

# 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:** Saturdays, 11AM - 12:30PM, BY RESERVATION

**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.

December 27, 2020



## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

The child grew and became strong,  
filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him.

Luke 2:40

### ST ISAAC JOGUES - Parish Leaders

Parish Pastoral Council			Finance Committee Advisors	
Ted Lenart, Chairperson	Kathy Denning	Gerry Zeller	Kathy Denning	Barbara Watson
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<b>Men's Club Chairperson – Don Baron</b>				
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FROM THE  
Pastor's Desk

## Born for you for all times

To know about the birth of a child is a news of glad tidings. Today many couples are blessed with children while others long to have one. The joy a family experiences at the birth of a child is something beyond comprehension. There is a unique and profound expression of joy felt when the news of the birth of the Son of God was proclaimed by the Angels to the Shepherds. The evangelist St Luke tells us that it was during the reign of Caesar Augustus that such an event took place.

What took place is recorded in the history of our time. The second person of the Trinity, Jesus our Savior was born in Bethlehem. How well was he received? We know from Scriptures that the Shepherd believed what the Angels told them and saw for themselves and glorified God singing his praises. There were others in Jerusalem, the Jewish authorities who knowing the Scriptures were unaware of it, until the wise men from the East came searching for the new born King.

What a great act of love and service to humanity shown by the Father through his Son, Jesus to redeem mankind from sin. The Father in sending his Son to suffer and die in order to restore the paradise lost due to our disobedience to God. God's Son came in the midst of his chosen people and they did not recognize him. For them how can God become human and further allow himself to be killed at the hands of men.

We can never understand such an equation of God becoming man if use our reasoning to find answers and are not open to God's ways. It's a beautiful reality not just for the Shepherds to be the heralds of the good news, it is for all of us as well. God became flesh to come into the world to bless our fallen humanity with his glorious divinity. God has not broken into our world to change it by force, but he is a gentle Infant King knocking at our hearts to convert our broken humanity filled with hatred, war, political division, pain and depression that is leading to illness and death.

Let us open our hearts to our Infant King and like the Holy Family of Nazareth learn to commit ourselves in the service of another. When we do that, we will be amazed at what can happen to us and to the world.

Please know of my prayers for you and your families during my Masses this Christmas. I know many of you will not be able to come to church due to the restrictions in place but I would like you to know that in a special way, I will be offering my Christmas Masses and praying for each of you that the power of the Holy Eucharist may strengthen your family and help you to grow in your faith."

Have a Blessed Christmas!

-Fr. Mario

### PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

*Loving God, during this holy season of Christmas, we ask for your blessing on all families. Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be an inspiration to place all trust in you. Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty. Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love. May the grace that encircled the Holy Family widen to embrace all families.*

*For this we pray. Amen*

### St. Isaac Jogues This Week

- +The Parish Office will be closed New Year's Eve & Day, December 31 – January 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - +There will be confessions on Saturday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Please make a reservation.



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

**Stanislawa Bragiel**

### FEAST OF FAITH

#### Processions

Why does the liturgy begin with a procession? It is not just a practical matter of getting the ministers of the liturgy from the sacristy to the sanctuary. The procession is a powerful sign of who we are as Christian people. We are not static, staying in one place. We are going somewhere. Our procession leads us to the altar, sign of Christ's presence in our midst. We move, we process, because we recognize our need for what Christ is preparing for us at that table. We go forward eagerly, because we are hungry for that heavenly food.

This procession is an orderly one: servers, deacon, priest presider. Each is set apart by distinctive vesture: albs for the altar servers, dalmatic for the deacon, chasuble for the priest. The procession is an image of the hierarchical structure of the Church. On a deeper level it is an image of unity in diversity. We are all on a journey to the heavenly city, but each of us is clothed with different gifts. We all receive the call to service, but not in the same way. Only by coming together in all our wonderful variety can we achieve the work of the kingdom.

### WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.



## Religious Education

+RE online sessions will resume on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. It will be a Family Event Night at 7 p.m. The link will be sent this week.

+The Catechists, Assistants and Families of the Religious Education Program wish our faith community a Happy, Healthy, Grace-filled 2021! We appreciate your prayers, encouragements and support so much!

+Material pick up for all RE families will be on Monday, January 4, 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at the RE Office (before the Family Event). Drive up to the door, give your name and we'll

bring out what your family needs (including books for Confirmation and First Communion, construction paper, book marks for service project, etc.) Please contact Mrs. Stanton with questions, 847-966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com.

+First Communion Preparation Meeting for Ms. Bello's Class (Parents/guardians/children) will be on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. on Zoom. The link will be sent out early January.



*We would like to thank our musicians for sharing their talents for our Christmas Masses.*  
*Leah, Rachel, and Noah Baquial sang at 4:00pm.*  
*Terri Myers sang at 10:00pm. Norm Reyes sang at 8:00am. Trisha and Matthew Bonto sang at 10:00am and Bob Foote sang at 12:00pm. Linda Veleckis-Nussbaum joined us on violin. They all shared their talents to make our Christmas liturgies beautiful. Thanks to all.*



## Food Pantry

### St. Isaac Jogues Outreach Ministry

The following items would be helpful as we assist those coming to our doors for food: canned vegetables (corn, peas, carrots), pork and beans (or other like kidney beans, black beans) canned fruit or applesauce, oatmeal, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, soups, stews, chili, hash, laundry detergent. You may bring your donations when you come for weekday or weekend Masses or call the Rectory, 847/967-1060, M - F, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to set up a time to drop them off. Thanks!

SIJOM SENDS THANKS & BLESSINGS!

