

SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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

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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: Saturday, 5PM
Sunday, 8AM & 10AM

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Parish Office Hours: Closed until further notice per Archdiocesan mandate

Religious Education: 847-966-1180
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Parish School: St. John Brebeuf School
 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.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 5, 2020

Jesus said,

"Take my yoke upon
 you and learn from me,
 for I am meek and
 humble of heart;
 and you will find
 rest for yourselves."

~ Matthew 11:29



ST ISAAC JOGUES - Parish Leaders

Parish Pastoral Council			Finance Committee Advisors	
Ted Lenart, Chairperson	Kathy Denning	Gerry Zeller	Kathy Denning	Barbara Watson
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Men's Club Chairperson – Chuck Napravnik				
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FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

Gratitude is the memory of the heart

Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it. – William Arthur Ward. As another fiscal year ended my thoughts go back to you my parishioners for all your help during the last couple of years and especially the fiscal year just concluded. As you know every year we would gather around in the Holy Family Room in the month of June for a Volunteer Appreciation dinner. This year due to Coronavirus we could not have one. I want you to know how much I miss seeing you all and the celebration of coming together as a family.

It pains my heart for not being able to gather and I would like to express my sincere thanks to each and every one who has worked throughout the year to make SIJ parish and community a welcoming parish. With my dedicated & committed staff members together with your commitment, cooperation, and dedication, I am able to carry out my work as Pastor well and we can reach out to our people in a much better way. You certainly deserve more than this for all that you have been to me and to this parish at large. Maybe times in the past the services you rendered at the parish might have gone unnoticed; all the same, our heavenly Father rewards every one without fail.

I need to acknowledge all of you for participating in the Capital Campaign Project which continues to be successful. As a parish, we're just beginning to comprehend the fullness and challenge of living out our Parish Mission – Values – Priorities, particularly in light of the rapidly changing landscape of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago. I send my sincere thanks to the Captains and teams of volunteers who made it so easy for us in the Phase II reopening of the church for liturgical celebrations.

Giving thanks and being appreciative of the blessings in our lives is a good frame of mind and a good thing to do. With that thought in mind, I want to acknowledge all those who served in the parish in different ministries, right from the youngest to the oldest. From singing and liturgy, to social and volunteering, you keep us engaged and moving forward. On behalf of the entire parish staff, I want you to know how much we appreciate your constant presence and participation in our community. It has been an eventful four years for me as your pastor, and we wouldn't have risen to the occasion the way we have without all of you stepping up with your degree of engagement in parish life. Your willingness to assume greater roles and responsibilities with respect to various parish ministries and activities and leadership opportunities has helped make us the kind of dynamic, adaptive and creative parish. But our work is not done! There is still plenty of adapting and creativity awaiting us in the weeks and months ahead especially as we are moving towards Renew My Church in the months ahead. I do not know what awaits us and what the Holy Spirit has in store as we enter this new and different era of configuration of parishes and what role our parish will be called upon to play.

I wish you well and I look forward to our continued relationship as we work to spread God's kingdom on earth. God bless us all.

-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. New links for the next two weeks will be available later this week. 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 gathering outside. A wave to others or a hello from six feet away is fine, but no physical contact and no groups. As we see how things are working, there could be some changes. Thank you for the patience and cooperation and for your prayers.



Religious Education

2020 - 2021 RE PROGRAM REGISTRATION

We are looking forward to a new season of religious education and faith formation beginning at the end of August! We anticipate it will be a season that includes in person as well as online classes. Growing in faith is a lifelong process, so please give us the opportunity to help you help your family build a strong in faith and send your children each year for religious education! If there might be something that might keep your family from participating (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) is being done by mail. Forms were mailed to families in the 2019-2020 program. If you did not received them, please contact the RE Office, 847/966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com. **Please return registration forms, book fees, and a partial tuition payment, if possible, by this 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).

New families are most welcome and can obtain registration information and/or a packet by calling or emailing the RE Office as indicated above. **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 sijre2004@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.).



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- First Grade RE Assistant for the Religious Education Program. (Monday nights)
- Greeters/Ushers/Cleaners for Masses and other Church events
- Helper Catechists for our SPRED Community (Wednesdays)

For more information and to discuss your possible involvement, please contact Dee Stanton by calling 847/967-1060 or 966-1180 or email sijre2004@yahoo.com.



