

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.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Rev. Carlos Pereira, S.F.X.

Pastoral Staff:

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: Cancelled until further notice

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Parish Office Hours: Closed until further notice per Archdiocesan mandate

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Parish School: St. John Brebeuf School

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:

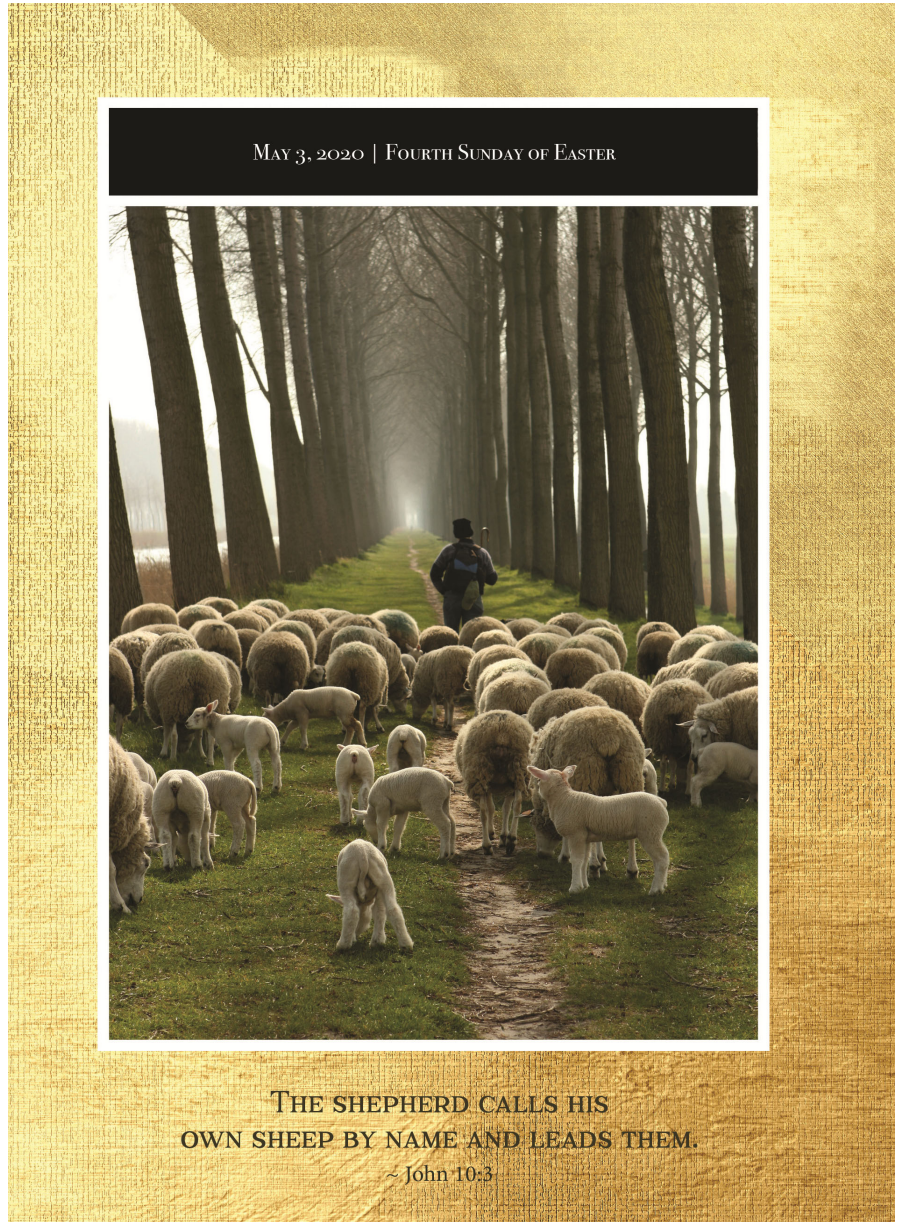
Friday at 5:00 p.m.

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.



MAY 3, 2020 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE SHEPHERD CALLS HIS
OWN SHEEP BY NAME AND LEADS THEM.

~ John 10:3

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
Debbie Dexter	Fernando Bonto	Maria Swidzinski	Lori Ronczka	Concy Mesquita
John Kadiri	Irene Baron			
Women's Club Chairperson – Louella Preston				
Men's Club Chairperson – Chuck Napravnik				
Fil-Am Chairperson – Jelly Carandang (Interim)				



FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

Who is the Good Shepherd?

