

SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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

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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:

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Masses: Saturday, 5PM

Sunday, 8AM & 10AM

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Parish School: St. John Brebeuf School

847-966-3266 or sjschool.org

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays, 11AM - Noon

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.

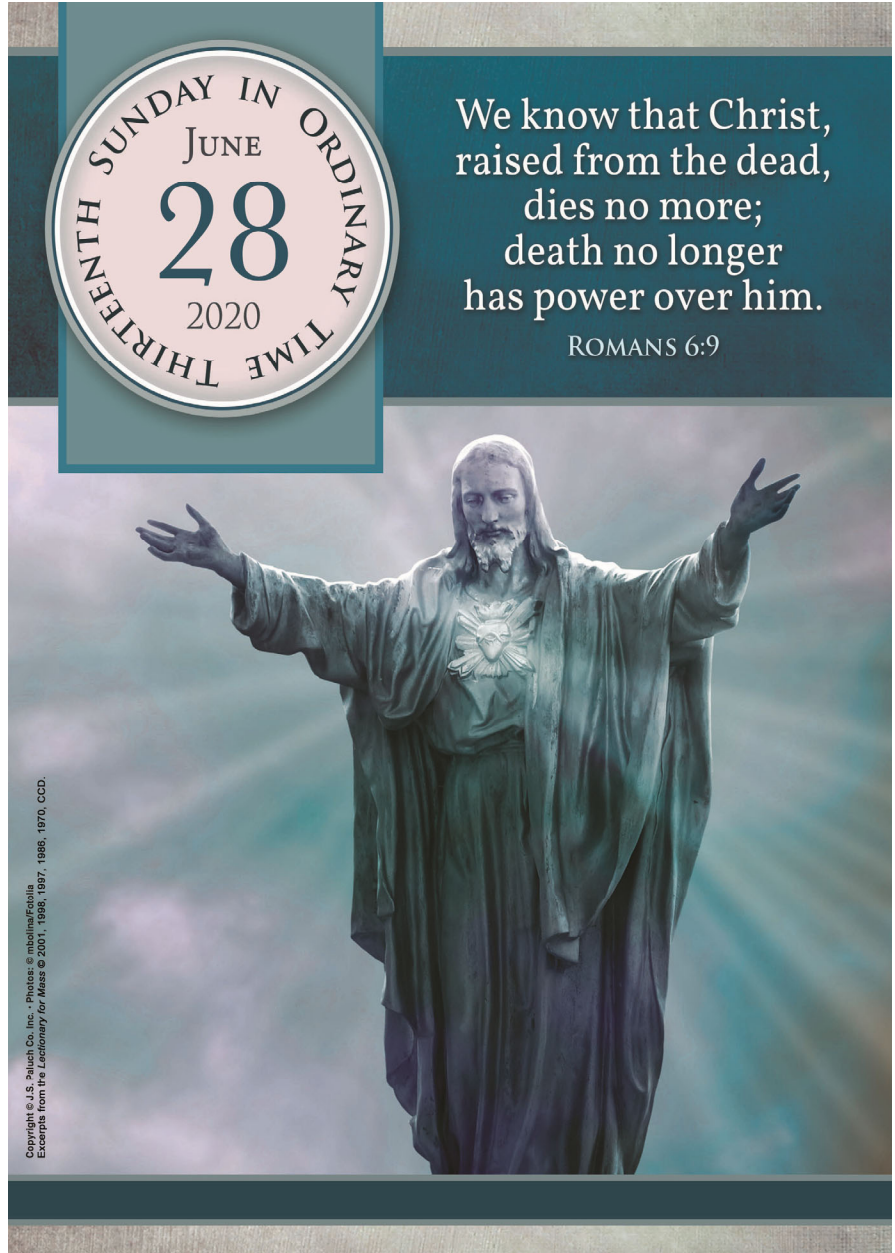
Sunday at 3:00 p.m. (Ceremony only)

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.



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FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

Whoever receives you receives me

As I was going through the gospel text for this Sunday, a verse from the gospel drew my attention "Whoever receives you receives me." In the ancient world identity was tied to family and community. It was understood that in showing hospitality, one welcomed not just an individual, but implicitly, the community who sent the person and all that they represent. Therefore, welcoming a disciple of Jesus would mean receiving the very presence of Jesus himself and of the one who sent him, God the Father.

