from anything that might prevent them from producing fruit. This pruning which enables disciples to enter into a communion of faith and love with Jesus, is effected by means of the Father’s word communicated by Jesus (*“You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you” v.3*).

The relationship which Jesus offers (*“Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing” vv.4-5*) is described as a mutual “abiding,” which implies a permanent presence of one person to another, intimate indwelling and familiarity. Like two friends, one is present to the another, is listening, understanding and loving, in the same way, the disciple is present to Christ and Christ is present to the disciple.

Unless the disciple produces fruit, which is later defined as fraternal love, there is no communion with Jesus and vice-versa, outside communion with Jesus there is no fruit. Thus we, his disciples, need to remain in communion with Jesus and produce fruit.

St. Isaac Jogues Coming this week . .

- +God bless the two families having their children baptized at separate ceremonies Sunday afternoon (today).
- +Wednesday: OLPH Novena after the 8 a.m. Mass; Bible Study in Holy Family Room at 9:30 a.m.
- +Thursday: Happy Birthday to Fr. Bernard!
- +First Friday: Holy Hour begins at the end of the 8 a.m. Mass and will conclude at 9:30 a.m. with Benediction; Congratulations to Fr. Ron who celebrates his 62nd Anniversary of Priesthood Ordination today and to the family having their child baptized.
- +Catholic Charities Collection next weekend, May 8 – 9. Your generosity will be appreciated and will help many serviced by the various departments of Catholic Charities.

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Mothers are the great unsung heroes of the pandemic. And they need our help.

The responsibilities and stresses of motherhood have increased tenfold over this past year. Keeping family members healthy, housed, fed, on-task with schoolwork, and supported amidst fear and uncertainty is a staggering undertaking.

Add to this the hospitalizations or deaths of loved ones from COVID-19; lost jobs, wages, and child care; and the complete erasure of what little stability many families could count on, and you begin to understand the devastation the pandemic has wrought for so many mothers.

The health and economic repercussions of COVID-19 have been disproportionate for people already facing the challenges of poverty, food insecurity, mental health challenges and lack of health care. This is particularly true for women of color, who have experienced higher rates of infection, more loss of life, and greater job losses.

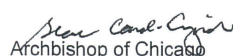
Your gift to the Catholic Charities Mother Day Collection means those bearing the most direct impact of this crisis don't have to struggle and lose ground they've worked so hard for. Your gift means they can access the resources—food, rental assistance, counseling—and professional help they need to ensure their families don't fall further behind.

What better way to honor our own mothers and other women we admire than by helping another mom provide for and strengthen her own family? To be part of their resilience and success? To live out the lessons our mothers—many of whom had their own struggles—worked hard to ingrain in us.

You have my sincere gratitude for your past support of the Mother's Day Collection, and my most urgent plea to give again. Contributions can be made at www.catholiccharities.net/donate, or mail your gift to Catholic Charities, 721 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60654.

This Mother's Day, the face of need is mothers and their children; the face of hope is you. Please join Catholic Charities in bringing God's infinite mercy and profound hope to thousands of mothers who are heroically shepherding their families through this unprecedented time.

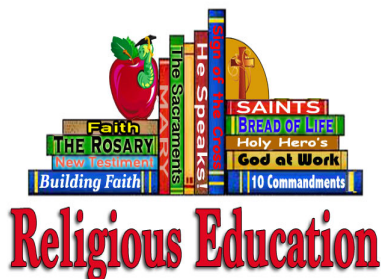
Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago

MARIAN PRAYER: THE MEMORARE

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

The Memorare is a prayer that reminds us that we have a wonderful advocate and protector in the mother of our Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary. In our prayers to her we honor and worship her Son, who is more than happy to listen to His mother's pleas on our behalf. The Memorare invites us to ask the Blessed Mother for her assistance and her grace, especially when we feel most troubled in our daily lives. The actual author of the Memorare is unknown. It has been traditionally attributed to the abbot St. Bernard of Clairvaux from the 12th century. This is possibly because it was championed by *another* Bernard, the French priest Claude Bernard, who used it extensively in his ministry to the poor and to prisoners (including some quite hardened criminals!) in the 17th century. In this month of May turn to our Mother and ask her help and prayers.



Religious Education

+The May RE newsletter was sent out on Remind. Please read it carefully and thoroughly. In particular please note that the Family Event on Zoom has been moved to May 10 (except for Mr. Lenart's class, which will have a session on Zoom w/Mr. Lenart and Fr. Ron. On May 17th there will be individual classes with catechists. May 17th is the last class of the 2020-21 season.

