

# 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:**

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.

**SECOND of Advent**

On that day,  
a shoot shall sprout  
from the stump of Jesse,  
and from his roots  
a bud shall blossom.

Isaiah 11:1

**December 8, 2019**

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FROM THE  
Pastor's Desk

## WHAT IS LIFE ALL ABOUT!

The liturgical year ended with the celebration of "Christ the King." We have now ventured into the new liturgical year with the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent. The old year 2019 is slowly coming to an end with each passing day in the month of December. Something old gives way to new and that is how life goes on. We are aware of these changes taking place and we feel that along with it we are aging too. So what is life doing to us?

We see growth and decline, birth and death and we begin to think what life is all about as this process goes on. The power of defining what your life means is entirely in your hands. Use it to make something of it. So that by the time you're done with it, you can truly rest in peace.

Life, truly, is whatever you make of it. The thing about life is that it's incredibly malleable. It's entirely open to interpretation. People who are godly or God fearing will have a different perspective to life than the one who is naturalistic and whose mind set comes from the basis of science, and yet, others feel there is no purpose at all or it is a meaningless world. You can shape your life, mold it, guide it and channel it to the direction you want it to head. You can make it mean something at one point and change it to mean something else in the future.

What inspired me of late and drew my attention to life is one of my parishioners. He was a God fearing person who believed that life is to be lived to the fullest as it is a gift from God. He tried to live to the fullest in his life and suddenly died of heart failure which sent shock waves to his family & friends. But what comforted them in their loss was to know that through the donation of his eyes, tissues provided sight to two different persons unknown to his family. Organ donation is indeed a generous decision- a testimony to human kindness.

Jesus gives us a sense of worth of our body parts in the Sermon on the Mount. In his message he said that it would be better to have an eye or hand (which leads us to sin) cut off and thrown away than to have your whole body be destroyed. (Mt 5/29-30)

The apostle Paul offers us an important principle regarding using our bodies in our service to God. He states, "*I exhort you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and well pleasing to God, which is your spiritual service.*" (Romans 12/1) Such an act is like an offering of our bodies as a sacrifice so that out of love, others may live and not die.

Life has a meaning and a purpose for us. Just as in creation there are plants, trees, flowers, birds, animals, fishes and so on, likewise the trees in the forest are allowed to die in the midst of the existing ones in order to nourish the rest. Similarly, our lives have a purpose and meaning. If we do not discover the meaning of our life then it becomes meaningless and purposeless and it dreads on. With Jesus our Savior who has shown us the way through his passion, suffering & death, **He** has given us a new purpose and a meaning for our living.

Happy Advent!

-Fr. Mario

### OPLATKI

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

## DECEMBER 8

December 8 is traditionally the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation. However because December 8<sup>th</sup> falls on the Second Sunday of Advent this year, which has priority as the celebration of the Lord's Day, **the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is moved for this year to Monday, December 9.** While still a holy day the obligation does not move with it. Given that this is the patron feast day of the United States we will have **Masses on Monday at 8 a.m. and at 7 p.m.** The Religious Education classes will participate in the evening Mass. All are encouraged to worship the Lord and honor the Blessed Virgin Mary on this special holy day.

**St. Isaac Jogues Men's Club  
Annual Christmas Meeting &  
Dinner will be December 18th in the  
Church Hall at 6:30 p.m.**

All men of the parish and friends are invited. Come and have an enjoyable time. Meet new FRIENDS and OLD ACQUAINTANCES.

Ed Mikeska and Pat Gibbons will host this meeting. Come and enjoy good food and beverages.

The cost to join the club for the remaining five meetings is \$35. The cost for this meeting alone is \$10.

So come all ye faithful and have an enjoyable Christmas Celebration and Merry Christmas to all!



The Jesse Tree is located near the statue of St. Isaac Jogues this year. Each week a few ornaments with symbols on them are added to the tree. The symbols represent people and events of our story of salvation from Adam and Eve to Mary and Joseph. Be sure to stop by and look at the ornaments. See if you can figure out the story or person they represent. Take some quiet time this week to read some of your favorite stories of the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) – Adam and Eve, Noah, Moses, the giving of the Ten Commandments, King David, the prophecies of Isaiah, to name a few. Give thanks in prayer for our ancestors and for the many ways God acted on their behalf long ago and how he acts on our behalf today.

