

# SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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

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**Sunday, 8AM & 10AM**

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**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.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to his disciples,  
"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Matthew 16:24

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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			
<b>Women's Club Chairperson</b> – Louella Preston				
<b>Men's Club Chairperson</b> – Chuck Napravnik				
<b>Fil-Am Chairperson</b> – Jelly Carandang (Interim)				



FROM THE  
Pastor's Desk

## WHEN DO I GET PAID?

In our world today fear has gripped us so much and we are worried will I be paid for the work I do or be laid off are the sort of thoughts that come to our mind due to the present situation. As a result we wonder when do I get paid? That's the biggest question any economic system must answer. Jesus gave us the answer in today's Gospel: "Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct." (Mt 16:27)

As the Catholic Catechism teaches us, God created us to know him, love him, serve him in this world and be happy with him forever. Gaining that life can only be ours by closely following Christ. Following Christ can also come with cross and pains but being steadfast in our faith, we will achieve the desired goal, which is eternal life. Jesus was heading to Jerusalem, where he knew he would die. He did this willingly out of love for us.

Man's goal does not consist in accumulating worldly goods; these are only means to an end; man's last end, his ultimate goal, is God Himself; he possesses God in advance, as it were, here on earth by means of grace, and possesses him fully and forever in Heaven. Jesus shows the route to take to reach this destination denying oneself (that is, saying no to ease, comfort, selfishness and attachment to temporal goods) and taking up the cross. For no earthly good can compare with the soul's eternal salvation.

What does Jesus mean when He says we must take up our cross and follow Him? Sometimes we think that our crosses must be big things, like somebody is dying or having to move to a new city. But these aren't things we all experience.

Crosses can be little things also:

- Doing our homework
- Changing the subject when someone starts gossiping
- Getting chores done without being asked
- Staying calm when siblings are being annoying
- Staying away from inappropriate thoughts and words online

What are some of the crosses in your life right now? Does it help to see our response to these challenges as an act of love instead of just doing them because we have to? How can we support each other as we carry our crosses?

Note here that the Lord does not only announce the cross, he also announces the resurrection. In effect he announces the pattern of the Christian life which we have come to call the "Paschal Mystery." So he is announcing a pattern: the Cross leads somewhere, accomplishes something. It is not an end in itself, it is for a purpose, and it is part of a pattern.

This is the pattern of our life. We are dying to our old self, dying to this world, dying to our sins, but rising to new life, rising to the Kingdom of God, becoming victorious over sin. The cross brings life, it is prelude to growth. We die in order to live more richly. The Lord does not announce the cross to burden us, neither does the Church. No, the cross is part of a pattern that, if accepted with faith, brings blessing, new life, and greater strength. We also hinder our own growth by refusing to accept the crosses of self-discipline, hard work, obedience, resisting temptation, accepting suffering, consequences and limits. In rejecting the cross we also reject its fruits.

Jesus instructs us to be willing to exchange this tiny and dying life for that which is true life. Whatever tiny blessing comes from clinging to this life and world the Lord says it is no profit at all. If you choose life in this world rather than the true life God offers, you're nothing but a big loser. In order to gain heaven we must die to this world. And that dying is a process more than just an event at the end of our physical life here.

-Fr. Mario

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.



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*"The Earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." Psalm 24:1*

*Pierre A. Fauran*  
Heifer International

July 2020  
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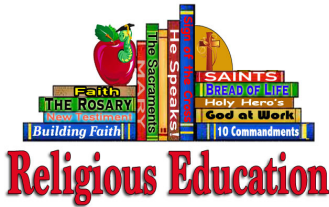
EVEN IN THESE DAYS, WE ARE BLESSED TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS LIKE HEIFER AND KOLBE HOUSE, CATHOLIC CHARITIES, OUR SHARING PARISH AND OTHERS. OUR ALMS COLLECTIONS WERE DONATED TO SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ALL WERE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE DONATION AND OUR EFFORTS TO REMEMBER THEM. PLEASE KEEP ALL CHARITIES TRYING TO HELP THOSE IN NEED IN YOUR PRAYERS.

**OUTREACH MINISTRY GOES ON WITH OUR EXTREMELY GENEROUS DONORS. FROM APRIL THROUGH JULY WE HAVE HELPED 58 INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WITH DOZENS OF BAGS AND BOXES OF FOOD AND \$2400 IN GIFT CARDS ENABLING THEM TO PURCHASE NECESSITIES LIKE MILK, BREAD, EGGS, CHEESE AND PROTEIN. SINCE THE EARLY DAYS OF COVID AND LOCK DOWN, THE NEEDS ARE EVEN GREATER THAN BEFORE. EVERY CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION WE SPEAK TO SHARES THE SAME STORIES. UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT CONTINUES AND HOMELESSNESS GROWS. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO CONTINUE GOD'S GOOD WORKS. THE SIJ OUTREACH PANTRY IS RUNNING LOW ON THE FOLLOWING:**

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Please place your donations in the basket at the Holy Family Room door.  
Monetary donations always appreciated! God Bless!