In our present day situation when nations the world over are grappling with coronavirus and ways to treat patients affected by it, scientists & doctors around the globe keep conducting different tests to ascertain the remedy for the virus. None of us know how long it will take to be normal again as views are shared and pressure is building up to take off the shelter-in-place so that businesses can function again.

Given the scenario and the voices we hear around us, the voice of the media that plagues us with messages even in the privacy of our homes; the voice of a secular world that at times distorted and runs contrary to the voice of Jesus, we might be confused as to which direction we should take. Well, we have an answer. At this point in time, we need to hear the voice of God speaking to us through his Son Jesus, who says "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (John 10:11) Further on he says "I am the good shepherd, I know my own sheep, and they know me just as my father knows me and I know my Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep." (John 10:14-15).

We hear the voice of Jesus, our Shepherd in the Word of God who speaks to us when the Scriptures are proclaimed. We hear the voice of Jesus in the teaching of the Church. We hear the voice of Jesus in the stillness of a well formed conscience. We know and listen to his voice because He loves us and laid down his life for us. Jesus is our good shepherd and we are his sheep. Jesus uses the analogy of the sheep and the shepherd to convey to the people what has been said in the Old Testament by the prophet Ezekiel in chapter 34. As Jesus says "I am the good shepherd" which would help people to understand that he the Messiah who was to come as promised by God to redeem his people.

Today when we speak about the shepherd we can look at "Pastor" which in other words means shepherd and a shepherd leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts, corrects and protects his flock, responsibilities that belong to every Church leader. The gospel text focuses on the theme of the good shepherd which offers us both comfort and a great challenge. The comforting message is that no one can snatch the sheep out of Jesus' Father's hands. The challenge is that pastors and lay people alike should be good shepherds to those entrusted to their care.

Jesus knows his sheep and his sheep hear his voice, just as the Palestinian shepherds knew each sheep of their flock by name, and the sheep knew their shepherd and his voice, so Jesus knows each one of us, our needs, our merits and our faults. He loves us as we are, with all our limitations, and he expects us to return his love by keeping his words. He speaks to us at every Mass, through the Bible, through our pastors, through our parents, through our friends and through the events of our lives.

Recently one of my parishioners wrote a note greeting me on the occasion of my priesthood ordination anniversary saying "we learn so much from you and from your preaching of the Word and at this time of crises we need you all the more." Yes, indeed true, I lift you all up to God to be protected, kept safe, and under his care. Be assured of my prayers and support and we can work together to fight our cause. God bless.

-Fr. Mario

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY) AT HOME

+Go to 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. Join Lisa in singing Ps. 23.

+Reflect on today's Mass readings -- Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 23:1-6; I Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10

+Watch **Sunday Mass** on TV or online. Offer the Spiritual Communion Prayer

+**Reflect** -- How have I experienced the guidance of Jesus the Good Shepherd recently? When have I recognized the voice of Jesus and followed? In what way do I feel I have life more abundantly? Share your reflections in conversation, email, text or some other way with someone who would benefit from your gift.

+Lift up those people and needs for whom you have promised to pray. Write a general note to the residents of Glenbridge Nursing and Rehabilitation, Niles Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Belmont Village, or Embark of Niles letting them know our parish is thinking about them and praying for them.

+Evelyn Pringle, the mother of Anne Burnell (who with her husband Mark has performed in every Buddy Concert to benefit SIJ Parish since it began) died on Easter Sunday. If you would like to offer an expression of sympathy, donations to

The Little Sisters of the Poor, 2325 N. Lake-wood Ave., Chicago, 60614, would be appreciated. The home they run for the elderly has suffered a lot during the shelter in place and they can really use the spiritual and monetary support.

St. Isaac Jogues News

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND ACTION IF NEEDED

+Please 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 include.

+Looking for a **daily Mass**? Check out wordonfire.org; archchicago.org; or televised on EWTN. **Sunday Mass**? In English at 9:30 a.m. on WLS7 (Holy Name Cathedral) or WGN9 (Sunday Mass at Mercy Home); in Spanish at 10 a.m. on Univision; in Polish at 9 a.m. & 3 p.m. on Polvision.

