

# SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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

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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.



Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.

Sirach 28:2

September

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2020

Twenty-Fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time



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FROM THE  
Pastor's Desk

## Forgiveness leads to a healthy living

We all want to live a healthy life. Dieticians and Nutritionists offer various advice and tips on how to have a healthy life; for example, they point out diverse foods that can be either beneficial or harmful for good health. Make fresh fruit and vegetables the center of your diet: Less fat, less sugar, more fiber, less salt, low cholesterol, less meat, less carbohydrate..... You've heard it all and it can get so confusing. Yet you shouldn't have a diet that spurns fruit and vegetables. Keep it simple, and ensure your shopping trolley contains more fruit and vegetables than any other edible.

Whatever be the motive....there seems to be a principle behind this: As some would say your health is what you eat. I am reminded of a professor who would say "*It is not what you eat but what eats you up*" is the cause of one's sickness. It is so very true in our life we have to go to the root cause of sickness rather than just treat the symptoms.

The root cause of not being able to enjoy a healthy life both physically and spiritually is due to our unforgiving nature. We are easily moved to anger and then find it hard to forgive. Therefore Jesus advises us to forgive our brothers and sisters from our heart and not to live in anger. Forgiveness provides instant healing to our physical bodies if you believe in the power of the Lord in what you are asking as you will be healed of all your ailments. (Mark 11/23-26).

There are a number of cases of people who have been healed when they were ready to forgive their offenders. Be it cancer, diabetes, AIDS or other deadly diseases. If you have been brooding anger for a while and want to be healthy again, just believe in the words of Jesus and you will experience instant healing. As Jesus says in Mathew 7/7 ask and it will be given to you: seek and you will find; knock and the door will be open to you. All that you need to do is believe in the words of Jesus and act accordingly. God gives it freely to all and not just to some.

We are told in the gospel of Mathew 5/21ff Jesus teaches about anger. It is one of the capital sins that will prevent us from entering the kingdom of heaven. What happens when we forgive? When we forgive God opens a new door as we find it in the book of Revelations 3/7-8. When we follow the advice of the Lord Jesus as he says "You will know the truth and the truth will set you free." When our body is set free from anger and any sort of hatred or injury emotionally; we begin to enjoy all the blessings from God. When we live our lives in hatred or seek to take revenge on our neighbor we breed poison into our system thereby weakening our so called healthy bodies to become warehouses of explosions. Let us then seek the help of Jesus by putting his command into practice to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us as we find it in the life of the first martyr St. Stephen in Acts 7/59-60. If you want to live a healthy life without medications, release yourself from all hatred and anger and wear the shield of forgiveness. That's is God's advice for a healthy living. Wish you well and enjoy a healthy life.

-Fr. Mario

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

+Collection for the Seminarian Education Fund, Weekend of Sept. 19 – 20. Please place your envelopes or donations in the marked alms box.

Thank you for your generosity.

+Liturgy Board Meeting, Tuesday, 9/22, 7 p.m.

+We will honor the memory of San Lorenzo Ruiz, Patron Saint of the Philippines, at the 10 a.m.

Mass on Sunday, September 27. Reservation link will be found on parish website.

+First Friday Holy Hour with the 8 a.m. Mass on Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Reservations necessary.

+Another Split the Pot Raffle is coming! Winners will be pulled on the Feast of St. Isaac Jogues, Oct. 19! Plan now to get in on the fun and help our parish at the same time! More details next week.

**BIBLE TIMELINE**

The last six sessions of the Bible Timeline will be shown in the Holy Family Room on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., September 23 – October 28<sup>th</sup>. Participants will wear masks and be socially distanced. For other information or to make a reservation, please contact the Religious Education Office, 847/966-1180 or [sijre2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sijre2004@yahoo.com). this week.

**REOPENING AND COVID**

Our efforts 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.

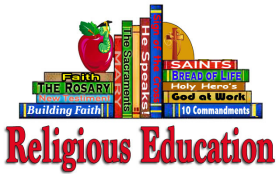
Those who are 65 years or older and/or who have an underlying medical condition that would put them at greater risk for infection are reminded that you are not bound by the obligation to attend Mass at this time. You can still watch the televised Masses on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. **If you choose to come 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 at 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 at the stairs with the white railing and opens 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. **Please note:** It is very important that you **wear your face mask properly**, which means over your nose and mouth and under your chin. If you need to pull it down a little for a minute or two for a breath of fresh air, but it is not to be under your nose for the entire time you are in church. We do not want people's confidence in their safety weakened. We are to do everything asked of us in order to keep everyone healthy and safe as we gather to God. Following procedures and policies is an act of charity.

