

# 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)  
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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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**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday, 11:00 - 12:00 Noon or anytime by request.

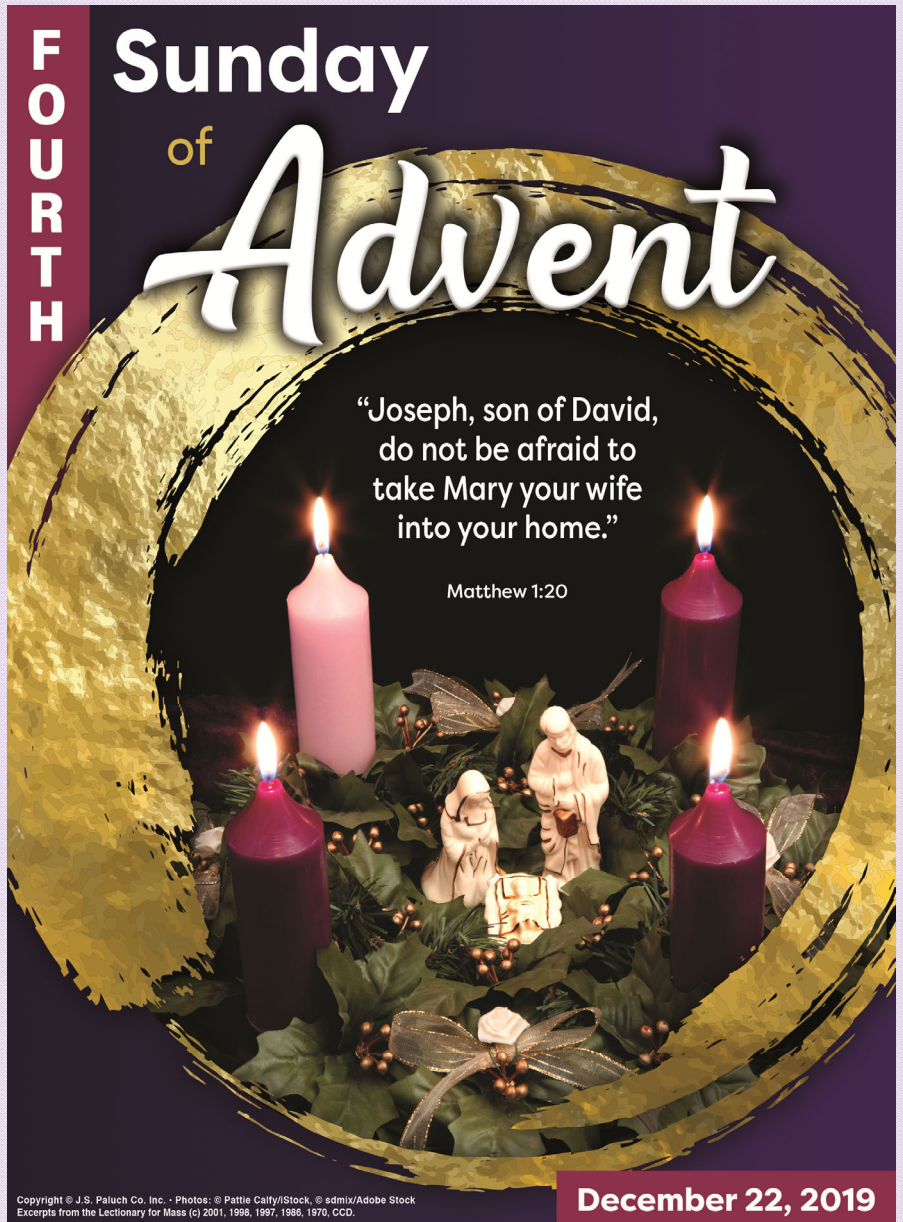
**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Must be registered for six months prior to setting the wedding date with an additional six months for necessary preparation.

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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**ST ISAAC JOGUES - Parish Leaders**

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<b>Fil-Am Chairperson</b> – Jelly Carandang (Interim)				



FROM THE  
Pastor's Desk

## Fascinating birth of the Savior

After nearly 400 years of silence, God bursts onto the scene in the history of mankind with a glorious announcement - that He has brought forth the much anticipated Savior, His very own Son, Jesus Christ.

It is interesting to note how the birth of Jesus took place. The two synoptic gospel writers Mathew & Luke give us the infancy narrative which is not found in Mark or in John as they begin with the adult ministry of Jesus. The former two synoptic, inform us about the Savior's birth. The fascinating news that surrounds Jesus' birth is the fact that Jesus got his name from an angel of God who told Joseph that Mary was pregnant by the Holy Spirit and not by a human. Joseph was going to divorce Mary, but the angel told him not to do this, and to name the child Jesus.

