

SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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

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Lisa Hall, Director of Music

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Masses: Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 8AM
Saturday, 5PM, Sunday, 8AM & 10AM
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

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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.

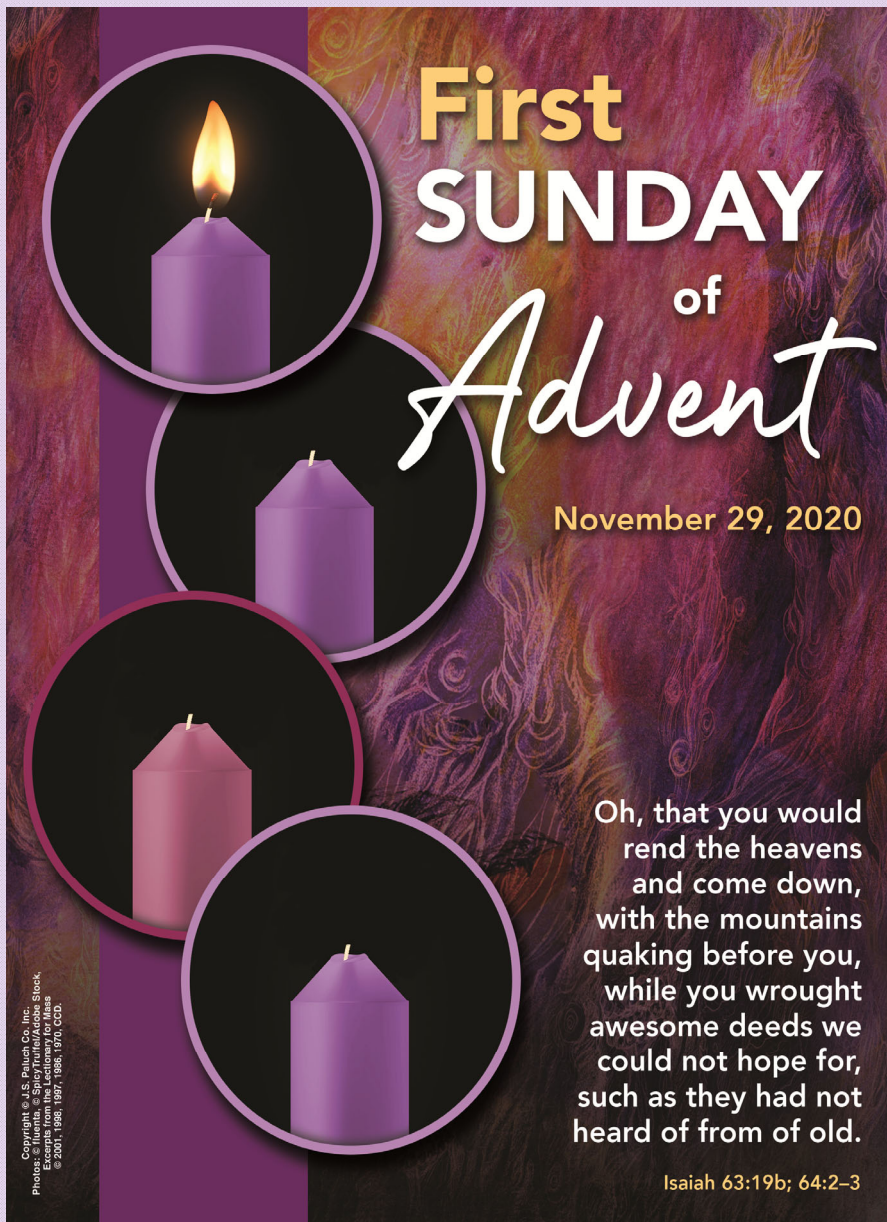
Note: The following wedding times can be scheduled:

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.



Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old.

Isaiah 63:19b; 64:2-3

ST ISAAC JOGUES - Parish Leaders

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FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

Watch out!

There are certain words that capture our attention and one such expression is watch out! We are more cautious now due to the prevailing situation of Covid and so we are on the lookout for someone or something that may cause us harm or distress. We have to take responsibility for or ensure the welfare of someone or something. Be vigilant at the time of the arrival of someone or something, like watching out for the mailman as you could be expecting a package today, or watch out that car nearly hit you. We are alert these days more than ever before and that does help us to guard ourselves from whatever dangers we may have to encounter. To guard ourselves from physical dangers we could be taking utmost care, likewise Jesus sounds a note of caution to us all to be alert, watchful. What do we need to do then?

