SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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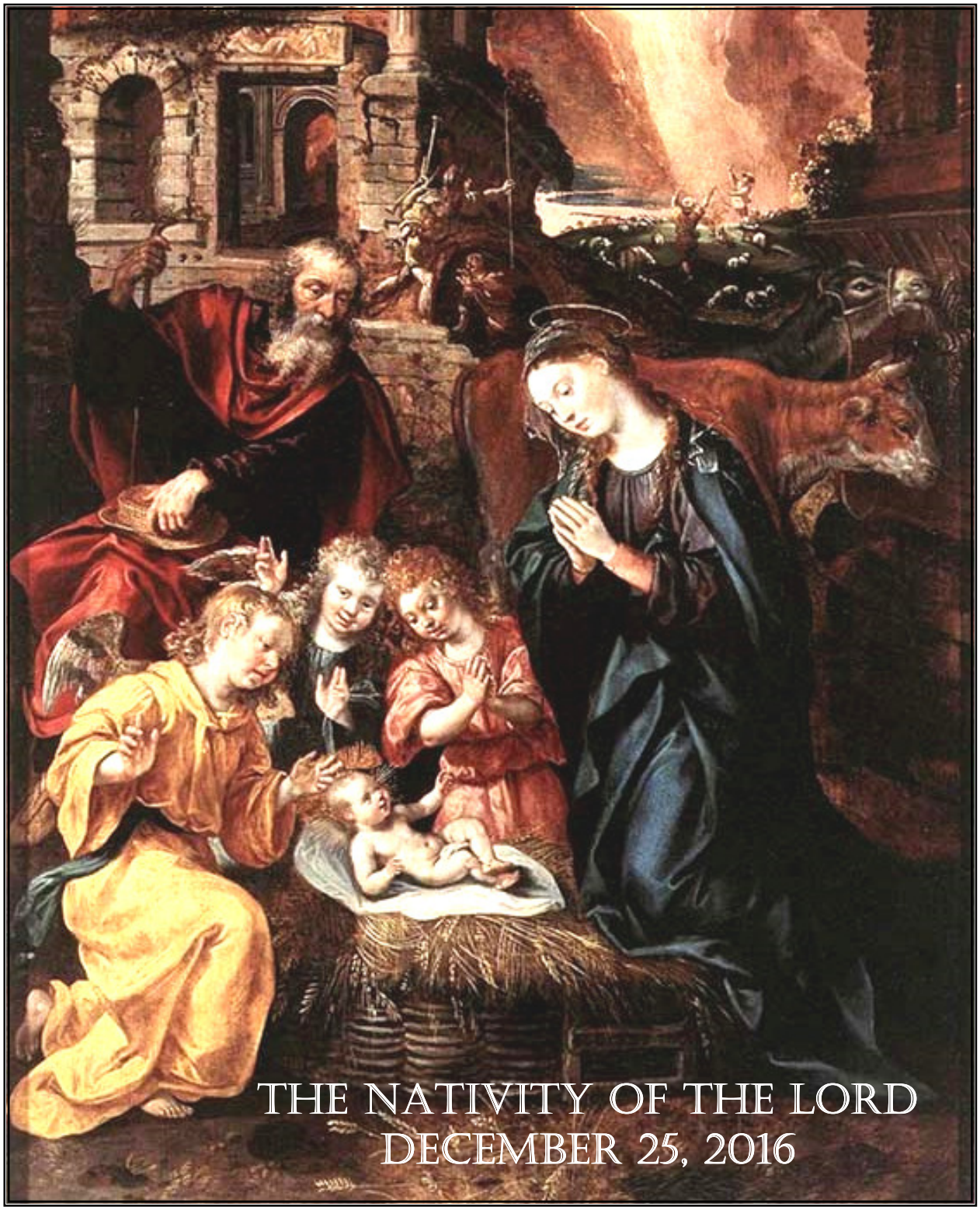
Mission: "A Catholic Parish sharing experiences of the Kingdom of God"



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
DECEMBER 25, 2016

Christmas Message

What is Christmas? Have we lost the reason to celebrate Christmas? What is Christmas without Christ? What if Jesus was not born in a Manager in Bethlehem and the Angels would have never sung glory in excels?

