

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

Weekend Mass Celebrant:

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Masses:

Monday - Saturday: 8:00 AM
Saturday: - 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 11:00 - 12:00 Noon or anytime by request.

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.

FIRST of **Advent**

They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another.

Isaiah 2:4

December 1, 2019

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FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

THE LORD IS COMING!

As we start the season of Advent we are reminded of the coming of the Lord. From the Scriptures and the traditions of the Fathers we know that Jesus the Messiah came 2,000 years back with the message of redemption. He suffered died and rose to life again. We also believe in his second coming.

The question that comes to our mind may be why is he coming again? God the Father sent Jesus to redeem us from sin and Jesus faithfully carried out the will of his father even by embracing the cup of suffering in order to fulfill the father's will in every way. So having fulfilled the will of his Father, is it necessary for Jesus to come again which is his "Second Coming"?

Let us try to understand what this second coming of Jesus is all about. Jesus' second coming is a pivotal part of God's redemption story for us. Because of Jesus' death on the cross, we are a forgiven people. Because of his resurrection from the dead, we are a people of hope. Because of his second coming, we are a people with a home and a future. Jesus did say to his Apostles in Jn 14/2-3. He speaks about his Father's house having many dwelling places and he is going to prepare a place for each of us and he would return to take us back to be with him. So our home, an everlasting home is in heaven with God which Jesus assured us.

So if Jesus is coming again, then what are we supposed to be doing to receive him and when will he come? All that the scriptures tell us is about his second coming is that it does not give us the exact time which is unknown to us but we should expect to be ready to receive him. We should pay heed to his warning as he says in today's scripture (Mt 24/37-44). We are too busy eating, drinking, marrying etc. as it happened in the days of Noah so it will happen in the days of the coming of the Son of man. As followers and disciples of the Lord we should be prepared and vigilant at all times. Even in the ordinary events taking place in our life, the emphases are in the suddenness and unknown period of time when it does happen.

We should not to be worried and pre-occupied about what to eat and what to wear, for he says that life is more important than these material needs (Mt 6/25) and God the Father knows what we need. All that is expected of us is to be seeking the kingdom of God and his righteousness. Are our lamps ready? They must be if we are to receive Jesus, the bridegroom. In the parable of the ten virgins who set out to welcome the bridegroom, five were foolish and five were wise.

Which camp do we fall into? There are only two: the foolish and the wise. They both heard the rumors of the bridegroom's coming, but only one group took extra care in getting ready. Jesus explains that the bridegroom arrived as the foolish women went to buy additional oil, "and the door was shut." When they finally made it back, they asked to come inside. "I tell you the truth," the bridegroom said, "I don't know you." (Matthew 25:1-13)

Jesus then separates those who belong in his kingdom and those who do not by their demonstration of faithfulness. As with every story and prophecy about the end of time and the return of the king, it is given to us so we might follow in the way of righteousness. Like the wise men that traveled afar bearing gifts for Jesus, we too are on a journey. If we choose to go, we must carry the light until the end of our journey.

-Fr. Mario



Pray for

KERMIT TURNER

MICHAEL NOBLE

JULIE HIGGINS

JOSEPH WHITE

RICHARD VAIL

KATIE KIRWAN

BETTY LANDON

JOSEPH TUREK

PAM LODAL

GLORIA CABACUNGAN

TONY LIVORSI

JOHN ROMANO

AUDREY JANS

DAVID FORST

CHRISTINA WALD

KIMBERLY KNOX

DIANE BAUER

NONA YOAKUM

KATHY EGLOFF

ROBERT STEPHENSON

MAREQUINA CARDOZO

SUE TUREK

Lord, may our military personnel, reservists, first responders and all their families cast all their cares and burdens upon You. As You promised, cause Your peace, which transcends all understanding to guard their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. May those who are far from their families be embraced in that same peace this holiday season and feel the love and gratitude of all whom they protect and serve. 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

United States Navy - Timothy Kelly, David Perez,
Paul Matthew

Ledesma

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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.



St. Isaac Jogues News

UPCOMING EVENTS

+Monday

RSVP due for Advent Morning of Reflection

+Wednesday

OLPH Novena at end of 8 a.m. Mass.

