

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)
Lori Ronczka, Business Manager
Dolores Stanton, Director of Religious Education
Lisa Hall, Director of Music

Weekend Mass Celebrant:

Rev. Bernard Kennedy, O.F.M.

Masses: Saturday, 5PM

Sunday, 8AM & 10AM

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

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Religious Education: 847-966-1180

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847-966-3266 or sjbschool.org

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.

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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AS JOHN THE BAPTIST WATCHED
JESUS WALK BY, HE SAID,

"Behold, the Lamb of God."

JOHN 1:36

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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Men's Club Chairperson – Don Baron				
Fil-Am Chairperson – Jelly Carandang (Interim)				



FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

We have found the Messiah

The statement from Andrew in the Gospel of John 1:41 that he found the Messiah, is when he followed Jesus after John the Baptist had pointed out that Jesus is the Lamb of God. The point of John's ministry was to call our attention to the superiority of Jesus. The moment Andrew learned about it, he wasted no time to let his brother Simon know of it. What is so special about the statement "We have found the Messiah?" Andrew could not keep the information to himself about the Messiah with whom he had conversation. Andrew comes up with a statement as finding someone whose coming was spoken about.

Did he find the right one and what made him so confident that he went looking for his brother Simon to inform him and bring his brother to Jesus? We find that John the Baptist being a forerunner for the Messiah had declared to the two disciples standing along with him that Jesus is the Lamb of God. By following Jesus and staying with him they experienced something altogether different and as a result Andrew was so convinced that he went looking for his brother Simon.

How did Andrew know of the Messiah? Precisely because he was following the Torah where it stated that before the Messiah comes Elijah the prophet would arrive, and being a disciple of John the Baptist, Andrew knew well that they were expecting the Messiah, the hope was on. As Philip says "We have found the one whom Moses, in the Law, and the Prophets wrote. When you think about it, given the historical and religious backdrop of that time, their conviction is all the more significant. A number of would-be liberators appeared amid great fanfare and promise, but hopes were soon dashed as such men failed to deliver the Jews from the Roman yoke. (Acts 5: 34-37) However, those two Jews Andrew and Philip never wavered in their conviction that they had found the true Messiah. Rather, in the following years, their confidence increased as they personally witnessed the powerful works that this man performed in fulfillment of the actions of the Messiah's role. Why did these two and many others put faith in him, convinced that he was not just a counterfeit Messiah or a disappointing fraud? What were the credentials that made him convincingly the genuine Messiah?

According to the historical account, Andrew and Philip identified Jesus of Nazareth, the former carpenter, as the promised and long-awaited Messiah. A careful historian of that era, Luke, states that this coming of the Messiah occurred "in the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius Caesar." (Lk 3:1-3). Luke further states that the Jews at this time "were in expectation" of the Messiah's arrival. (Luke 3:15)

When presenting himself to another government, an ambassador is expected to confirm his appointment with the necessary credentials. Similarly, Yahweh had recorded well in advance the requirements that the Messiah would meet. The requirements that the credentials would have to match were set out in many Bible prophecies written centuries earlier. They foretold in minute detail the manner of the Messiah's coming, the nature of his ministry, his suffering at the hands of others, and the type of death he would experience.

In the very first book of the Bible, the writer of Genesis recorded that the Messiah would come through Abraham's line of descent. (Genesis 3:15, 22: 15-18) Another clue revealed that the Messiah would be of the tribe of Judah. (Genesis 49:10) God told the Israelites through Moses that the Messiah would be a greater spokesman and deliverer than even Moses. (Deuteronomy 18:18). During King David's time, prophecy revealed that the Messiah would be David's heir to the throne and that His kingdom would be "firmly established to time indefinite." (2 Samuel 7:13-16) The book of Micah disclosed that the Messiah would be born in David's town, Bethlehem. (Micah 5:2) Isaiah foretold that He would be born of a virgin. (Isaiah 7:14) The prophet Malachi predicted that His coming would be heralded by someone like Elijah. (Malachi 4:5, 6)

The Scriptures spoke about the coming of the Messiah in the Old Testament but if one does not look into it and study it, it would be difficult to have a knowledge of it. Are you still looking for the Messiah or like Andrew we can say "We have found Him."

-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.



