



# Sts. Martha & Isaac Jogues Parish

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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.



“WHY DO YOU SEEK  
THE LIVING ONE  
AMONG THE DEAD?  
HE IS NOT HERE,  
BUT HE HAS BEEN RAISED.”

LUKE 24:5-6

## EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 17, 2022

### ST ISAAC JOGUES - Leaders

Parish Pastoral Council			Finance Committee Advisors	
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<b>Men's Club Chairperson</b> – Don Baron				
<b>Fil-Am Chairperson</b> – TBD				

## Reflections from Fr. Dennis

Dear Friends and Fellow Parishioners:

Scientists and psychologists suggest that it takes 21 to 60 days to change a habit or to adopt a new behavior. The Great 50 Days of Easter offer us the perfect time to let go of the old and embrace the new.

Big change is possible in a short period of time. Before Lent, we were a polarized nation in a polarized world. After Russia invaded Ukraine, most Americans - and many of the nations of the world - were finally brought together again in a common purpose – the preservation of a democratic country. The sad fact, however, is that nothing can unite a people more quickly than a common focus for hatred and belligerence. When the peace is restored, then we will have to begin the harder work of sustaining the unity we have achieved through a united effort to continue to do things and to make choices that will preserve the hard-won peace.

Likewise, these months have been a remarkable time for our united parish. We developed a hard-working, enthusiastic, imaginative unification team who have already collected your suggestions for a new name for our parish and for new ways we can work together to build up our unity. Coinciding with the designation of our new name has come the designation of our new pastor, Father Tom Baldonieri. There are many reasons why he is an excellent choice. A transitional time like this can be not only crucial and hope-filled but also scary. Our natural resistance to change can cause a lot of mistrust and apprehension to surface. This is normal. If we are honest with ourselves, we will admit that, even if Jesus Himself were appointed our new pastor and tried to change anything, He would probably meet with at least some resistance. Consider the state the Apostles were in between Easter and Pentecost. They were both delighted to have encountered the risen Savior but also terrified. They had no idea what next. Were they about to face sufferings like he endured? Would his risen Presence be a threat to their Judaism, which had been their anchor in a changing and dangerous world? Was He feeling any resentment over their disloyalty during his days of suffering and death? Jesus knew all of this. And this is why, after He greeted them on the first Easter day, he breathed the gift of peace into their souls and blessed them with the ability to forgive and to reconcile. He also told them to stay together and pray together until He poured the gift of his Holy Spirit into them, after which they would be no longer confused about so many questions that burdened them.

We have now entered another 50 day period of anticipation to the next Pentecost. Recall that Jesus' most fervent prayer at the Last Supper was for the unification of all his disciples – including us. Bearing this in mind, let us use this time to get to know each other even better as we pray together that we can stay together as a newly united parish – and grow together in our appreciation that our Savior has been close to us especially during this entire unification process and that He will eventually get us exactly where we need to be as a vibrant, hopeful, newly reconstituted parish. Happy Easter!

**-Fr. Dennis**

### Name Preference Survey Ends Today

The parish wide survey continues this weekend to determine the top three new name preferences of our unified parish. Survey forms are available at all Masses and will be collected by the ushers during each Mass. Please number your choices as 1, 2 or 3 with 1 being your first choice. Remember that in accordance with Canon Law, the names of the existing individual worship sites of St. Martha Church and St. Isaac Jogues Church will not change. **If you already completed a selection form, please do not complete another.**

Preferences will be tallied this week and the top 3 to 5 choices will be submitted according to their preference order to Fr. Malave for review. He will then present them to Cardinal Cupich and the Bishops who will discuss the names and the rationale for each with the Episcopal Council. The recommendation from the Cardinal and the Episcopal Vicar will be sent to the Presbyteral Council on May 3 for a final determination.



## FOOD DISTRIBUTION VOLUNTEERS

This month's distribution will be on Wednesday, April 27, 4 – 6 p.m., here in the SIJ parking lot. Please share this information friends and neighbors who would benefit from extra food support at this time. If they have a Greater Chicago Food Depository pantry card, please ask them to bring it with as it will move the check in process along. We are in need of about 30 volunteers for the first time frame of 2:45 – 4:15 p.m. and about 20 for the second time frame, 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. which includes clean up. Volunteers need to be in good health with no underlying conditions. Check in takes place inside and distribution is outside. Even though we are outside, we do wear masks and gloves (which are provided). Please remember to dress for the weather! To volunteer please contact the Religious Education Office by Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 847-966-1180 or [sijre2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sijre2004@yahoo.com). or respond via Flocknote. Share the gift of food and new life by volunteering your time!