Because of the birth of Jesus Christ; Christmas brings in special joy. It is a time when you feel blessed. It is a time when you feel so close, to the people you love. It is a time for cherishing those who bring so many blessings to our lives. May your heart feel that love this Christmas and throughout the New Year!

Merry Christmas and
Happy New year 2017.

Fr. Mario

"I never thought it was such a bad little tree. It's not bad at all, really. Maybe it just needs a little love."

Christmas is an awesome holiday season that brings with it joy, love and heart warming thoughts. We experience a unique atmosphere of joy and happiness as we celebrate the birth of Christ, which the whole world celebrates, the salvation history of mankind. In fact, it is to be celebrated with great joy and gladness. Christmas wishes allow us to convey our Love and sincere thoughts in just the way to anyone we know.

In this season of Christmas, I wish you peace and joy of the season, spirit of love, comfort of faith and beauty of Christ's birth. It is a season of peace, goodwill and cheer. May the Joy of Christ's birth ignite your heart with gladness, love and peace.

Merry Christmas and
Grace Filled New Year - 2017

Fr. Carlos Pereira.

THE GREATEST GIFT

The gifts of Christmas

Treasures traded by the rich, provisions offered to the poor. Needs and wants and wish-fulfilment . . Is that all there is?

At Christmas, are our answered prayers simply making a child's dream come true? That's the "Miracle on 34th Street," not the Miracle at Bethlehem!

Christ Himself is The greatest gift of Christmas.
He came in darkness to be our light.
He accepted weakness to be our strength.
He chose poverty to give us the more abundant life.

In Christ, no one is poor, no gift small,
no miracle impossible.

If we recognize Christ as the greatest gift we have received, it will impact our lives. The greatest gift of Christmas cannot remain in you. It cannot be kept. It must be given away!

A Blessed Christmas!

Fr. Andrew Luczak

As we celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord, may the Christ Child bless you with His gifts of Divine Love, Profound Peace, and Holy Joy.
Merry Christmas and Blessings In the New Year
Fr. Bernard Kennedy, ofm

CHRISTMAS MEAL GRACE

Blessings of the Table
Br. Victor-Antoine d'Avila-Latourrette

Light table candles

Read Luke 2:1-7

Leader: Today the angels sing on earth,
unto us a child is born, Alleluia!
All: A Son is given to us, Alleluia!

Leader: God, our Father, we bless you. You so loved the world that you have sent Your Son to us, Jesus, the Word made flesh. We thank you, Our Father, for this festive meal which brings all of us together in joy. On this day when we celebrate the birth of your Son, Lord God, we praise you for giving us Jesus, the light that rises in the night and dispels all darkness. Amen.

Thank you, Father, for sending Your Gift of Light and Love to earth.

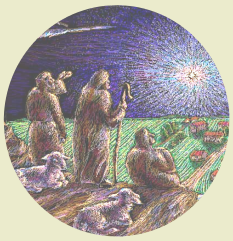
As we celebrate the birth of Jesus,
may we have
the Spirit of Christmas which is **Peace,**
the gladness of Christmas which is **Hope,**
the heart of Christmas which is **Love.**
And may we always generously share these gifts with others.

Christmas blessings of joy and peace!

The Liturgy Planners
of St. Isaac Jogues Parish

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us'."
Stay with us, Lord, and guide us in caring for the sick, the poor, and the unwanted, and bringing your love and peace to all people.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!
The Human Concerns Commission



The blessings of peace . . .
The beauty of hope . . .
The spirit of love . . .

May these be your gifts this Christmas season

Religious Education Families

May the miracle of that Holy Night fill your heart with hope and peace.

Merry Christmas!

