



Sts. Martha & Isaac Jogues Parish

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Sunday, 8AM & 10AM

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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.

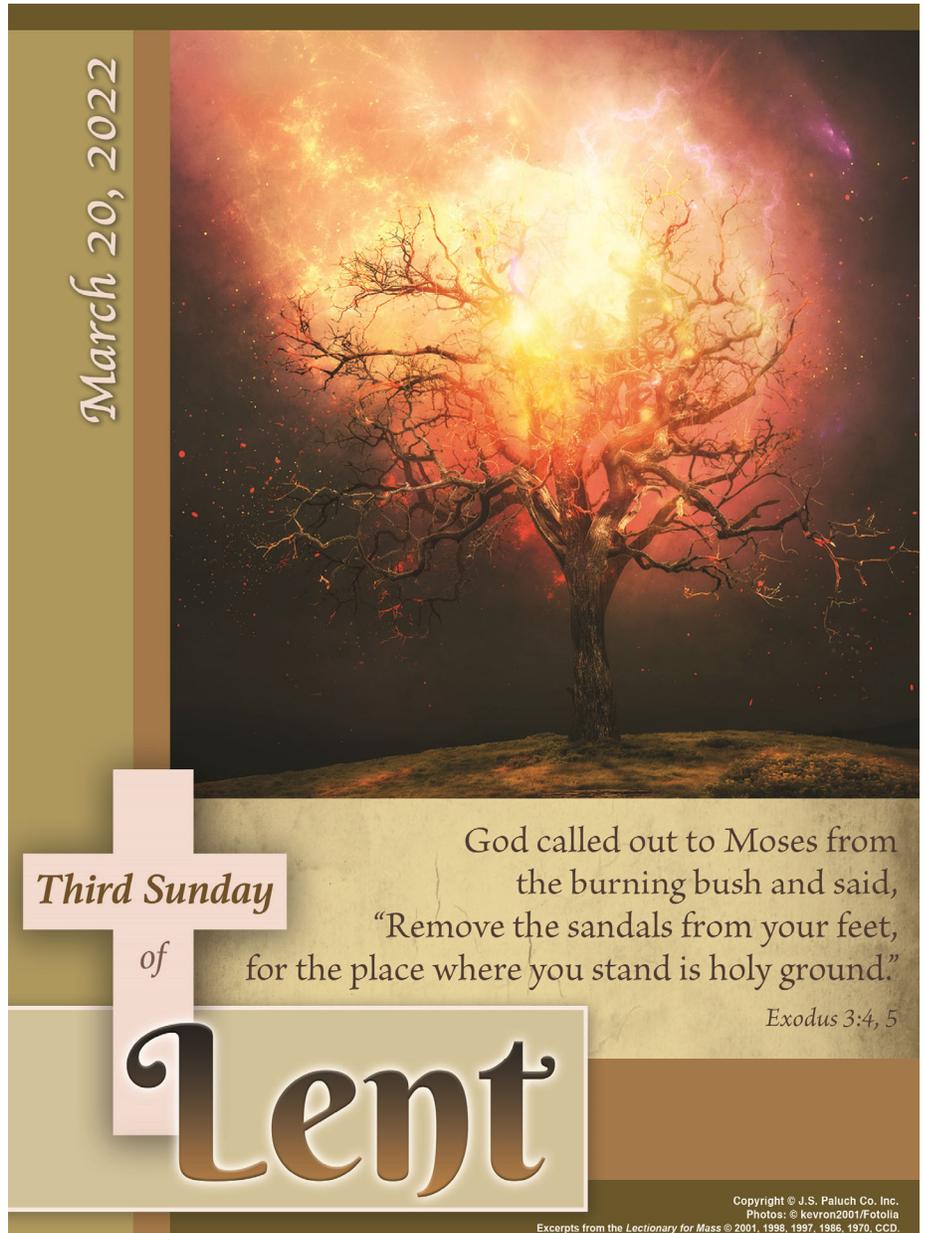
Note: The following wedding times can be scheduled:

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.



Third Sunday

of

Lent

God called out to Moses from the burning bush and said, "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground."

Exodus 3:4, 5

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Reflections from Fr. Dennis

Dear Friends and Fellow Parishioners:

God loves us enough to invite us again, and again, to live with Him. The readings today remind us that yes, our God is a God of second chances. But God's gracious offer is not imposed but proposed. It requires a response from us.