## St. Isaac Jogues Upcoming Events

**Easter Sunday:** A Happy and Joyous Easter to all! May you experience new life in special ways throughout this holy season.

**Monday** – Blessings upon Deacon Paul as he celebrates his 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Diaconate Ordination.

**Tuesday** – Spiritual Life Commission, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday** – Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., HFR; Men's Club, 2 p.m., HFR; SPRED Group, Zoom, 3 p.m.; Bible Study, 7 p.m., HFR

**Thursday** – Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10 a.m., HFR, New knitters and crotcheters welcome.

**Friday** – Say a prayer for Fr. Mario as he continues his ministry in India. Today is his 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Priesthood Ordination.

**Saturday** – Confessions, 11 a.m. – 12 Noon, 2 priests. Note: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will not take place during Adoration on Divine Mercy Sunday; FC Retreat, 1 – 4 p.m.

**Apr. 27** – Liturgy Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

## Save the Date

The presentation on Venerable Father Augustus Tolton to be given by Joyce Duriga has been rescheduled for Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. at St. Martha in the big church. All are encouraged to come and learn more about the first Black American to be ordained a priest and who ministered and died in Chicago. His cause for canonization to Sainthood was opened by Cardinal George and the Archdiocese of Chicago in 2010. Discover, too, how his faith and discipleship can inspire and encourage ours!

### 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.

## EASTER REFLECTION:

From the Jerusalem Catechesis

“You were led down to the font of holy baptism, just as Christ was taken down from the cross and placed in the tomb which is before your eyes. Each of you was asked, ‘Do you believe in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?’ You made the profession of faith that brings salvation, you were plunged into the water, and three times you rose again. This symbolized the three days Christ spent in the tomb.

“As our Savior spent three days and three nights in the depths of the earth, so your first rising from the water represented the first day and your first immersion represented the first night. At night a man cannot see, but in the day he walks in the light. So when you were immersed in the water it was like night for you and you could not see, but when you rose again it was like coming into broad daylight. In the same instant you died and were born again; the saving water was both your tomb and your mother. Solomon’s phrase in another context is very apposite here. He spoke of *a time to give birth, and a time to die*. For you, however, it was the reverse: a time to die, and a time to be born, although in fact both events took place at the same time and your birth was simultaneous with your death.

“This is something amazing and unheard of! It was not we who actually died, were buried and rose again. We only did these things symbolically, but we have been saved in actual fact. It is Christ who was crucified, who was buried and who rose again, and all this has been attributed to us. We share in his sufferings symbolically and gain salvation in reality. What boundless love for men! Christ’s undefiled hands were pierced by the nails; he suffered the pain. I experience no pain, no anguish, yet by the share that I have in his sufferings he freely grants me salvation.

“Let no one imagine that baptism consists only in the forgiveness of sins and in the grace of adoption. Our baptism is not like the baptism of John, which conferred only the forgiveness of sins. We know perfectly well that baptism, besides washing away our sins and bringing us the gift of the Holy Spirit, is a symbol of the sufferings of Christ. This is why Paul exclaims: *Do you not know that when we were baptized into Christ Jesus we were, by that very action, sharing in his death? By baptism we went with him into the tomb.*”

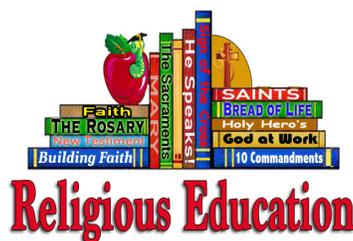


## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Sunday of Divine Mercy and the end of the Octave of Easter (celebrating each of the eight days as it is Easter Sunday) is next weekend. At the end of the 10 a.m. Mass next Sunday we will have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Noon. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at Noon followed by Benediction. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will not be available during Adoration. **However, there will be two priests hearing confessions on Saturday, April 23, 11 a.m. to Noon** for those who would like to go to confession in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday. All are invited to continue the celebration of Easter by participation in all or some part of these events.



**A BIG THANKS** to our Religious Education students who committed their service hours to “spring cleaning” the outside of the campus. Lots of trash blows around, stuck in the bushes and trees throughout the winter months and now it’s all gone!



## Religious Education

\*The Religious Education Families and Staff wish you a Blessed Easter Season and rejoice with you for the Lord is risen!

\*Religious Education classes will **not** be held on Easter Monday. Continue to celebrate the Easter Season with your family.

\*First Communion Retreat is this Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1:00-4:00 p.m. in the Holy Family Room. If you did not yet turn in your child's permission slip, please bring it that day.

