



# Sts. Martha & Isaac Jogues Parish

St. Isaac Jogues Church

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Dolores Stanton, Director of Religious Education  
Lisa Hall, Director of Music

**Weekend Mass Celebrant:**

Rev. Bernard Kennedy, O.F.M.

**Masses:** Monday - Friday, 8AM  
Saturday, 5PM  
Sunday, 8AM & 10AM

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**Parish Office Hours: Closed until further notice - please call the rectory number for assistance.**

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**Parish School:** St. John Brebeuf School

847-966-3266 or [sjbschool.org](http://sjbschool.org)

**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.

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THIRD

Sunday

OF

Advent

Whoever has two cloaks should share  
with the person who has none.  
And whoever has food should do likewise.

Luke 3:11

ST ISAAC JOGUES - Leaders

Parish Pastoral Council			Finance Committee Advisors	
Ted Lenart, Chairperson	Kathy Denning	Gerry Zeller	Kathy Denning	Barbara Watson
Kathy Lord, Vice Chairperson	Lori Ronczka	Dolores Stanton	Gerry Zeller	Irene Baron
Debbie Dexter	Fernando Bonto	Maria Swidzinski	Lori Ronczka	
John Kadiri	Irene Baron			
<b>Women's Club Chairperson</b> – Louella Preston				
<b>Men's Club Chairperson</b> – Don Baron				
<b>Fil-Am Chairperson</b> – TBD				

*ST. ISAAC JOGUES CHRISTMAS SEASON 2021*SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

## PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Saturday, December 18, 11:00 am, St. Isaac Jogues Church

Sunday, December 19, 12 Noon, St. Martha Church

LITURGIES OF CHRISTMAS

## CHRISTMAS EVE, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 pm (Carols at 3:45 pm)

10:00 pm (Carols at 9:45 pm)

## CHRISTMAS DAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:00 am &amp; 10:00 am

Please note there will be no 5 p.m. Mass that night for

Sunday, December 26, Feast of the Holy Family

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:00 am &amp; 10:00 am

## SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022

8:00 am (not a day of obligation)

## SOLEMNITY OF EPHIPHANY, WEEKEND OF JANUARY 1 - 2

5:00 pm, 8:00 am, &amp; 10:00 am

ADDITIONAL CELEBRATIONS

## SIMBANG GABI

Friday, December 17, 7:00 pm, St. Isaac Jogues Church

Tuesday, December 21, 7:00 pm, St. Martha Church

## MUSIC MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, January 2, 2022, 3:00 pm - St. Isaac Jogues Church

**NATIVITY STORYTELLERS**

We invite children 5 years and older to be part of this year's Nativity Gospel at the Christmas Eve 4 p.m. Mass. There are simple costumes for them to wear and no lines to learn, just gestures. The groupings will be kept socially distanced and everyone will of course wear masks. A practice will be held on **Monday, December 20th, 6:30 -7:30 p.m.** in St. Isaac Jogues Church. If your child(ren) is comfortable in front of a large group of people, able to attend the practice and to come to the Christmas Eve Mass, we hope you'll sign them up. Please contact the Religious Education Office, 847-966-1180 or [sijre2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sijre2004@yahoo.com), by December 15th so we know if we can continue this longstanding SIJ tradition. Please understand that if COVID protocols change, we will adjust our plans accordingly. Thank you.

## OPLATKI

Packets of oplatki, the Christmas wafer, will be available by the Usher's Room this weekend and next. You can also call the Rectory at 847/967-1060 to set up a time to pick some up. Donations appreciated.



## FOOD DISTRIBUTION VOLUNTEERS

This month's free food distribution will be Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4 – 6 p.m., here in the SIJ parking lot. Please share this information with people who would benefit from additional food support right now. 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 25 volunteers for each time frame, 2:45-5:15 and 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. which includes clean up. Volunteers need to be in good health with no underlying conditions. Even though we are outside, we do wear masks and gloves (which are provided). To volunteer please contact the Religious Education Office by this Wednesday, 847-966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com. or respond via Flocknote. Great way to begin your Christmas holiday and welcome Christ among us!

