



Sts. Martha & Isaac Jogues Parish

St. Isaac Jogues Church

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Masses: Monday - Friday, 8AM
Saturday, 5PM
Sunday, 8AM & 10AM

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Parish Office Hours: Closed until further notice - please call the rectory number for assistance.

Religious Education: 847-966-1180

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Parish School: St. John Brebeuf School

847-966-3266 or sjbschool.org

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays, 11AM - 12:00PM

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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FOURTH Sunday OF *Advent*

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country
in haste to a town of Judah,
where she entered the house of
Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

Luke 1:39-40

ST ISAAC JOGUES - 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	Irene Baron
Debbie Dexter	Fernando Bonto	Maria Swidzinski	Lori Ronczka	
John Kadiri	Irene Baron			
Women's Club Chairperson – Louella Preston				
Men's Club Chairperson – Don Baron				
Fil-Am Chairperson – TBD				

*ST. ISAAC JOGUES CHRISTMAS SEASON 2021***SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION****PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES**

Saturday, December 18, 11:00 am, St. Isaac Jogues Church

Sunday, December 19, 12 Noon, St. Martha Church

LITURGIES OF CHRISTMAS**CHRISTMAS EVE, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24**

4:00 pm (Carols at 3:45 pm)

10:00 pm (Carols at 9:45 pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:00 am & 10:00 am

Please note there will be no 5 p.m. Mass that night for

Sunday, December 26, Feast of the Holy Family

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:00 am & 10:00 am

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022**

8:00 am (not a day of obligation)

SOLEMNITY OF EPIPHANY, WEEKEND OF JANUARY 1 – 2

5:00 pm, 8:00 am, & 10:00 am

ADDITIONAL CELEBRATIONS**SIMBANG GABI**

Friday, December 17, 7:00 pm, St. Isaac Jogues Church

Tuesday, December 21, 7:00 pm, St. Martha Church

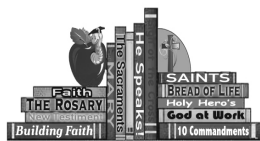
MUSIC MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, January 2, 2022, 3:00 pm – St. Isaac Jogues Church

**CHRISTMAS DAY
TABLE PRAYER**

Lord God of Life, together with the beautiful traditions of decorating the Christmas tree, of singing carols and giving gifts, this Christmas dinner is an important part of our celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Come, Lord our God and surround our feast day table as we delight in this joyous season of Christmas. Gift us in this meal with the taste of happiness as we savor this coming together of family and friends. As sparkling stars and singing angels rejoiced at the birth of the Christ Child in Bethlehem, so may we take great joy in this our Christmas dinner-celebration. May You, our God, bless it and us in Your holy name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Fr. Edward Hays)

**Religious Education**

Religious Education Sessions will resume with a Family Event on Monday, January 3, 2022.

We wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Holy, Healthy 2022!

PRAYER OF THE WEEK**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,

your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**BURT'S PLACE**

A BIG THANKS TO BURT'S and all of the pizza-loving friends who participated in our two-night fundraiser. You helped us earn \$1000 which will be shared by both St. Martha & Isaac Jogues! Please remember Burt's when you're craving your next pizza!

St. Isaac Jogues Upcoming Events

***Sunday** – Donations for the church's Christmas flowers gratefully accepted in the alms boxes at the doors of the church; Oplatki available by Usher's Room – donations appreciated.

***Monday** – Nativity Play Practice, 6:30 p.m., church; No RE classes tonight.

***Tuesday** – Simbang Gabi Mass at St. Martha Church, 7 p.m.

***Wednesday** – Free food distribution, 4 – 6 p.m., SIJ parking lot.

***Thursday** – Decorating of Church, 9 a.m. If you can give an hour or more, contact the RE Office by Tuesday.

***Friday** – Advent Morning Mass, 8 a.m.; **Christmas Eve Masses** – 4 p.m. & 10 p.m.

***Saturday** – **Christmas Day Masses** – 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.; No Sacrament of Reconciliation nor 5 p.m. Mass today. **Sunday, 12/26** – Feast of the Holy Family; usual Mass times of 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



Even if we are unable to physically receive Holy Communion at times we can enter into spiritual Communion with the Lord by praying:

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to possess You within my soul. I am sorry for ever having offended you.

