



St. Isaac Jogues Parish Bulletin

Parish Hours

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday:
9:00am-5:00pm
Closed 12:00-1:00pm
Friday: 9:00am-12:00pm

Weekday Mass

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am
Wednesday: 7:00pm
First Friday: 7:00pm

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm
Sunday: 8:30am
10:00am
11:30am
7:00pm

Adoration

Wednesdays: 9:00am-6:30pm
First Fridays: 7:30pm

Confession Times

Wednesdays During Lent: 6-7pm
Fridays: 2-3pm
Saturdays: 3-4pm

Stations of the Cross

Fridays: 7pm

Contact Us!



This Week at SIJ...

- Lenten Fish Fry
- Parish Lent Mission
- 2023 Tax Receipts
- First Saturday Rosary Devotion
- Lenten Day of Confession
- First Holy Communion Retreats
- Hall Project Planning Study Results



Lenten
FISH FRY



Friday, March 8th at 6pm
Dine in or Take-Out options will be available

Hosted by the Parish Women's Group and Knights of Columbus

Lenten Fish Fry

Join us in the parish hall on Friday, March 8th at 6pm for a Lenten Fish Fry! Each plate is \$12 and will include 2 pieces of fish, fries and either coleslaw or veggies, and there will be both dine-in and take-out! Registration is required, regardless of if you are dining it, and can be access on our website [by clicking here](#). There are limited spaces available in the hall, and limited take out available so make sure to register today!

"Pledge of Future Glory"

LENTE PARISH MISSION




with Fr. Juan Diego Sutherland, CFR

MARCH 4-6

Lenten Parish Mission

Fr. Juan Diego Sullivan from the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will be coming to host our Lenten Parish Mission this year, from March 4-6th at 7pm (except Wednesday, March 5th, when we'll start right after Mass). The theme is for the mission is "Pledge of Future Glory". Head to our website to read more about Fr. Juan Diego and the mission on our website ([click here](#)). See you on March 4th!



2023 Tax Receipts

2023 Tax Receipts are ready for pickup! They will be distributed in the parish hall after each Sunday mass this weekend. If you have any questions, please contact Leyna at lzantua@archtoronto.org or by calling the parish office at ext. 9221.

First Saturday Rosary Devotion

Please join us in praying all the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary on Saturday, March 2, 2024 in the Chapel starting at 9:30 AM, following the 8:30 AM Saturday Mass. A booklet of the prayers that we will be using will be provided for your easy reference. For more information or to add your email to the list of invites, contact Adija at eykelhof@rogers.com or 905-839-1506 or contact Teresa via phone or text at 647-200-9315.

Lenten Day of Confessions

This year's Lenten Day of Confessions is scheduled at St. Isaac's on Thursday, March 25th at 7pm. Multiple priests will be present to listen to Confessions, so take advantage of this chance! Here are the Lenten Days of Confessions for nearby parishes:

- St. Bernadette's:
 - Thursday, March 21st: 7pm to 9pm
 - Good Friday Confessions: 7:30am to 8:30am and 4pm to 5pm

First Holy Communion Retreats

In the upcoming weeks, we are thrilled to announce our First Holy Communion Retreats, expecting participation from over 170 families! Kindly keep the young ones and their families in your prayers as they progress through their preparation. Your generous prayers are truly appreciated!

Mass Intentions

Saturday February 24th

4:30 pm: † Veronica Siqueira

Sunday February 25th

8:30 am: † Harriet Black

10:00 am: St. Isaac Jogues Parish

11:30 am: † Gladys & Ignatius D'penha

7:00 pm: Kevin & Rene Parker

Monday February 26th

8:30 am: Frank D'Amelio

Tuesday February 27th

8:30 am: Susy Kirana

Wednesday February 28th

8:30 am: † Kathy MacFarlane-Tudor

7:00 pm: † Ofelia Ambrosio

† Paul DSouza

Shian Valles

† Maria and Jose Furtado

† Farnes & Marie Ninone Noel & Luis Humberto

Moreno Calderon Edit

† Hilde Hoerner

† Ronald Keith Fleming

† Robert

† Diane Wiseman

† Ana Maria Montiel

Thursday February 29th

8:30 am: † Edward Atanacio

Friday March 1st

8:30 am: † Killian Baptista

7:00 pm: Stuart Keyzers

Saturday March 2nd

8:30 am: † Peter Fernandes

† Rose Saint Louis

† Marie Ninonne Noel

Alex, Adija & Adrian Eykelhof

† Martin Mbiye Obel

† Leila Fredericks

† Daphne Khan

† Cecilia Sharma

† Roland Remedios & Hilary Carvalho

Carla Conway & Joanne Conway

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the repose of the souls of † Farnes & Marie Ninnone Noel & Rose Saint Louis

[Click here to see all upcoming Mass Intentions](#)



ST. ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

PLANNING STUDY RESULTS: WHAT WE LEARNED

WE ASKED YOU: Over the past six weeks, St. Isaac Jogues conducted a thorough planning study to assess the support of constructing a new parish hall and chapel, and to explore strategies for a major fundraising initiative to back the project.

