

# 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 Herbert, Business Manager

Dolores Stanton, Director of Religious Education

Lisa Hall, Director of Music

**Weekend Mass Celebrant:**

Rev. Bernard Kennedy, O.F.M.

**Eucharistic Masses:**

Monday - Saturday: 8:00 AM

Saturday: - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

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Marlene Garber (A/R, Calendar Coordinator)

**Parish Office Hours:**

Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - Closed

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**Parish School:** St. John Brebeuf School

847-966-3266

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**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:

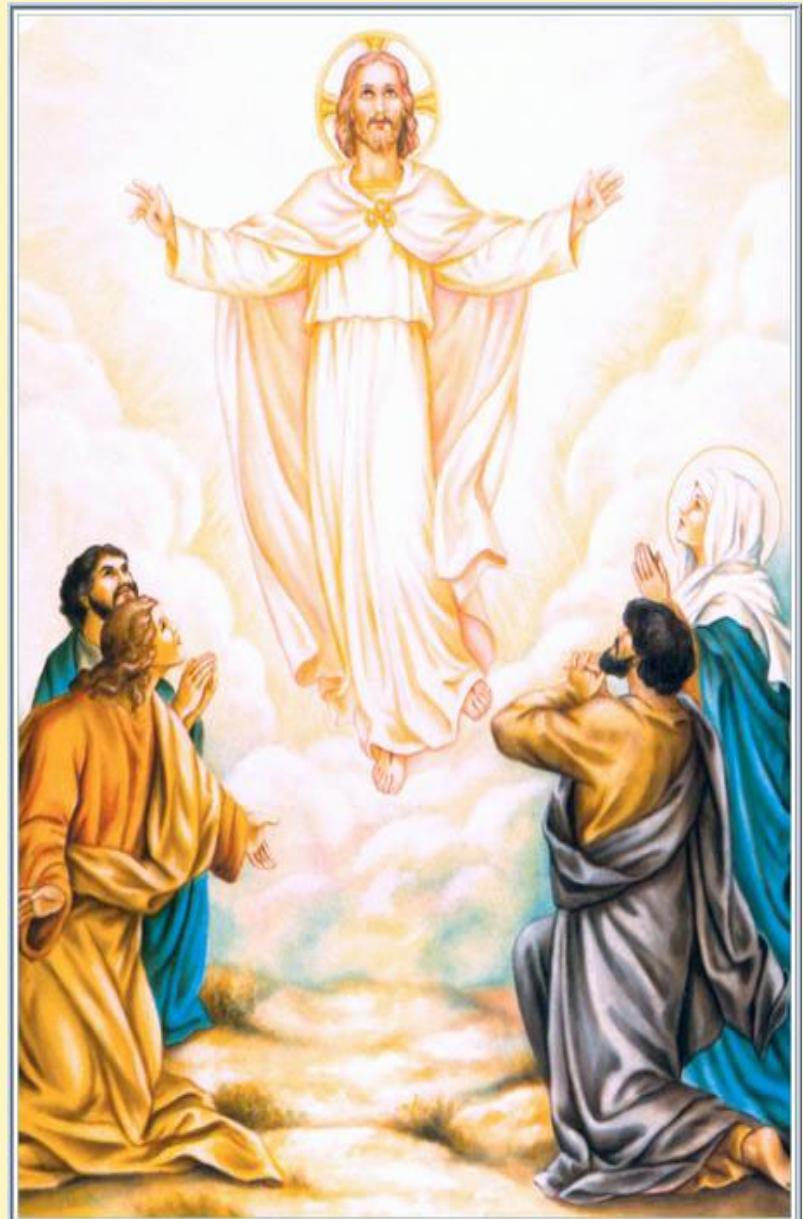
Friday at 5:00 p.m.

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.