Since I am unable now to receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as being already there, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never, never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



FOOD DISTRIBUTION VOLUNTEERS

There is a **free food distribution in the SIJ parking lot this Wednesday, 4 – 6 p.m.**

Masks are required. Please

remember there is a new procedure and that you need to park your car. You'll then be directed inside, be given a number and then called to register when your number is called. Please bring your Greater Chicago Food Depository pantry card if you have one. If you do not have one, we will ask you some questions and give one to you. You will then walk down the hallway and go outside. One of our volunteers will walk around with you with a cart as you choose the produce/foods you want. It will be placed in the cart and when you have finished, the volunteer will walk the cart to your car so you can load it in and bring it home. The volunteer will then bring the cart back to use with the next person. If you can benefit from this food support, please come. Or please share this information with others who could use a food bridge at this time. Thank you!





Save the date!

All are welcome to come relax & enjoy our annual Holiday Concert at St. Isaac Jogues on Sunday, January 2nd at 3pm.

The St. Isaac Jogues choirs, led by Music Director, Lisa Hall will perform wonderful Holiday favorites. Reservations are not necessary, but masks will be required.



BLESSING PRAYER FOR A CHRISTMAS NATIVITY SCENE

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love. Lord, bless all you

look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus and raise up our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.



Dear Friends and Fellow Parishioners:

As we approach our first Christmas as a united parish, I do so with great hope and enthusiasm, fed by the memory of our “Christmas in July” picnic last summer.

During a brief time when the covid-19 restrictions were modified a bit in our state, we were able to spend an afternoon together with masked, socially distanced fun. It was a great blending of both parishes. Folks from both parishes helped to give out the food and drinks, provide the entertainment for people of all ages, from games for the children to dancing for everybody. The weather was perfect. The event was safe, cordial, entertaining, and joyous. The great Church Father, St. Irenaeus once wrote that “joy is the ineffable sign of God’s presence.” God was clearly among us that day, as God is every day.

Approaching the great feast of Christmas and the birth of Emmanuel, “God with us” let us continue to pray for each other with confidence that the good work the Lord has already done at the beginning of our uniting will ultimately reach fulfillment in a vibrant, hope-filled, model of what a parish with fresh life and splendid, supportive parishioners can be. May our united parish become a sacrament of the reign of God. A very blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

Your parish staff:

Fr. Dennis O’Neill – Administrator

Fr. Carlos Pereira – Associate

Paul Stanton – Deacon

Dee Stanton and Liz Frake – Directors of Religious Education

Kevin Wood and Lisa Hall - Directors of Music

Lori Ronczka – Business Manager



Outreach Pantry Wish List

The following would be helpful: pasta, pasta sauce, jelly, canned fruit, small cans of deviled ham, crackers; soups that eat like meals, shampoo, and deodorant. We are unable to accept fresh foods, packages that are open and partially used or items that are out of date. Please bring donations to Mass or call the Rectory to set up a time to drop them off during the week. Thank you!



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATIONS

The alms boxes will be out this weekend, Dec. 18 – 19 for those who would like to make a donation toward the church's Christmas flowers. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING

We are decorating the church on Thursday, December 23 at 9 a.m. If you would be able to help for an hour or more, please contact the RE Office, 847/966-1180 or sjre2004@yahoo.com. Thank you!



Thanks to all who participated in the St. Nicholas Raffle. The unified Parish of Sts Martha & Isaac Jogues sold \$19,195 in tickets.

Congratulations to our 10% winners: Mike Simkins and Fr. Dennis who will receive \$1,919.50 each and our 5% winners, Debbie Blanchard, George Altonaga & Linda Sorensen who will receive \$959.75 each.

Our donation for \$959.75 will also be sent to Catholic Charities in support of their good work.

Each church shares the balance - so our fundraising efforts generated \$5,758.50 to each church.



ADVENT CORNER

+**Light all four candles** on your Advent wreath or just light a candle.

