

# SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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Third Sunday of Advent  
December 15, 2013

# Advent Spirituality

## "Behold A Mystical Rose"



Today is **Gaudete Sunday**. It is so named because of the first word of the Latin Introit for the Third Sunday of Advent:

**"Gaudete in Domino semper..."**  
**"Rejoice in the Lord always!"**

It is a quotation from Philippians 4:4-6. Midway through our Advent preparation for the Nativity of Lord, the whole penitential mood of the season shifts. It is as though we have seen the first light of dawn. The dark horizon seems aglow. The night, far advanced, is yielding to day!

**Gaudete Sunday**, like **Laetare Sunday**, its Lenten counterpart, is an anticipation of the joy of Christ -- His birth or His resurrection. In former times, the anticipated joy was dramatic:

*(On **Gaudete Sunday**) the organ and flowers, forbidden during the rest of the season, were, permitted to be used; rose colored vestments instead of purple; the deacon and subdeacon reassumed the dalmatic and tunicle at Solemn High Mass of the day...*

Today, Rose vestments are still an option. In the instruction **Redemptoris Sacramentum**, we are reminded that

*The purpose of a variety of color of the sacred vestments is to give effective expression even outwardly to the specific character of the mysteries of faith being celebrated and to a sense of Christian life's passage through the course of the liturgical year...*

Rose-colored vestments are regaining a degree of popularity. Still, some clergy disdain their use. Perhaps shades of "Blush & Bashful" or "Pepto bismol" have caused this reaction. Real rose-colored vestments do have a significance and good associations.

During this Advent, we associate the symbolism of the rose to the Blessed Virgin Mary. She is acclaimed the "Mystical Rose" in the Litany of Loreto. Christmas Carols, like the Medieval carol *There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu* clearly make the connection between Mary and the miracle of the Birth of Christ. It is a "flowering" event alluding to the prophecy of the *Root of Jesse*.

Among contemporary hymns, there are two that are really lovely-- one is *Behold a Mystical Rose* and the other is *Mary the Dawn*. While I seldom hear either hymn, their impact on *Advent Spirituality* is very real for me.

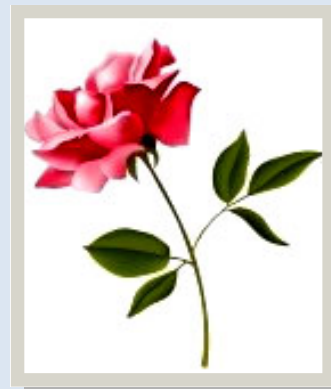
*Behold a Mystical Rose*, with lyrics by Richard Cross, is based on an old Breton melody. The imagery reflects the Litany of Loreto:

*Behold a Mystical Rose from thorny stem hath sprung; Of David's lineage God chose to give the world His Son. All hail, O House of Gold, of whom ancient prophets foretold; Your royal praises we sing; Your womb was the court of our King.*

*Mary the Dawn* strikes a balance, in its parallelisms, a union between Mary and Christ in the unfolding of salvation. It never **equates** Mother and Son in any way, but celebrates a relationship. Jesus the WAY. Mary shows us the Way.

*Mary the Dawn, Christ the Perfect Day  
 Mary the Gate, Christ the Heav'nly Way!  
 Mary the Root, Christ the Mystic Vine;  
 Mary the Grape, Christ the Sacred Wine!  
 Mary the Wheat-sheaf, Christ the Living Bread;  
 Mary the Rose-Tree, Christ the Rose Blood-red!  
 Mary the Font, Christ the Cleansing Flood;  
 Mary the Chalice, Christ the Saving Blood!  
 Mary the Temple, Christ the Temple's Lord;  
 Mary the Shrine, Christ the God adored!  
 Mary the Beacon, Christ the Haven's Rest;  
 Mary the Mirror, Christ the Vision Blest!  
 Mary the Mother, Christ the Mother's Son.  
 Both ever blest while endless ages run.*

- Fr. Luczak



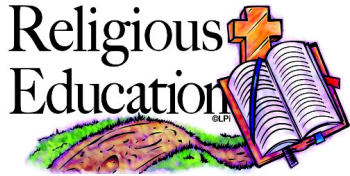
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Grades 6-Confirmation Year II will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during class Monday night. Parents/guardians welcome. Helping with the service is Ms. Mallari's Sixth Grade Class.

Santa and the Men's Club elves will be visiting the RE students Monday!

Kindergarten RE will not meet on Sunday, December 22 and 29. Monday RE Classes will not meet on December 23 and 30.

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will gather at 10 a.m. this Thursday in Room 6. New knitters and crocheters are welcome!



Adults interested in being baptized, received into the Catholic Church or completing their Catholic Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation are invited to call Dee Stanton, 847/966-1180 for more information.