In the first reading, we find Moses in exile in the wilderness. He fled Egypt because he killed one of Pharaoh's overseers. God comes to him in the burning bush, with a plan to rescue his people from the hands of the Egyptians and lead them out of that land into a good and spacious land. This plan includes sending Moses to them, and while Moses has questions and doubts, we know he chose to answer God's commission and return to the land he had fled.

The Gospel begins with an account of a tragic accident. Jesus reminds his hearers of the need to repent, for we do not know when death might come. The Good News of the Gospel is that we are not merely saved FROM something – sin and eternal separation from God – but FOR something, eternal life in heaven and a fruitful life with God now. In today's passage, Jesus uses the story of the fig tree to explain the truth. In the parable, we heard the story of the owner who directs his gardener to cut down the barren fig tree. The gardener proposes that he not only allow this tree, barren for three years, to live, but also that he tend and feed it, investing even more resources into this tree that has yet to produce fruit. If, after this care and attention, it bears no fruit, he will cut it down.

Jesus' parables often have surprising endings and this one does not disappoint. Why would you waste space, effort, and fertilizer on a tree that has not borne fruit in three years? Why not cut it down and start all over with a new tree?

On a human level, that is the course of action that makes the most sense. But not for God. God loves us enough to invite us, again and again, to life with him, to participate in his work of building the Kingdom. Neither Moses nor the fig tree were to be thrown away, but are offered a second chance at life, at freedom, at salvation.

God does not throw us away either. Ever. God always loves us, calls to us, desires for us to grow in love and freedom in Christ, and to be with Him in eternity.

In a moment, we will meet Jesus in the Eucharist. Let us ask the Lord to help us hear his invitation and to respond with our yes.



LENT SERIES

Our 2022 Lent Series, *The Gift and Transformative Power of Ordinary Holiness*, will feature speakers who will share the lives of a couple of Saintly, and one hope-to-be-Saintly, people with ties to Chicago and Indiana.

While we will not have the soup suppers this year, we invite you, your families, friends and neighbors for one, two or all three Thursday evenings to hear, learn, and be inspired by the stories of two religious women and one priest, ordinary people who made a difference in the life of the local, as well as the universal Catholic Church. It is our hope and prayer that their lives will impact your Lent and your discipleship. Each session will be held at **St. Martha in the big Church at 7 p.m.** and go for an hour to an hour and a half. Free will offerings will be taken up each night.

This Thursday, Mar. 24, Joyce Duriga presents "Augustus Tolton: The Church is the True Liberator." In it she brings to light Fr. Tolton's quiet witness as a challenge to prejudices and narrow-mindedness that can keep us insulated from the universal diversity of the kingdom of God. Father Tolton was the first identified black American ordained to the priesthood in the United States. His cause for canonization was opened in 2010 by Cardinal George and the Archdiocese of Chicago. Pope Francis declared him "venerable" on June 11, 2019.

Joyce Duriga has served as editor of the Chicago Catholic, the official newspaper for the Archdiocese of Chicago, since 2007. She is also the author of Helen Prejean: Death Row's Nun, published by Liturgical Press.

+Mar. 31 – Sr. Susan Paweski, S.P. will "The Life of Saint Mother Theodore Guerin: a one-woman show" complete with full habit of that time and Breton accent.

+Apr. 7 -- Together with Nancy Golen we will reflect on the life of the "Saint Among the Sky Scrapers, St. Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini."



FOOD DISTRIBUTION VOLUNTEERS

There is a free food distribution in the SIJ parking lot this Wednesday, 4 – 6 p.m. Please remember that you need to park your car. You'll then be directed inside by door #12, 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. **Please note:** as of this writing we would appreciate a few more volunteers from 4 – 6:30 p.m. that day. Thank you.



St. Isaac Jogues Lent/Special Events

Sunday – Alms recipient is The Well of Mercy.

Tuesday – Lector Virtual Workshop in HFR, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday – Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., HFR; Food Distribution, 4 – 6 p.m., SIJ parking lot.

Thursday – Presentation on Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton, 7 p.m., St. Martha Church (big)

Friday – Stations of the Cross – 3 p.m. at SM Church (small) and 7 p.m., SIJ Church.

