

# SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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

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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.

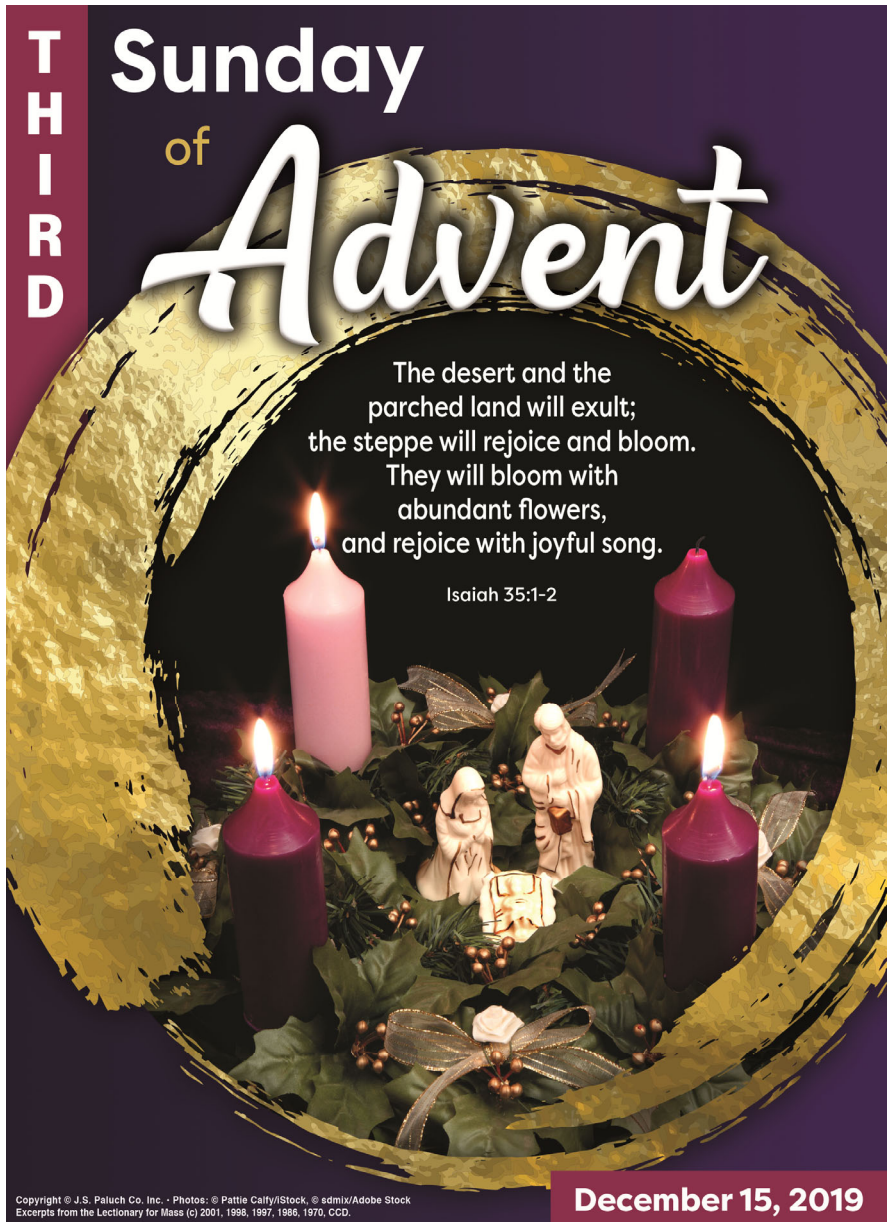
**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Must be registered for six months prior to setting the wedding date with an additional six months for necessary preparation.

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.



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John Kadiri	Irene Baron			
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<b>Men's Club Chairperson</b> – TBD				
<b>Fil-Am Chairperson</b> – Jelly Carandang (Interim)				



FROM THE  
Pastor's Desk

## Are you the one .....

As we move along towards the celebration of the birth of our Lord, our attention is captured by the Scripture text and the question being asked by John the Baptist who came to prepare the way for the Lord. He sent his disciples to ask Jesus saying "Are you the one we have been waiting for or should we look for another?" John the Baptist did baptize Jesus in the river Jordan as the Anointed one, the Messiah who was to come. Now that John the Baptist is being held in prison he hears stories about Jesus and therefore to confirm his belief, he is sending messengers to Jesus saying "Are you the one?"