The St Isaac Jogues Women's Club

This is the glorious day on which Christ himself, the savior of the world, appeared; the prophets foretold him, the angels worshiped him; the magi saw his star and rejoiced to lay their treasures at his feet. God's holy day has dawned for us at last; come, all you peoples, and adore the Lord.

May you discover the One who calls you into His Indescribable Light. Christmas Blessings!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

As we unite with our brothers and sisters of different faiths,
we wish everyone a blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

The Ecumenical & Interreligious Committees

Sa Paskong ito, sana ay dalhin ng hanging tagsamig
ang kapayapaan sa inyong mga pintuan,
at ang ilaw ng langit ay punuin ang inyong tahanan
ng pagmamahal at galak.
Pagpalain tayong lahat ng Diyos!

(This Christmas, may the winter wind bring peace to your doors,
and the light of heaven fill your homes with love and joy. God bless us all.)

From: The Filipino-American Parishioners of St. Isaac Jogues

May the Holy Spirit of Christmas fill your heart and may His Grace increase in you throughout the New Year!

Rectory Staff

Let us rejoice in all he has given us and love each other as he loves us. SPRED TEAM and friends wish you a blessed Christmas!

Happy Birthday Jesus!
Jack, Bobby, Brenda, Ronald, Christopher, Patrick, Julie Theresa, Dee, Marie, Zennie, Mary, Adriean

Bringing all the special joys of this Wondrous Christmas Season

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our hearts are filled with joy for the graces received from God Most High. Blessings from the Lord shower down upon your family this holiday season!

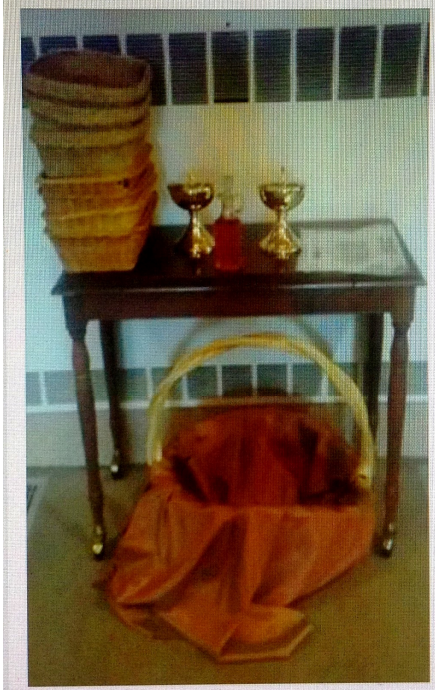
Merry Christmas, The Men's Club

Feliz Navidad y Feliz Ano Nuevo!
Love from all of us at
Maternity BVM Parish!

TO HIS GLORY WE SERVE.

May the spirit of Christmas Season be in everybody's heart. MERRY CHRISTMAS ALL.

From THE USHER MINISTRY of St. Isaac Jogues Parish.



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

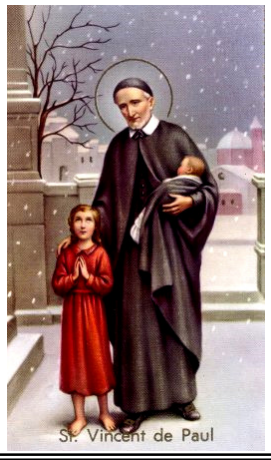
The Maintenance Staff

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

"Do not be afraid; for see -- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people. (Luke 2:10)

We wish you a joy-filled Christmas Season.

The Deacon Community



May the generosity and love you have shown to so many needy people,
resonate within your lives and the lives of your families
this Christmas and bring you peace.

SIJ Outreach 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

The angel Gabriel proclaimed to Mary: "Hail, favored one!
The Lord is with you." Mary's "yes" to God brought Jesus into the world.
May that same Spirit fill your hearts as it filled Mary's.

Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year!
Baptism Preparation

MAY THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS SHINE BRIGHTLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

Christmas is forever,
not for just one day,
for loving, sharing, giving,
are not to put away
like bells and lights and tinsel,
in some box upon a shelf.
The good you do for others
is good you do yourself.