We have launched into the new liturgical year beginning with the first Sunday of Advent and the theme we come across is "Watch." The Church reminds us to be vigilant and watchful. Why do we need to be watchful? We are getting prepared to welcome the Savior as he came 2,000 years back, and also we are awaiting his second coming. But we also know that He is always present in our midst. Every alertness involves preparation so too in our liturgy we are preparing to welcome the Savior for we do not know when he will come, but are asked to be prepared at his coming.

The watchman or the gatekeeper keeps a regular check of the movement that takes place as he watches carefully, so that the people under his charge are kept safe and notified of any danger that he may visualize. If he fails in his duty and neglects it, then the lives of many can be lost. Similarly, the readings remind us of the spiritual dangers that can weaken the state of our soul. Jesus is very much aware of the dangers to our spiritual life and he warns us to be watchful. How do we go about in our preparation so that we can be watchful at all times?

It is not easy to be alert at all times as one can become drowsy in the process but with God's graces we can. Alertness or being on the watch can save us from the dangers of straying away from God. We are called to pray without ceasing, invoking him in everything that we do. Setting aside time to pray, finding out his will and doing it. How can we allow being callous in our relationship with God? God cares and loves us very dearly and it is only when we respond to his love that we would be watchful of our wrongdoings. Every evil word or deed done would strain our friendship with God. Let's heed to the teachings laid down by Jesus asking us to be on the watch. Do it and you will reap the harvest of success? So be on watch!

-Fr. Mario

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. **Per the Archdiocese of Chicago on 10/26/20:** "Due to the pandemic the **dispensation from the obligation** of Sunday and Holy Day Masses for all Catholics within the Archdiocese of Chicago **remains in force**. Those faithful initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist who are unable to participate in-person are encouraged to participate via livestream/broadcast and offer an Act of Spiritual Communion, in union with the entire People of God in the Archdiocese and throughout the world in this time of stress and difficulty."

Fifty people are able to attend any Mass and **you must make a reservation** using the online system. If you need help making a reservation, call the Rectory at 847/967-1060 (M-F, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.), 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 one Reconciliation time a month. You may sign up for weekday Masses as often as you want. If you want to come more often, you can check the coming weekend's availability on Friday after 1 p.m. and make a reservation if there is still room. PLEASE NOTE: Reservations are closed at 10 p.m. each Friday night for Reconciliation and weekend Masses.** If you show up for Reconciliation or Mass without a reservation, you will have to wait to see if you can be accommodated.

The door 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 (covering nose and mouth) and have your hands sanitized.** We do not want people's confidence in their safety weakened. Remember there is no singing, no kneeling on the kneelers, no physical sharing of the Sign of Peace, your hands are sprayed before Communion and your mask stays up until you move six feet away from the person distributing Holy Communion and the restroom is sanitized after each person's use. **It is important we all follow procedures and understand that doing so is an act of charity.**

At the end of Mass Ushers will guide each row out to the only exit door, which is the 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. Once in the parking lot please go directly to your cars.

St. Isaac Jogues Upcoming Events

*OLPH Novena
at end of 8 a.m. Mass this Wednesday.
Please make a reservation

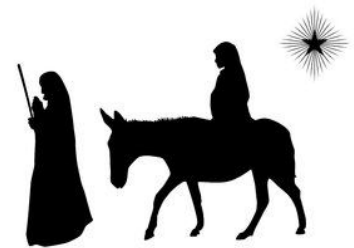
*Liturgical Minister Reflection Evening
7 p.m. Thursday, Church
Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

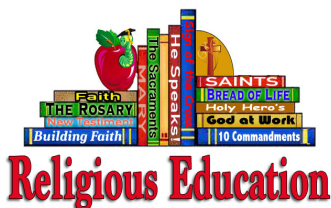
*First Friday Holy Hour & Benediction
begins at end of Mass.
Please make a reservation.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

To give more people an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas we will

have six (6) reservation spots for confession in the Church and six (6) reservation spots for confession in the Holy Family Room for the following Saturdays: December 5, 12, and 19. A Reconciliation preparation guide will be sent out on Flocknote this coming week. You may also contact the parish office to make arrangements to pick up a copy or have one emailed to you. If your reservation is in Church, please be outside Door 13 (the one we use to enter for Mass) a couple minutes before your scheduled time. If your reservation is in the Holy Family Room, please be outside Door 12 (near the Holy Family Room) a couple minutes before your scheduled time. Masks are required in both places.





