

SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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

PASTOR: Rev. Mario Pereira, S.F.X.
ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Rev. Carlos Pereira, S.F.X.

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

Email: sjre2004@yahoo.com

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.

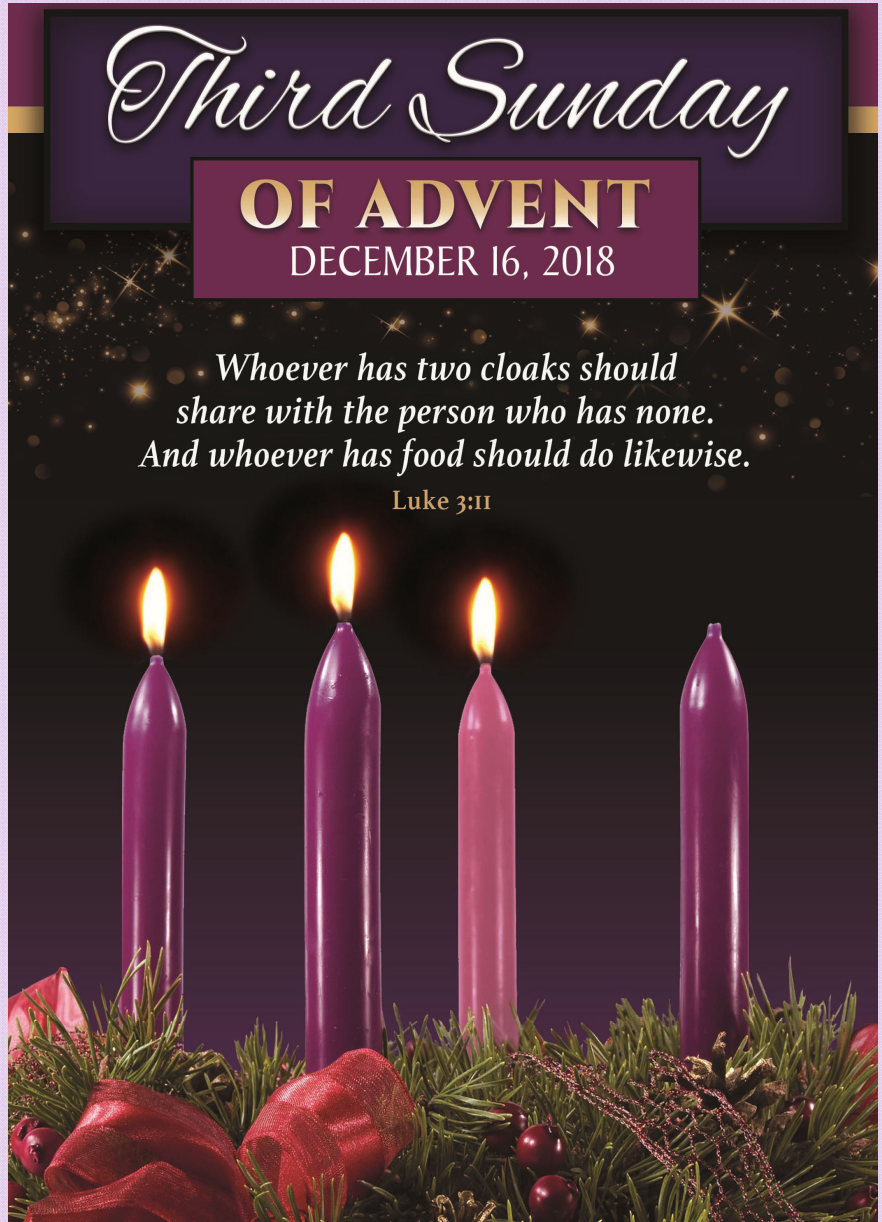
Sacrament of Matrimony: Must be registered for six months prior to setting the wedding date with an additional six months for necessary preparation.