+**Pray:** The Angelus... The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary, and she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary... Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done unto me according to your Word. Hail Mary... And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. Hail Mary... Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Pour forth we beseech you, oh Lord, your grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

+**Reread the Scriptures** of today: "Micah assured his listeners (including us) that when the Lord comes, people all over the earth will acknowledge him (Mi 5:1-4). Elizabeth's greeting to Mary acknowledges her life as the epitome of doing God's will (Luke 1:39-45). Jesus said to his Father, 'I know you do not want sacrifices and burned offerings as symbols of repentance for sins. Here I am, I come to do your will. I offer myself for everyone once and for all.' (Heb 10:5-10)"

+**Reflect (and possibly discuss with someone):** What does the coming of Jesus at Christmas mean to me?

+**Choose an action (or more than one):** Remember in prayer those from whom you've received Christmas cards and those whom you wish you had. Exercise greater patience as excitement builds in children or grandchildren. Tell the story of the Nativity to little ones or those who have never heard it before. Do a kind act in secret for someone who could use a lift in their spirit. Set up your Nativity, bless it and place the Holy Infant in it on Christmas Eve night.



Pray for

KERMIT TURNER	TONY LIVORSI
MICHAEL NOBLE	JOHN ROMANO
JULIE HIGGINS	AUDREY JANS
CARL AFFATATI	DAVID FORST
EMILY SITKOWSKI	KIMBERLY KNOX
CYNTHIA MELNICK	NONA YOAKUM
MICHAEL FOLISI	ROBERT STEPHENSON
DOROTHY BEZDON	LAURA HALL - SCHORDJE
LORNA ALBA	HENRIETTA SAGARIO
SUSAN ARENDT	MATTHEW PONDER
CINDY NOLAN	MARY SUNSHINE PONDER
MARTHA DEMKO	BRAD BOWER
REMEDIOS MAGPANTAY	LAURA & DANNY MORA
TIM DENDOR	SHARON KILIKEVICE
CAROLYN BEIL	PELAGIA SAJULGA
NELSON PETINES	PATTY ZEMAN
TERRY GAZDZIAK	ALEXANDRA LAQUAGWA
FR. DAN FALLON	NORBERT FLOREK
CURT NAPRAVNIK	IRENE LINGAYA
JOHN FOLISI	CATHY FORST
ALISON TOLSON LORD	BERNITA DEL ROSARIO
GARZA	ROSE SIMPSON
	KATHY EGLOFF
	JOSEPH WHITE

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

Gospel — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

Father of grace and mercy, be with our loved ones and friends as they serve and protect our nation and communities. Bless them and fill them with newness of life. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ the 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,
Jordan Irving, Violet Ennis

United States Marines - Patrick Edward Echavez
Joseph John Zimmerman III
Lance Renner, Kyle Franklin
Gian Patrick Reyes
Christopher Pruden

United States Navy - David Perez,
Paul Matthew Ledesma

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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

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

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Lk 1:57-66

Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12;
Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28;
Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10;
Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24;
Lk 2:41-52

Mass Intentions

Sunday - December 19, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Mary Esthappan
10:00 a.m.	Augustina Baut Purificacion Rodriguez
12:00 p.m.	Teresita Olvis Purez May Romano

Monday - December 20, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society John Affatati
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Tuesday - December 21, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Kurian Thuruthikara - Special Intention
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Wednesday - December 22, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Poulose Ikulam
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Thursday - December 23, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Mary Ann Even Bernadette Albers Richard Banner
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Friday - December 24, 2021

4:00 p.m.	Rocco Martocci Brady/Stanton Families
10:00 p.m.	Egidio Aranas

Saturday - December 25, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Maria & Waldemar Tolpkowski
10:00 a.m.	Anastacia Aisporna Mark Duval

Sunday - December 26, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Edward Puisis Laura Hall Schordje - Special Intention Tony Irmen
10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Michael MacDonald
12:00	John Affatati

Next Week Liturgy Schedule December 24th, 25th & 26th

Christmas Eve - Friday, December 24th

4:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul
10:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos

**Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25th
No Reconciliation or 5PM Mass on Christmas Day**

8:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul

Sunday, December 26th

8:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM: MONTH TWO

Your baby is making progress developing all of his/her external features and internal organs. His/her brain is functioning at 40 days. His/her mother can hear his/her heartbeat now on an ultrasonic stethoscope. Milk-teeth buds are present at 6 ½ weeks. And it has been reported that a two-month old baby can suck his/her thumb. From this moment your spiritually adopted baby grows and refines his/her body. But everything he/she needs to survive once he/she is born is already present by the end of the eighth week.



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