**Ascension of the Lord  
May 28, 2017**



**FROM THE  
Pastor's Desk**

## The Significance of Ascension

Ascension actually refers to the bodily ascending of Christ from earth to heaven after the resurrection. We know from Scriptures that as Jesus ascended into heaven his disciples kept watching him as he ascended. Well, Jesus ascended to heaven as his mission was accomplished. Even while ascending he assured his disciples that he would be with them always. The assurance that Jesus gave was to strengthen his disciples who still had doubts in their mind (Mt 28/17). The moment they learned to trust him and observe all that he commanded them, they would feel his presence. He said to them that although he would be going away for their sake, his presence would be in their midst in the form of Holy spirit.

Jesus ascended into heaven back to the source to which he belonged, a source of love, a source of life itself. When we speak of heaven, therefore, we do so in terms of going home to Jesus, who remains at the deepest level the place we designate as heaven. It means that "man has found an everlasting place in God." It means that even as Christ belongs no more to a fallen and corrupt world, so also will we who cleave to Christ find refuge forever in the arms of God. What the feast of the Ascension means is that the One who had to leave us for a time, even to the extent of taking physical leave of those whom he most loved in the world, is thereby much closer to us now. It is simply not accurate to speak of the Ascension in terms of even the briefest of absences, as though Christ were in any way missing from the world he first suffered to redeem.

Emeritus Pope Benedict reminds us that inasmuch as He holds the entire cosmos in his hands, "*The Lord's Ascension means that Christ has not gone far away from us, but that now, thanks to the fact that he is with the Father, he is close to each one of us forever.*" In every human sense and Jesus' teachings reminds us that Ascension is about transforming our lives by leaving out the negativity within to be filled with positive vibes. Hate finds its place in love and from limitation and restriction to freedom and expansion. It is not about having a closed mind; but an attitude of openness; prejudice into acceptance; cruelty and anger to kindness and compassion; selfishness to selflessness and it means going from service to self to service to others.

Ascension is about awakening the human heart and spirit, inner wisdom. Ascension is the evolution of human consciousness wherein we need to ascend from the nitty gritty things we hold in life, to move beyond the vibration of the lower self, to the vibration of the higher self. That is where we will remain ever connected with our Lord Jesus Christ who is our Savior and God.

-Fr. Mario

## PARISH TRANSFORMATION PROCESS

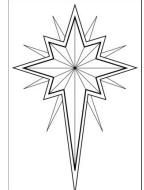
The next meeting **is this Thursday, 7-9 p.m. downstairs in the Parish Hall.**

Your presence, participation and sharing will help further the life and vitality of our parish community! All are welcome even if you have not been to any of the other meetings. Be part of this time of new life for our parish! If you are unable to attend, please keep the Parish Transformation Process in your prayers!

Thank you!

## BETHLEHEM ARTS SALE

On June 3 & 4 we will have representatives of the Catholic Christian Community from Jerusalem and Bethlehem in the Holy Land, who will display and sell olive wood hand crafted religious figurines and articles. The articles are beautifully hand carved and crafted, and they reflect their faith and love for the Lord.



"The Catholic Christian Community in the Holy Land depends mainly on olive wood carving and tourism. Due to the political conflict and the lack of tourism there, a lot of Christians were forced to leave the Holy Land. By displaying these religious articles abroad and selling them, this will help the Christians to survive and keep their community alive."

Please take a look after Mass that weekend and get a gift that will be remembered and cherished for yourself or for someone dear to you.

## LETS GET TO WORK ON THE ROOF!

**Help us sell the  
2017 Raffle booklets.**

**Booklets are still available at Masses, in  
the Rectory or from any of the Captains  
listed. STILL 200+ CHANCES TO WIN!**



Don Baron	Kathy Denning
Teresita Sitjar	Ed Mikeska
Dee Stanton	Barbara Dary
Mary Burke	Dolly Bellissimo
Loretta Falco	Diane Lazzaretti
Hilde Koziol	John & Mary Affatati
Barb Watson	Dean & Geni Johansen

## MEMORIAL DAY

The Patriotic Rosary will be prayed on Memorial Day at 8 a.m. in Church.

The Memorial Day Mass will be at 9 a.m.

Parish offices will be closed that day.



## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Ascension of the Lord; World Communications Day
Monday:	Memorial Day
Tuesday:	Shavuot ("Weeks"), the Jewish festival of the giving of the Law, begins at sunset
Wednesday:	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday:	St. Justin
Friday:	Ss. Marcellinus and Peter; First Friday
Saturday:	St. Charles Lwanga and Companions; First Saturday

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

**Psalm** — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

**Second Reading** — May the Father of glory give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17-23).

**Gospel** — Jesus instructs the Eleven to baptize and teach people of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday:	<u>Vigil:</u> Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2a, 24, 35c, 27-28, 29bc-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 <u>Day:</u> Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

**Pray  
for...**



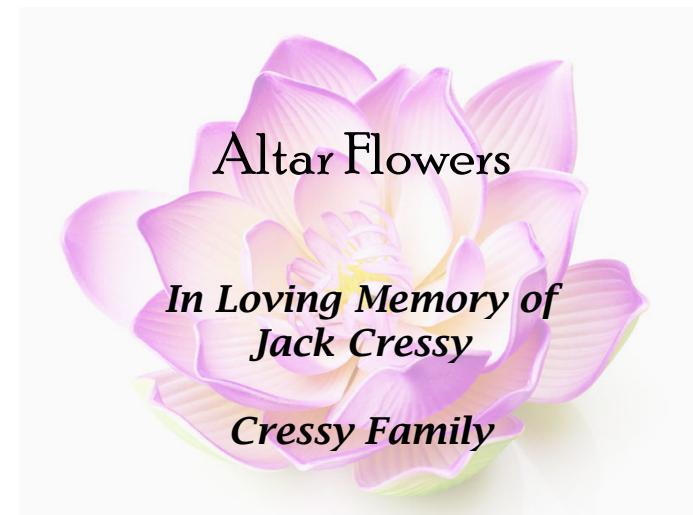
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JULIE HIGGINS  
WILLIAM PARRILLO  
ALDEN MALLARI  
ANNE MARAZZO  
VICTOR SKURAN



THANKS to the Men's Club for their generous donation to St. Isaac Jogues and especially for everything they do to support the Parish throughout the year.

Congratulations to Pat Grant for his "Man of the Year Award" and all of the new officers installed for the upcoming year.

May God bless all of your dedication and efforts!



**AN EASTER REFLECTION... St. Catherine of Siena, 14<sup>th</sup> Century**

*"You are a fire always burning but never consuming; you are a fire consuming in your heat all the soul's selfish love; you are a fire lifting all chill and giving light. In your light you have made me know your truth. You are that light beyond all light who gives the mind's eye supernatural light in such fullness and perfection that you bring clarity even to the light of faith. In that faith I see that my soul has life, and in that light receives you who are Light."*



**2017 Replace the Roof Raffle "Winners Corner"  
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR WINNERS!**

Monday, May 22	\$50	661	Cora Reyes	Niles, IL
Tuesday, May 23	\$50	1007	Amy Guffey	Battle Ground, WA
Wednesday, May 24	\$50	174	Len Minelli Jr	Mt. Prospect, IL
Thursday, May 25	\$50	1408	Carolyn & Robert Napoleon	Arlington Hts., IL
Friday, May 26	\$50	875	Kalisz Elzbieta	Des Plaines, IL
Saturday, May 27	\$50	1559	Carolyn Napoleon	Arlington Hts., IL
Sunday, May 28	\$100	1202	Tanya Aynessazian	Morton Grove, IL

**+Registration for the 2017-2018 Religious Education Program has begun!** If you have children who will be in Kindergarten – Gr. 8 in September and are attending public school, we invite and encourage your participation in the RE Program. Letters and registration forms have been mailed out to families currently in the RE Program. Growing in faith is a lifelong process.

**Please allow us to help you help your child create a firm foundation and send them each year for religious education!** If there is something keeping you from doing so (finances, etc.), please contact Mrs. Stanton to discuss the situation.