We must have faced similar situations in life waiting to pick up someone whose description we have but, we start thinking is he the one? How sure are we in such a situation that we are picking up the right person? To confirm, we refer back and clear our doubts. Questions do creep into our minds especially when we are not sure of the exact identity of the person.

Looking into the response that Jesus gave to the messengers sent by John the Baptist sounds a little strange as Jesus says go and tell John what you have seen and heard, the blind can see, the lame can walk, lepers are cleansed. Jesus knows well by this John the Baptist would know that Jesus is the Messiah. This has been a perfect response given by Jesus; thereby John would know without doubt that Jesus is the Anointed one sent by God whose coming they had been waiting for. Such mighty works would be carried out as stated in the scriptures only by the Messiah.

John the Baptist got his answer when the messengers returned to inform him and definitely he must have been satisfied to know that his mission has been accomplished with the arrival of the messiah on the scene. John played his part very well by laying down his life to speak for God and his righteousness. So the question arises for me now am I looking for the One in the same way as John the Baptist did? Would I be able to stand for truth in my life and be his witness?

Who is the one that I am looking for and have I found him? Is it because I am searching in a wrong place that I have not found him? People who searched in the right areas and right moment of their life have found him. I could be the one circling in darkness. Let us be like the wise men who were diligent in their search for the Savior in spite of losing their sight of the star and eventually made it through due to their perseverance.

Every one of us has been called to play the role of a Messiah. We are called to set our self free, and be an example to those around us. If we chose the path of righteousness then we will work to set others free. Are you going to be the one ...?

-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.

**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.

**PARISH ADVENT  
RECONCILIATION  
SERVICE...**

is Saturday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, at 11 a.m. in church. We will have a Liturgy of the Word and examination of conscience followed by individual confessions and absolution. Prepare your hearts for the coming of the Lord and celebrate the mercy and love of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



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

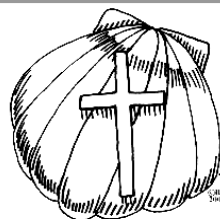
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**Series for Women of St. Martha &  
St. Isaac Jogues  
Lord Teach Me To Pray  
at St. Martha**

**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



**Baptisms**

**Victoria Gatto Tinetti**

Daughter of John & Luiza (De Carvalho-Gatto) Tinetti

**2019 Annual Catholic Appeal - "Come, Follow Me...and Share the Word"**

The 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal is coming to a close. If you still have a pledge balance, please complete your pledge payments as soon as possible. For those who make charitable contributions at the end of the year, please consider gifts to your Parish and to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Your financial support is greatly appreciated. Remember, St. Isaac Jogues has surpassed its goal, so every dollar comes right back to us. If you have not made a gift yet and you wish to be part of the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal, it's not too late. Please contact the Annual Catholic Appeal at (312)-534-7959 or online at [www.annualcatholicappeal.com](http://www.annualcatholicappeal.com).



*Maligayang Pasko*

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



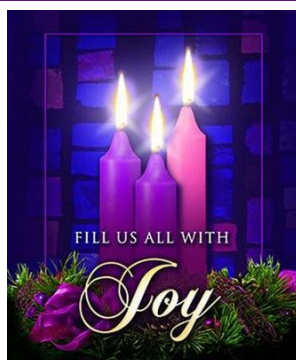
**ST ISAAC JOGUES  
PARISH CHRISTMAS  
COOKIE SALE  
TODAY  
STOP BY TO PICK  
UP YOUR  
CHRSTMAS TREATS  
and SUPPORT OUR  
PARISH  
FUNDRAISER  
After all Masses this  
weekend  
DECEMBER 14-15  
HOLY FAMILY  
ROOM**

### Advent Corner

+Light two purple candles and the rose candle on your Advent Wreath, or just light a candle, and spend a moment in silence. Then pray: Creator God, you made us with a desire to share your divine life, and through the coming of Jesus, you have satisfied that desire. As we prepare for the great celebration of Christmas, may our hearts once again be filled with desire for the life of Christ within us. May the Spirit of Jesus stir us anew with charity toward all people, especially those most in need. And may we know the joy of your coming into our lives as Lord and Healer, Savior and Brother. 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 Christmas and Jesus' future coming.