+Catholic Charities: 312-655-7700; to report Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect: 800-252-2873; National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-799-7233; IL Domestic Violence Hotline: 877-863-6338;

+Fr. Bernard has a big birthday on Wednesday, May 6. Birthday Blessings!

+Fr. Ron Kalas will be a priest for 61 years on Thursday, May 7. God bless Fr. Ron!

+Fr. Carlos celebrates 24 years of priestly ministry on Saturday, May 9th. **Thank you, Fr. Carlos and many blessings** as you continue to serve the Lord and His Church!

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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Thank You

With the death of our dear mother this has been a very sad time for my family and for me. Although I could not return home for her funeral, I was able to watch it on video call and that provided me with some comfort.

I want you to know how much it has meant to me to have your prayers and support, both in her time of sickness and in her call to her eternal rest. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and care as expressed in the many cards, notes, phone calls, gifts of Masses, and more, which I received. Through your compassion and generosity of the last several months I have experienced the presence, hope and goodness of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ. When the time comes that we can gather together again in the church, I will invite you to join with me in a Memorial Mass for my mother.

May God our Father bless you in this holy Easter Season and know that I pray for you each day, dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

God bless you, Father Carlos



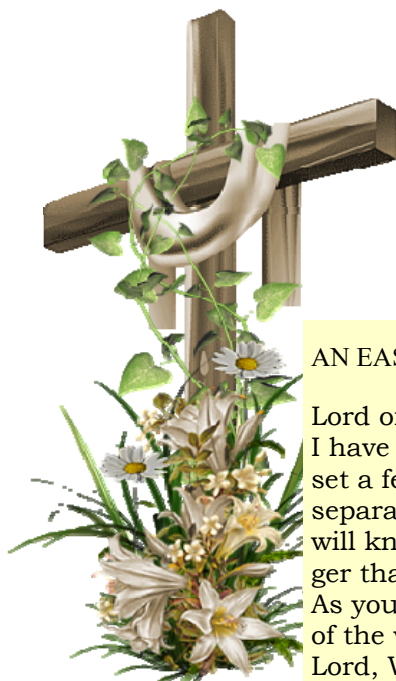
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

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.

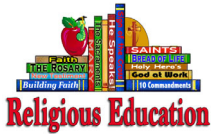
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.



AN EASTER SEASON PRAYER

Lord of the 23rd Psalm, I have known death, and you have refreshed my soul. I have known fear, and you have comforted me. I have known hunger, and you have set a feast before me. In the darkest valley no calamity of humankind or nature has separated us. Teach me to walk as you walk Beside those in mourning so that they will know joy, Beside those in fear that they will know comfort, Beside those in hunger that they will feast until their cup overflows.

As your goodness and love follow me, May mine follow my neighbor That the threat of the worst terrors May turn to the knowledge of the comforts of the house of the Lord, Where you have invited us to dwell forever. And so let me strive to help build on earth What you have promised us in heaven. In the face of all calamity, present and yet to come, Let me lead my neighbor beside quiet waters, The quiet waters of the Good Shepherd. Amen.



+“How precious is the family as the privileged place for transmitting the faith.” Pope Francis – Thank you parents, guardians and other family members for your efforts to pass on the faith

to your children and for allowing the faith community to support you!

+We will have our **end-of-the-season Prayer Service via ZOOM on Monday, May 18th** at 7 p.m. More information will be sent on REMIND soon. All RE families are to participate.

+Confirmation Year II Candidates: Your completed Test II, letter to Fr. Mario and Sponsor response form and all late work needs to be returned to the RE Office by **Monday**. Please mail or drop off in the mail slot at Rectory.

+Confirmation Year I Candidates are to email, mail or drop off your autobiographies no later than May 11th. Your completed Test II, which has been mailed to you, is also due, along with your log of any service hours you completed before the shelter in order.

+A mailing was sent to each student this past week w/the May newsletter and weekly children’s bulletins or other worksheets, which we encourage them to work on during the month. They do not need to be returned.

+Remember to talk about the Sunday readings; pray together as a family; watch and participate in Sunday Mass; do service as able; and trust that the Lord shepherds and guides us at all times!

+Registration forms for the 2020-2021 RE Program will be mailed out this coming week. Please be looking for them.