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
Kathy Lord, Vice Chairperson	Lori Ronczka	Dolores Stanton	Gerry Zeller	
Debbie Dexter	Barbara Napravnik	Maria Swidzinski	Lori Ronczka	
John Kadiri	Fernando Bonto			
Women's Club Chairperson – Louella Preston				
Men's Club Chairperson – Deacon Paul Stanton				
Fil-Am Chairperson – Jelly Carandang (Interim)				



FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

"He will baptize you with
Holy Spirit and Fire"

On this third Sunday of Advent, John the Baptist invites us to turn our attention to Jesus announcing the urgency of conversion. He further states that we need to carry out the ordinary affairs of life by being sensible and honest in our dealings with others. In order to carry it out, in our life we need to alter our bad behavior and attitudes as a preparation for the coming of the Messiah. Therefore he invites everyone for baptism which involves cleansing of sins through water. Baptism by water represents the cleansing of our outward actions, like our speech, lies, sinful deeds etc. But there is something more to this than just baptism. As he states "*I baptize you with water.... But He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.*"

So the next step would be to allow Jesus to carry out the baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire, the other two forms of baptism as John the Baptists proclaimed. What is this Baptism of the Holy Spirit? With the baptism of the Holy Spirit we reform our thinking, our beliefs. If we are cleansed outwardly by the waters of baptism then we are prepared to be inwardly cleansed by the power of the Holy Spirit. The inward cleaning would be our beliefs and our thoughts. As Jesus stated the spirit will lead you into all truth. So you act out in kindness and truth. It is that truth which is spiritual and divine and there is no margin for error or falsity. With this baptism our minds are enlightened, we walk in the light of truth guided by the Holy Spirit

Finally, we have the baptism with fire. Jesus Christ cleanses our hearts. It is rather the desires, motives, evil intent, greedy impulses, and the pleasures we would seek from indulging into those evil desires. With the baptism by fire we no longer seek those evil things as our hearts our cleansed by God's love. When Jesus Christ baptizes us with *fire*, it is a baptism with spiritual and divine *love*.

Having had our outward behavior cleansed with the baptism of water, and our mind cleansed with the spirit of truth, the third baptism is to have our heart cleansed with the baptism of the fire of God's *love*. God alone can truly purify our minds and hearts through his Son Jesus so that we can love Him truly with our whole mind and heart.

-Fr. Mario

ST ISAAC JOGUES
MEN'S CLUB
DECEMBER 19TH @ 6PM
CHURCH HALL

Join us for the annual Christmas meeting for a chicken dinner complete with all the extras. The cost for this meeting and the four remaining meetings for members will be \$35. The cost for this meeting is \$10. All men of the parish and friends are invited!

The Memorial Mass Joint Meeting with the Women's Club was a huge success! We're looking forward to more joint events.

CALLING ALL ALUMS (OR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS)

Please send us names, addresses, phone numbers and/or emails, along with class year, of alums of **SIJ School or SIJ Religious Education Program**. Contact Dee Stanton at sjre2004@yahoo.com or drop the info into the Sunday collection. We'd like to get a directory together and let them know all that's happening here.



The Parish Advent Reconciliation Service is Saturday at 11 a.m. in church. It will include a communal Liturgy of the Word followed by individual confession & absolution. All are encouraged to prepare for the coming of Christ by celebrating the love and mercy of God.

ADVENT REFLECTION: MAGNIFICAT

Morning and evening prayer are “reckoned as of the highest importance, as the prayer of the Christian community.” Morning prayer helps us, as the light of a new day dawns, to recall the resurrection of Jesus, the rising of the Sun of justice. Evening prayer is prayed so ‘we may give thanks for what has been given us, or what we have done well, during the day.’ When prayed in community it will many times include the carrying in of the Paschal Candle to remind us that Jesus is the Light no darkness can overcome and the use of incense to remind us that our prayers and hands rise like smoke and the offering of the evening sacrifice. It was in the evening when our Lord, at supper with the Twelve, instituted the Eucharist, the meal of love, praise and thanksgiving and the great sacrifice of His Body and Blood. *(From the General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours, 1970)*

Each time Evening Prayer is prayed we sing or recite the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55), Mary’s Song of Praise. It is another canticle which gives praise and thanks for our redemption, even as Mary did in response to her cousin Elizabeth’s greeting of blessing upon Mary’s arrival to her home. The gospel tells us that Mary hastened to visit Elizabeth and John leaped in his mother’s womb. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and so we see that Jesus is the source of John’s prophetic mission as the one who will prepare people for the coming of the Lord. In this visitation we see Mary, representative of the New Testament, reaching out to the Old Testament, as figured in Elizabeth. By the Holy Spirit a transformation takes place and the scene sets us on the journey of ultimate significance of Christ and our discipleship in his name. The Visitation prompts great joy and hope not only for the two pregnant women but for all who call Mary “blessed among women.”