+Thursday

Liturgy Board, 7 p.m., RE Office.

+First Friday

Adoration until 3 p.m. followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction; Happy St. Nicholas Day!

+Saturday:

Advent Morning of Reflection w/Fr. Mario, 8 a.m. Mass – 11 a.m.

DECEMBER 8

December 8 is traditionally the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Because it falls on a Sunday this year, the Second Sunday of Advent has priority as a celebration of the Lord's Day. **Therefore the celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is moved for this year to Monday, December 9th.** However, the obligation is removed. Given that this is the patron feast day of the United States we will have **Masses at 8 a.m. and at 7 p.m. that day.** The Religious Education classes will participate in the evening Mass. All are encouraged to honor Mary on this special holy day.

ADVENT MORNING OF REFLECTION

Join us next Saturday, December 7, for an **Advent Morning of Reflection, "Finding Joy in Serving the Lord," with Fr. Mario.** It will begin with the 8 a.m. Mass. A continental breakfast follows in the Holy Family Room. Talks and table discussion will be from 9 – 11 a.m. The cost is \$10 per person and all women and men are invited. The Spiritual Life Commission and Women's Club encourage you to invite others for this special time of preparation for Christmas. Sign up in the Holy Family Room or contact the RE Office by Monday for planning purposes. If you still aren't sure, you are welcome to just show up Saturday.

The Knights of Columbus will hold their next **business meeting on Weds., December 4 at 7:00 PM** at the St. John Brebeuf Parish Ministry Center (8305 N. Harlem Ave., Niles, IL). For additional information, please contact Chet Moylan 630-544-9398



**ST ISAAC JOGUES
PARISH CHRISTMAS
COOKIE SALE
DECEMBER 14-15
HOLY FAMILY ROOM**

After all Masses

We ask for your **HELP**,
BY DONATING your
favorite homemade cookies and
candies.

Please bring your cookies and
candy to the Holy
Family Room
on Saturday, December 14th
from 9 am to noon
Cookies will be boxed and sold
for \$5.00 each
Santa will join us after the
10 a.m. and Noon Liturgies!

QUESTIONS...
CALL Irene Baron
847-967-6149



SANTA SUNDAY

Help Santa bring joy and Christmas spirit to the children of our sharing parish in Chicago. Please bring new, unwrapped toys, books, etc. for youth (preschool to teenage) to Santa's sleigh in the Holy Family Room at the Masses on December 14/15. The gifts will be used for their Epiphany Celebration, and for some of the children this is the only gift they will receive this Christmas season. **Be sure to bring your children or grandchildren to visit with Santa after the 10:00 a.m. and noon Masses and take pictures with him.** Let's put a smile on each child's face with a new gift from Santa.



Maligayang Pasko



We are celebrating 25 years of sharing this tradition!
Everyone is welcome to join us on Saturday, December 21
at the 5:00pm mass presided by Bishop Mark
Bartosic, with Fr. Mario Pereira, Fr. Carlos Pereira,
and other past pastors, associate pastors & deacons,
joining us, as concelebrants.
A reception at the Holy Family Room immediately follows.
From the Simbang Gabi Committee & the
Filipino American Parishioners of
St. Isaac Jogues Parish



≧Holy Night≦

***Can you believe it that it's already time for another
Giving Tree season?***

Every year the Outreach Ministry members, together with the St Isaac Jogues parishioners, make a pilgrimage to our neighboring Nursing homes bringing gifts and cheer to their residents during the Advent season. We ask that you support our efforts by donating to this worthy cause. Envelopes were already made available in the November collection mailings. Those who did not receive one, can take one at the tables at the entrance of the church and submit them together with your Sunday collection in the following week. We will give further details about times and places in the upcoming weeks.

Peace be with you!
SIJ Outreach Ministry



CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

The Christmas Wreath and Decorations Sale is after all Masses **today** in the Holy Family Room. Many items make perfect hostess gifts and holiday remembrances for family, friends and neighbors. Proceeds from the sale will be used to provide counseling, social service referrals and material goods assistance to women who are faced with a crisis pregnancy. Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated.



ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS

Families and individuals are needed to participate in the lighting of the Advent Wreath at the beginning of Mass. Simple instructions are in the sacristy each Saturday and Sunday of the four Advent weekends. Please sign up on the sheet in the Holy Family Room today. Thank you!

+Ms. Bello's class will celebrate their First Reconciliation Monday night.

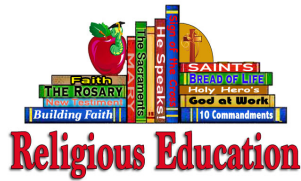
The children are

to go to class first. Family members should be in church by 6:45 p.m. Grades 3 – 5 will join with them in the celebration of the sacrament as part of their Advent preparation. Parents are asked to please be patient if we run a little over time so that each child has the time he/she needs to celebrate God's mercy.

+Grade 5 families are reminded to bring finger type treats for the First Reconciliation Reception on Monday night. Thank you!

+Confirmation Yr. II Candidates are to turn in their Gifts of the Spirit Journal Part I on Monday, Dec. 9th.

+The RE December Service Project is to bring new unwrapped toys/books/craft kits, etc. for the youth (preschool – high school) of our Sharing Parish. Gifts may be brought to class 9 or 16 or to Santa's sleigh in the Holy Family Room the weekend of Dec. 14 – 15.



Religious Education

ADVENT CORNER

+Bless your Advent Wreath and light the first candle: Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

+Open the appropriate door of the Advent Calendar each day. **Reflect** on the Scripture verse and consider what the picture says to you about Jesus' coming.

+Some possible actions for the week: Pray for the children celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday; spend an hour in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament on Friday; attend the Advent Morning of Reflection; write notes of hope & encouragement in your Christmas cards.











AWAY IN A MANGER...

The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay... It is an Advent custom to pad the manger with good deeds, big or small, symbolized by pieces of hay, so that the Christ Child has a soft place at Christmas. Each Advent weekend you will find bags of hay at the doors of the church. **When you arrive, place some hay, symbolic of your good works during the week, and place it in the basket.** During the Presentation of the Gifts the hay baskets from each of the doors will also be brought forward. After Mass the hay will be placed in a larger basket and accumulate each of the four weeks. When the manger is put up, all the hay will be placed inside so to be ready on Christmas for the statue of the Christ Child. What will you do during Advent, in word and deed, to share the hope, joy and anticipation of Christ's coming?



