

# 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.

**THE BAPTISM  
OF THE LORD**

JANUARY 10, 2021

*A voice came from the heavens,  
"You are my beloved Son;  
with you I am well pleased."*

*Mark I:II*

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FROM THE  
Pastor's Desk

## Does God speak?

God does speak to all of us, but not in the same way as we might think. We are all unique creatures created by God and God can choose the way he wants to communicate because he is a creative God. In order to actually hear from God we have to know the nature of God. We have to know who God is and the way he functions. To understand this aspect of it, let us peep into the Scriptures that throw light on how God chose to speak to certain people from time to time.

The Bible tells us that God spoke to Abraham, Noah, Moses, Joseph in dreams, Prophets, Zachariah, Mary & Joseph the husband of Mary. Many others too whose names we find in scriptures God spoke to them as well. We may not hear God's voice literally but his Spirit confirms a certain direction or answer for us. It can happen that while we are at prayer, God's spirit may remind us of a certain text in the Scripture that we can apply in our situation where we have been struggling, or it could be that we engage ourselves in many ways that we turn to him in difficult situations looking for solutions and desperately wanting to hear his voice. God speaks all the time. It is like a Television or Radio channel which is on 24/7. We just need to tune in and we get to listen.

Do we really hear his voice as the gospel of today states in Mark 1:10-11 that after the Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased." Does God really talk to us and can we hear his voice as the voice from God? How sure can we be that it is God's voice? Lets look into the case of Jesus being baptized in the river Jordan and a voice came from heaven. The very fact that Jesus came to be baptized by John states the nature of the baptism carried out by John the Baptist. He tried to call people to repentance in preparation for the Kingdom of God. He called people for conversion of their hearts. Jesus had no need of conversion, but that he carries forward the plan of God the Father itself; calls for the realization of the Kingdom in Jesus. It is when one is tuned in to carry out or walk the ways of God, that we would be building a sort of healthy relationship with God and therefore would be constantly hearing the voice of God. Jesus shows us the way that if we want to hear his voice then be ready to carry out the will of God. We may not know how to pray, but God's word tells us His spirit makes intercession for us (Romans 8:26-27).

In any profession one needs certain skills to master the art, similarly to listen to the voice of God regularly, we have to master the art and to do that first and foremost surrender to God in prayer. Allow time to be spent in reading the word of God. Follow closely the teachings of the Church and its dogma. Attentively participate in the celebration of the Sacraments. Have devotions to the Blessed Sacrament and still after doing all of this you fall short of listening to his voice and then turn to fasting and prayer. It is through fasting and prayer, our minds become clearer and our hearts are more sensitive to God. A family prayer like the rosary is a good way to begin the art of knowing God and his ways as Mary shows us.

The primary way that God speaks to us today is through His revealed, written Word. When we want to hear God's voice, the Bible is where we should look. We find St. Paul saying "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1Thessalonians 5:18). A heart willing to listen and obey is the key to hearing from God. Let this New Year 2021 be a year where we are ready to listen to God's voice.

-Fr. Mario



FOOD DISTRIBUTION VOLUNTEERS

In collaboration with Catholic Charities and the Greater Chicago Food Depository the next free food distribution will be hosted here in our SIJ parking lot on Wednesday, January 27th, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Please pass the information along to those who could use the support at this time. We will probably pack indoors but the distribution will be outside.



We are in need of about 20 volunteers for each time frame. The first time frame is 1:45 – 4:00 p.m. for instructions and to carry out the tasks of packing food, getting food units outside to tables, setting up signs, checking in guests and the like. The second time frame is 3:45 - 6:30 p.m. to help with the distribution, continue packing as needed and clean up. We particularly encourage families, teens, and adults under 65 years of age to help. Every-

one needs to be in good health, no underlying conditions, and will have to wear a mask and gloves (which we will provide). If you want to volunteer but are over 65 and have no underlying medical conditions, you may contact us to discuss your involvement.

