

SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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

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Pastoral Staff:

Deacon Paul M. Stanton (Dolores)
Lori Ronczka, Business Manager
Dolores Stanton, Director of Religious Education
Lisa Hall, Director of Music

Weekend Mass Celebrant:

Rev. Bernard Kennedy, O.F.M.

Eucharistic Masses:

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

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Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - Closed

Religious Education: 847-966-1180

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Parish School: St. John Brebeuf School

847-966-3266 or sjbschool.org

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.



ST ISAAC JOGUES - Parish Leaders				
Parish Pastoral Council			Finance Committee Advisors	
Ted Lenart, Chairperson	Kathy Denning	Gerry Zeller	Kathy Denning	Barbara Watson
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FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

Are you ready for Advent?

If we look into the season of Advent, it is originally a time to reflect and prepare for Christmas similarly to how Lent is preparation for Easter. The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his first Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. During the season of Advent, the presider wears purple color vestment to signify royalty to welcome the Advent of the King (Jesus Christ).

Much literature is available today on Advent that we can avail of. What comes to my mind is the significance of the four weeks of Advent. Advent as we all know is a preparation for Christ's coming. In our busy world, we realize that one thing follows the other and we are constantly in a rat race. This season of Advent is a time where the church invites us to slow down and draw closer to Christ. It is only when we begin to slow down that we can take stock of situation and see for ourselves how our lives have been shaped. We need to take time to identify what we need to improve and do away with unwanted things that have drained our energy.

In the parishes that I have worked in or in mission areas back home, I would speak to the people about praying for a Christmas friend before the start of Advent. If the parish was big, we would divide it by sectors and ask each family to put names in the basket and pass it around and then once it was completed the basket would go around and they had to pick up one name from the basket and secretly pray for that person or family. On the Christmas day they could greet their Christmas friend and share the gift if they wish to do it. This resulted in bringing families together that people would remind me much before time about it. That led me as a shepherd to pray for the whole parish or the worshipping community.

Last year we introduced during the season of Advent doing some good acts or kind deed. For any such deed done during the week, each person could gather hay, kept at the entrance of each door to the church and put it in a basket as you come in. Those baskets of "kind deeds" will then be offered to God during the offertory along with the bread and wine. That hay is then used in the crib for baby Jesus on Christmas day. So let's hurry to carry out as many good deeds as possible in order to make a soft bed for Jesus.

Are you ready to go?

-Fr. Mario



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 found in the sacristy. Please sign up on the sheet in the Holy Family Room. Thank you!



St. Isaac Jogues would like to
welcome our new
Parishioners to the Parish.

Pureza Adasa

ASSURE OUR FUTURE PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

After just a few short weeks, and with only 161 families pledged thus far, we are excited to report the following:

DONORS: 161
PLEDGES: \$768,702
PAID: \$188,778

First we want to thank all of the families who have already pledged! Your commitment is inspiring. To those who have not yet pledged, we want you to know that your contributions will stay here at St. Isaac Jogues and be used for the projects as outlined in all of the materials you have been receiving in the mail. **Every pledge is important.** One of our goals is to get everyone excited about repairing our church. We have continued to work with contractors and designers on the front of the church and some work could begin as early as Spring, 2019!

ADVENT REFLECTION -- ST. LUKE'S CANTICLES

The Liturgy of the Hours is the public prayer of the Church to mark the hours of the day with praise and thanks to God. While some religious communities pray every three hours as seems was customary in the early Church per the Acts of the Apostles, most clergy, religious communities and individuals mark morning, evening and night with prayer.

As part of the prayer at each of those times a Gospel Canticle (song) is prayed and all three are from the Gospel of St. Luke. They are found within the first two chapters of the Gospel, which are Luke's Infancy Narrative. So those songs help reveal the understanding of Jesus, the important teachings and actions of Jesus, as well as His death and Resurrection as St. Luke, inspired by the Holy Spirit, wished to convey to the faith community for which he originally wrote the Gospel and which assists our spiritual growth today.