Saturday – Sacrament of Reconciliation, 11 a.m. – 12 Noon, church

Weekend of Mar. 19 – 20: Fourth Sunday of Lent; alms recipient is Heifer International.

ALMS RECIPIENT: HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

Our alms recipient for the Fourth & Fifth Sundays of Lent is **Heifer International**. It's mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and to care for the earth. Providing gifts of livestock and training it helps families improve their nutrition and generate income in sustainable ways. Each family commits to giving one of its animal's offspring to another family in need. It is called *Passing on the Gift* and it creates an ever-expanding network of hope and peace. Please place your donations in the alms boxes at the doors of the church. Checks can be made out to *St. Isaac Jogues Church* and we will send one total check. Thank you for your generosity.

WAYS TO HELP

- +We are seeking volunteers to help remove the pew cushions, wash and dry the pews, and put back the cushions before Holy Week, possibly April 7 and/or 8.
- +A couple of volunteers to help decorate in the Holy Family Room on Holy Thursday morning, April 14, 9 a.m. (after morning prayer).
- +A couple of volunteers to help take down the canopy and take out the flowers from the HFR at 11 p.m. on Holy Thursday when Adoration concludes.
- +A few volunteers to help decorate the church on Holy Saturday morning (4/16, about 9 a.m. after Morning Prayer). We need to be finished by Noon.

Whether you can give an hour or more, your assistance will benefit our faith community. Please contact Dee Stanton, 847-966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com, to sign up to help.





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 after Pentecost until Thanksgiving. 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.



Food Pantry Needs

The following items would be helpful at the current time: chili, canned chicken, crackers. **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!

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.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS AND MINISTERS OF CARE

If you were a Eucharistic Minister, Lector or Usher prior to the pandemic and feel ready to return to your ministry (strongly encouraged to be fully vaccinated), please contact the RE Office this week. If you were a Minister of Care and feel ready to return to ministry, please note that per Archdiocesan guidelines you must be fully vaccinated in order to return. Please call the RE Office to discuss your questions or concerns. If you would like to discuss the possibility of becoming a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Usher or Minister of Care, please contact Dee Stanton via the Rectory or RE Office phone numbers.



Keep in touch with us via email and text!

Mass times, weather cancellations, ministry updates, & more delivered to your phone

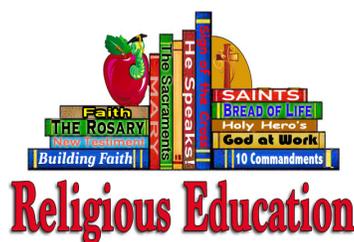
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*RE families are encouraged to use your Rice Bowl calendar each day, try some of the recipes, place donations from sacrifices made in rice bowls, say the Lent prayer each day and check out the website, crricebowl.org, for stories about some of the ways people are helped by your donations.

*Lent Reconciliation for all classes First Communion - Confirmation Year II will be held on Monday, March 28th at 6:50 p.m. Please be sure to have your children here by 6:45 p.m. The Pre-First Communion Class will have a forgiveness service in class that night.

*Confirmation Year I & II Candidates should be working on their service.

SUPPORT THE ALMSGIVING EFFORTS OF RE STUDENTS

The RE students and their families are participating in the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Project for their Lenten almsgiving. Please support their efforts by praying with them the Rice Bowl Prayer each day this week:

Lord Jesus, You call us to a conversion of heart during Lent, and you give us the tools to do this through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. When we pray, help us remember the needs of our sisters and brothers. When we fast, help us offer our sacrifice in union with you. When we give, help us recognize our gifts are from you so that we are generous with others. Amen.

Submission Process for a New Unified Parish Name

All parishioners of the legacy parishes of St. Martha and St. Isaac Jogues have an opportunity over the next two weekends to suggest an appropriate new name for our new unified parish. Ideally, our suggestions should say something about our vision of the future of our parish and to that end, each name suggestion must be accompanied by a reason. Submissions with names only cannot be considered as the rationale behind the name will inform the Naming Committee on their choices to be submitted to Fr. Malave for further consideration.

Please complete a separate Naming Form for each submission. Forms can be returned to the regular Sunday collection basket, to the collection boxes situated in the narthex of each church building or to the business offices at either campus. **All eligible forms must be received by 3pm on March 28.**

Forms will be included in the bulletin and will be available in the narthex and in the business offices of each campus. The Committee Flock Note will also include the form as a downloadable PDF. Naming and Communication Sub-Committee members will be available after each Mass to answer any questions.