To volunteer please contact the Rectory, Monday – Saturday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at 847-967-1060, the RE Office at 847/966-1180 or email sijre2004@yahoo.com, by Monday morning, January 18th. If we do not have enough helpers by that day, we will reach out to other volunteer pools. This is a great way for individuals and families to reach out to the community in this time of greater need. Thank you for your prayers for this event and for those who will benefit from it, as well as for your consideration to help.

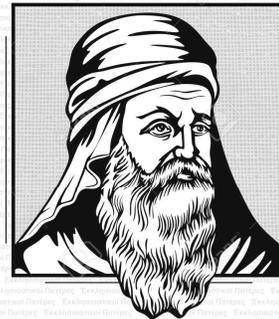
FOR YOUR PRAYER AND REFLECTION: From a sermon by St. Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop

“Christ is bathed in light; let us also be bathed in light. Christ is baptized; let us also go down with him, and rise with him. John is baptizing when Jesus draws near. Perhaps he comes to sanctify his baptizer; certainly he comes to bury sinful humanity in the waters. He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake and in readiness for us; he who is spirit and flesh comes to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water.

“The Baptist protests; Jesus insists. Then John says: *I ought to be baptized by you.* He is the lamp in the presence of the sun, the voice in the presence of the Word, the friend in the presence of the Bridegroom, the greatest of all born of woman in the presence of the firstborn of all creation, the one who leapt in his mother’s womb in the presence of him who was adored in the womb, the forerunner and future forerunner in the presence of him who has already come and is to come again. *I ought to be baptized by you;* we should also add: *and for you,* for John is to be baptized in blood, washed clean like Peter, not only by the washing of his feet. Jesus rises from the waters; the world rises with him. The heavens like Paradise with its flaming sword, closed by Adam for himself and his descendants, are rent open. The Spirit comes to him as to an equal, bearing witness to his Godhead. A voice bears witness to him from heaven, his place of origin. The Spirit descends in bodily form like the dove that so long ago announced the ending of the flood and so gives honor to the body that is one with God.

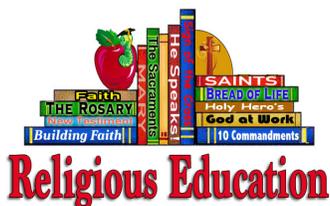
“Today let us do honor to Christ’s baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men, for whom his every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of him who is the light of heaven. You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity, as now you have received — though not in its fullness — a ray of its splendor, proceeding from the one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.”

THE CHURCH FATHERS



GREGORY OF NAZIANZUS

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+RE online sessions with Catechists resume Monday at 7 p.m. This will be our Child/Youth Safety session. Parents/guardians welcome to be part of sessions. Every two grades will be together and one link will be sent for each grouping. Parents who choose not to have their child participate in the session should contact the RE Office to complete necessary paperwork.

+The January newsletter was sent out on Remind. If you did not receive it, please contact the RE Office.

+First Communion Preparation Meeting for Ms. Bello's Class (Parents/guardians/children) is Tuesday at 7 p.m. on Zoom. The link will be sent out Monday. Materials for the meeting were in the file folder you picked up last week.

+Catechists are asked to return their student evaluations by Monday night so they can be sent out to the families.



A heart-felt thank you to everyone who helped make our Advent/Christmas Season prayerful, beautiful, joyful, and reverent. From the Advent Wreath Lighters, to those who helped decorate the church, to those who carried in the Nativity and Magi, to the children and parents who followed COVID protocols and helped tell the Nativity or sang for the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass, to our donor of the bells and all the ringers (congrats on remembering to bring them to each Mass), to Lisa

Hall, our instrumentalists – Nancy and Linda, our Cantors, Acolyte, Lectors, Deacon Paul, Fathers Mario and Carlos, to Lori Ronczka (Business Manager and Bulletin Editor), to the Ushers/Cleaners, and to all who came to lift their hearts and voices in praise and worship of the One whose coming we proclaim and whose future coming we await – THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU! And we thank as well all who could not join us but were with us in prayer and spirit and to all who continue to support the parish with your prayers, care and financial support. We also extend our gratitude to Colonial for providing the 2021 calendars. Blessings upon all in this new year!



