

SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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

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

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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:

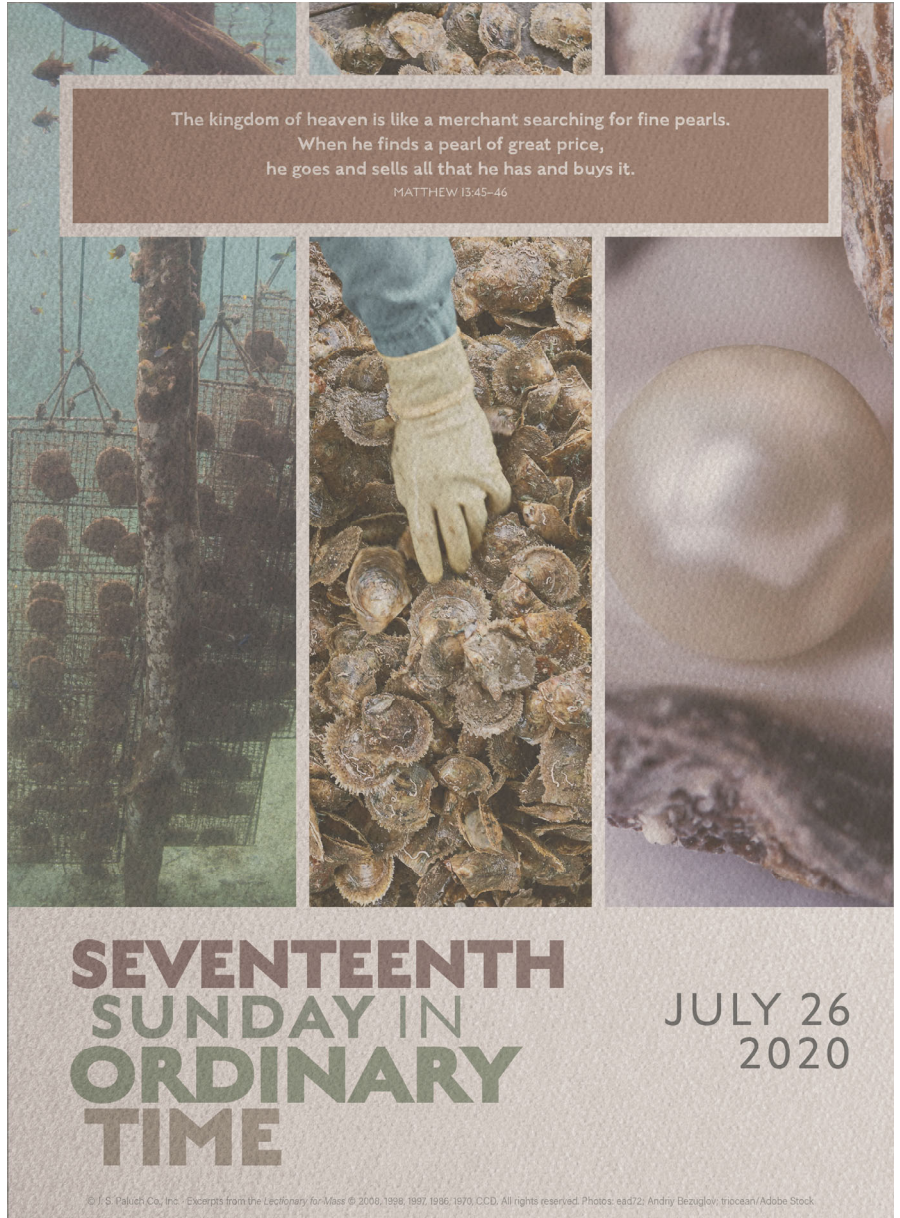
Friday at 5:00 p.m.

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.



**SEVENTEENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME**

JULY 26
2020

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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			
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Men's Club Chairperson – Chuck Napravnik				
Fil-Am Chairperson – Jelly Carandang (Interim)				



FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

The kingdom of heaven is like a Treasure

We all aspire to find a treasure so that we can live a life of comfort and enjoy the things we like to do or visit different places, countries and so on. Speaking about finding treasure in the field reminds me of my younger days when we played the game "Treasure Hunt." The game brought in excitement and fun as the area was demarcated and clues were given that if one moved in the right direction as per the clue, we would finally find the treasure and what a joy it would bring to the one who found it.

What is Jesus trying to say to us as he narrates another parable comparing the Kingdom of God to a treasure buried in the field? The people of Israel were God's chosen people and so the Promised Land they occupied was a battleground for most of the time in its history and so during wars people buried their valuables and were unable to trace them till someone stumbled upon. So a person would sell whatever he had in order to buy the field and he does all these out of sheer joy.