Religious Education

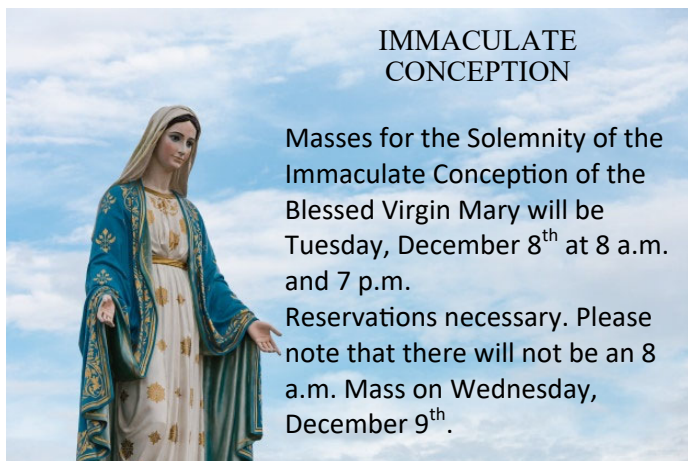
+The next virtual RE Family Event is Monday at 7 p.m. A link was sent out on REMIND. Our time together will focus on Advent. The Advent booklet is also being sent as an attachment on REMIND.

See you Monday night!

+Confirmation Year II Candidates are reminded that Part I of the Gifts of the Spirit Journal is due by Dec. 7th.

+Thank you Cards for First Responders are due to the RE Office by Noon on Monday so we can deliver them before Thanksgiving! If your family wants to make more than one, please do so.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Masses for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be Tuesday, December 8th at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Reservations necessary. Please note that there will not be an 8 a.m. Mass on Wednesday, December 9th.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Even if we are unable to physically receive Holy Communion at times we can enter into spiritual Communion with the Lord by praying:



"My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to possess You within my soul. I am sorry for ever having offended You. Since I am unable now to receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never, never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen."

ADVENT BOOKLETS

The Liturgy Board will distribute Advent Booklets for home use as people leave Mass the weekend of Nov. 28 – 29. If you are not coming for Mass one of those weekends, but would like a parish made booklet with prayers, Scripture, Advent actions, etc., please contact the RE Office, 847/966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com, or call the Rectory, 847/967-1060, M – F, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. to make arrangements to receive a copy.



ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS

Each week the Advent Wreath will be lit at the beginning of Mass. Families and individuals are invited to participate in the lighting. Simple instructions will be given to you ahead of time. The weekends are Dec. 5 – 6, 12 – 13, and 19 – 20 and the Masses are 5 p.m. Saturdays and 8 & 10 a.m. on Sundays. Please contact the RE Office this week to sign up, 847/966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com, or call the Rectory, 847/967-1060, M – F, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thank you!



St. Isaac
Jogues
Outreach
Ministry

With holidays and winter approaching help us stock up the food pantry. The following items would be helpful: canned vegetables (including potatoes), canned fruit or applesauce, oatmeal, rice, soups that are like meals, stews, chili, hash, canned tuna and chicken, pasta sauce, laundry detergent, and personal items (tooth brushes & paste, and bars of soap). You may bring your donations when you come for week day or weekend Masses or call the Rectory, 847/967-1060, M - F, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to set up a time to drop them off. Thanks!



CHRISTMAS MASS RESERVATIONS

In an effort to give everyone a chance to sign up for Christmas Masses, reservations will be taken by phone only on Monday, December 7th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 847/967-1060. Links will be sent out on Flocknote Tuesday, Dec. 8th, and will be put up on the parish website on Wednesday, Dec. 9th.

Please note that the Christmas Octave (eight days) begins with Christmas and ends with the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. This time frame is so important to our Salvation History and our life as the Church that it repeats the solemnness of Christmas each of the eight days. Therefore, if you sign up for a Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, you are not to sign up for a Mass the weekend of December 26-27 so that those who are not able to sign up for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day will have the chance to celebrate Christmas within the Octave at a Mass that weekend.

For those who cannot come for Mass on Christmas Day, Sunday Mass at Mercy Home will air a special Christmas Mass on that day at 8 a.m. on WGN Channel 9. It will also be available on demand at www.MercyHome.org/Mass. However we are able to do it, let us pray for one another on this great feast of the Word becoming flesh and dwelling among us, the Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.