Jesus was telling his disciples as he was sending them out on a mission that the place would be dangerous or hostile. In the midst of it he uses the words of comfort to the disciples, lest they should conclude from this account of the sorrows, afflictions, and persecutions they were to meet with, that there would be none that would receive them and their message. Christ therefore suggests, that there would be some that would embrace the Gospel preached by them, and receive them kindly into their houses, and entertain them in a very hospitable manner. The encouragement of such persons, who would risk their own goods and lives by so doing, he lets them know, that receiving of his disciples, was interpreted by him, as a receiving of himself; and what they did to them, would be taken as kindly, as if done to him personally; and, in like manner, would it be understood and accepted by his Father.

Faithfulness to God and carrying out his word would make people realize that he/she is a righteous person and acting in the person of Jesus. In my own life as a priest, I always felt welcomed in the midst of the people whether they were Catholic or otherwise. One's identity may not be made known at the start in the midst of a crowd but in the course of time people are able to notice the difference.

In one of my train travel journeys, as I was seated in my compartment a certain man got in and sat next to me. He was a stranger to me but after a while he began his conversation and he realized that I am a Roman Catholic priest and he was a believer of another religion. He started opening up and telling me about his sinful life. As I listened to him carefully, he asked me to give him absolution so that he is forgiven of his sins which I did and he felt that he is unworthy to sit beside me anymore. So he left the place. One may encounter hostile people as well. Such people may denounce the good news and ridicule others to such an extent as to humiliate another that is where Jesus words were one of consolation. Just as some may be hostile, others may be welcoming you in their homes because you bare the name of Jesus. To be welcomed because you are a person coming from God is what we look forward to in carrying forth the message of the good news. At the same time Jesus says elsewhere if they hate you remember they hated me first.

Let us be prepared in this new environmental setting to receive another in the name of Christ.

-Fr. Mario

REOPENING FOR WEEKEND MASSES

First and foremost it is important for everyone to understand that our efforts will prioritize the safety and wellbeing of all while maintaining due respect and reverence for the sacraments and liturgical norms of our faith. While our parish will attempt to take appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities, parishioners and guests should understand that they assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 anytime they enter a public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection.

Currently there are three weekend Masses: Saturday, 5 p.m. and Sunday, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Weekday Masses will be on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m. beginning July 1st. **Only 50 people are able to attend any Mass and you must make a reservation using the online system.** The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., by reservation as well. Links for the first two weeks of July are on the parish website and were sent out via Flocknote. If you do not have access to a computer, you may call the Rectory at 847/967-1060, and we will help you make a reservation.

You may reserve spaces only for the people who live in your household and will be coming. You will be able to sit together in church. **To give access to everyone who would like to attend a Mass, you are asked to sign up for only one weekend Mass and/or one Reconciliation time a month and/or only one weekday Mass every other week for the time being.** **Please note:** we do not call, text or send an email to remind you of your Mass or Reconciliation time. We ask for a phone number or email in case we are made aware of someone who was at the church and tested positive for coronavirus and need to contact you.

To our brothers and sisters who are 65 years or older and/or who have an underlying medical condition that would put them at greater risk for infection you are reminded that you are not bound by the obligation to attend Mass at this time. You can still watch the televised Masses on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. on WLS Channel 7 (with Cardinal Cupich) and on WGN Channel 9 (Mass at Mercy Home).

Before coming to church on the day of your reservation, please check your temperature and make sure you are feeling well. We also ask that you use the facilities at home, as we would like to have the only bathroom in the church used for urgent needs only. If you have a fever or are not feeling well, we respectfully request that you stay home for your well being and that of others. If you feel well and come to the church, please wear a mask. You will need to wear it the entire time.

The **only entrance door** is off the main parking lot at the stairs with the white railing and will open 15 minutes prior to the start of each Mass. We will greet you, check you in, invite you into the church, spray your hands with hand sanitizer, and walk you to your seat observing social distancing. You are to remain

in this seat for the entire time you are in the church. A few of the Ushers will be standing around the church in case there is someone or something to attend to. Everyone else must be seated.

It is important that you are on time and enter the church during those 15 minutes. Our volunteers will also be participating in the Mass and may not be at the locked door to let you in, even if you have a reservation. For everyone's health and well being people cannot just walk in without going through the above arrival process. Thank you for your cooperation.

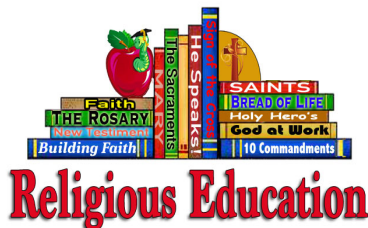
Please note: Due to the sanitizing guidelines we have taped up the kneelers. So there will be no kneeling (we will stand for the Eucharistic Prayer). There will also be no singing at this time by the Assembly, but we will recite Mass responses. The collection basket will not be passed. Please place your offering in the alms box as you enter or later leave the church. We will continue to wish each other the Sign of Peace with words or a bow, but no physical contact.