Mathew in his gospel chapter 13:44 says the Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. What is this Kingdom of heaven then which a person gets so attracted that he is ready to invest in it? It is none other than God himself. The kingdom of heaven is what Mathew uses but the other synoptic would say the Kingdom of God. Mathew being a Jew cannot utter the name of God as it is holy and sacred for the Jews to use God's name. It is when you find God in your life that nothing else matters to you but God alone. No matter what sacrifices one has to make, is prepared for it for he has found the treasure and that is God, which adds to his joy. All else is of less importance or of no value.

How can we find God who is the treasure of our life? God is infinite, creator of the universe, who shaped men in his image and likeness. We can find the treasure in his created things. God created them for us for our benefit for our use. We should not cling on to the created things but in the Creator who created them. We need to love the giver of things more than the things themselves. In our search for the creator we got lost for we began to love created things rather than God. But the one who has found the treasure, is able to love God and realize that he does not need anything else as he has the creator for himself, who can provide for all his needs.

Let us enjoy the company of being with God and use the created things of this world to remind us of His immense love. In our search for treasure our hearts are longing for something more, something beyond ourselves and we know we need something to complete our broken hearts, minds and spirits. As St. Augustine would say that our completion is found not in romance, wealth, nor in learning but rather in the One who formed us. "Thou hast formed us for Thyself, and our hearts are restless till they find rest in Thee." (Augustine, Confessions (Book 1))

-Fr. Mario

WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY 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.

Those who are 65 years or older and/or who have an underlying medical condition that would put them at greater risk for infection 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). **If you choose to come to Mass you are welcome!**

Links for early August (weekend & week day, M–W–F, Masses, and Reconciliation) were sent out on Flocknote earlier this week and posted on the parish website. **Only 50 people are able to attend any Mass and you must make a reservation using the online system.** 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.

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.** You may sign up for **weekday Masses as often as you want.** 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. We do not call, text or send an email to remind you of your Mass or Reconciliation time. **Please note:** You may check reservations on Fridays after 1 p.m. for the coming weekend for availability and sign up if you want to come.

Before coming to church please check your temperature, make sure you are feeling well, and use the facilities. There is only one bathroom in the church, which must be sanitized after each use, which take 8 – 10 minutes to do. If you feel well and come to 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. You will be greeted, checked in, have your hands sprayed with hand sanitizer, and shown to your seat by an Usher. Families who live together will be seated together. **It is important that you are on time and enter the church during those 15 minutes.** Doors close soon after Mass begins.

For everyone's health and well being people cannot just walk in without going through the above arrival process. If the doors are closed, you cannot come in even if you have a reservation. Thank you for your cooperation.

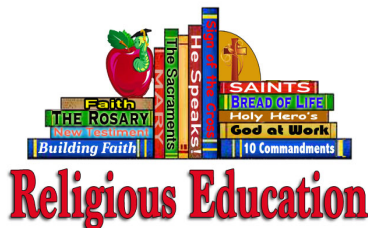
Please note: Due to the sanitizing guidelines **we have taped up the kneelers and there is no kneeling.** There is also no singing at this time by the Assembly, but we recite the Mass prayers and responses. The collection basket is not passed; **envelopes and offerings are to be placed in the alms boxes located at the door you enter and the door from which you leave.** We wish each other the Sign of Peace with words or a bow, but no physical contact.

Regarding the reception of Holy Communion: Reminders are given prior to Communion. Father and Deacon sanitize their hands and wear face shields. Only hosts are distributed and only in the hand, not on the tongue. There is a single line in the aisles going up for Communion. Ushers invite you into the aisle socially distanced on the blue tape markers on the floor and again spray your hands with hand sanitizer. Please rub it in and from this point forward do not touch your face or anything else. Hands should be dry before receiving the host.

When you get up to Father/Deacon, keep you mask on. Extend one 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 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 please be seated. Ushers will guide each row out, beginning with the back and following the arrows, and escorted to the **only exit door**, which is the narthex door by Golf Road (long ramp). Please maintain social distance and do not touch the doors. They are fixed to stay open or an Usher holds it open for you. **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 please 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 your cooperation and care for everyone's safety and health.



Religious Education

2020 - 2021 RE PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Please return registration forms, book fees, and a partial tuition payment, if possible, this week to assist our planning for personnel, materials, and methods of teaching. While we are still awaiting guidance from the Archdiocese, our hope is to begin at the end of August. We anticipate that it will be a season of online and, possibly some in person, sessions. If there is something that might keep your family from participating (finances, COVID concerns, schedule conflict, etc.), please contact Mrs.

Stanton. Everyone is welcome and will do our best to keep others safe and healthy.

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 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. For more information call 847/966-1180 or email sijre2004@yahoo.com

SACRAMENT REMINDERS

+First Communion Review Session, this Thursday, July 30, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Church, Doors open at 6:20 p.m. and will be closed a few minutes after 6:30 p.m. so please be on time. Please wear your mask.