## TEEN GROUP

If you plan to visit the residents at Bethany Terrace next Sunday, Dec. 22, please contact the RE Office, 847/966-1180, by Tuesday to discuss transportation and permission slips. And don't forget - All teens are invited to the New Year's Party we are having on Monday, December 30, 6-10 p.m. in The Holy Family Room. We're having a pasta dinner, music, & dancing. We ask you to bring some canned goods for our St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry and a signed permission slip (if you are under 18). Permission slips will be available in The RE Office and in class Monday night. For more information call The RE Office, 847/966-1180 or write us at [sjre2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sjre2004@yahoo.com)

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**CHRISTMAS EVE STORYTELLERS**  
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 We invite children of the parish (age 5 and older) to participate in the telling of the Christmas Story at the 4 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. Children need to be comfortable in front of a large group of people, able to follow direction with a little help if needed, come to practice in the church this Tuesday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. accompanied by a parent or guardian, and be present at the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. There are no lines for them to learn, just movement and gestures. Please call the RE Office, 847/966-1180 by Monday to sign your child(ren) up. We will be able to continue this longstanding tradition only if we have enough children to participate!  
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## Typhoon Haiyan Donation

Thank you to all who participated in the Typhoon Haiyan November 23 Prayer Service and fund raising activity at SIJ. A total of \$6,000 has been collected. This money will be sent to Catholic Relief Services who works directly with local diocese in the Philippines in the continuing relief efforts. Thank you for your generosity and continued prayers.

## THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all who participated in the Baby Bottle Project on behalf of the Women's Center. All your donations allowed us to send them a check for \$3810.30. Your generosity will help them provide various types of assistance to women and their babies. God bless you!

## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Loving God, hold all who serve and protect our country in your hands. Bless them and their loved ones. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

- United States Air Force                      Mason Janzen, Breanna Dexter
- United States Army                            Gale Renner
- United States Marines                        Lance Renner
- United States Navy                            William B. Dexter, Timothy Kelly
- Illinois National Guard                      Nathaniel Janzen
- Iowa National Guard                         Christopher Dexter

If you have a loved one or friend whom you would like our parish community to pray for as they serve our country, please contact the RE Office, 847/966-1180 or [sjre2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sjre2004@yahoo.com) with their name and branch of military service to the RE Office. Thank you!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood this December fills my heart with gratitude to God and with countless memories of people I have met and places I have served throughout my priestly ministry. I was ordained by Bishop Raymond Hillinger just before Christmas at St. Pascal Church, the parish in which I grew up on Chicago's northwest side. When I became the Archbishop of Portland, Oregon, Brother Claude Lane, OSB of the Benedictine Monastery Mount Angel Abbey, created an icon for me that brought together two titles of Our Lady that he knew were significant to me: Our Lady of the Snows, patroness of the northern missions served by Oblates, and Our Lady of Guadalupe, because in Yakima the vast majority of Catholics are of Mexican descent.

In this beautiful icon, the serene nativity scene is framed by storm and snow, and Brother Claude depicts Our Lady of Guadalupe gazing at the Christ Child on her lap. A black sash that indicated in Aztec culture that she was pregnant is now tied around her swaddled baby who has the face of his mother and yet something more. It's always more: the sash signifies it is this baby that gives birth now to a new world. It's a world where snow falls on the Esquiline Hill in Rome in August and where roses bloom on Tepeyac Hill in Mexico City in December. It's a new world that looks like Jesus, son of God and son of Mary. It is a world in which God took on our human nature so that we could see the glory of God in an infant and so that our lives would be brightened by the truth about God and about ourselves.

Christ took our nature to his divine Person so everything we are and do is elevated; everything is graced except sin itself. If we give ourselves up to what Christ is doing to and for us, we begin to see with the eyes of Christ, to know others and ourselves at a different level, and to do entirely commonplace acts for God and with God. At our best, all of us want a world marked by truth and justice, by peace and love, for those desires are born of our redeemed nature itself. May the newborn Jesus fill your heart with joy! You are in my prayers; please keep me in yours. Merry Christmas!

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,  
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago



## JESSE TREE HOME MATERIALS

The Jesse tree continues to fill as we add more ornaments to help us remember the story of our salvation. This week light your Advent Wreath (three candles) or a single candle and reflect on each day's symbol, read the Scripture passage, and pray the prayer or carry out the action. Decide how you will share what you learned or discovered from your prayer time with others. *Thank you to Beverly Smith & Fr. Luczak for the materials.*

Jar &amp; Torch



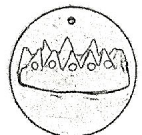
Dec. 15 – Gideon; Judges 6:11-16, 7:1-8, 15-22; The jar and torch remind us that Gideon was an unlikely hero when God used him to defeat the Midianites. Jesus was not the hero the Jews were expecting in the coming Messiah. *Think of someone who has made an impact on/ influenced your faith although you did not think of them as doing so at that time. If they are still alive, perhaps write them a note of thanks; otherwise, offer a prayer of gratitude.*