Hearing the haunting music in "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" takes us right to the season of Advent, a time of waiting and preparation. The text was originally written in Latin. The hymn has its origins over 1,200 years ago in monastic life in the 8th or 9th century! The 1861 translation by John Mason Neale from *Hymns Ancient and Modern* is the most prominent by far in the English-speaking world. While the text may be used with many metrical hymn tunes, it was first combined with its most famous tune, often itself called *Veni Emmanuel*, in the English-language *Hymnal Noted* in 1851.

For the four Sundays of Advent, you will hear variations on our beautiful hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."

PEACE NOEL

ST. ISAAC JOGUES PARISH
CHRISTMAS 2020

LITURGIES OF CHRISTMAS

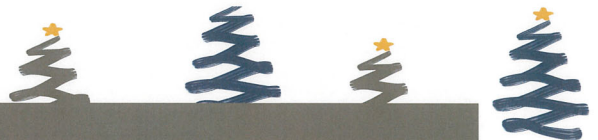
CHRISTMAS EVE
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
4:00 pm & 10 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25TH
8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021
8:00 am, 10:00 am
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Please plan ahead. Reservations are required. If your plans change, please adjust your reservations.

Christmas



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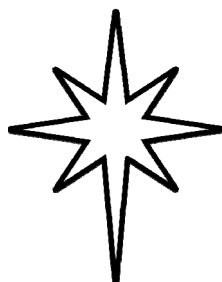
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RICHARD VAIL	DAVID FORST
BETTY LANDON	CHRISTINA WALD
EMILY SITKOWSKI	KIMBERLY KNOX
CYNTHIA MELNICK	DIANE BAUER
MICHAEL FOLISI	NONA YOAKUM
DOROTHY BEZDON	KATHY EGLOFF
MATTHEW PONDER	ROBERT STEPHENSON
FELICITA BAYANI	LAURA HALL - SCHORDJE
EMILY CABRERA	HENRIETTA SAGARIO
JOE AUTH	MARY SUNSHINE PONDER
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MARTHA DEMKO	JOHN OLDERSHAW
ANNE MARRAZZO	COLLEEN KING
	PATTY ZEMAN
	ROSE LUZ



First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2020

Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will
come.
— *Mark 13:33*



Log in to
givecentral.org and
register today!

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

Psalms — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,

or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Thank you, Lord, for the courage and selfless service of our troops and first responders. May our loved ones and all who serve around the world turn to you for safety and protection. Help them to not be afraid and to trust that you hold them securely at all times. 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, Violet 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 - 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.



Mass Intentions

Sunday - November 29, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Ernesto Valencia
10:00 a.m.	Maryann Trauscht
12:00 p.m.	Helene Kowalik Kiren Paramgy - Spec. Intention Samson Flores

Monday - November 30, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Marie Batson
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Tuesday - December 1, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Marty Fergus - Spec. Intention
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Wednesday - December 2, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Helene Kowalik
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Thursday - December 3, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Tony Irmen
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Friday - December 4, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Helene Kowalik John Affatati Jeanine Conrad Rutkowski & Karpinski Family Joseph Thuruthikara Samson Flores
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Saturday - December 5, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Helene Kowalik
5:00 p.m.	John Areno Jimmy Hynes Rosey Thurthikara Souls in Purgatory

Sunday - December 6, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Ray & Tommy Dorsz
10:00 a.m.	Mary Ann Trauscht
12:00 p.m.	Mark Duval

Liturgy Next Weekend December 5th & 6th

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

FEAST OF FAITH

What Is the Mass?

What is the Mass? There is no simple answer to that question. The Church uses many different images and terms to describe our most important prayer. The Mass is the celebration of the Eucharist, a Greek word that means "thanksgiving." It is the Lord's Supper. It is the Breaking of the Bread. It is the memorial of the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. It is the Holy Sacrifice, in which the sacrifice of Christ on the cross is perpetuated. It is the holy and divine liturgy, the sacred mysteries. It is the source and summit of our Christian lives, the new covenant, the work of the Holy Spirit, the paschal mystery. The many different words and images that we use when we speak of the Mass are not signs of confusion, but of wonder at what the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (1328) calls the "inexhaustible richness" of the Eucharist. The Mass, our greatest prayer and our deepest mystery, is celebrated every day, many times a day, the world over. The Eucharist is both "bread from heaven" and "daily bread." The Mass is our everyday miracle.

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. – 5 p.m. Monday – Saturday. Messages are also picked up usually once a day. We will contact you as quickly as possible.



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