+Some possible actions for the week: Bring a new unwrapped toy, book, craft kit, etc. for our Sharing Parish to the RE Office by Monday night if you forgot today; pray for those who have not been to Mass for a while; invite family members, friends, neighbors to join you for Mass on Christmas and/or during the season; make an examination of conscience and plan to participate in the Advent Reconciliation service Saturday, also that day share in the Filipino tradition of Simbang Gabi at the 5 p.m. Mass



### CHRISTMAS DECORATING

+The Christmas Tree in the Holy Family Room will need trimming on Monday, Dec. 23, after the 8 a.m. Mass. (about 20-30 minutes)

+Decorating of the church will also take place that Monday beginning at 10 a.m. (an hour or two, whatever you can spare)

+If you are available to help out, please contact the RE Office this week, 847/966-1180 or [sjre2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sjre2004@yahoo.com). Any time you can give will be appreciated.



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.

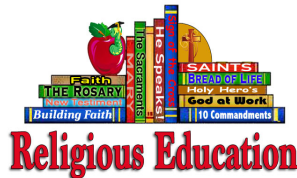
potatoes, canned vegetables, coffee & tea, can fish & chicken, spam, ham's, rice & canned fruit, jelly, oatmeal, stew, chili, crackers

In Prayer & Gratitude,  
SIJ Outreach Ministry



## 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.



+Please pray for Gr. 6 – Con. Yr. II as they celebrate the mercy and forgiveness of the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation during class Monday night.  
+Confirmation Yr. II Candidates who have not yet turned in their Gifts of the Spirit Journal Part I need to do so on Monday.  
+Bring new unwrapped toys/books/craft kits, etc. for the youth (preschool – high school) of our Sharing Parish to the Holy Family Room today by 1 p.m. or to class Monday.  
+Please note that the RE Office will be closed on Thursday this week.

*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

## 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 this Tuesday 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 Monday.** We will be able to continue this longstanding tradition only if we have enough children/teens to help!





# 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

LINDA LANG



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

**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** — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

**Psalm** — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

**Gospel** — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9;  
Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;  
Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;  
Mt 1:18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;  
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;  
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7;  
Mt 1:18-24

## REASON TO REJOICE

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and “the coming of the Lord.” But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as *Gaudete* (Latin for “rejoice”) Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today's first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God's saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God's presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah's prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry.

In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus' presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: “The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Matthew 11:5).

## Mass Intentions

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, Edilberto Reyes,  
Carlo Galassini, Pete Petersen,  
John Affatati

12:00 p.m. Ludovico Gavino

Monday - December 16, 2019

8:00 a.m. Purgatorial Society  
Helene Kowalik

Tuesday - December 17, 2019

8:00 a.m. John Kremer, Joseph Jagiello,  
George Putherickal, Stephanie and  
Salomon Abraham (Sp. Intention)  
Jan Prokop, Helena Prokop,  
Walter Prokop, Stanlawa Prokop  
Deceased members of the Chacko family

Wednesday - December 18, 2019

8:00 a.m. Joe DeSario

Thursday - December 19, 2019

8:00 a.m. Mary Esthappan

Friday - December 20, 2019

8:00 a.m. Leonard Minelli

Saturday - December 21, 2019

8:00 a.m. Joe DeSario  
5:00 p.m. Helene Kowalik

Sunday, December 22, 2019

8:00 a.m. Arlene Forneck  
10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of SIJ  
Richard Banner  
12:00 p.m. Audrey Rumsas  
Fran and Joe Zimmerman

## Liturgy Next Weekend December 21st & 22nd

Confessions - 11:00 a.m. Fr. Carlos, Fr. Mario,  
Fr. Bernard

5:00 p.m. Bishop Bartosic  
Simbang Gabi Deacon Paul &  
Concelebrants

8:00 a.m. Fr. Mario

10:00 a.m. Fr. Carlos/ Deacon Paul

12:00 p.m. Fr. Mario



5:00 p.m. Lawrence Escarez  
Kristine Roque  
Mark Laza  
A. Aaron Banez  
Alessandra Banez  
Leah Baquial

8:00 a.m. Remi Dalangin  
Eya Dalangin  
Ayen Dalangin

10:00 a.m. Steve Livingston  
Arlynn Tanghal  
Athraa Yona

12:00 p.m. Alfonso Hanson  
Michael Lucas  
Mark Lucas



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