YOU RESPONDED: *All members of our community were invited to participate in the process by either personal interview, mail survey, online survey, or in-pew during Mass.*

STUDY PARTICIPANTS

61 Personal Interviews | **393** Mail, Online and In-Pew Surveys | **26%** Total Participation

Participation above 20% provides a robust sample size.

KEY STATISTICAL FINDINGS



79% of respondents are personally in favour of a capital campaign.



77% of respondents indicated that they will make a personal gift to the campaign.

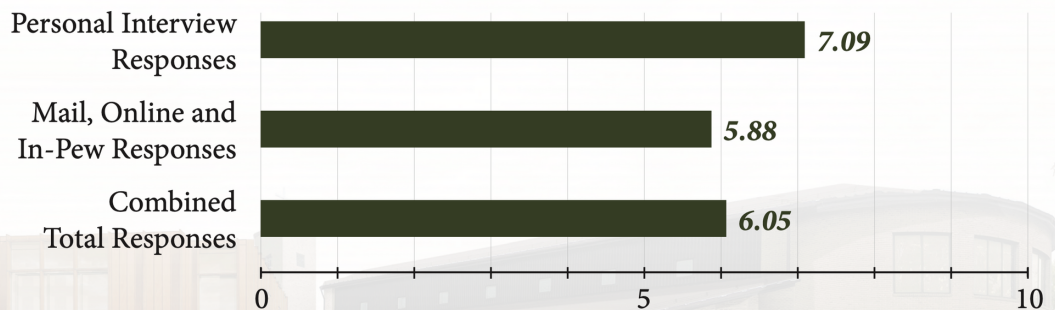


92 respondents indicated that they would serve as a member of the campaign team and assist with requests for gifts.



Data shows that any support above 70% is considered a very strong indicator that a parish is well-positioned for a campaign.

PROJECT PRIORITY OF RESPONDENTS: In the Steier Group's experience 6.05 indicates a moderate priority. Many respondents noted that they would likely view the project as a high priority once they have a chance to learn more about the overall plans.



Scores were calculated by assigning a value of 10 points for a high priority, five points for a moderate priority and zero points for a low priority. The cumulative value for each project was then divided by the number of responses. (over)





KEY OBSERVATIONS

- Parishioners call St. Isaac Jogues home, cherishing the moments of fellowship and worship shared together. Moreover, the community is described as vibrant and welcoming, encouraging parishioners to participate in ministries, committees and events.
- St. Isaac's leadership is trusted. From Fr. Marc and past pastors to key committees, parishioners trust those making decisions. They believe that leadership will prayerfully discern the feedback received from this study and ultimately make the best decision for the parish's future. They also look to leadership to speak from the pulpit to encourage parishioner support for the project and campaign.
- Parishioners actively engaged in ministries, groups and committees are acutely aware of the limitations imposed by the current space. They understand firsthand the challenges faced in meeting the diverse needs of the community. Consequently, these dedicated individuals fully endorse the proposed project and support the campaign. Their sentiments echo with phrases such as "long time coming" and "this is needed," reflecting a shared recognition of the urgent necessity for a more accommodating and functional environment to fulfill our mission effectively.
- Some respondents expressed concerns about the scope and scale of the project, wondering if the project cost is feasible for St. Isaac's.
- Many parishioners have expressed interest in understanding the Archdiocese of Toronto's short- and long-term plans for St. Isaac Jogues and the Durham region.

NEXT STEPS

Our partners at Steier Group reported their findings and recommendations on February 15, 2024, to the finance committee and parish staff. With their full endorsement, after the presentation, the information was shared with the Archdiocese of Toronto to secure approval for moving forward with a capital campaign.

In the coming weeks, parish leadership will provide answers to specific questions raised during the planning study and will work on several key campaign preparations including:

- Refine campaign goals and timeline.
- Confirm project cost estimates.
- Recruit volunteer leadership.
- Develop the case of support and create operational materials.
- Start regular communication about the campaign and its progress.

We are very pleased to see the number of church families who agreed to serve as campaign leadership. When appropriate, we will be confirming those commitments as we form the campaign leadership and volunteer teams. Please prayerfully consider volunteering if you are asked.

Thank you for your participation in the planning study. We will continue to communicate our progress as we start to plan for our ambitious capital campaign. Stay tuned for more information!