If you have not read and prayed the Canticles, we encourage you to do so in the weeks ahead as we offer some thoughts about these beautiful songs. The Canticle of Zechariah is prayed for Morning Prayer (Luke 1:68 – 79); Mary's Magnificat is prayed for Evening Prayer (Luke 1:46 – 55); and The Canticle of Simeon is prayed for Night Prayer (Luke 2:29 – 32). "These canticles, sanctioned by age-old popular usage in the Roman Church, are expressions of praise and thanksgiving for our redemption. (Paragraph 50) They are to be treated with the same solemnity and dignity as are customary at the proclamation of the gospel. (Par. 138 of General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours approved by St. Pope Paul VI). Read, reflect and allow these songs to fill your hearts and assist your preparation for the coming of the Lord.

Immaculate Conception Mass

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation, is this Saturday, December 8. Mass will be at 8:00 a.m.

St. Isaac Jogues News

UPCOMING EVENTS

- +OLPH Novena after morning Mass, Wednesday
- +First Friday Adoration, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction
- +Bakers for the Christmas Cookies Sale are to bring their homemade cookies to HFR on Saturday, 9 a.m. – Noon.
- +Second Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious, next weekend – Please be generous.
- +Christmas Carols at local nursing homes w/Outreach Ministry, Tuesday, Dec. 11. Meet in HFR at 6:30 p.m. sharp. Great service opportunity for everyone and the residents enjoy your company so much!

PLEASE SHARE YOUR INFO

We are gathering names, addresses, phone numbers and/or emails, along with class year, from those who are **alums** of **SIJ School or SIJ Religious Education Program**. Contact Dee Stanton at sjre2004@yahoo.com, call her at the RE Office, 847/966-1180 or drop the info into the Sunday collection. We'd like to be in touch about all that's happening here at the parish and get a directory together. Thanks!

OPLATKI

Packets of blessed oplatki, the traditional Christmas Wafer, are available beginning TODAY in the Holy Family Room after Masses or during the week at the rectory. Donations appreciated

Baptisms

Liam James Norte

Son of Nikko Norte & Cassandra Correa

Rosalie Harriet Tan

Daughter of Nicholas & Melyrose (Nartatez) Tan

Gianni Michael Martino

Son of Brittany Martino



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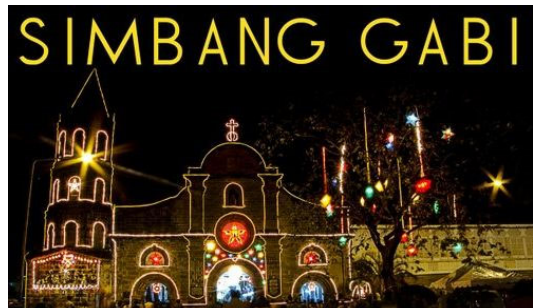
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RE NEWS

+Our **Christmas Service Project** is to bring new, unwrapped toys for the young people of our sharing parish, ages 4 through high school. If you did not bring it to Santa's sleigh today, please bring them to class on Monday.

+**First Reconciliation** will be celebrated Monday, Dec. 10th, at 6:50 p.m. in church. Parents and other family members are strongly encouraged to come. Grades 3 – 5 will also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at that night in preparation for Christmas.

+**Mrs. Livorsi's 5th Grade class** is reminded to bring treats on Dec. 10 for the First Reconciliation reception. They are to be finger foods. If a parent/guardian is able to help with the reception, please contact the RE Office by Friday, Dec. 7th. Thank you!



**St. Isaac Jogues celebrates
Simbang Gabi
Thursday, November 20th
Mass at 7PM
Reception immediately following
Join us for this traditional Philippine cultural and religious tradition during advent.**

All are welcome!

SIJ Outreach Ministry - GIVING TREE



Can you believe it that its already time for another "Giving Tree" season? Every year during Advent, the Outreach Ministry members of St. Isaac Jogues sponsors a pilgrimage to our neighboring Nursing Homes (Glenbridge and Niles Rehabilitation Center) bringing gifts, music and cheer. Just as John the Baptist asked his followers to "prepare the way for the Lord and make straight his paths" so we also prepare by sharing our God given gifts with our brothers and sisters in the Nursing Homes.

Our Outreach Ministry members will be visiting the nursing home residents on December 11th at 7:00 p.m. We ask that you join us in the celebration. We have purchased individual gifts that will be distributed to the residents that same night.