Parish Pastoral Council

Our Christmas Prayer for You

May there always be room in your heart
for divinity to find a birthing place.
May you be holy as angels were,
faithful as the shepherds were,
wise as the Wise Men were.
May you have the compassion Mary had
and the understanding Joseph had,
and may the blessing
of the Christ Child by yours,
not because of his birthnight long ago,
but because his love is born in you today!

—author unknown

Merry Christmas from the
Ministry of Care

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

O come, let us adore Him!
Holy Hour Friday Evenings 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.
Christmas blessings to you and yours!

Christmas is more than an ordinary day in December. In all we do we should remember Jesus. It's time to change and become better. God is love, the essence of Christmas. So we must love one another not only for Christmas but every day!

Merry Christmas to one and all!
The Altar Servers

Niech magia Świąt Bożego Narodzenia
Wypełnia ciepłem wszystkie mroźne dni,
A blask gwiazd przypomina,
Że czasem wystarczy tylko
wypowiedzieć życzenie…
Spełnienia wszystkich świątecznych życzeń!

May Peace and Happiness reign in your home this Christmas and may the New Year be loaded with blessings for your family.

Students, Parents and Teachers of
I.J.Paderewski Polish School.

May you receive the gift of faith, the blessing of Hope and the peace of God's love this Christmas and always!

Merry Christmas
The Sacristans

"From the flesh of a lowly, unnoticed daughter of Israel, a people small and unimportant in the vast stretches of the Roman Empire, was born the ONE who would deliver the entire world from the bondage of sin and reign forever as the King of kings and Lord of lords."

-The Magnificat - September Issue

Merry Christmas
Pro Life Committee

"Have mercy on me, O God; according to your merciful love...(Ps. 51:1)
For your mercy is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds." (Ps. 57:10)
God's response to our cry for mercy "...the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us and we saw his glory." (Jn.1:14)

Wishing you a
Blessed Christmas
& New Year!

The Wednesday Morning
Bible Study Group

Wishing you
Peace, Love and Joy
at Christmas and always !

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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Serving the Parish communities of St. Isaac Jogues, St. John Brebeuf and St. Juliana

Because of his boundless love, Jesus became what we are that He might make us to be what He is. (St. Irenaeus)

We welcome all who have come this Christmas Day to worship with us. If for some reason you have been away from the Catholic Church, a little or a long time, we invite you to *Come Home*. The Lord desires it and so do we. We will be happy to talk with you, answer questions, and do what we are able to assist your return and participation! Merry Christmas!

Deacon Paul and Dolores Stanton
847/967-1060

Buon Natale & Felice Anno Nuovo!
Civediamo per Lo Tavola De San Giuseppe il 19 Marzo. Buoni Feste! Piacere per tutti venire!

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!
We will see you at the
St. Joseph Table March 19.
Everybody is welcome to come!
Happy Holidays!

The St. Joseph Table Planning Committee

I ask God from the wealth of his glory to give you power through his Spirit to be strong in your inner selves, and I pray that Christ will make his home in your hearts through faith. I pray that you may have your roots and foundation in love, so that you, together with all God's people may have the power to understand how broad and long, how high and deep, is Christ's love. EPHESIANS 3:16-18

May you know Christ's love this Christmas season
and throughout the New Year.

St. Isaac Jogues Lectors

CHRISTMAS IS NOT AS MUCH ABOUT OPENING OUR PRESENTS AS OPENING OUR HEARTS.

~ Janice Maeditere

Merry Christmas!
Finance Council

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday:	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40
Friday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Sunday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).
Psalm — All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God (Psalm 98).
Second Reading — God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God's being (Hebrews 1:1-6).
Gospel — The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Monday:	St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins
Tuesday:	St. John
Wednesday:	The Holy Innocents
Thursday:	St. Thomas Becket; Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Friday:	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Saturday:	St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

The Music Ministry of St Isaac Jogues wishes you a very merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

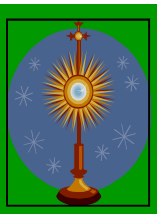
Please come and enjoy beautiful music at our concert on Sunday, January 8, at 3:00pm in the church. You'll hear the choirs and bells ring out a wonderful close to the Christmas season and share a few laughs.