Grain



Dec. 16 – Ruth; Ruth 4:13-17; Ruth was a foreign widow who believed in the one true God. Boaz met Ruth when she gleaned grain from his fields. He later married Ruth saving her from a life of poverty. Jesus later came to save us. Ruth is listed in the genealogy of Matthew's gospel. *O God, you exclude no one from your love. Help us, who are inspired by the story of Ruth's conversion, to welcome and cherish all who are new or returning to the Faith. Amen.*

Crown



Dec. 17 – Samuel; II Samuel 7:16, Isaiah 9:6-7, Ezekiel 37:24-25; When God's people asked for a king, Samuel anointed Saul first and then David. The crown reminds us of God's promise to David that his rule would never end. The promise is fulfilled in David's descendent, Jesus, who reigns forever. *Talk with a family member or friend who no longer practices their Catholic faith and find out why. Share how Jesus has been faithful to you.*

Staff



Dec. 18 – David; I Samuel 16:1, 10-13; David was a shepherd whom God made a king. The staff reminds us that our forever king, Jesus, calls himself the Good Shepherd who brings us back to himself. David is a great-grandfather of Jesus. *O God of David, you choose unlikely people to show your power and mercy. David, a young shepherd, was a singer of songs rather than a doer of deeds. Your power in him made the boy a hero, and the hero a king. Even when he sinned, your mercy established David's line forever. Help us to see people as you see them. Amen.*

Big Fish



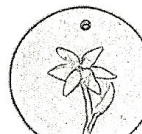
Dec. 19 – Jonah; Jonah 1:1-17; Jonah spent three days and three nights in the belly of a big fish. Jesus described how long he would be in the tomb using this familiar story. *O Lord, when your people grew corrupt and selfish, Jonah cried out for repentance and brought sinners hope. Teach us to see what is wrong, but to look beyond it...to see alternatives for good. Amen.*

Tongs



Dec. 20 – Isaiah; Isaiah 6:1-10; Isaiah saw God in all his glory and described tongs with a hot coal touching his lips to show that he was forgiven. Isaiah asked God to use him but most rejected his message. The tongs remind us that Jesus' message is about forgiveness but many reject his message as well. *O Lord, a true prophet allows you to speak through personal gifts and needs. A great prophet makes your Word live! Isaiah's vision of the Messiah is that of a triumphant king and suffering servant. Help us to show that you are with us in the way we accept life's joys and sorrows. Allow our lives to speak for you. Amen.*

Lily



Dec. 21 – Mary; Isaiah 7:14; The lily represents purity. It had been prophesied that the savior would be born of a virgin and that God would be with us. Mary was the virgin who gave birth to Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us. She was also a descendent of David and Abraham. *Lord, you chose Mary, and Mary chose you. In that there is an echo of Israel's covenant – an Ancient Word and a New Song. Help us to be like Mary, for like a well-tuned instrument her life resonated with the Spirit and proclaimed your greatness! Amen.*



## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

**Psalms** — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

**Gospel** — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing. (Matthew 11:2-11).

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### Readings for the Week

- Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- Wednesday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
- Thursday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
- Friday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
- Sunday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Third Sunday of Advent
- Monday:** Las Posadas begins
- Saturday:** St. Peter Canisius;  
Winter begins

Raising Faith-Filled Kids • One Word at a Time

## Cooperate



I brought my four-year-old daughter Judy to a Holy Name Society meeting featuring a visit from Santa. It was what my friend Joellyn calls "a dad-run event." In other words: chaos.

As my daughter waited patiently to approach Santa, boisterous boys cut in line in front of her. Judy said, "They won't cooperate. They just want to be first."

Family life goes better when we all cooperate, and so does the world. Here is a recipe for what to teach your children about cooperating and the desire to be first: 1. Be the first to be aware of others. 2. Be the first to be understanding. 3. Be the first to be kind. 4. Be the first to be encouraging. 5. Be the first to forgive. 6. Be the first to be joyful. —Tom McGrath

### YEAR OF STRONG CATHOLIC PARENTS

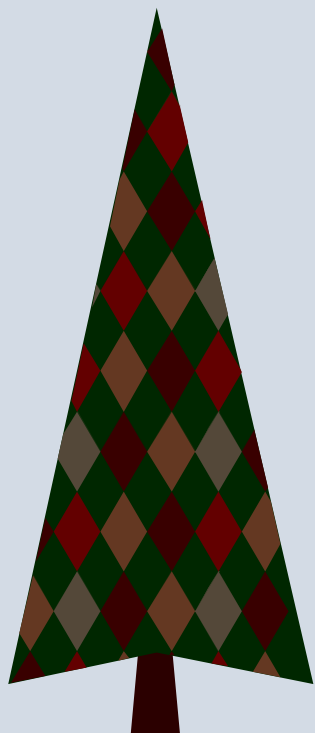
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## ST. ISAAC JOGUES MEN'S CLUB



The Saint Isaac Jogues Men's Club will hold its annual Christmas meeting on Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. All men and friends of the parish are invited. Get in the Holiday Christmas spirit and come have an enjoyable evening. Meet new friends and old acquaintances. Ed Mikeska will be the host for this meeting. Come and enjoy good food & beverages.