Notice the angel said that he brings good tidings for ALL people. No one is beyond the reach of the Lord. Jesus came to rescue all people - the Gospel has a message for everyone, no matter what kind of life one has led, it's never too late to embrace the Savior! Jesus came to deliver us back home to our Father safely!

How did the shepherds respond to this news? The Bible tells us, "*When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."* So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger" (Luke 2:15-16).

Some of the incidents connected with the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, are perhaps difficult for us to understand; but they are supernatural, and we know they are true just as told in the Bible. How blessed are we when we believe the entire story of the life of Jesus, including His entrance into the world! His birth was foretold by the angel Gabriel, who appeared to Mary. He told her that she had been chosen to become the mother of the Son of God. Mary's reply to Gabriel was: "*Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; May it be done to me according to your word."* Then the angel departed from her. (Luke: 1:38)

In a day and age that wants to remove Christ from Christmas, God brings the same message to you today that He brought to the shepherds over 2,000 years ago. How will you respond to the birth of the Savior? Will you also make haste and embrace the Gospel message, or will you ignore the joyous message of Christmas? It would be nice to reflect a little deeper about our Savior's birth. Right from his birth it has disturbed people. There was no room for him in the inn, a manger for a bed, and then as a young child he was taken into Egypt to escape from the hands of the jealous king. Being the King of Kings he embraced everything for our sake to give new meaning to our lives and existence. Do you find his birth fascinating? Then receive his invitation as he brings good tidings to all.

I take this opportunity to thank God for the gift of each of you for your support and cooperation throughout the year and along with my Associate Pastor & Staff wish you a "*Merry Christmas*" filled with God's graces & blessings.

-Fr. Mario

Note to parish: The parish offices will be closed December 24th and 25th and December 31st and January 1st.





# Pray for

KERMIT TURNER

MICHAEL NOBLE

JULIE HIGGINS

JOSEPH WHITE

RICHARD VAIL

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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** — You will be given this sign:  
The virgin shall conceive and bear a son (Isaiah  
7:10-14).

**Psalms** — Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory  
(Psalm 24).

**Second Reading** — God has called us to belong  
to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

**Gospel** — The son born of Mary shall be called  
Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins  
(Matthew 1:18-24).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

**Wednesday:** 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]

**Thursday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab,  
16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

**Friday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5;  
Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

*St. Isaac Jogues Outreach Ministry sends a  
very special Thank You to everyone who  
participated in our Annual Giving Tree Event.*

*More than 30 parishioners, family members  
and friends led by Lisa Hall and Betsy Garcia  
along with members of our SIJ  
Outreach Ministry shared Christmas  
caroling, laughs and smiles with the  
residents who have difficulty getting around.*

*Each resident in attendance also received a  
"goody bag" with Christmas treats!*

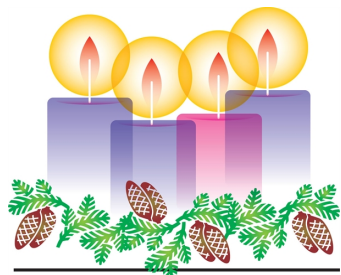
*SIJ Outreach Ministry wants to take the  
opportunity to thank everyone for their  
support of the food pantry and your financial  
donations. Without you, we would be unable  
to provide support to those in most need.*

*SIJ Outreach Ministry wishes everyone a  
Christmas season and New Year filled with  
hope, health, love and peace!*

## Advent Corner

+Light all the candles on your Advent Wreath, or just a single candle, and spend some time in silence. Then pray: Hear in kindness, O Lord, the prayers of your people, that those who rejoice at the coming of your Only Begotten Son in our flesh may, when at last he comes in glory, gain the reward of eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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' dwelling among us.  
+Some possible actions for the week: Bless your Christmas Tree and Nativity Scene; ask people to come to Mass with you on Christmas or any of the weekends of Christmas Season; pray for those who feel isolated and alone and go visit a friend or neighbor who is homebound during the season; invite family, friends and neighbors to attend the upcoming Music Ministry Concert or Sharing of Oplatki; celebrate and enjoy the whole 12 days + of Christmas!



FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

## 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 [sijre2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sijre2004@yahoo.com). Any time you can give will be appreciated.