### 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."



Today's feast marks the end of the Christmas season. The emphasis on this Gospel story of Jesus' baptism comes at the end of the reading with a voice from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Both the feast of the Baptism of the Lord as well as Epiphany are occasions for the celebration of the sacrament of Baptism. This will be the end of the singing of Christmas music. During this Christmas season we have been ringing bells during the Gloria as our way of ringing out our joy. Today we will ring them for the last time. After Mass, take them home and keep them. You will always remember this year when we couldn't sing out our praise, so we managed to ring out our praise. What a story we will have to tell! I'm going to put a ribbon through mine and hang it on my tree as a remembrance of the way we managed to make music without singing. Thank you all for participating.



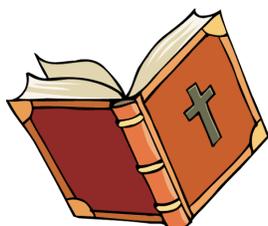
## Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are a lovely way to remember a loved one or a special occasion. Flower arrangements are \$55 each and two can be purchased each weekend before Lent and again after Pentecost. Your intention and name will be placed in the bulletin each weekend. If you would like to purchase an arrangement, please call the rectory. Available dates go quickly, so you may want to reserve your date soon.

## DIAPER DRIVE



As we pray for the legal protection of the unborn on Jan. 22nd, the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion, we will show our support for the gift of life and have a Diaper Drive. It will be held the weekend of January 23-24 and assist The Women's Center of Greater Chicagoland. All size diapers are appreciated, as well as baby wipes. Please bring them on Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. or when you come for Mass that weekend of Jan. 23-24. Monetary donations also welcome and we will go do the shopping and bring everything to the Women's Center. Please support this effort as best as you are able. Thank you!



Are you interested in participating in an online Bible Study in the morning and/or evening? If yes, please contact Dee Stanton to discuss the possibility, 847-966-1180 or [sijre2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sijre2004@yahoo.com), this week.



## Pray for

KERMIT TURNER	TONY LIVORSI
MICHAEL NOBLE	JOHN ROMANO
JULIE HIGGINS	AUDREY JANS
CARL AFFATATI	DAVID FORST
RICHARD VAIL	CHRISTINA WALD
BETTY LANDON	KIMBERLY KNOX
EMILY SITKOWSKI	DIANE BAUER
CYNTHIA MELNICK	NONA YOAKUM
MICHAEL FOLISI	KATHY EGLOFF
DOROTHY BEZDON	ROBERT STEPHENSON
MATTHEW PONDER	LAURA HALL - SCHORDJE
FELICITA BAYANI	HENRIETTA SAGARIO
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LORNA ALBA	JUDY CABRERA
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	ROSE LUZ
	REMEDIOS MAGPANTAY
	ALEXANDRA LAQUAGWA

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  
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### 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, January 10, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Thomas & Richard Banner Jones Augustin - Spec Intention Maria & Waldemar Tolpkowski Mark Jankovic
10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Purificacion Rodriguez Eduardo Rodriguez
12:00 p.m.	Marie De Meo

Monday - January 11, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Egidio Aranas
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Tuesday - January 12, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
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Wednesday - January 13, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Stanley Siembrzuch & Mike Siembrzuch - Special Intention
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Thursday - January 14, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Joseph Putherickal
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Friday - January 15, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Marian Bragiel Krystyna & Wielaw & Swidzinski
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Saturday - January 16, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Dexter & Minkel Families
5:00 p.m.	James Garvey

Sunday, January 17, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Tony Irmen
10:00 a.m.	Michael Mac Donald Laura Hall - Shorejay - Special Intention
12:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ

## Liturgy Next Weekend January 16th & 17th

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



Dear Parishioners,

We are pleased that Bishop Bartosic, our regional bishop and Cardinal Cupich's representative to our region of the archdiocese, will be with us on Wednesday evening, January 20, at 7:00pm, to join us in prayer and share an important update on the future of our parishes. Due to Covid restrictions, this will be done online.

Please go to  
**[www.renewmychurch.org/announcements](http://www.renewmychurch.org/announcements)**  
for details about how to access the meeting  
from your computer or smartphone.



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