Guidelines laid out by the Archdiocese are as follows:

"The name of the new parish should be a title of Christ under a title already accepted in the liturgy or that speaks to a mystery in His life; the Blessed Virgin Mary under a title already accepted in the liturgy; the Trinity; the Holy Spirit; one of the angels; or a canonized saint. Parishes may choose a name based on a special devotion to a particular saint or because the saint represents a certain cultural or ethnic perspective. The Cardinal asks that parishes do not consider a name already in use for a parish, school, mission, agency or shrine in the archdiocese. The name for the new parish should have a feast day for the new parish to celebrate." Lists of names already in use are posted in at both campuses.



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	HENRIETTA SAGARIO
LORNA ALBA	MATTHEW PONDER
CINDY NOLAN	MARY SUNSHINE PONDER
MARTHA DEMKO	BRAD BOWER
REMEDIOS MAGPANTAY	LAURA & DANNY MORA
TIM DENDOR	SHARON KILIKEVICE
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FRANK BEIL	PATTY ZEMAN
NELSON PETINES	ALEXANDRA LAQUAGWA
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FR. DAN FALLON	IRENE LINGAYA
CURT NAPRAVNIK	CATHY FORST
JOHN FOLISI	BERNITA DEL ROSARIO
DAVID NUCCIO	ROSE SIMPSON
ALISON TOLSON LORD	KATHY EGLOFF
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	BRENDA WHITEHEAD
	CHERYL HEYDENBURG
	FR BERNARD KENNEDY

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.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD God appears to Moses and directs him to go and deliver the Israelites from Egypt (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) or *Exodus 17:3-7*.

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) or *Psalm 95*.

Second Reading — We are not to grumble like the people with Moses in the desert (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) or *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.

Gospel — If you do not repent, you will all perish (Luke 13:1-9) or *John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4;
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc,
8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab;
Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Alternate readings (Year A):

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;

Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

40
days
of Lent
Pray, Fast, Give

Mass Intentions

Sunday - March 20, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Maggie Kiesler Tony Martocci Laura Hall-Schordje
10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Alice Mc Nally

Monday - March 21, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society John Areno
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Tuesday - March 22, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Laura Hall-Schordje
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Wednesday - March 23, 2022

8:00 a.m.	James Hackl, Jr. - Spec Intention
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Thursday - March 24, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Frank Schmidt
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Friday - March 25, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Cipriana Ramos-Chua Jose Peter Loretta Nacius Dariusz Jozwiak - Spec. Intention
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Saturday - March 26, 2022

5:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Tony Irmen
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Sunday - March 27, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Jim Kveton
10:00 a.m.	Laura Hall-Schordje Dolly Ostapiuk

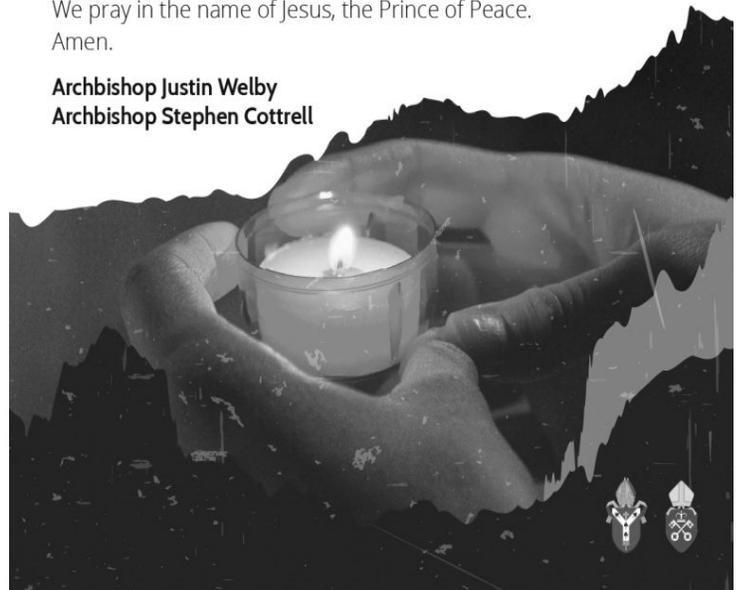
Next Week Liturgy Schedule March 26th & 27th

Reconciliation 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



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