At the last Thanksgiving Memorial Mass, fifty-three deceased members were honored. A collection of \$500 was received and donated to our favorite charity, St. Vincent De Paul.

At the Christmas meeting, a special collection will be held for the disaster victims of the recent Washington City Tornado. Get in the Christmas spirit and dig deep to help an unfortunate family that will have no home to celebrate the holidays this year.

The cost to join the club for the remaining five meetings is \$30. The cost for this meeting alone is \$10. So come all ye faithful and have an enjoyable Christmas celebration!

### The PAULIST FATHERS

invite you to view  
A New York Christmas to Remember  
a one-hour TV special of  
Biblical Lessons & Carols  
on CBS nationwide  
Christmas Eve, December 24th  
11:35pm EST/PST (10:35 CST)  
[replaces D. Letterman that evening]  
INCLUDES NATIVITY STORY  
w/Henson's Muppets & Regis Philbin's Narration

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Esp. our new Pres.-elect Eric Andrews, C.S.P.  
from St. Paul the Apostle Church, NYC

*Our music ministry,  
joined by violinist  
Dr. Linda Veleckis-Nussbaum,  
will present a concert of holiday  
music on Sunday, January 5  
at 3:00 pm in the church. Our Choir,  
Youth Choir, Praise Singers,  
Bell Choir and Cantor Ensemble will  
provide you with an entertaining  
and joyous afternoon of music and a  
bit of laughter. After the rush of  
preparations, sit back and let  
the peace of the Christmas season  
and its music surround you.*

Sunday, December 15	
7:30 a.m.	Guy Zimmer †
9:00 a.m.	Mary Esthapan †
10:30 a.m.	Robert Kazniak †
12:00 p.m.	Laurence Terrazas †
Monday, December 16	
8:00 a.m.	<i>Purgatorial Society</i> Sister Mary Ellen Luczak, B.V.M. †
Tuesday, December 17	
8:00 a.m.	John Kremer †
Wednesday, December 18	
8:00 a.m.	Stephen Grant †
Thursday, December 19	
8:00 a.m.	John & Helen Dendor †
Friday, December 20	
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Roman Zbieranski, O.F.M †
7:00 p.m.	Victims of Typhoon Haiyan †
Saturday, December 21	
8:00 a.m.	<i>Communion Service - No intentions</i>
5:00 p.m.	Johnny Joseph Kopp †
Sunday, December 22	
7:30 a.m.	<i>For the Living &amp; Deceased Members of SIJ</i> Guy Zimmer †
9:00 a.m.	Hal Yamanaka †
10:30 a.m.	Leonard Okon †
12:00 p.m.	<i>Special Intention</i> Deditha Cobarde

## Liturgy Next Week

December 20	<i>Simbang Gabi</i>
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Janas
7:00 p.m.	Fr. Luczak/Deacon Paul
December 21-22	
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Kalas
7:30 a.m.	Fr. McGlynn
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Kennedy
10:30 a.m.	Fr. Kennedy
12:00 p.m.	Fr. Luczak/Deacon Rod

## Altar Servers

7:00 p.m. <i>Simbang Gabi</i>	Jane Escarez Lawrence Escarez Carlo Lasco Athena Lasco
5:00 p.m.	Samuel Ratner Dennis George Diann George
7:30 a.m.	Steve Livingston Alexandra Wais Christopher Wais
9:00 a.m.	Nelson Perumpel Alexis Janik Jonathan Piska
10:30 a.m.	Paige Kleutgen Jeffery Kurian Julia Jaroslowski
12:00 p.m.	Marco Lambo Jonathan Magboo, Jr. Anna Koziol

**Reconciliation**  
Frs. Janas & McGlynn

PASTOR: Rev. Andrew Luczak

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 Rod Ranola  
Deacon & Mrs. Paul M. Stanton

WEEKEND LITURGY PRESIDERS:

Rev. Ron Kalas  
Rev. Bernard Kennedy, O.F.M.  
Rev. Philip McGlynn, O.S.M.  
Rev. Camillus Janas, 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.

**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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# In Memoriam

MICHAEL  
ANDALINA



# Pray for...

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DOUGLAS KOZIOL  
PASQUALE ROMANO  
DEBBIE TERZAKIS  
LAURA MAYA  
RUSTY MALLARI  
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