Regarding the reception of Holy Communion: Reminders will be given prior to Communion. Father and Deacon sanitize their hands. Only hosts will be distributed. Ushers will invite you into the aisle socially distanced on the blue tape markers on the floor. There will be a single line in the aisles going up for Communion. When you are about 2-3 people away from the front, the Usher will again spray your hands with hand sanitizer. Please rub it in and from this point forward do not touch your face or anything else.

When you get up to Father/Deacon, please do not remove your face mask. Extend your non-dominant hand. Bow your head and respond "Amen" to "The Body of Christ". The host will be put in your hand. Move sideways to the next blue tape marker. With your other hand you will remove one side of your mask, place the host in your mouth, put the side back up and then return to your seat. **Please note that you are to return to your seat and not leave the church as you must be led out by an Usher. We respectfully remind you that Mass is over when Father leaves.**

At the end of Mass the Ushers will guide each row out beginning with the back. While maintaining social distance everyone in that row will be escorted to the **only exit door**, which is the narthex door by Golf Road (long ramp). The Usher will either fix the door so it stays open or will hold it open for you. Please do not touch the doors. Should an emergency arise and we need to move everyone out of the church (i.e. fire alarm goes off) we will use every available exit but ask that you follow Usher directions and keep some distance from person in front of you.

Once in the parking lot you are to go straight to your cars. There is to be no congregating outside. A wave to others or a hello from six feet away is fine, but no physical contact and no groups. As the plan moves forward and we see how things are working, there could be some changes. Your patience, cooperation, and prayers are truly appreciated. Thank you and welcome home!



Religious Education

RE HAPPENINGS

- +Families who have a balance due for tuition, book fees, and/or sacrament fees are asked to send it by Monday. The fiscal year ends Tuesday. If you have a concern, please call.
- +Confirmation Year II Families are reminded to fill out the survey attached to the REMIND message by Tuesday regarding the Confirmation Mass.
- +First Communion Families are reminded to fill out the survey attached to the REMIND message by Tuesday regarding the First Communion Mass.

2020 - 2021 RE PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Whether in person, e-learning, or a combination we'll look forward to a new season of religious education and faith formation beginning at the end of August! Growing in faith is a lifelong process. Please allow us to help you help your child create a firm foundation in faith and send them each year for religious education! If there might be something that would keep you from having your family participate (finances, schedule conflict, etc.), please contact Mrs. Stanton to discuss your concerns. Everyone is welcome!

Registration for the 2020-2021 RE Program for families with children in Kindergarten – Confirmation Year II (Gr. 8 or early high school) as of September, 2020 is being done by mail for the time being. **Please return registration forms, book fees, and a partial tuition payment, if possible, by Friday, July 10th, to assist our planning for personnel, materials, and methods of teaching.**

Sessions for Grs. 1 – Confirmation Yr. II meet Monday evenings, 6:45 – 8:00 p.m., the Kindergarten class meets on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and all are held in the school. **Please note:** Students must participate in religious education the immediate two years prior to receiving sacraments (First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation). Forms have been mailed out to families currently in the program. If you have not received it, please contact the RE Office, 847/966-1180 or sjire2004@yahoo.com and let us know.

New families are most welcome and can obtain a registration packet by calling or emailing the RE Office as indicated above. A copy of each new child's baptismal certificate, the dates of any other sacraments he/she has received, and/or a letter from the Catholic school or Religious Education Program they previously attended will be needed. **Families with children who have special needs and/or older children who have not yet celebrated First Reconciliation or First Communion or are not yet baptized** are encouraged to contact Dolores Stanton to discuss options for learning and preparation.



BIBLE TIMELINE VIA ZOOM

We would like to show the **last six sessions of the Bible Timeline**, which we began last summer. Since in person gatherings will probably not begin until sometime in August, we propose showing them via Zoom (you would need a computer). If you would be interested in participating, please contact the RE Office at 847/966-1180 or sjire2004@yahoo.com. Please provide your name, phone number and if you would want an evening (Mon.) or morning session (Tues.) as we offered in person. If you want to see the sessions but do not have a computer, please let us know if you would be willing to come in person starting in August (following social distance guidelines, wearing masks, etc.).