ATTENTION PARISH INTERRELIGIOUS/ ECUMENICAL GROUP

Your RSVP regarding the Archdiocesan celebration on Jan. 10th at Old St. Mary’s in Chicago should be given to the RE Office by this Thursday. Call 847/966-1180 or email sijre2004@yahoo.com. Thank you.

ST. ISAAC JOGUES PARISH CHRISTMAS 2018

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE
Saturday, December 22, 11:00 am

LITURGIES OF CHRISTMAS

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

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

SOLEMNITY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
Monday, January 1, 2019
8:00 am., 10:00 am.
(Holy Day of obligation)


ADDITIONAL CELEBRATIONS

SIMBANG GABI
Thursday, December 20, 7:00 pm Mass & Reception
MUSIC MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Sunday January 6, 2019, 3:00 pm – Church
SHARING OF OPLATKI (bilingual)
Sunday, January 13, 2019, 1:00 pm
Holy Family Room

“ASSURE OUR FUTURE” PLEDGE CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Pledges continue to come into the rectory. As of Monday, December 10th we have received responses from **172** families who have pledged **\$797,517** and already paid **\$194,473!** We’re off to such a great start. We are pleased and very optimistic that we will achieve our goal of \$1,000,000. With everyone’s help of whatever they can give, we will be ready to begin work on the front of the church in the spring of 2019! If you haven’t pledged yet, there’s materials in the Holy Family Room or at the rectory. If you have questions, please see Fr. Mario.

Your Prayer Shawl Ministry is in need of more yarn to continue their work making lap blankets and shawls for the sick and needy. Please check your closets and drawers. All donations will be greatly appreciated. For more information, please call Barbara Napravnik at 847 699-7445



**SIJ Outreach Ministry
GIVING TREE**

The St. Isaac Jogues Outreach Ministry membership wishes to thank all parishioners for their support of the "Giving Tree" night at our neighboring Nursing Homes. We thank you for your financial support and we thank all those who joined us with the caroling and bringing cheer to the residents.

Peace be with you all!
St. Isaac Jogues Outreach Ministry

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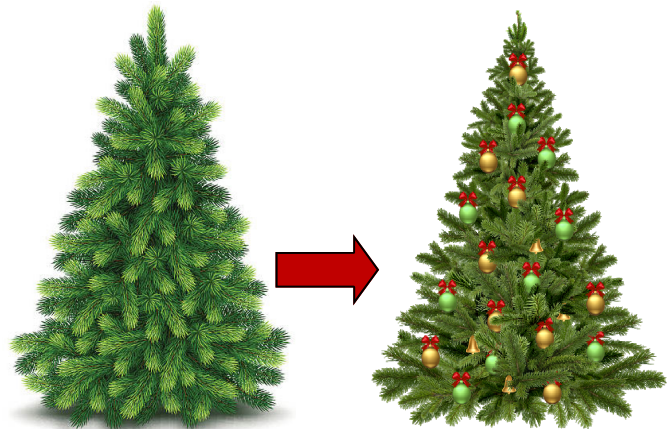


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CHRISTMAS EVE STORYTELLERS

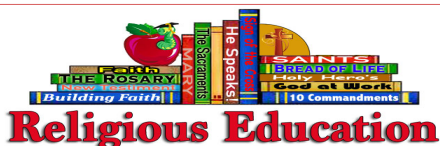
We invite children of the parish, age 5 & older, to participate in the telling of the Christmas Story at the 4 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. Children need to be comfortable in front of a large group of people, able to follow directions with a little help if needed, come to practice in the church on Tuesday, 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 sijre2004@yahoo.com. We will be able to continue this longstanding tradition only if we have enough children to participate!



COULD YOU GIVE A LITTLE TIME?

- +The Christmas Tree in the Holy Family Room will need trimming next Saturday after the 8 a.m. Mass. (about 45 minutes)
- +Decorating of the church will take place after the Noon Mass on next Sunday (an hour or two, whatever you can spare)

If you are available to help out, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the RE Office this week, 847/966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com



Religious Education

+Grades 6 - Confirmation Yr. II will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation Monday in preparation for Christmas. Please pray for them to experience anew the love & mercy of God.

+Confirmation Year II Candidates are to turn in Gifts of the Spirit Journal, Part I Monday night. You will then receive Part II of the journal. You can also sign up for the Sack Lunch Project which will be carried out on Sunday, January 20th, at 11 a.m. downstairs in the Parish Hall.