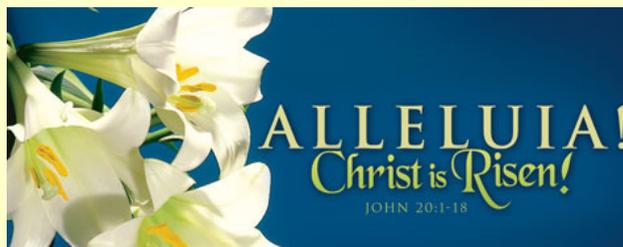
\*First Communion Practice will be on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:45 – 8:00 p.m. for Ms. Bello's Class. A parent or guardian must attend the entire practice with them.

\*Ms. Gawne's Class will have a Vocation Panel in class on Apr. 25<sup>th</sup>. Parents are welcome to join at 6:45 p.m. Please let the RE Office know ahead of time if you plan to attend.

\*Please note that the **Family Event scheduled for May 16 is moved to May 2<sup>nd</sup>**. May 9 & 16 will be class nights.

Dear Friends and Fellow Parishioners:

He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia! We are filled with hope. After being in nearly a year of limbo, united as one parish last July, we have just learned that Fr. Tom Baldonieri will be our new Pastor. And we continue the process of our getting to know each other better and to work with each other more deliberately and cordially as fellow-parishioners of a united new parish. Mask mandates lifted, more vaccinations, and lower Covid19 rates allow us to more fully share in the Eucharist. Our surviving Covid19 and beginning to unite as a parish and the arrival of Spring all coalesce into reasons to hope and to embark with gusto on the adventure of our new reality. This is the first time we will be celebrating Easter Vigil together as one parish. The new Easter fire this year will be a great sign of new life and hope, after having gone through our own Holy Thursdays and Good Fridays of worrying, wondering, dreaming, and praying. While both of our separate churches will retain the dedications they have always had and be known as the St. Martha and St. Isaac Jogues campuses, our combined Unification Team continues work on a new name. Once the name is finally chosen by Cardinal Cupich, things will really begin to move in a good way for all of us. Our unification committee will continue to work with Fr. Tom, along with all of us and the Renew My Church Transition Team on the journey toward deeper unification. I will continue on as rector of our Shrine of All Saints. Thanks to all of you who have been so patient and encouraging. Thanks especially to our superb, imaginative, and hard-working staff. We all join in wishing you a very Happy Easter!



*In Christ,*

Fr Dennis O'Neill

Fr. Carlos Pereira

Deacon Paul Stanton

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Dolores Stanton, Director of Religious Education

Liz Frake, Director of Religious Education

Kevin Wood, Director of Music and Liturgy

Lisa Hall, Director of Music



Next Men's Club Meeting is  
April 20th at 2pm in the Holy  
Family Room.  
All men are welcome.



# Pray for

KERMIT TURNER	TONY LIVORSI
MICHAEL NOBLE	JOHN ROMANO
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	CHERYL HEYDENBURG
	FR BERNARD KENNEDY
	OLIVIA TARSNEY

## TODAY'S READINGS

**Gospel at the Procession with Palms** — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40).

**First Reading** — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

**Psalm** — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

**Second Reading** — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

**Gospel** — The account of Christ's passion according to Luke (Luke 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]).

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](mailto:sijre2004@yahoo.com).



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21  
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 - 19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;  
b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16:5, 8-11;

c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;

d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;

e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;

f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;

g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4

or

Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;  
h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;  
Lk 24:1-12

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

## Mass Intentions

Sunday - April 17, 2022

8:00 a.m. Dean Johansen

10:00 a.m. Mark Duval

Monday - April 18, 2022

8:00 a.m. Purgatorial Society  
Eduardo Rodriguez  
Purificacion Rodriguez

Tuesday - April 19, 2022

8:00 a.m. Fran Zimmerman

Wednesday - April 20, 2022

8:00 a.m. Juana Miranda

Thursday - April 21, 2022

8:00 a.m. Stephen Puisis  
Henry Gazdziak  
Alfreda Wiczorek  
Rosey Thuruthikara

Friday - April 22, 2022

8:00 a.m. John Areno

Saturday - April 23, 2022

5:00 p.m. Romen V. Fernandez

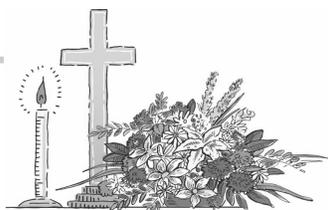
Sunday - April 24, 2022

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of SIJ  
John Affatati

10:00 a.m. Edward C. O'Keefe  
John Igoe & John Burke  
Lizzette Grace Jose -  
Birthday Blessings  
Elmano Rego

## Next Week's Liturgy Schedule April 23rd & 24th

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



### 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.



Jose Malijan

*In Memoriam*

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