We will also provide music entertainment and sing Christmas carols with those residents able to join us. We are dependent on the support of our parishioners and are reminding you that you have "Giving Tree" envelopes in your November envelope mailings. Please return them with your regular contributions at any time before Christmas. Those parishioners who do not receive envelopes by mail, can pick up a "Giving Tree" envelope at the Church entrances. Please note that any surplus contributions received from you will be disbursed among those needy families asking for assistance throughout the coming year.

Peace be with you!

SIJ Outreach Ministry



CHRISTMAS EVE STORYTELLERS

We invite children of the parish, age 5 & older, to participate in the telling of the Christmas Story at the 4 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. Children need to be comfortable in front of a large group of people, able to follow directions with a little help if needed, come to practice in the church on Tuesday, December 18th, at 6:30 p.m. accompanied by a parent or guardian, and be present at the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. There are no lines for them to learn, just movement and gestures. Costumes are provided! Please sign up in the Holy Family Room or contact the RE office, 847/966-1180 or sjire2004@yahoo.com. We will be able to continue this longstanding tradition only if we have enough children to participate!



**ST ISAAC JOGUES PARISH
CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE
DECEMBER 8 -9
After all Masses
HOLY FAMILY ROOM
Please join us!**

**We welcome your favorite cookies and candies...
Please bring your cookies to the Holy Family Room
Saturday, December 8th from 9 am to Noon.**

**Please pack them in disposable containers. Cookies will be boxed in one pound containers and sold for \$5.00 before and after the masses next weekend.
For more information please contact, Irene Baron 847-967-6149**

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. Remember you will find bags of hay at the doors of the church, when you arrive for Mass. Place some hay, symbolic of your good works during the week in the basket. During the Presentation of the Gifts the hay baskets from each of the three 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 this week and throughout the coming weeks to share the hope, joy and anticipation of Jesus' coming in word and deed?



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Psalm — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — Abound in love for one another and for all (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

Gospel — Stand erect and raise your heads; your redemption is at hand (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

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

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent; Hanukkah begins

Monday: St. Francis Xavier

Tuesday: St. John Damascene

Thursday: St. Nicholas

Friday: St. Ambrose; First Friday

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Saturday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



TONY KOZA

MICHAEL NOBLE

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BRENDA AFFATATI

LENNY MINELLI

TED SCANLON

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FRANCES MARTEL

O God, our help and our hope, bless and protect our loved ones and all others who serve our communities and our nation in the Armed Forces and as First Responders. Watch over them and their families through Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Responders - Shane Long, Brad Markovich, Greg Zalewski

United States Air Force - Joshua Aujero, Mason Janzen

United States Army - Brian Caplin, Gale Renner

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

U.S. Navy Reserves - William B. Dexter

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 - December 2, 2018	
8:00a.m.	Tommy Dorsz
10:00 a.m.	Don Sica Living & Deceased Members of SIJ
12:00 p.m.	Mark Duval Nora Moran Socorro Hasal
Monday - December 3, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Franz Bauer
Tuesday - December 4, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Casimir Sawalski
Wednesday - December 5, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Victims of Violence
Thursday - December 6, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Augusto Ramirez
Friday - December 7, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Helen Polinski
Saturday - December 8, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Jean Minelli
5:00 p.m.	Hal Yamanaka
Sunday - December 9, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Arlene Forneck
10:00 a.m.	Andrzej Mlynarczyk
12:00 p.m.	Pedro Tamondong Sr. Living & Deceased Members of SIJ

Liturgy Next Weekend December 8th & 9th

Confessions - 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario/Deacon Paul
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul
12:00 p.m.	Fr. Mario/Deacon Paul



5:00 p.m.	Remi Dalangin Ayen Dalangin Aya Dalangin
8:00 a.m.	Thomas Striblen Angelika Dacpano Nathan Ledesma
10:00 a.m.	Red Reyes Julia Jaroslowski Rylee Reyes
12:00 p.m.	Alfonso Hanson Alaina Linang Aaron Linang

Sacristans

Theresa Noble, Francis Martel,
Arlene Turek, Nina Nissan, Louise Burdi

THE THREE COMINGS OF ADVENT

There are three distinct comings of the Lord of which I know: His coming to humankind, His coming into humankind, and His coming against humankind.

—St. Bernard: *Third Sermon for Advent*

REMEMBER

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