### 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."



**SOLEMNITY OF  
MARY, MOTHER  
OF GOD**

January 1st

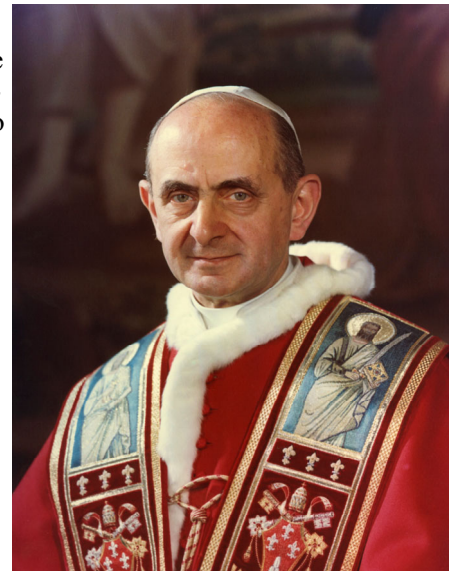
**Masses** will be Friday, January 1, 2021, at 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Reservations can be made by using the **links on the parish website or calling the Rectory.**

**FROM AN ADDRESS BY SAINT POPE PAUL VI (For Feast of the Holy Family)**

“Nazareth is a kind of school where we may begin to discover what Christ’s life was like and even to understand his Gospel. Here we can observe and ponder the simple appeal of the way God’s Son came to be known, profound yet full of hidden meaning. And gradually we may even learn to imitate him. Here we learn to realize who Christ really is. And here we can sense and take account of the conditions and circumstances that surrounded and affected his life on earth: the places, the tenor of the times, the culture, the language, religious customs, in brief everything which Jesus used to make himself known to the world. Here everything speaks to us, everything has meaning. Here we can learn the importance of spiritual discipline for all who wish to follow Christ and to live by the teachings of his Gospel.

“How I would like to return to my childhood and attend the simple yet profound school that is Nazareth! How wonderful to be close to Mary, learning again the lesson of the true meaning of life, learning again God’s truths. But here we are only on pilgrimage. Time presses and I must set aside my desire to stay and carry on my education in the Gospel, for that education is never finished. But I cannot leave without recalling, briefly and in passing, some thoughts I take with me from Nazareth. “First, we learn from its silence. If only we could once again appreciate its great value. We need this wonderful state of mind, beset as we are by the cacophony of strident protests and conflicting claims so characteristic of these turbulent times. The silence of Nazareth should teach us how to meditate in peace and quiet, to reflect on the deeply spiritual, and to be open to the voice of God’s inner wisdom and the counsel of his true teachers. Nazareth can teach us the value of study and preparation, of meditation, of a well-ordered personal spiritual life, and of silent prayer that is known only to God. Second, we learn about family life. May Nazareth serve as a model of what the family should be. May it show us the family’s holy and enduring character and exemplifying its basic function in society: a community of love and sharing, beautiful for the problems it poses and the rewards it brings; in sum, the perfect setting for rearing children – and for this there is no substitute.

“Finally, in Nazareth, the home of a craftsman’s son, we learn about work and the discipline it entails. I would especially like to recognize its value – demanding yet redeeming – and to give it proper respect. I would remind everyone that work has its own dignity. On the other hand, it is not an end in itself. Its value and free character, however, derive not only from its place in the economic system, as they say, but rather from the purpose it serves. In closing, may I express my deep regard for people everywhere who work for a living. To them I would point out their great model, Christ their brother, our Lord and God, who is their prophet in every cause that promotes their well being.”





## Pray for

KERMIT TURNER	MARY JANE PIKULA
MICHAEL NOBLE	TONY LIVORSI
JULIE HIGGINS	JOHN ROMANO
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BETTY LANDON	CHRISTINA WALD
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TIM DENDOR	COLLEEN KING
ALEXANDRA LAQUAGWA	PATTY ZEMAN
	ROSE LUZ
	STAN JEZIOR
	REMEDIOS MAGPANTAY

Thank you, Lord, for the courage and selfless service of our troops and first responders. May our loved ones and all who serve around the world turn to you for safety and protection. Help them to not be afraid and to trust that you hold them securely at all times. 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

**U.S. Army Reserves** - Christopher Dexter

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

**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](mailto:sijre2004@yahoo.com).



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-6,12-14) or *Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3*.

**Psalm** — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) or *Psalm 105*.

**Second Reading** — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) or *Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19*.

**Gospel** — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt:13-18  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18  
 Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;  
 Lk 2:16-21  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28  
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;  
 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

## Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 27, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Peter De Sario
10:00 a.m.	Edward Puisis
12:00 p.m.	Ted Scanlon Teena Mathai (Special Intention) Tony Schallmoser
Monday - December 28 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Pietro Di Franco
Tuesday - December 29, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Helene Kowalik
Wednesday - December 30, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Wanda Smizinski
Thursday - December 31, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	George & Grace Grant
Friday - January 1, 2021	
8:00 a.m.	Tony Schallmoser Helene Kowalik Jeanine Conrad Thomas & Richard Banner Artur Karpinski - Special Intention
10:00 a.m.	Deacon Robert O'Keefe
Saturday - January 2, 2021	
8:00 a.m.	Roger Dalesandro
5:00 p.m.	Helene Kowalik Marie De Meo Marco Di Franco Abraham Moonjely
Sunday, January 3, 2021	
8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Al Casacchia
10:00 a.m.	Marie De Meo
12:00 p.m.	Joseph De Sario

## Solemnity of Mary January 1st Liturgy Next Weekend January 2nd & 3rd

January 1, 2021 - 8:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario/Deacon Paul
January 2, 2021 Confessions - 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Mario/Deacon Paul
January 3, 2021 - 8:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario/Deacon Paul





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