+Confirmation Year I autobiographies are due by Monday night if you have not already sent them in or dropped them off. Your service logs and Test #2 are due on May 10th.

+Families who have a tuition, book fee or sacrament fee balance are asked to send payments in by May 10.

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.



Cianna Jhade Tantay

Daughter of Jhared Tantay & Charlotte Maranan

**Evelyn Olivia Donatell &
Gene Edward Donatell**

Children of Edward & Olivia (Sliwa) Donatell

Daniel Simon Abraham

Son of Ben & Ann (Simon) Abraham



SIJ OUTREACH PANTRY

The Outreach Ministry Pantry needs some restocking. The following items would be very helpful at this time:

pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, stews, canned fruit, rice, beans (kidney, black, garbanzo), small bottles of detergent (dollar store), shampoo, tooth paste, deodorant (that can be used by a male or female).

Items may be brought to church when you come for Mass during the week or on the weekend, or contact the RE Office, 847/966-1180 or 967-1060, to set up a time to drop them off.



St. Isaac Jogues Parish extends a big THANK YOU to Ted and Joyce Lenart who led six of our young people in a service project to clean up the outside church grounds last Saturday, April 24th. The group worked hard all morning to make our grounds look inviting and welcoming to all who pass our Church and all who come here for worship and other needs. Thank you to Emilaine, Lara, Mark, Sam, Savion and Shaydon – service done well! Blessings on everyone!

We also extend a special thank you to the Home Depot on Dempster and Greenwood in Niles. When Ted went to rent some equipment, the store’s manager, Tom, gave the parish two wheelbarrows, five rakes, trash bags and work gloves. The store’s generous donation is greatly appreciated and we will be sending a letter to that effect. The donated items will be a big help when we do our outside clean-ups during the year. If you shop at this Home Depot, please express your gratitude to one of the customer service workers the next time you are there.



Altar Flowers this week
“In Loving Memory of Helene Kowalik”
Forever in our hearts
Anthony Kowalik and the Nellessen & Schiller Families



Pray for

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

SMALL TASKS

EACH SMALL TASK OF EVERYDAY LIFE IS PART OF THE TOTAL HARMONY OF THE UNIVERSE.

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux

HOLIEST FLOWER

Mary is the lily in God's garden.
—St. Bridget of Sweden

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
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 — Barnabas reported to the apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way (Acts 9:26-31).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — This is God's commandment: that we may believe and love (1 John 3:18-24).

Gospel — I am the true vine; whoever remains in me will bear much fruit (John 15:1-8).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4;
1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17
or Jn 17:11b-19

Mass Intentions

Sunday - May 2, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Maria & Waldemar Tolpkowski
10:00 a.m.	Marco Di Franco
12:00 p.m.	Purificacion Rodriguez & Jeffrey Musni

Monday - May 3, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Helene Kowalik
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Tuesday - May 4, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Vocations
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Wednesday - May 5, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Erattu Family Naithy - Spec. Intention for healing Sylvia Kim - Spec. Intention
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Thursday - May 6, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ
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Friday - May 7, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Wanda C. Smidzinski
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Saturday - May 8, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Mathew Thuruthikara
5:00 p.m.	John Areno

Sunday - May 9, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Gloria Cabacungan Wanda C. Smidzinski Janet Grant Steve Brusku Helene Kowalik Rosey Thuruthikara
10:00 a.m.	Loretta Hall
12:00 p.m.	Stanley Jezior

Next Week Liturgy Schedule May 8th & 9th

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. Jose/Deacon Paul

PRAYER MARATHON

"Pope Francis has called for a global prayer marathon for the entire month of May, praying for the end to the pandemic. The initiative will involve in a special way all shrines of the world in promoting the initiative so that individuals, families and communities all take part in reciting the Rosary, 'to pray for the end of the pandemic.' The theme is *From the entire Church an Unceasing Prayer Rises to God*. This refers to the miraculous event recounted in the Acts of the Apostles, 12:1-12, when all the Church prayed for Peter, who was imprisoned until God sent an angel to free him, illustrating how the Christian community comes together to pray in the face of danger and how the Lord listens and performs an unexpected miracle. Each day in May, there will be a livestream from one of 30 chosen Marian shrines or sanctuaries to guide the prayer at 6 p.m. Rome time (Noon EDT) on all Vatican media platforms. The Pope will open the month long prayer May 1 and conclude it May 31."



*Eligio Peralta
Anna Grobelny*

In Memoriam

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