St. Isaac Jogues  
Upcoming Events

- \***Sunday** – Second Collection for the Religious Retirement Fund.
- \***Monday** - First Reconciliation and Advent Reconciliation for RE students, 6:50 p.m.
- \***Tuesday** – SLC Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., HFR, w/Lent Parish Mission.
- \***Wednesday** – RSVP due for Nativity Play to RE Office; Bible Study at 9:30 a.m.; SPRED on Zoom, 3 p.m.; Bible Study, 7 p.m.
- \***Friday** – Simbang Gabi Mass, 7 p.m., SIJ Church
- \***Saturday** – Parish Advent Reconciliation Service, 11 a.m. , SIJ Church (service w/ individual confession)
- \***Sunday, 12/19** – Parish Advent Reconciliation Service, Noon after 11 a.m. Mass at St. Martha.
- \***Monday, 12/20** – Nativity Play Practice for Christmas Eve.
- \***Tuesday, 12/21** – Simbang Gabi Mass, 7 p.m. at St. Martha Church
- \***Wednesday, 12/22** – Free Food Distribution, 4 – 6 p.m., SIJ parking lot.

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.



## ADVENT CORNER

+**Light the rose candle** on your Advent wreath or just light a candle.

+**Pray:** God, our loving Father, we thank you for sending St. John the Baptist to do the vital work of preparing people to hear the words of your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to heed John's message, so see where we need to repent in our lives and so produce good fruit. Give us an urgent desire to live out of our Baptism and to listen attentively to the Good News. Move us to follow the Baptist's example, to lead people to your Son and then step out of the way, listening with them to his teaching. We ask these things every confident of your work in our lives. We ask them in humility and gratitude. We ask them through Christ our Lord. Amen.

+**Reread the Scriptures** of today: "The prophet Zephaniah tells us to 'Be glad and shout for joy. Now that the Lord is in our midst, we have nothing to fear' (Zep 3:14-18). St. Paul repeats the call to 'Rejoice!' In the Lord's presence everyone should see how unselfish we are. In this way the peace promised by God, which is beyond our understanding will be ours (Phil 4:4-7) The people asked John: 'What are we to do?' John said, 'Share your goods. Be honest in your business dealing. Respect the rights of everyone. Don't take more than you need. This is a preview of what Jesus calls us all to do (Luke 3:10-18)."

+**Reflect (and possibly discuss** with someone): Do I carry a sense of joy in my heart and soul this Advent, trusting that the Lord is with me no matter life's circumstances? Do I trust in God's peace? What does it take to do the things John listed for the people to do?

+**Choose an action (or more than one):** Pray for those for whom this will be the first Christmas without a particular loved one. Do a secret good deed for that person. Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday. Sign a Christmas card or two or more from St. Isaac Jogues Church. Bring them to Mass or place in mail slot of the Rectory by Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. We will bring them to area nursing homes or senior living residences to share the spirit of Christmas.



## CHRISTMAS DECORATING

We are decorating the church on Thursday, December 23 at 9 a.m. If you would be able to help for an hour or more, please contact the RE Office, 847/966-1180 or [sijre2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sijre2004@yahoo.com). Thank you!



Thanks to all who participated in the St. Nicholas Raffle. The unified Parish of Sts Martha & Isaac Jogues sold \$19,195 in tickets.

Congratulations to our 10% winners: Mike Simkins and Fr. Dennis who will receive 1,919.50 each and our 5% winners, Debbie Blanchard, George Altonaga, Linda Sorensen who will receive \$959.75 each.

Our donation for \$959.75 will also be sent to Catholic Charities in support of their good work.

Each church shares the balance - so our fundraising efforts generated \$5,758.50 to each church.



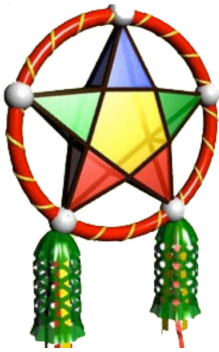
## Religious Education

+Confirmation Year II Candidates are to hand in Part I of the Gifts of the Spirit Journal Monday evening. You will receive Part II when you return Part I completed.