The 2020-2021 RE Program **begins Monday night outside** in the church parking lot with a short prayer service (masks required), materials pick up and socially distanced meet & greet with catechists. **Please note:** In order to follow social distancing and people staying in their cars, etc., **we will not be taking registrations at the evening event.** Online classes begin on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-7:45 p.m. and will be conducted this way at least until Christmas break. (at which time the Archdiocese will reassess and give guidance so parishes can plan for January and beyond). If you have not registered yet, please contact the RE Office Monday by 3 p.m. Otherwise, contact the RE Office, 847-966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com, to set up a time to register and pick up materials. **Important:** Please remember that your children must participate in religious education the immediate two years prior to receiving sacraments (First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation).



## Baptisms

**Kenzo Padrique**  
*Son of Ethel Duran*

**Chloe Veronique Quintero**  
*Daughter of Luis & Marriane (Ugarte) Quintero*



This week for prelude music, you will hear arrangements of two very different hymns. Blessed Assurance is a well-known Christian hymn. The lyrics were written in 1873 by blind hymn writer Fanny Crosby to the music written by Phoebe Knapp. "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!" It has become one of the most beloved hymns of our time.

Our second hymn is the African American spiritual, "Let Us Break Bread Together." The song was passed down for generations before being published in 1925 in the Journal of American Folklore and finding its way into most church hymnals, including our own.

The spiritual calls Christians together in celebration of the Lord's supper. Whether we kneel or stand, the attitude of the heart is worship as we come before Christ, the host of the feast. *Enjoy.*

Our cantors at the 10:00 Mass this week are Trisha and Matthew Bonto, members of the Praise Singers.



St. Isaac Jogues would like to welcome our new Parishioners

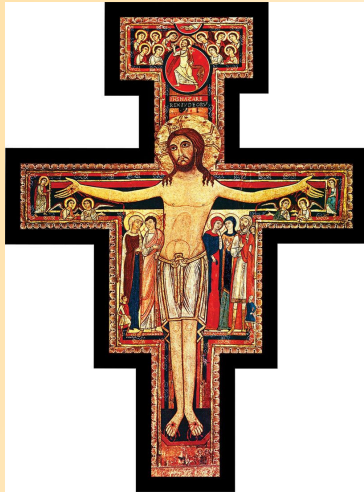
**Luis & Marriane Quintero**

## ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND



**"In Memory of John T. Preston  
Forever in my heart"  
Louella**

**"In Celebration of our 40th Wedding Anniversary"  
Bill & Debbie Dexter**



### RENEW MY CHURCH PARISH SESSION

As part of the RENEW MY CHURCH process, St. Isaac Jogues Parish is holding the first of two parish sessions this Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00-8:30 p.m., in Church. A reservation is necessary and the link is on the parish website. You may also call the Rectory for assistance. If **50 reservations are made, another set of reservations will open up for the same evening, the same time, but in the Holy Family Room.**

During the meeting members **of our parish's grouping team will talk about the vision, priorities, and process of the Renew My Church initiative** with participants. We will also look at some data that describes the current reality of this area, the Church, and the parish. There will be a couple of opportunities for questions and comments during our time together. When our parish team goes to the next grouping meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup>, we will give an overview of questions raised and a summary of comments made.

How do we come to be at this time of Renew My Church? We are called. **Renewal is a forever reality of our Christian journey** because the Paschal Mystery of Jesus calls those who are disciples to continual dying and rising to new life. These have been challenging times, even before the COVID pandemic. The mission entrusted to the Church by Christ needs to read the signs of the times in the light of the Gospel all the more. So Cardinal Cupich is having all parishes of the Archdiocese of Chicago participate in this **spiritual and structural renewal** so that we grow in faith and discipleship, moving from a maintenance model to a mission imperative.