+Families participating in the August 9th First Communion Mass – please turn in your guest list by August 3rd.

+First Communion Practice, Thursday, Aug. 6th, 6:30 p.m. in church. One adult must come with each child. All must have masks and wear them the entire time.



CONTACTLESS SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

It's time to get ready for our annual School Supplies Drive to benefit SIJ families, those assisted by our Outreach Ministry, and Kolbe House! We ask that you put the school supplies in your trunk and bring them over by the Rectory, rain or shine, on Friday, August 7th, or Saturday, August 8th, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come either via the back gate or off of Golf Road. Pop your trunk and we will, with masks and gloves on, take the school supplies out and see that they get to families who can use them. If you would rather give a cash donation, that would be appreciated, and you can bring it in your trunk during the same time periods. We'll take the cash and purchase school supplies for you. Helpful school supplies: backpacks, pencils, pink erasers, pencil sharpeners, pens (red, blue, black), 24 crayons, markers (fine tip and broad), glue sticks or glue bottles, index cards, folders w/ pockets, spiral notebooks, 1" binders, rulers, notebook paper, scissors, yellow highlighters, small bottles of hand sanitizer, math flash cards, dictionaries, thesaurus. Your support and generosity will be a blessing as a new school year begins. Prayers will be appreciated as well! If you have questions, please contact the Rectory, 847/967-1060.



*ALTAR FLOWERS
THIS WEEK*

*"IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MARIA TOLPKOWSKI"
HER FAMILY*



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!

-- Greeters/Ushers/Cleaners for
Masses and other Church events
-- Helper Catechists for our
SPRED Community Wednesdays)

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



Before Mass begins today, you will hear Handel's Largo from the opera Xerxes. You will also hear the Prelude in C by Bach. You may think of the Ave Maria, but actually Bach wrote the piano piece in 1722. Gounod wrote a beautiful melody, later adding the text of the Ave Maria to be superimposed over the famous Prelude in 1853. While beloved as a version of Ave Maria, Bach's Prelude in C stands alone as a beautiful composition.



Enjoy!

Altar flowers are a lovely way to remember a loved one or special event. Arrangements are \$55 each and we can have 2 arrangements each week-end. Your loved one or special event will be mentioned in the bulletin. Arrangements are available now until Advent. To make flower arrangements, please call the rectory at 847 967-1060.



Pray for

KERMIT TURNER	MARY JANE PIKULA
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
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
LORNA ALBA	MARY SUNSHINE PONDER
	JUDY CABRERA
	YUL VENTURA
	MARY LERPS
	SHARON KILIKEVICE

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.



Keep in touch with us
VIA EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE

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SIJ
TO 84576

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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.



Robert Ratajczyk

In Memoriam

Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 26, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Maria Tolpkowski Jenny Elizabeth Ponder
10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Purificacion Rodriguez Eduardo Rodriguez

Monday - July 27, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Richard Banner
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Tuesday - July 28, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Pietro Di Franco
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Wednesday - July 29, 2020

8:00 a.m.	John Affatati
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Thursday - July 30, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Helene Kowalik
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Friday - July 31, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Mary Cornwell
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Saturday - August 1, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Tomy Mathai (Special Intention)
5:00 p.m.	John Areno

Sunday, August 2, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Arlene Forneck
10:00 a.m.	Emily Stachura Jose Pullappally
12:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ David Olzeski

Liturgy Next Weekend August 1st & 2nd

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

MISSION COOPERATION PLAN

The summer Mission Cooperation Plan is an opportunity for our parish to learn about, take inspiration from, and support missionaries from around the globe. This summer, due to the pandemic, it is impossible to have an in-person visitor so we are hearing from our mission cause in a different way. We will hold the Mission Co-90 collection next weekend, August 1 – 2 and we will hear a missionary reflection from the **Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic**.

Maryknoll Sisters give witness to God's love and devote their lives in service in Asia, Africa and the Americas. As medical professionals, teachers, theologians, social workers, community developers and more, they respond to and serve the needs of the times, such as: human trafficking (modern day slavery), immigration issues, ecological concerns, peace, spiritual hunger and reconciliation. Their mission began in 1912 when they became the first group of Catholic Sisters in the United States founded for overseas mission. Today they have approximately 400 Sisters serving in 24 places around the world.

Share in the mission work of the Church! Please pray for the Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic and all missionaries, and please make a donation to support this cause and others like it. Donations are to be placed in the specially marked box "For the Missions" next weekend as you leave Mass. Checks should be made payable to St. Isaac Jogues Parish and one total check will be sent in. You can also make a donation online anytime during the month of August at WeAreMissionary.org/give. The parish will be given credit if you identify our parish in the information you provide. **Please note that all 2020 participating mission causes will receive an equal percentage of the total amount collected from all parishes. Thank you in advance for your generosity and prayers!**



Log in to
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register today!

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