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Monday and continues to Monday, January 18. All are encouraged to join in Jesus' prayer that "all may be one" by praying this prayer not only during the week but throughout the year.

"Gracious Lord, we pray for all the members of your holy Church, that all may abide in you and you in them, that they may be one in your love and bear much fruit. We also pray for the world, that all may come to believe in your love for them by the fruit of our witness. We know that our divisions are a source of scandal to your world, and we know that in love we are called to unite as one in the vine and branches. The vine is our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, We are meant to be his Branches. Help us, we pray, to love, to forgive, to seek justice and to be your prophetic voice in the world. May your grace effect growth of good fruit among us, that our world may realize peace. We ask all this in the name of Jesus, your Son, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen. (*Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute, Garrison, NY 10524-0300, www.geii.org*)

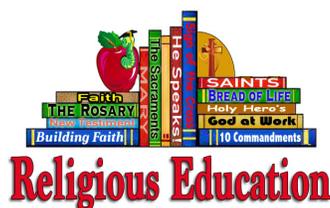
A PRAYER FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.*
Amen.

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+Student evaluations have been mailed. Please let us know if you do not receive them by the end of the week.

+Drop off your donation of diapers/baby wipes next Saturday, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., when you come for mass next weekend, Jan. 23 – 24 or on Monday, Jan. 25th, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. You are also asked to drop off your cards for women expecting babies to be given out through The Women's Center.



ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK

"In Loving Memory of our dear friend,
Shizuko Fulk"

Kazuko & Dennis



**St. Isaac Jogues
Outreach Ministry**

The following items would be helpful as we assist those coming to our doors for food: stews, chili, hash, soups that eat like meals, canned vegetables (corn, peas, beans, carrots), pork and beans (or other like kidney beans, black beans) canned fruit or peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, pasta, mac and cheese, cereal, rice, laundry detergent, shampoo, deodorant (that can be used by men or women). 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."



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
 for details about how to access the meeting
 from your computer or smartphone.



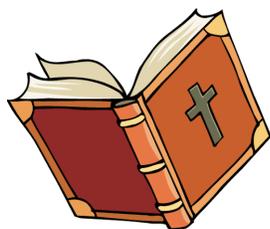
Altar Flowers

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. 23rd, 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, 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
EMILY CABRERA	MARY SUNSHINE PONDER
LORNA ALBA	JUDY CABRERA
SUSAN ARENDT	YUL VENTURA
CINDY NOLAN	MARY LERPS
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MARTHA DEMKO	PELAGIA SAJULGA
ANNE MARRAZZO	JOHN OLDERSHAW
LAURA MORA	COLLEEN KING
TIM DENDOR	PATTY ZEMAN
	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
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Your bodies are members of Christ; glorify God in your body (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

Gospel — The first disciples saw where Jesus was staying and they stayed with him (John 1:35-42).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c;
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19, *or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer*

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9;
Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31;
Mk 1:14-20

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 17, 2021	
8:00 a.m.	Tony Irmen
10:00 a.m.	Michael MacDonald Laura Hall-Shorejay - Spec. Intention
12:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ
Monday - January 18, 2021	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Piotr Mlynarczyk
Tuesday - January 19, 2021	
8:00 a.m.	Fernando A. Ray
Wednesday - January 20, 2021	
8:00 a.m.	Deacon Raymond Behrendt
Thursday - January 21, 2021	
8:00 a.m.	Michael MacDonald
Friday - January 22, 2021	
8:00 a.m.	Eva Carrera
Saturday - January 23, 2021	
8:00 a.m.	Emerenciana V. Tamondong Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Minnie Kremer
5:00 p.m.	
Sunday, January 24, 2021	
8:00 a.m.	Michael MacDonald
10:00 a.m.	Frank Igoe & Barbara O'Brien
12:00 p.m.	Jones Augustin - Spec. Intention

Liturgy Next Weekend January 23rd & 24th

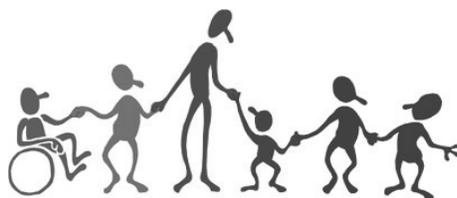
Confessions - 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul

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