God bless you in 2016

"Holy God, strong God, immortal God, give the peace of heaven to our earth, and open the door of your mercy to the beggars of your love."
Lucien Deiss

May the blessings of special memories and love bring comfort and hope this Christmas season and each day of the coming new year.

The Bereavement Ministers



May the Joy and Peace that is the miracle of this holiday season fill the hearts of all God's children.
Merry Christmas!
RE Catechists and Assistants

All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord; All the families of Nations will bow low before him.
Psalm 22:28

Spiritual Life Commission

Pray for...

JIMMY RANCICH
DELAINE & BERNARD KENNEDY, SR.
MARY ANN CASTAGNA
MARCY SANTIAGO
JAMES MAXWELL PASCALE
MIA DOOLEY
PASTOR LYNNE MORROW
PASTOR MARK WIBERG
SISTER AGNES MARTINKA, SLW
MARIE DE MEO
JULIE HIGGINS
TED LENART
CATHY & DICK MORRETTI

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!

Small Faith Sharing Group

ST. ISAAC JOGUES PARISH CHRISTMAS 2016

LITURGIES OF CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS EVE, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24
4:00 pm (Carols at 3:45 pm)
Midnight (Carols at 11:30 pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25
8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
Saturday, December 31, 2016, 5:00 pm
Sunday, January 1, 2017
8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

ADDITIONAL CELEBRATIONS

SIMBANG GABI
Thursday, December 15, 7:00 pm Mass & Reception

MUSIC MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Sunday January 8, 2017, 3:00 pm – Church

SHARING OF OPLATKI (bi-lingual)
Sunday, January 15, 2017, 1:00 pm - Holy Family Room

PASTOR: Rev. Mario Pereira, S.F.X.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Rev. Carlos Pereira, S.F.X.

PASTORAL STAFF:
Lori Herbert, Business Manager
Dolores Stanton, Director of Religious Education
Lisa Hall, Director of Music

DEACONS:
Deacon Robert C. O'Keefe, retired (Joan)
Deacon Paul M. Stanton (Dolores)

WEEKEND MASS CELEBRANT:
Rev. Bernard Kennedy, O.F.M.

Eucharistic Masses:
Monday - Saturday: 8:00 AM
Saturday: - 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

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

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 25	
8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Richard Arendt Steven & Anthony Zourkas Benita Lojo
Monday, December 26	
8:00 a.m.	*Purgatorial Society* Christine Dombrowski Uba
Tuesday, December 27	
8:00 a.m.	Edward Puisis
Wednesday, December 28	
8:00 a.m.	Pete De Sario
Thursday, December 29	
8:00 a.m.	Lee Gawne Jess Mon Thomas (Special intention)
Friday, December 30	
8:00 a.m.	Marian Bragiel Emilia & Stanislaw Biernacki
Saturday, December 31	
8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Joe De Sario Marge Vasile
Sunday, January 1	
8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Jess Mon Thomas (Special Intention) Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Anthony Zourkas Gloria Cristino

Liturgy Next Week
December 31, 2016 & January 1, 2017

11:00 Confessions	Fr. Mario
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Mario/Deacon Paul
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Bernard
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Bernard/Deacon Paul
12:00 p.m.	Fr. Mario

Altar Servers

5:00 p.m.	Steve Livingston Julia Jaroslawski Jalen Moraga
8:00 a.m.	Lynelle Napata Jonathan Magboo, Jr Eugene Villarino
10:00 a.m.	Trisha Bonto Matthew Bonto Eya Dalangin
12:00 p.m.	Jude Jimmychan Imani Garner Angelika Dacpano

Sacristans
Arlene Turek
Theresa Noble
Francis Martel

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