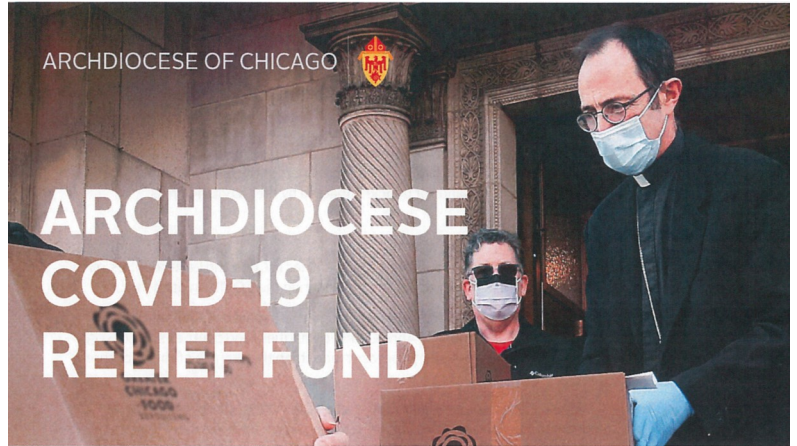
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

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.



A partnership between the Archdiocese of Chicago and Catholic Charities

Today, while many of us are praying for an end to this global health and economic crisis, Archdiocese of Chicago and Catholic Charities workers and volunteers are on the frontlines supporting those affected by the devastation of COVID-19. As people of God, we strive for ways to support both the virus's victims and those who provide direct services during this time of crisis. To answer this call, the Archdiocese of Chicago in partnership with Catholic Charities is launching an ambitious effort to support individuals and communities impacted by COVID-19 to meet basic, financial, and spiritual needs.

Together, the Archdiocese of Chicago and Catholic Charities are supporting people in this moment of crisis through an unparalleled network of ministries, services, parishes, and schools. Catholic Charities is the largest service provider in the State of Illinois, and in this moment is seeing unprecedented levels of demand. The Archdiocese of Chicago serves the communities of Cook and Lake counties through 316 parishes, 173 schools, and countless ministries including food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters.

Thousands of volunteers, sisters, priests, and professionals, motivated by faith and compassion, are redoubling efforts to feed the hungry, tend to the sick, minister to the imprisoned, shelter the homeless, and assist those who are suffering.

Generous contributions are needed, now more than ever, to help those affected by COVID-19. A single gift to the Archdiocese COVID-19 Relief Fund will assist a range of efforts that are making a difference. **All gifts are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.**

Your gift will provide support to:

- Food, Shelter, and Other Basic Needs
- Scholarships and Emergency Tuition Assistance
- Emergency Parish-Based Ministries
- Domestic Violence Prevention
- Kolbe House Reentry Ministry
- Vital Crisis Ministries



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Pray for

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JULIE HIGGINS	JOHN ROMANO
CARL AFFATATI	AUDREY JANS
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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 — Rejoice heartily, O Jerusalem! For see, your savior comes (Zechariah 9:9-10).

Psalm — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — The one who raised Christ from death will give life to your mortal bodies also (Romans 8:9, 11-13).

Gospel — Come, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:25-30).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9;
Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16;
Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17;
Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23;
Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]

SHARE THE BURDEN

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28). These words of our Savior seem to be in stark contrast to the previous chapter from the same Gospel, when we were told that if we do not take up our crosses, we are not worthy of Christ. Connecting these two messages might help us on our faith journeys. Being a follower of Christ surely means that we must embrace the cross, in its mystery of both suffering and triumph. This is something that we need not do alone, for the burden is often too heavy for us to carry by ourselves. Who, then, do we turn to? We can turn to the Body of Christ—the community of disciples gathered for worship. When we find the burden too heavy, let us remember that we can share that burden with our Christian sisters and brothers, who can help bring us rest.

Mass Intentions

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
Monday - July 6, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Jack & Ann Kessler
Tuesday - July 7, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Clarence Turek
Wednesday - July 8, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Roy Breyer
Thursday - July 9, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Mary Batson Mary Ellen Mc Nicholas
Friday - July 10, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	All Graduates
Saturday - July 11, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Peace & Healing
5:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Michael E. Stachura
Sunday, July 12, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Helene Kowalik
10:00 a.m.	Mary Swanson

“How I desire that we Christians be more deeply united as witnesses of mercy for the human family so severely tested in these days. Let’s ask the Spirit for the gift of unity, for only if we live as brothers & sisters can we spread the spirit of fraternity.” (5/31/20; Tweet from @Pontifex)

Liturgy Next Week July 11th & 12th

Confessions - 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. by reservation	Fr. Carlos
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Mario/Deacon Paul
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario/Deacon Paul
Baptism - 1:30 p.m.	Fr. Carlos

ASSURE OUR FUTURE CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Pledges - 329
Total pledged - \$956,407.67
Total collected to date - \$611,103.15

We continue to collect funds and inch ever so slowly to our \$1,000,000 goal. Thanks to everyone who has continued their pledge payments. Rest assured that funds are held in the parish.



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.

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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