**New families are most welcome!** In addition to a family form and a student form for each child, we would appreciate you bringing a copy of each child's baptismal certificate and the dates of any sacraments they have received so far.

**Families with children who have special needs and/or older children who have not yet celebrated First Reconciliation or First Communion** are encouraged to contact us. I would be happy to discuss options for learning and preparation. Contact Dolores Stanton, 847/966-1180 or email [sijre2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sijre2004@yahoo.com). Register now before summer gets underway. Taking of this important task helps us to plan for materials and catechists for the new year! Thank you!



## Religious Education

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS...

First Responders  
United States Air Force  
United States Army  
U.S. Army Reserves  
United States Marines  
  
United States Navy  
U.S. Navy Reserves  
Illinois National Guard

Shane Long, Brad Markovich, Greg Zalewski  
Joshua Aujero, Mason Janzen  
Brian Caplin, Gale Renner  
Christopher Dexter  
Patrick Edward Echavez, Joseph John Zimmerman III,  
Lance Renner, Gian Patrick Reyes  
Justin Pascoe, Timothy Kelly, David Perez  
William B. Dexter  
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).

### St. Isaac Jogues News

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**+Ministers of Care**  
**Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Holy Family Room.**  
Please make every effort to attend.  
If you cannot, please contact  
Dee or Deacon Paul.

**First Friday Adoration**  
**After 8AM Mass until 3PM ending with**  
**Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction**  
All are invited to spend time with the Lord

**+Monthly Bible Talk**  
**Sunday, June 4, 9 a.m.**  
**Holy Family Room**

**+Parish Life Commission,**  
**Thursday, June 8, 7 p.m.,**  
**Rm. 26**

**SAVE THE DATES!!!!!!**  
**Volunteer Appreciation Afternoon**  
**Sunday, June 25th**  
**Noon Mass, Luncheon 1:00 PM, HFR**

**BUDDY GRIES CONCERT**  
**Sunday, July 16th**  
**3:00 PM, HFR**

**DANCE FOR THE ROOFTOP!**  
**Friday, July 21st**  
**6:30 PM, Lone Tree Inn**



## ST. ISAAC JOGUES PARISH CALENDAR – JUNE 2017

## Mass Intentions

May 28, 2017

8:00 a.m.	Hal Yamanaka
10:00 a.m.	Esperanza Cobarrubias Shirley Klein Jack Cressy Rosalina Hipona Deacon Robert O'Keefe
12:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Alfred Conradi

May 29, 2017

8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society John Kremer
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May 30, 2017

8:00 a.m.	John Preston
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May 31, 2017

8:00 a.m.	Thomas Banner
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June 1, 2017

8:00 a.m.	Patrick Fergus
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June 2, 2017

8:00 a.m.	Helen Polinski
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June 3, 2017

8:00 a.m.	Joe De Sario
5:00 p.m.	Leonard Okon

June 4, 2017

8:00 a.m.	Krystyna Swidzinska - Special Intention
10:00 a.m.	Marian Bragiel
	Stanislaw & Emilia Biernacki
12:00 p.m.	Carl & Virginia Corso
	Raquel Imperial
	Augustina Bautit
	Eduardo Rodriguez
	Louis Sovcik

## Liturgy Next Weekend - June 3rd & 4th

Confessions - 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario/Deacon Paul
12:00 p.m.	Fr. Mario/Deacon Paul



June 3rd & 4th

5:00 p.m.	Nelson Perumpel Lawrence Escarez Trisha Bonto Matthew Bonto
8:00 a.m.	Eugene Villarino Athena Lasco Matthew Ledesma Nathan Ledesma
10:00 a.m.	Maya Gherman Michael Lucas Mark Lucas Lawson Mathew
12:00 p.m.	Steve Livingston Jude Jimmychan Kevin Thomas Alfonso Hanson

**Sacristans**  
Theresa Noble, Francis Martel, Arlene Turek



**REMEMBER**  
**NO PARKING**  
**IN THE FIRE LANES OR**  
**NEAR THE ISLANDS!**

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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