

# SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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*Mission: "A Catholic Parish sharing experiences of the Kingdom of God"*



*Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 20, 2015*

### The Pastor's Greeting

The beauty of Christmas is often expressed in paradox. As we stand at the Creche we are all children. The Mystery too large for the mind can fill our hearts. Allow me to share with you one of my favorite Christmas lyrics by Richard Crashaw. He was a Puritan who converted to Catholicism—something that was paradoxical in itself! These lines from "The Shepherds' Hymn" eloquently proclaim, for me, what is at the core of Christmas:

*Welcome, all wonders in one sight!  
Eternity shut in a span!  
Summer in Winter, Day in Nigh!  
Heaven in Earth, and God in man!  
Great little One! Whose all-embracing birth  
Lifts Earth to Heaven, stoops Heaven to Earth—*



A Blessed Christmas and Grace filled New Year!

-Fr. Andrew Luczak



### The Christmas Message

The message of Christmas is about the son of God becoming man. The Bible teaches that God created human beings in His image. This means that He enables us to have some understanding of Him and of His vast and complex design. Our human nature reflects some of God's attributes, although in a limited way. We love because we are made in the image of the God who is love ([1 John 4:16](#)). Because we are created in His image, we can be compassionate, faithful, truthful, kind, patient, and just. In us, these attributes are distorted by sin, which also resides in our nature.

Originally, human nature was perfect by virtue of having been created so by God. The Bible teaches that human beings were created "very good" by a loving God ([Gen. 1:31](#)), but that goodness was marred by the sin of Adam and Eve. Subsequently, the entire human race fell victim to the sin nature. The good news is that at the moment a person trusts in Christ, he receives a new nature. [2 Corinthians 5:17](#) tells us, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" Sanctification is the process by which God develops our new nature, enabling us to grow into more holiness through time.

Let this Christmas be a time to get back to our human nature and know that we have to live up to the attributes of God's nature as we are created in His image and likeness and thus find true meaning in our celebration.

I take this opportunity to wish each of you a "Merry Christmas and a grace filled New Year 2016".

-Fr. Mario Pereira

*May the gift of Holy Joy and the blessing of  
Profound Peace be yours this Christmas and in  
the New Year of Mercy!*

*Fr. Bernard, O.F.M.*



May the light of  
Christ's love shine  
in your heart all  
year long. Merry  
Christmas!

**The Ushers**



Peace and Good  
from Fr. Cam



*Celebrate the Christmas Season with  
Hope, Happiness and Peace*

*Parish Life Committee*

"Every good gift and every  
perfect gift is from above, and  
comes down from the Father of  
lights, with whom there is no  
variation or shadow of turning." James 1:17



Wishing you the blessings of the Christmas Season.  
May we all be a gift of love to our brothers  
and sisters in need.

**Human Concerns Commission**



May the Love and Light of Christmas  
brighten your days.

Wishing you the precious gifts of joy,  
peace, and love this Christmas Season,  
and a New Year filled with health,  
hope and happiness.

*Saint Isaac Jogues Women's Club*

*May the Holy Spirit of Christmas fill your heart.  
May the Divine Infant of Bethlehem grant you His  
Choicest Blessings, May His Grace increase in your  
soul throughout the New Year.*

*The Rectory Staff*



*May this Joyful day of our Saviour's  
birth resound with hope and peace on earth.*

*Merry Christmas,*

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**



*May His Love Fill Your  
Heart This Christmas  
and Always*

**Our Circle of Friends**  
Jack  
Joseph  
Ronald  
Christopher  
Patrick  
Bobby  
Brenda  
And the SPRED team



**The Music Ministry of St Isaac Jogues  
wishes you a very merry Christmas  
and a blessed New Year.  
Please come and enjoy beautiful music  
at our concert on  
Sunday, January 3, at 3:00pm  
in the church. You'll hear the choirs and  
bells ring out a wonderful close to the  
Christmas season and share a few laughs.  
God bless you in 2016.**

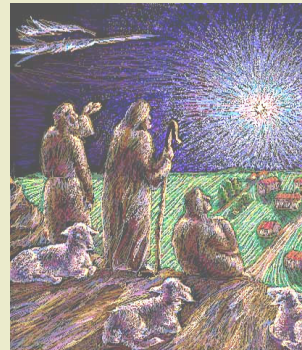


Joseph's gaze fell upon Jesus and filled him with wonder and awe of his Lord. In this holy season we pray you experience the same. God bless you with healing, love and joy.