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.



+Our first virtual RE sessions will be Monday at 7 p.m. Links have been sent out through our communication system. Students are to have their book, folder, and other supplies with them.  
 +The September newsletter will be sent out Monday afternoon.  
 +Families who have not yet signed up may still do so. Please contact the RE Office, 847-966-1180 or [sjre2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sjre2004@yahoo.com).

## 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.



**OUTREACH MINISTRY GOES ON THANKS TO OUR EXTREMELY GENEROUS DONORS. AUGUST BROUGHT MORE TO OUR DOORS AS UNEMPLOYMENT CONTINUES. SOON THE HOMELESS SHELTERS WILL BE OPENING, BUT MANY HAVE NO WHERE TO GO OR FOOD TO EAT DURING THE DAY.**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP TO CONTINUE GOD'S GOOD WORKS. THE SIJ OUTREACH PANTRY IS RUNNING LOW ON THE FOLLOWING:**

**CANNED TUNA, CHICKEN, STEWS, CANNED FRUIT & VEGETABLES, PASTA AND SAUCE, PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY, MACARONI & CHEESE, RICE AND POTATOES**

Please bring your donation to Mass or call the rectory to set up a drop off time. Monetary donations always appreciated! *God Bless!*



This week's prelude comes right out of our Praise Singers' library. It's called, "Come to Jesus." Tranquil and flowing, this setting of Chris Rice's popular praise ballad offers the message of Jesus being ever-present and offers comfort and hope in every circumstance. As the song builds, we are told to come to Jesus, to sing to Jesus, to fall on Jesus and in the last verse to fly to Jesus and live. Enjoy this beautiful song. Our cantors at 10:00 Mass are Trisha and Matthew Bonto, members of the Praise Singers.



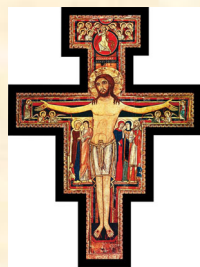
### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you seeking a new or deeper relationship with Jesus and with the Catholic Church? Never been baptized and wanting to learn about the initiation/welcome process? A baptized Christian seeking to learn more about the Catholic Church? A baptized Catholic who has not participated in religious education classes nor completed the other sacraments of initiation (First Communion and Confirmation)? If you answer yes to any of these questions, please contact Dee Stanton, 847/966-1180 or [sjre2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sjre2004@yahoo.com) to learn more about this process of prayer, study, and service. If you know someone who might be open to this invitation, please share it with them.



**Altar flowers** can be a wonderful way to remember a loved one or a special event. Arrangements are \$55 each and we can have 2 per weekend. Your name and intention will be mentioned in the bulletin. Arrangements are available until end of November - but dates go quickly.

Please call the rectory if you are interested in purchasing flowers for upcoming weekends.



Here is the next set of frequently asked questions and answers regarding the Renew My Church process. The next RMC Parish Session will be on Sunday, October 4, at 1 p.m. in the Church. Reservations will be necessary. The link will be sent out next week.

**\*How will discernment take place in our grouping?** During discernment the group weighs how each option is informed by our mission. This helps us to be sensitive to the movement of God and to make decisions based on how we can best implement our mission in this particular situation and through this specific decision. The power of discernment is in direct proportion to the group's determination to be enlightened by one another and by the commitment of all to the common good. Because participation in communal discernment carries serious responsibilities, guidelines for our discernment include: to pray for openness to the Holy Spirit to guide us to a clear recommendation that will foster mission vitality and inspire discipleship, to pray for the grace to be detached from the outcome, and to be respectful and honest as we explore others' insights.