+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.

Alixandre Banez
 Victorial Laroza
 Rachel Baquial
 Franz Rafael I
 Mateusz Biela
 Michael Serrano
 Franz Judilla
 David Stanly
 Riad Kash
 Antoinette Tanghal
 Mason Kelly
 Adrian Vergara
 Brygida Koziol

CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE AND RAFFLE REPORT

Cookies \$1,891 and Raffle \$316
 NET PROFIT \$2,207

Thank you to the Men's Club, and the Lisowski brothers who donated the Wine Basket, Women's Club Board Members for the Christmas Tree with Gift Cards, and Lawn Chairs donated by Peter Zalewski, Son of Theresa Zalewski

Thanks to parishioners and friends who supported our Fund Raiser with cookies, purchases, raffle, and extra donations! Special thanks to the Johansen Family for their monetary donation.

Congratulations to our Raffle Winners: Wine Basket, Nina Healy, Christmas Tree with Gift Cards, Louella Preston, Chair one, Mary Affatati, Chair two, Don Baron. Once again, your generosity and support was overwhelming!

*God Bless you!
 Irene Baron and the
 Christmas Cookie Sale
 Committee*



SIMBANG GABI



**St. Isaac Jogues celebrates
 Simbang Gabi
 Thursday, December 20th
 Mass at 7PM**

**Reception immediately following
 Join us for this traditional Philippine
 cultural and religious tradition
 during advent.**

All are welcome!

**Additional Celebrations
 St. Catherine Laboure - 12/21 @ 7PM
 St. Martha - 12/21 @ 7PM
 St. John Brebeuf - 12/22 @ 5PM**

Please help us restock our shelves for the winter months ahead. Please consider the following:

peanut butter & jelly
 can soup, coffee & tea
 can fish & chicken
 rice & potatoes
 toothpaste, tooth brushes,
 shampoo, soap



Food Pantry
 Donations Needed

SIJ OUTREACH MINISTRY

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Your God will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12:6).

Second Reading — Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — Whoever who has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. Whoever who has food should do likewise (Luke 3:10-18).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

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

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

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

Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent;
Las Posadas begins

Tuesday: International Migrants Day

Friday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

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.




Pray for

ERIK JOHANSEN

TONY KOZA

MICHAEL NOBLE

JULIE HIGGINS

JOSEPH WHITE

STAN ZABOROWSKI

PATRICIA CRESSY

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MARIA LADD

BRENDA AFFATATI

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TED SCANLON

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AUDREY JANS

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JIMMY RANCICH

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WILLIAM PARRILLO

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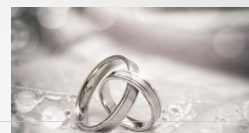
AVA MIDURI

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FRANCES MARTEL

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



WEDDING BANS II

*Congratulations to
Thomas Mathai & Sophia Florian on
their upcoming wedding in India*

January 5, 2019

Mass Intentions

Sunday - December 16, 2018	
8:00a.m.	Richard Banner , Thomas Banner Joe DeSario Grizaella E. Wang Aurora C. Villanueva Grizaella E. Wang
10:00 a.m.	Carlo Galassini
12:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Elsie Chan
Monday - December 17, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	John Kremer Purgatorial Society
Tuesday - December 18, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Clarence Turek
Wednesday - December 19, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Joe DeSario
Thursday - December 20, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Jacqueline Leksander
Friday - December 21, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Mary Esthappan Poulose Vadakumchery Blessings for KR Ministries
Saturday - December 22, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Richard Banner
5:00 p.m.	Marian Bragiel Emily & Stanislaw Biernacki
Sunday - December 23, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Thomas Lisowski
10:00 a.m.	Sr. Joyce Roehl, SLW Don Sica Aurora C. Villanueva Cliff & Nick (Special Intention) Joseph Malovany
12:00 p.m.	Mario Feijoo

Liturgy Next Weekend December 22nd & 23rd

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



5:00 p.m.	Red Reyes Rylee Reyes
8:00 a.m.	A. Aaron Banez Rhenz Mangurali Alessandra Banez
10:00 a.m.	Remi Dalangin Ayen Dalangin Eya Dalangin
12:00 p.m.	Nathan Ledesma Alfonso Hanson Angelika Dacpano

Sacristans

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



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