### Assure Our Future Campaign & Project Update

We are please to announce that we have \$930,344 in pledges from 309 donors and have now collected \$505,000 to date in our first year of the campaign. Our existing donors continue to fulfill their pledges, but we need your help to get to that \$1,000,000 number. There's still plenty of time to help and no donation is too small. Every dollar stays here in the parish to help with our renovations and improvements.

We are expecting to have the new cross installed over the next several days before more severe weather comes. That will complete our exterior project (except landscaping next spring). We don't yet have final numbers from all contractors, but the exterior total costs will be around \$300,000.

We have scheduled some flat-roof maintenance for this week to address some leaking above the Holy Family Room and the adjacent bathroom and a few of the classrooms. We don't expect that to cost much, but every thousand dollars adds up.

Our renovation design committee has been working with the architect to determine how best to proceed with our interior project which is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2020. BUT, it appears that we may have asbestos under the carpeting in the church under the pews and chairs. If there is asbestos, it's not dangerous until/unless it's disturbed. We do have an asbestos company coming this week to do some testing. Depending on the test results, we will need to go out for bids for abatement or encapsulation. The bidding process normally takes a few weeks, but with the Christmas holidays upon us, this part of the project could take us into January, 2020. We will share more details as they become available.



**Series for Women of St. Martha &  
St. Isaac Jogues  
Lord Teach Me To Pray  
at St. Martha**

**Calling All Ladies - LTMT  
Coming in January, 2020**

Opportunity for spiritual growth! Sessions on 12 virtues with emphasis on prayer using the great St. Ignatius Loyola's methods.

Where: St. Martha's Café, big church  
When: starting Jan. 15 at 12 noon – 1 PM  
Call for information and/or sign up  
Arlene 847 329-0191



*Maligayang Pasko*

*Come & Celebrate!*  
**Simbang Gabi**



**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**

## ST ISAAC JOGUES PARISH CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

**DECEMBER 14 -15**

After all Masses  
**HOLY FAMILY ROOM**  
Please plan to join us  
next weekend!

We welcome your favorite  
cookies and candies...

Please bring your cookies to  
the Holy Family  
Room Saturday, December  
14<sup>th</sup> 9 am to Noon.

Please pack them in

disposable containers.

Cookies will be boxed in one  
pound containers  
And sold for \$5.00

Plan to stop by and visit with  
Santa!!

For more information please con-  
tact, 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.

### ADVENT CORNER

- +Light two candles on your Advent Wreath and spend a moment in silence. Then pray:
- +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: Attend an Immaculate Conception Mass on Monday (even if it isn't a day of obligation); pray for those who find this a difficult time of the year because of death or division or distance for their families; be part of the Giving Tree Presentations & Caroling on Tuesday; bake cookies to donate for the parish Christmas Cookies Sale and/or purchase a box or more and give to neighbors you might not know so well; when you greet someone before Mass begins, give your name and ask if they have someone or something for which they would like you to pray during Mass.



+Mr. Grant's Fifth Grade Class will help with the 7 p.m. Immaculate Conception Mass on Monday. All RE students are to be in class by 6:45 p.m. and will be brought to Mass by their catechists. All families are strongly encouraged to join in the celebration of this Holy Day.

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

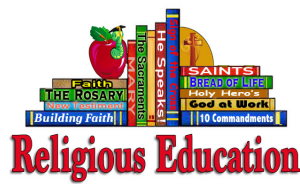
+RE Families are most welcome to come help share the spirit of Christmas by joining with the Outreach Ministry for the Giving Tree Presentations and Caroling on Tuesday. Please be in the HFR by 6:30 p.m. We will divide into two groups and be at the nursing facilities by 7 p.m. Confirmation Year I & II Candidates may use this opportunity for service. Please note that a parent or guardian must accompany the child(ren) for the entire time.

+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 Dec. 9 or 16 or to Santa's sleigh in the Holy Family Room next weekend, Dec. 14 – 15.

+Congratulations and God's blessings upon the children who celebrated their First Reconciliation this past week! May God's mercy and love guide your lives.