+Parents/family members of Ms. Bello's First Reconciliation Candidates are to have the children enter through the Holy Family Room at usual time and go to class. You may enter the Holy Family Room and go right into the church for the service. Remember that you are also welcome to celebrate the sacrament that night as well in preparation for Christmas.

+Please pray for the First Reconciliation Candidates and the students/teens of Grs. 3 – Con. Yr. II on Monday as they prepare for the Lord's coming by celebrating His mercy, love and forgiveness.

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Sts. Martha & Isaac Jogues Simbang Gabi Masses will be here at St. Isaac Jogues

Church on Friday, Dec. 17, and at St. Martha Church on Tuesday, Dec. 21. Both Masses will be at 7 p.m. In consideration of continuing COVID concerns refreshments will be provided for you to take home to enjoy after each of those Masses. **Please note:** You do not have to make a reservation for the Mass.



### Outreach Pantry Wish List

The following would be helpful: pasta, pasta sauce, jelly, canned fruit, small cans of deviled ham, crackers; soups that eat like meals, shampoo, and

deodorant. 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. Thanks for being part of the mission!

Save the date!

All are welcome to come relax & enjoy our annual Holiday Concert at St. Isaac Jogues on Sunday, January 2nd at 3pm.

The St. Isaac Jogues choirs, led by Music Director, Lisa Hall will perform wonderful Holiday favorites. Reservations are not necessary, but masks will be required.



### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATIONS

The alms boxes will be out next weekend, Dec. 18 – 19 for those who would like to make a donation toward the church's Christmas flowers. Thank you in advance for your generosity.





## 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	LAURA HALL - SCHORDJE
LORNA ALBA	HENRIETTA SAGARIO
SUSAN ARENDT	MATTHEW PONDER
CINDY NOLAN	MARY SUNSHINE PONDER
MARTHA DEMKO	BRAD BOWER
REMEDIOS MAGPANTAY	LAURA & DANNY MORA
TIM DENDOR	SHARON KILIKEVICE
CAROLYN BEIL	PELAGIA SAJULGA
NELSON PETINES	PATTY ZEMAN
TERRY GAZDZIAK	ALEXANDRA LAQUAGWA
FR. DAN FALLON	NORBERT FLOREK
CURT NAPRAVNIK	IRENE LINGAYA
JOHN FOLISI	CATHY FORST
ALISON TOLSON LORD	BERNITA DEL ROSARIO
GARZA	ROSE SIMPSON
	KATHY EGLOFF

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).



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

**Psalm** — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12).

**Second Reading** — Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

**Gospel** — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Saturday:	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45



## Mass Intentions

Sunday - December 12, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Lucero S. & Margarita M. Vilorio
10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Kurian Esthappan
12:00 p.m.	Tony Irmen Kuttyamma Thuruthikara Mary Dijitha

Monday - December 13, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Kati Dehelean
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Tuesday - December 14, 2021

8:00 a.m.	John Affatati
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Wednesday - December 15, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Stephen Grant George Putherickal George & Rose Kondooparambil - Special Intention Mietek Marynowski
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Thursday - December 16, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Jeev Babu - Special Intention
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Friday - December 17, 2021

8:00 a.m.	John Kremer
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Saturday - December 18, 2021

8:00 a.m.	All Hungry & Homeless
5:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ

Sunday - December 19, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Mary Esthappan
10:00 a.m.	Augustina Bait Purificacion Roidriguez
12:00 p.m.	Teresita Olivis Purez May Romano

## Next Week Liturgy Schedule December 18th & 19th

Advent Reconciliation Service - 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos, Fr. Ron, Fr. Bernard
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Bernard/Deacon Paul
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario/Deacon Paul

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

#### Third Sunday of Advent

O God, who see how your people  
faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity,  
enable us, we pray,  
to attain the joys of so great a salvation  
and to celebrate them always  
with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.



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