*The Ministers of Care*

**May our Divine Redeemer bestow  
His Peace on you and your home, And  
may His Blessings be with you always.**

**St. Isaac Jogues  
Money Counters**



*Sharing with you the  
joy of Christ's birth!  
Please pray for us as  
we prepare for the  
Easter sacraments.  
Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year!*

**Gina, Brad,  
Jonathan, Jordan,  
Shane, and  
RCIA Sponsors**



We wish you God's love and  
peace in this season of joy.  
Merry Christmas and a Blessed  
New Year!  
**SIJ Men's Club**

*A beautiful Christmas thought by Mother Teresa-  
"Welcome Jesus at Christmas time, not in a cold manger of  
our heart...but warm with love for one another."  
A very blessed Christmas to all!*

**Pro Life Activities**

**Christ is the Reason for the Season**  
**We wish you and your families a most**  
**Holy Christmas and a Joyful New Year!**

**Serving the Parish communities of**  
**St. Isaac Jogues, St. John Brebeuf**  
**and St. Juliana**

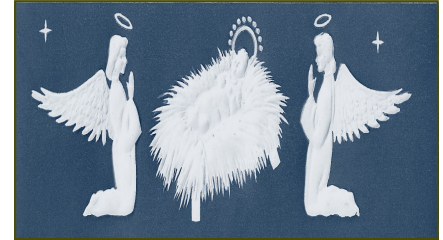


**Knights of**  
**Columbus**  
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*"Thanks be to God for his  
 indescribable gift!"*  
 (11 Cor. 9:15)

*Merry Christmas from  
 The Liturgy Board*



Ta kolęda od opłatka się zaczyna,  
 bo opłatkiem najpierw dzieli się rodzina.  
 Od opłatka i od życzeń naszej mamy,  
 od tych słów nad opłatkiem wyszeptanych.  
 A ty nasza kolędo domowa  
 słowa mamy w pamięci zachowaj.  
 I zaśpiewaj, zakolęduj nam kolędo,  
 że najbliżsi zawsze przy nas będą,  
 że nikogo nie zabraknie przy tym stole,  
 przy kolędzie najpiękniejszej z wszystkich kolęd.

**Polska Szkoła**  
**im. I.J.Paderewskiego**  
**Niles**



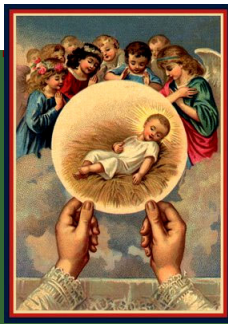
*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only  
 begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not  
 perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son  
 into the world to judge the world, but that the world might  
 be saved through Him. JOHN 3:16-17*

In this Year of Mercy may you be aware of God's mercy  
 to us through the gift of His Son and be a source of mercy  
 to others. We wish you and your families a most blessed  
 Merry Christmas and a joyful Happy New Year.  
**St. Isaac Jogues Lectors**

***"For I am convinced that neither  
 death, nor life, nor angels, nor  
 principalities, nor present things,  
 nor future things, nor powers, nor  
 height, nor depth, nor any other  
 creature will be able to separate us  
 from the love of God in Christ Jesus  
 our Lord." Romans 8:38-39***

**This we believe! Merry Christmas!**

**The Wednesday Morning  
 Bible Study**



Let us dance with delight in the Lord and let our hearts be filled with rejoicing, for eternal salvation has appeared on earth, alleluia.

*Liturgy of the Hours Roman rite*

Have a blessed and joyful Christmas season.

Your Parish Pastoral Council

Have a most holy and peaceful Christmas!



The Parish Finance

Committee sincerely thanks you for your extremely generous contributions of time, talent, and treasure this past year and prays that your New Year will be so blessed that your generosity may abound even more.



May the Christmas Gifts of Peace, Love and Joy Be Yours This Christmas Season and Always.

Ministers of Praise



**The Ecumenical and Interreligious Committee wishes everyone a blessed Christmas as we again strive to fulfill the mission of Christ as we work towards unity and peace in the Lord.**

"Blessed Be The Lord, The God Of Israel, For He Has Visited His People. He Has Come To Their Rescue..." (Luke 1:68)  
Merry Christmas!

The Spiritual Life Commission



*May you have a joyous Christmas and a New Year blessed with peace and happiness.*

*The Maintenance Staff*



**For a child is born to us,  
A Son is given to us...  
Isaiah 9:5**

**O Come, let us adore Him!  
Christmas Blessings to you and yours!**

**Medjugorje Holy Hour**





*May God's light encircle you and  
God's love enfold you.*

For the lives that you have changed,  
And the families that you have saved,  
May you and your families be blessed!