ST. ISAAC JOGUES PARISH CALENDAR – DECEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 First Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Bible Talk - 9:00 am - HFRM</p> <p>Women's Center Christmas Weath Sale - before/after all Masses - HFRM</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Youth Choir - 5:30 pm - Church</p> <p>First Reconciliation 6:45 pm - Church</p> <p>Religious Education Program 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm - Church, HFRM, Hall, School</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Baptism Preparation - 7:00 pm</p> <p>Deacon Couple's Home</p> <p>Women's Club - Board Mtg. - 7:00 pm - HFRM</p> <p>SJU Outreach Ministry Mtg. 7:00 pm - Room 26</p>	<p>4</p> <p>OLPH Novena after am Mass</p> <p>Bible Study - 9:30 am - Rm. 6</p> <p>The Praise Singers - 6:00 pm SJU Choir - 7:15 pm (both rehearsals in Church)</p> <p>Men's Club - Board Mtg. 7:00 pm - Room 26</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Liturgy Board Mtg. 7:00 pm - RE Office</p>	<p>6</p> <p>First Friday Devotions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of 8:00 am Mass - 3:00 pm 3:00 pm - DM Chapel/ Benediction - Church</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Advent Morning of Reflection - beginning with 8:00 am Mass - 11:00 am Church and HFRM</p>
<p>8 Second Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>9</p> <p>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Not a Day of Obligation) 8:00 am and 7:00 pm Masses</p> <p>Youth Choir - 5:30 pm - Church</p> <p>Religious Education Program 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm - Church, HFRM, Hall, School</p>	<p>10</p>  <p>St. Isaac Jogues Outreach Ministry Giving Tree 6:30 pm-Meet in HFRM sharp! 7:00 pm - Visit Nursing Homes</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Bible Study - 9:30 am - Rm. 6</p> <p>The Praise Singers - 6:00 pm SJU Choir - 7:15 pm (both rehearsals in Church)</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Holy Hour and Benediction 7:00 pm - Church</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Christmas Cookie Sale Santa Sunday Toy Donations before/after 5:00 pm Mass HFRM</p> 
<p>15 Third Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Christmas Cookie Sale Santa Sunday Toy Donations before/after all Masses-HFRM</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>Youth Choir - 5:30 pm - Church</p> <p>Religious Education Program 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm - Church, HFRM, Hall, School</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Nativity Play Practice 6:30 pm - Church/HFRM</p>	<p>18</p> <p>The Praise Singers - 6:00 pm SJU Choir - 7:15 pm (both rehearsals in Church)</p> <p>Men's Club Christmas Party - 6:30 pm - Hall</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Holy Hour and Benediction following 8:00 am Mass</p>	<p>21 WINTER BEGINS</p>  <p>Parish Advent Reconciliation Service - 11:00 am - Church</p> <p>Simbaug Gabi Most Rev. Mark Bartosc 5:00 pm - Mass - Church 6:00 pm - Celebration - HFRM</p>
<p>22 Fourth Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>23</p> <p>NO Youth Choir or RE Classes</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Liturgy - 8:00 am CHRISTMAS EVE Masses: 4:00 pm - Church (Carols at 3:45 pm) 11:00 pm - Church (Carols at 10:30 pm)</p> <p>Parish Offices Closed</p>	<p>25</p> <p>CHRISTMAS DAY Masses: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm - Church</p>  <p>Parish Offices Closed</p>	<p>26</p> 	<p>27</p> <p>Holy Hour and Benediction 7:00 pm - Church</p>	<p>28</p> <p>EAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 5:00 pm Mass - Church</p> 
<p>29</p> <p>EAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>NO Youth Choir or RE Classes</p>	<p>31</p> <p>NEW YEAR'S EVE Liturgy - 8:00 am Mass</p> <p>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</p> <p>Parish Offices Closed</p>	<p>1/1/20</p> <p>NEW YEAR'S DAY Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Masses: 8:00 am, 10:00 am (Holy Day of Obligation)</p> <p>Parish Offices Closed</p>			

Mass Intentions

Sunday - December 1, 2019

8:00 a.m.	Tommy Dorsz
10:00 a.m.	Brenda Affatati
12:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Mark Duval

Monday - December 2, 2019

8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Helene Kowalik
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Tuesday - December 3, 2019

8:00 a.m.	K. P. Vareed
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Wednesday - December 4, 2019

8:00 a.m.	Helene Kowalik
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Thursday - December 5, 2019

8:00 a.m.	Jose Pullappally Cohl Lindner Shaun & SiJi Abraham(Sp.Intention) Franz Bauer John Affatati
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Friday - December 6, 2019

8:00 a.m.	Delaine Kennedy
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Saturday - December 7, 2019

8:00 a.m.	Brenda Affatati
5:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Pedro Tamondong, Boris Pekol Josephina Lukose John Areno

Sunday, December 8, 2019

8:00 a.m.	Fran Zimmerman Joe DeSario Richard and Thomas Banner Helene Kowalik John Affatati
10:00 a.m.	Lisa Bauer
12:00 p.m.	Joseph Ernst

Liturgy Next Weekend December 7th & 8th

Confessions - 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
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5:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos/ Deacon Paul
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8:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario/ Deacon Paul
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10:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos/ Deacon Paul
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12:00 p.m.	Fr. Mario/ Deacon Paul
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5:00 p.m.	Mark Magno Aaron Linang Alaina Linang
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8:00 a.m.	Arlynnne Tanghal Matthew Bonto
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10:00 a.m.	Rafael Cedric Ortin Jr. Raymond Ortin Athraa Yona
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12:00 p.m.	Nathan Ledesma Shaydon Pinto Savion Pinto
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Bernard Kennedy Sr.

In Memoriam

Help our Outreach Ministry as they prepare for the Christmas Basket program. Your donations of the following items will provide a holiday dinner and food for a few days to those really in need.

potatoes, canned vegetables, coffee & tea, can fish & chicken, spam, ham's, rice & canned fruit, jelly, oatmeal, stew, chili, crackers

In Prayer & Gratitude,
SIJ Outreach Ministry



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

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