*"Christ is born. He is born to us. And, He is born today. For Christmas is not merely a day like every other day. It is a day made holy and special by a sacred mystery. It is not merely another day in the weary round of time. Today, eternity enters into time, and time, sanctified, is caught up into eternity. Today, Christ, the eternal Word of the Father, who was in the beginning with the Father, in whom all things were made, by whom all things consist, enters into the world which he created in order to reclaim souls who had forgotten their identity. Therefore the church exults, as the angels come down to announce not merely an old thing which happened long ago, but a new thing which happens today. For today, God the Father makes all things new, in his divine Son, our redeemer..." (Thomas Merton)*

*We wish you and your loved ones a Merry and Holy Christmas. We pray that the New Year be filled with greater faith, clearer hope and deeper love, with good health, generous service, gratitude, joy and newness of life...*

*Fr. Mario, Fr. Carlos, Fr. Bernard, Deacon Paul, the Pastoral Staff, and the Councils, Commissions, Ministries and Organizations of St. Isaac Jogues Parish*



### TEEN GROUP SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Teens of the parish (Confirmation Yr. II – older) are invited to start the new year off by helping others. Join us to pack meals at the Feed My Starving Children facility in Libertyville on Thursday, January 2, 6:00-7:30 p.m. We'll then stop on the way home for a quick meal together. We will leave the SIJ parking lot by cars at 5 p.m. and return about 9 p.m. Those who are 17 and younger will need a permission slip. **Sign up in the Holy Family Room today or by contacting the Religious Education Office, 847/966-1180 or [sijre2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sijre2004@yahoo.com) by Monday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>.** Parents/guardians and other family members (at least 8 years old) are welcome to come, too, but must sign up by the deadline. Thank you!



### ST. ISAAC JOGUES PARISH CHRISTMAS 2019

#### 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

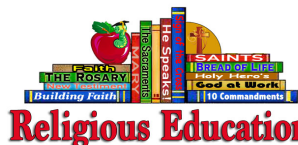
MUSIC MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, January 5, 2020, 3:00 pm – Church

SHARING OF OPLATKI (bi-lingual)

Sunday, January 12, 2020, 1:00 pm

Holy Family Room



**Religious Education**


+RE Classes will not meet Monday, Dec. 23 & 30. The Youth Choir will also not meet those two days. Blessings on your Christmas season!

+Be sure to read the January newsletter which was sent home this past Monday. There is lot of important information for you to know about.



The Music Ministry of St Isaac Jogues wishes you a very Merry Christmas.  
May you find health and happiness in 2020.

Please come and enjoy beautiful music at our concert on Sunday, January 5, at 3:00pm in the church. You'll hear the choirs and bells ring out a wonderful close to the Christmas season and share a few laughs. God bless you in the New Year.



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## Mass Intentions

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 Mary Lally Ted Scanlon
Monday - December 23, 2019	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Marian Bragiel Emilia & Stanislaw Biernacki
Tuesday - December 24, 2019 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Rocco Martocci
4:00 p.m.	Leonard & Loretta Hall
11:00 p.m.	Brady and Stanton Families
Wednesday - December 25, 2019 <i>Christmas Day</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Delaine Kennedy
10:00 a.m.	Sr. Joyce Roehl, SLW
12:00 p.m.	Mark Duval
Thursday - December 26, 2019	
8:00 a.m.	Anastacia Aisporna Edward Puisis Christine Dombrowski-Uba Ofelia Jimenez Piotr Sliwa & Stanislaw Sliwa
Friday - December 27, 2019	
8:00 a.m.	Teena Mathai
Saturday - December 28, 2019	
8:00 a.m.	Peter DeSario
5:00 p.m.	Tom Borges
Sunday, December 29, 2019	
8:00 a.m.	Stephen J. Lis
10:00 a.m.	Giuseppe Manfredini
12:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Felix Dospil

## Liturgies of Christmas, December 24th & 25th Next Weekend December 28th & 29th

Date/Time	Celebrant	Altar Servers
Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m.	Fr. Bernard/ Deacon Paul	Red Reyes Rhenz Mangurali Aaron & Alaina Linang
Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day 11:00 p.m.	Fr. Mario/ Deacon Paul	Remi, Eya & Ayen Dalangin Mrs. Stanton
Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day 8:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos/ Deacon Paul	Matthew Bonto Alec & Abby Sayson Jalen Moraga
Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day 10:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos/ Deacon Paul	Steve Linvingston Lawrence Escarez Aaron & Alessandra Banez
Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day 12:00 p.m.	Fr. Mario/ Deacon Paul	Michael & Mark Lucas Rafael Cedric Jr. Ortin Raymond Ortin
Confessions - 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos	
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos	Rafael Cedric Ortin, Jr. A. J. Cordero Raymond Ortin
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Luczak/ Deacon Paul	Matthew Bonto Angelika Dacpano Damian Vergara
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos	Red Reyes Bianca Adorable Rylee Reyes
12:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos	Rhenz Mangurali Shaydon Pinto Savion Pinto

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