**\*Is our church going to close? No decisions have been made.** The purpose of the grouping process is to provide Cardinal Cupich with as much feedback and information as possible to make the right decisions for each faith community. During the process the Archdiocese will put forth some possibilities of what final outcomes *could be*. **But these are conversation starters only** – the grouping team has the opportunity to offer other possibilities. These conversation starters will be shared at the Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**\*How many parishes and schools are going to close? There is no pre-determined or targeted number of closures.** What the Archdiocese will do through this process is evaluate how to organize parishes so that they are vibrant, vital and sustainable long-term, taking into consideration the reality of fewer pastors and other key factors.

**\*What is a grouping?** It is a set of parishes and schools that will together build a renewed, vital and sustainable Catholic presence for the good of all people in the grouping by first considering: How can we benefit from a more collaborative use of combined human and financial resources? What are some of the structural challenges we face, i.e. building conditions, parking, shrinking populations? How can we be more effective through collaboration to achieve our mission of making disciples, building communities and inspiring witness? Again our grouping includes SIJ, St. John Brebeuf, St. Lambert, St. Martha/Shrine of All Saints, and St. Peter parishes.



### SIJ TO HOST A POP-UP PANTRY

St. Isaac Jogues Parish, along with Catholic Charities and the Greater Chicago Food Depository, is organizing a fresh produce distribution (walk up and drive up) in our parking lot on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4:30-6:00 p.m. This event is open to anyone who needs the support. Free fresh produce will be given away, "rain or shine", on a First-Come/First-Served basis, until supplies last. Please pass this information along to neighbors who might be served by this opportunity. One will only have to give their name, address and the number in the household.

To successfully run this distribution we are in need of 20-30 volunteers for that day. You would arrive at 3 p.m. for instructions and to help pack the produce and do other set up tasks. We particularly encourage younger families, teens, and adults under 65 years of age to help. Everyone needs to be in good health, no underlying conditions, and will have to wear a mask and gloves (which we will provide). If you want to volunteer, are over 65 but have no underlying medical conditions, you may contact us to discuss your involvement. There will be some sitting tasks and no contact tasks. Help is needed to pack produce, direct traffic in parking lot, get names from people in cars or walkers, put food in trunks or in carts, and clean up. If you can only come for prep (3-4:30 p.m.) or only for distribution and clean up (4:30 – 6:30 p.m.), that can be worked out as well. Please contact the Rectory, 847-967-1060, or the RE Office, 847/966-1180 or [sijre2004@yahoo](mailto:sijre2004@yahoo) by Noon this Monday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. If we don't have enough volunteers by that time, we will reach out to other volunteer pools. This is a great way for individuals and families to reach out to the community in this time of greater food insecurity. Thank you for your prayers for this event and for those who will benefit from it, as well as your consideration to help.



# Pray for

KERMIT TURNER	MARY JANE PIKULA
MICHAEL NOBLE	TONY LIVORSI
JULIE HIGGINS	JOHN ROMANO
CARL AFFATATI	AUDREY JANS
RICHARD VAIL	DAVID FORST
BETTY LANDON	CHRISTINA WALD
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JOE AUTH	HILDA DALY
LORNA ALBA	MARY SUNSHINE PONDER
RICHARD DRAG	JUDY CABRERA
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	MARY LERPS
	SHARON KILIKEVICE
	PELAGIA SAJULGA
	SANDY OLDERSHAW

## FORGIVENESS

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?"

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As St. Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

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, Vilot Ennis

**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](mailto:sijre2004@yahoo.com).



## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:7).

**Psalm** — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

**Second Reading** — Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

**Gospel** — Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday:	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday:	1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday:	Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a



Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 13, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Arlene Forneck
10:00 a.m.	Carlos Galassini
12:00 p.m.	Purificacion Rodriguez Agustina Bait
Monday - September 14, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Anthony Burke
Tuesday - September 15, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Linda Even Ernesto Sr., & Ernesto Jr., Adelina & Enriqueca Racelis
Wednesday - September 16, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Joseph Putherickal
Thursday - September 17, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Ed O'Meara
Friday - September 18, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Fran Zimmerman
Saturday - September 19, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Elsy Stephen (Special Intention)
5:00 p.m.	Fran Zimmerman
Sunday, September 20, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Mary Ellen McNicholas Marguerite Lennon Ricardo Lopez
10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Margerita Lazzara
12:00 p.m.	Nick Wolf

Liturgy Next Weekend  
September 19th & 20th

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



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*In Memoriam*

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