St. Isaac Jogues Parish is part of a grouping of parishes including St. John Brebeuf, St. Lambert, St. Martha and St. Peter. The goal of the grouping

process is to ensure that all parishes across the Archdiocese of Chicago have the vision, leadership, resources, and operational foundation necessary to create an effective culture of evangelization that **makes disciples, builds communities, and inspires witness.**

We are in the first of three movements of the Renew My Church initiative. In this Discernment and Decisions movement pastors, lay leaders, parishioners and school families prayerfully open themselves to the movement of the Holy Spirit so to honor the place of God's will in our lives. **Discernment "is an interior search that seeks to align our own will with the will of God in order to hear what God is calling us to."** The parish team, as part of this time of inner listening and discernment, met with Cardinal Cupich online this past Thursday night for prayer and conversation. Yesterday morning they participated in a virtual retreat focusing on the mystery and reality of the Paschal Mystery. We invite and encourage your prayers and spiritual preparation for September 3<sup>rd</sup> and throughout this process.

Father Mario, Fr. Carlos, Irene Baron, John Kadiri, Kathy Lord, Dee Stanton, and Gerry Zeller, your parish team, ask your presence and participation on Thursday. If you cannot attend Thursday, we will have some info in next week's bulletin on how you can learn more, ask questions or offer comments. **The Cardinal wants you to give input that will be helpful in making decisions that will build a stronger Catholic presence in this area.** We look forward to being with you as we move through this Renew My Church initiative together. St. Isaac Jogues, pray for us!

**VOLUNTEERS**  
**MAKE A DIFFERENCE**  
**SIGN UP TODAY!**

### VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED

Greeters/Ushers/Cleaners are necessary for every Mass, Reconciliation session and other Church event. Training is provided. If you are 18 – 64 years old with no underlying health issues that put you at greater risk, **please give serious consideration to volunteering** to assist our faith community. For more information please contact Dee Stanton, 847/966-1180.



# Pray for

KERMIT TURNER

MICHAEL NOBLE

JULIE HIGGINS

CARL AFFATATI

RICHARD VAIL

KATIE KIRWAN

BETTY LANDON

EMILY SITKOWSKI

CYNTHIA MELNICK

MICHAEL FOLISI

DOROTHY BEZDON

MATTHEW PONDER

FELICITA BAYANI

EMILY CABRERA

JOE AUTH

LORNA ALBA

MARY JANE PIKULA

TONY LIVORSI

JOHN ROMANO

AUDREY JANS

DAVID FORST

CHRISTINA WALD

KIMBERLY KNOX

DIANE BAUER

NONA YOAKUM

KATHY EGLOFF

ROBERT STEPHENSON

LAURA HALL - SCHORDJE

HENRIETTA SAGARIO

HILDA DALY

MARY SUNSHINE PONDER

JUDY CABRERA

YUL VENTURA

MARY LERPS

SHARON KILIKEVIC

PELAGIA SAJULGA

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 Chavez  
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.



## REOPEN REMINDERS

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 is taking appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities and per the policies of the Archdiocese of Chicago, 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. **If you choose to come to Mass you are welcome!**

Only 50 people are able to attend any Mass or meeting and you must make a reservation using the online system. If you do not have access to a computer, call the Rectory at 847/967-1060, and we will be happy to help you. To give access to everyone who would like to attend a Mass, please 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. You may check reservations on Fridays after 1 p.m. for the coming weekend for availability and sign up if you want to come. **NEW CHANGE: Reservations for Reconciliation and weekend Masses will be closed as of 11 p.m. Friday night each week.** If you show up for Reconciliation or Mass without a reservation, you will have to wait until we check if you can be accommodated.

If you or someone from your family unfortunately test positive for COVID-19, please contact the Rectory. While your privacy will be maintained, others who were at the same Mass, day of Reconciliation, etc. will be contacted to monitor for symptoms.

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. It is important that you are on time and enter the church during those 15 minutes. The doors are closed soon after Mass begins and, for everyone's health and well being, latecomers may not come in even if they have a reservation.


At the end of Mass please be seated. Ushers will guide each row out 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 you to follow Usher directions and keep some distance from the person in front of you. Once in the parking lot please go 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. Thank you for your cooperation and care for everyone's safety and health.

## Mass Intentions

## Liturgy Next Weekend September 5th & 6th

Sunday, August 30, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Lisa Garber & Josephine Martocci
10:00 a.m.	Ofelia Valencia Maria Tolpkowski Ken Lee Don Angelaccio
12:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Louise Annemarie Jeanty
Monday - August 31, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Thresiamma Putherickal
Tuesday - September 2, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Paul Chirayath
Wednesday - September 2, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Len Minelli
Thursday - September 3, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Paul Chirayath
Friday - September 4, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Kunjamma Job
Saturday - September 5, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Stephen Puisis
5:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Lucille & Michael Toreno
Sunday, September 6, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Carol & Ed Lisowski (Special Intention)
10:00 a.m.	Herman Stephenson
12:00 p.m.	Mary & Joseph Timko Marguerite Lennon Emerenciana Tamondong

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



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