**St. Vincent de Paul Ministry**

*Amen I say to you: Whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren you did it for me.*  
Matthew 25:40



*May your Christmas be joyful, peaceful,  
and filled with His love.*  
"Maligayang Pasko"

*From the: Filipino American Organization  
at St. Isaac Jogues*



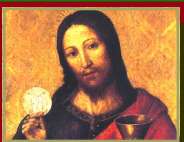
*Feliz Navidad a todos nuestros amigos  
nen St. Isaac Jogues!  
Con cariño  
Maternity BVM Parish*

*Merry Christmas to all our friends  
At St. Isaac Jogues!*

*With love,  
Maternity BVM Parish*

*"A night like no other. A child like no other.  
A love like no other...May the miracle of  
Christmas fill your hearts with wonder and joy."  
Blessings in this holy season and the new year!*

**Baptism Preparation**



*"My Flesh is real food  
and my blood is real drink."*

**Wishing you true peace  
in this holy season and beyond.**

**The Extraordinary Ministers of  
Communion at S.I.J.**

**In the quiet of that Christmas night the  
Lord came to dwell among us. We pray  
you know that Jesus is near you in a  
special way this year. May memories of  
past Christmases comfort you and fill  
you with peace, hope and love.**

**The Bereavement Ministry**

*May the peace and joy of Christ our Savior be with you this Christmas season. And may the Star of Bethlehem shine on you throughout the New Year.*

*The Deacon Community*



#### A Christmas Blessing

On this day illumined  
by the gospel hope  
which springs from  
the humble stable of Bethlehem,  
I invoke the Christmas gift  
of joy and peace upon all:  
upon children and the elderly,  
upon young people and families,  
the poor and the marginalized.  
May Jesus, who was born for us,  
console all those afflicted  
by illness and suffering.

May he sustain those  
who devote themselves  
to serving our brothers and sisters  
who are most in need.  
Happy Christmas to all!

-- Pope Francis



Front yards, decked with holiday red and green...the sweet surprise of gingerbread in the air! It can only mean Christmas is around the corner! In the hustle and bustle of shopping and filling Christmas stockings, can we overlook the true meaning of Christmas? Partying with family and friends and stuffing ourselves with Grandma's best pie, do we remember that Christmas is all about giving? Giving is showing God's love! We can do that in simple ways— volunteering free time, making cookies for a bake sale or just smiling and saying, "Merry Christmas!"

-Young Adult Service Ministry

May the Peace of Christ  
the Divine Word, be with  
you now and each day of  
your life.



Merry Christmas  
The Sacristans



Merry Christmas!  
We hope you have a  
Blessed Christmas  
and Happy New Year.  
Remember God and  
Jesus are always  
with you!

Grades 3 and 4 on  
behalf of:  
The RE Faculty and  
Families

*Jesus said that where two or three come together in His name, He is with them. We send wishes to all for a blessed Christmas.*

*Morning Faith Sharing Group*







The *logo* and the *motto* together provide a fitting summary of what the Jubilee Year is all about. The motto *Merciful Like the Father* (taken from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (cfr. Lk 6:37-38). The logo – the work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik – presents a small *summa theologiae* of the theme of mercy. In fact, it represents an image quite important to the early Church: that of the Son having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption. The logo has been designed in such a way so as to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one's life. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one's own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father.

The scene is captured within the so called *mandorla* (the shape of an almond), a figure quite important in early and medieval iconography, for it calls to mind the two natures of Christ, divine and human. The three concentric ovals, with colors progressively lighter as we move outward, suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of the night of sin and death. Conversely, the depth of the darker color suggests the impenetrability of the love of the Father who forgives all.



*Merry Christmas, St. Isaac Jogues Parish!*

*As we complete the Advent Season, we've been preparing for the birth of Jesus. Let us open our hearts and minds so that we may thank Him in this joyous celebration. On behalf of the Altar Server Ministry we thank you for your support and hope you have a blessed season!*



**LET US PRAY...** In gratitude for freedom and for those who protect us and serve us in the various branches of military service and first responders:

First Responders  
United States Air Force  
United States Army  
United States Marines

United States Navy  
Illinois National Guard

Shane Long, Brad Markovich, Greg Zalewski  
Mason Janzen, Breanna Dexter  
Brian Caplin, Gale Renner  
Patrick Edward Echavez, Joseph John Zimmerman III, Aisha  
Fernando, Lance Renner, Gian Patrick Reyes  
William B. Dexter, Timothy Kelly, David Perez  
Christopher Dexter, Nathaniel Janzen



If you have a family member or friend you would like to add to our prayer list, either because they serve in the military or as a first responder (police, firefighter, paramedic/EMT), please contact the RE Office at 847/966-1180 or [sijre2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sijre2004@yahoo.com).