Gabriella Antar  
Jaden De Leon  
Luca Garcia  
Isabella Judi  
Jericho Judi

Jon-Desmo Judi  
James Judilla  
Angelo Sabanal  
Nathaniel Thouma  
Sebastian Vergara



## Religious Education



## ST. ISAAC JOGUES PARISH CHRISTMAS 2019

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE  
Saturday, December 21, 11:00 am

### LITURGIES OF CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS EVE, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24  
4:00 pm (Carols at 3:45 pm)  
11:00 pm (Carols at 10:30 pm)

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

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2020  
8:00 am, 10:00 am  
(Holy Day of Obligation)

### ADDITIONAL CELEBRATIONS

SIMBANG GABI  
Saturday, December 21, 5:00 pm Mass & Reception  
MUSIC MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CONCERT  
Sunday, January 5, 2020, 3:00 pm – Church  
SHARING OF OPLATKI (bi-lingual)  
Sunday, January 12, 2020, 1:00 pm  
Holy Family Room



≧ Holy Night ≦

### ST ISAAC JOGUES OUTREACH MINISTRY ANNUAL GIVING TREE EVENTS AT GLENBRIDGE & NILES NURSING AND REHAB CENTERS

The season of Advent has begun. 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 our neighboring Nursing Homes. Our Outreach Ministry members & friends will be visiting the nursing home residents on **December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** Come join us in the celebration. Individual gifts will be distributed to the residents that night. We will also provide musical 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 received "Giving Tree" envelopes in your recent envelope packets. 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. Surplus contributions received will be used to support our needy families asking for assistance throughout the coming year.

Peace be with you!

Outreach Ministry of St. Isaac Jogues



# Pray for

KERMIT TURNER

MICHAEL NOBLE

JULIE HIGGINS

JOSEPH WHITE

RICHARD VAIL

KATIE KIRWAN

BETTY LANDON

PAM LODAL

CYNTHIA MELNICK

MACI BAPPLE

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 Zaleski

**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

**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.



## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

**Psalm** — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

**Gospel** — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

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

**Thursday:** 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

**Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday:** Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11



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[givecentral.org](http://givecentral.org) and

give  
Central



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



Food Pantry  
Donations Needed

In Prayer & Gratitude,  
SIJ Outreach Ministry

## Mass Intentions

Sunday - December 8, 2019	
8:00 a.m.	Fran Zimmerman Joe DeSario & Richard & Thomas Banner John Affatati Helene Kowalik
10:00 a.m.	Lisa Bauer
12:00 p.m.	Joseph Ernst
Monday - December 9, 2019	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Guillerma Ranola
7:00 p.m.	Members of Religious Education Families
Tuesday - December 10, 2019	
8:00 a.m.	Clarence Turek
Wednesday - December 11, 2019	
8:00 a.m.	Mary Dejitha
Thursday - December 12, 2019	
8:00 a.m.	Kurian Esthappan
Friday - December 13, 2019	
8:00 a.m.	Mary Dijtha Elisio Requintel Deceased members of the Chacko family Monika Sliwa, Piotr Sliwa, Stanislaw Sliwa & Julian Sliwa John Affatati
Saturday - December 14, 2019	
8:00 a.m.	Joe DeSario & Richard & Thomas Banner
5:00 p.m.	Felix Dospil
Sunday, December 15, 2019	
8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Julia Vyleta
10:00 a.m.	Lisa Bauer, John Areno Boris Pekol, Stephen Grant John Affatati, Edilberto Reyes Carlo Galassini, Pete Petersen
12:00 p.m.	Loduvico Gavino

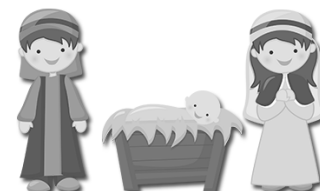
## Liturgy Next Weekend December 14th & 15th

Confessions - 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Mario
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Bernard
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
12:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos
5:00 p.m.	Rhenz Mangurali Jalen Moraga Bianco Adorable
8:00 a.m.	A.J. Cordero Rylee Reyes Red Reyes
10:00 a.m.	Julia Jaroslowski Abby Sayson Alec Sayson
12:00 p.m.	Angelika Dacpano Damian Vergara Jonathan Magboo, Jr.



### 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, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 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 today or contact the RE office, 847/966-1180 or [sijre2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sijre2004@yahoo.com), by December 16<sup>th</sup>.** We will be able to continue this longstanding tradition only if we have enough children/teens to help!



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