+Questions or need information? Contact Mrs. Stanton, 847/966-1180, 847/967-1060, or email sijre2004@yahoo.com

Prayer to Christ the Healer

O Lord and Master of life!

Temple of that Spirit who ponders the deep things of God

Pierce the gloom of these days

With the radiance of your gaze.

Strengthen our hearts for battle

Give courage to your sisters and brothers

Who stand, as always, in need of healing.

Intercede for us with your Father,

Who are blessed for the ages of ages. Amen.

Auxiliary Bishop Mark Bartosic

We  love
having you as part of our *flock*



Keep in touch
with us via
email & text

WHAT IS FLOCKNOTE AND SHOULD I SIGN UP?

Flocknote is an email and text messaging system used by St. Isaac Jogues Parish and many other churches to communicate with parishioners. The system does not require you to download any application on your computer or mobile phone. Flocknote makes it very easy to provide your email and/or mobile phone number to receive notes from St. Isaac Jogues. We will only use this information to communicate with you and will not provide your information to any third party for other uses. The notes you receive will show you as the only recipient and no other email addresses or phone numbers are shown. You have the option to unsubscribe from Flocknote at the bottom of each note. The various ministries at St. Isaac Jogues can also use Flocknote to communicate with their groups.

We have used Flocknote often especially since March – to inform you when people have died, to provide spiritual resources, to update what’s happening in the parish, and more. Please sign up today so we can be in better contact with each other.

There are two methods for joining Flocknote:

- On your smartphone text SIJ to the short number 84576
- On your computer web browser type the following in the search bar: flocknote.com/sij2.

Please contact Ted Lenart at 847-977-4335 or tjlenart@gmail.com for more information.



Pray for

KERMIT TURNER	GLORIA CABACUNGAN
MICHAEL NOBLE	TONY LIVORSI
JULIE HIGGINS	JOHN ROMANO
CARL AFFATATI	AUDREY JANS
RICHARD VAIL	DAVID FORST
KATIE KIRWAN	CHRISTINA WALD
BETTY LANDON	KIMBERLY KNOX
EMILY SITKOWSKI	DIANE BAUER
CYNTHIA MELNICK	NONA YOAKUM
MIKE FOLISI	KATHY EGLOFF
DOROTHY BEZDON	ROBERT STEPHENSON
MATTHEW PONDER	SUE TUREK
	LAURA HALL - SCHORDJE
	HENRIETTA SAGARIO
	HILDA DALY
	MARY SUNSHINE PONDER



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
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized (Acts 2:14a, 36-41).

Psalms — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20b-25).

Gospel — The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4;
Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;
Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;
1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12



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.

IN NEED OF A SHEPHERD

For a while it was very fashionable to own pigs as pets. The publicity surrounding these creatures informed us that they were—contrary to their popular image—very clean animals, and also quite smart. Sad to say, sheep will most likely never enjoy this sort of domestic vogue. They are neither clean nor smart and are largely defenseless when left on their own, even in large numbers. The biblical image of us as the flock of sheep is not a particularly flattering one. Sheep without a shepherd are truly sad, because they most likely will perish either from their inability to fend for themselves or from their lack of defenses against predators. Placing ourselves in the heart of this unflattering image can reinforce our faith. Until we come to a profound realization of how much we need a shepherd, we cannot appreciate how deeply blessed we are to have been given a Shepherd, one who laid down his life for us and was raised to life eternal in the Spirit, so he might guide us and we might follow him in faith forever.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 3, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Anthony Family Arlene Forneck Jenny Ponder
10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Helene Kowalik
12:00 p.m.	Purificacion Rodriguez Jeffrey Musni
Monday - May 4, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Joana M. Cardozo
Tuesday - May 5, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Greg & Rita Grana
Wednesday - May 6, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Concepcion Villalon
Thursday - May 7, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Anthony Family
Friday - May 8, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	John Affatati
Saturday - May 9, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Concepcion Villalon
5:00 p.m.	John Areno
Sunday, May 10, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Maggie Kiesler
10:00 a.m.	Concepcion Villalon Helene Kowalik Mary Dijitha
12:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Gendwefa Ostropolska & George Ostropolski



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TO 84576

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VIRTUAL MAY CROWNING

Mundelein Seminary will have a **virtual May Crowning 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.

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