Sunday, December 20	
8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Fr. Roman Zbieranski Hal Yamanaka, Julia & Pascual Pimentel, Augustina Baut, Eduardo Rodriguez, Jacqueline Leksander, David Olzeski <i>For The Living &amp; Deceased Members of SIJ</i> Mary Esthappan
12:00 p.m.	
Monday, December 21	
8:00 a.m.	<i>Purgatorial Society</i> Richard Banner
Tuesday, December 22	
8:00 a.m.	Richard MacDonald
Wednesday, December 23	
8:00 a.m.	Nick Hays Sr. Paulissa Puisis
Thursday, December 24	
8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. Midnight	Rocco Martocci Mary Jane Polinski Julio & Consuelo Sitjar
Friday, December 25	
8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Richard M. Arendt Steven Zourkas, Benita Lojo Frank and Patricia Hildebrandt
Saturday, December 26	
8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	<i>Communion Service-No Intentions</i> Ed Brezinski
Sunday, December 27	
8:00 a.m.	<i>For The Living &amp; Deceased Members of SIJ</i> Christine Dombrowski Uba
10:00 a.m.	Ed Puisis, Pat Zygmunt, Lille Mae Brady
12:00 p.m.	Maria Neumann



Date/Time	Celebrant	Altar Servers
Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m.	Fr. Kennedy/ Deacon Paul	Lawson Mathew, Steve Livingston, Alfonso & Julie Hanson
Friday, December 25 Christmas Day Midnight	Fr. Luczak/ Deacon Paul	Jeffery Kurian, Carlo & Athena Lasco Jonathan Piska
Friday, December 25 Christmas Day 8:00 a.m.	Fr. Kennedy/ Deacon Paul	Kevin Thomas, Matthew & Nathan Ledesma, Jalen Moraga
Friday, December 25 Christmas Day 10:00 a.m.	Fr. Pereira/ Deacon Paul	Rene Dumayas, Nelson Perumpel, Michael & Mark Lucas
Friday, December 25 Christmas Day 12:00 p.m.	Fr. Pereira/ Deacon Paul	Jane & Lawrence Escarez, Red Reyes, Anna Koziol

### Liturgy Weekend of December 26-27

Date/Time	Celebrant	Altar Servers
Confessions 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.	Fr. Pereira	
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Pereira	Kevin Thomas Gabriel Carandang Jonathan Piska
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pereira	Thomas Striblen Red Reyes Jude Jimmychan
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Luczak	Maya Gherman Alena Jospeh Angelina Joseph
12:00 p.m.	Fr. Kalas	Alfonso Hanson Julie Hanson Angelika Dacpano
Baptisms-1:30 p.m.	Fr. Luczak	

## ***ST. ISAAC JOGUES PARISH CHRISTMAS 2015***

### **LITURGIES OF CHRISTMAS**

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24**

4:00 pm (Carols at 3:30 pm)

Midnight (Carols at 11:30 pm)

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25**

8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

#### **SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (Holy Day of Obligation)**

Thursday, December 31, 5:00 pm

Friday, January 1, 2016, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

### **ADDITIONAL CELEBRATIONS**

#### **MUSIC MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Sunday January 3, 2016, 3:00 pm – Church

**SHARING OF OPLATKI** (bi-lingual)

Sunday, January 10, 2016, 1:00 pm

Holy Family Room

**PASTOR:** Rev. Andrew Luczak

**ASSOCIATE:** Rev. Mario Pereira S.F.X

#### **PASTORAL STAFF:**

Lori Herbert, Business Manager

Dolores Stanton, Director of Religious Education

Lisa Hall, Music Director

#### **DEACON COMMUNITY:**

Deacon & Mrs. Robert C. O'Keefe

Deacon & Mrs. Paul M. Stanton

#### **WEEKEND LITURGY PRESIDER:**

Rev. Bernard Kennedy, O.F.M.

#### **Eucharistic Celebrations:**

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, & 12:00 Noon

Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM

Saturday: 8:00 AM & 5:00 PM

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday, 11:00 - 12:00 Noon or anytime by request.

## **Pray for...**



**JIMMY RANCICH  
BERNARD KENNEDY, SR.  
ALEXIS BARGA  
DELAINE KENNEDY  
MARY ANN CASTAGNA  
FR. BOB HEINZ  
RICK (GRANDSON OF RALPH  
AND KATHY EGLOFF)  
MARGE VASILE  
MARCY SANTIAGO  
CHUCK WATSON**



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*"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, 'God is with us.'"*

*Merry Christmas! May the joy and hope which Jesus' birth brings in this Christmas season stir your hearts to remember God's faithfulness and love. We extend a special invitation to those who have been away from the Catholic Church for a little while, or a long one, whatever the reason – COME HOME. You are missed and we want to have you with us again! RSVP to Deacon Paul or Dee Stanton, 847/966-1180.*



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