PRAYER TO HEAL RACIAL DIVISION



We thank you, O Lord, for in your loving wisdom You created one human family with a diversity that enriches our communities. We pray to you, O Lord, that we always recognize each member of this human family as being made in your image and beloved by you, with worth and dignity... that we may envision a way forward to heal the racial divisions that deny human dignity and the bonds between all human beings...that we may affirm each person's dignity through fair access for all to economic opportunity, housing, education and employment...that we may have eyes to see what is possible when we reach out beyond fear, beyond anger, to hold the hand of our sisters, our brothers. We thank you, O Lord, for your call and challenge to us that we may reveal your teachings and your love through our actions to end racism and to proclaim that we are all your children, heirs to your sacred creation. Amen. (c2018, USCCB)



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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PHASE 2 OF REOPENING PLAN

Please help your faith community... We **must** have volunteers for every Mass, Sacrament, Funeral, church event, etc. that the parish holds. Volunteers who are 18 - 65 years old, have no underlying medical condition, and are available weekdays and/or weekends are needed. Ushers, Greeters, and Cleaners each have specific tasks and procedures to follow. Training, protective equipment and necessary supplies are provided. If you are willing and able to volunteer or need more information, please contact Dee Stanton by calling 847/967-1060 or 966-1180 or email sijre2004@yahoo.com this week.



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| JULIE HIGGINS | JOHN ROMANO |
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| BETTY LANDON | KIMBERLY KNOX |
| EMILY SITKOWSKI | DIANE BAUER |
| CYNTHIA MELNICK | NONA YOAKUM |
| MICHAEL FOLISI | KATHY EGLOFF |
| DOROTHY BEZDON | ROBERT STEPHENSON |
| MATTHEW PONDER | SUE TUREK |
| FELICITA BAYANI | LAURA HALL - SCHORDJE |
| EMILY CABRERA | HENRIETTA SAGARIO |
| JOE AUTH | HILDA DALY |
| | MARY SUNSHINE PONDER |
| | JUDY CABRERA |
| | YUL VENTURA |
| | MARY LERPS |

O Lord, give protection and safety to our Troops, National Guard, and First Responders. May they find guidance and strength in you as they serve our country and its people and further justice and peace.

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.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Elisha promises a baby son to the hospitable woman (2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a).

Psalm — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading — We shall live in newness of life as Christ was raised from the dead (Romans 6:3-4, 8-11).

Gospel — Whoever gives but a cup of cold water to another will surely be rewarded (Matthew 10:37-42).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9;

2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8;
Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7-13,
16bc-17; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29

Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17 or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Country," nos. 882-886, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14;
Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY

Day in and day out, we are required to make judgment calls informed by tough, durable, serviceable Christian love. We do what we can do, and God takes notice. God is in charge of rewards, and a glass of water will do when that is what we have to offer with a glad and open heart.

Paul gives us a clear theology for the missionary work we do whenever anybody is close at hand. He reminds us that our work, our ministry, is carried on in concert with Christ. We have been baptized into his death and life. In any given moment both life and death are there, a kind of play of shadow and light. Sometimes it's difficult to tell where shadow leaves off and light begins. God will take care of that, too.



Mass Intentions

| Sunday, June 28, 2020 | |
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| 8:00 a.m. | Bernice Dombrowski John Affatati K.V. Jacob K.C. Chacko |
| 10:00 a.m. | Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Pietro Di Franco |
| 12:00 p.m. | Stephenson Family |
| Monday - June 29, 2020 | |
| 8:00 a.m. | Purgatorial Society Tony Schallmoser |
| Tuesday - June 30, 2020 | |
| 8:00 a.m. | Efren Miranda |
| Wednesday - July 1, 2020 | |
| 8:00 a.m. | Thomas Banner Jacob Mathew |
| Thursday - July 2, 2020 | |
| 8:00 a.m. | All Caregivers |
| Friday - July 3, 2020 | |
| 8:00 a.m. | Peace & health for Covid-19 patients & families |
| Saturday - July 4, 2020 | |
| 8:00 a.m. | Jose Pullappally |
| 5:00 p.m. | John Aeno |
| Sunday, July 5, 2020 | |
| 8:00 a.m. | Arlene Forneck |
| 10:00 a.m. | Living & Deceased Members of SIJ |
| 12:00 p.m. | Pacita Guinsatao |



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For additional information about church reopening, please refer to the Archdiocese of Chicago website at archchicago.org. On the first page, click on the picture for Archdiocese announces a reopening plan.

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