

# MINISTRY SERVED BY JESUITS

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#### WEEKLY REFLECTION

### Bread for the Journey - St. Isaac Jogues Knew His Need

By Fr. Robert Foliot, S.J.

Ibo sed non redibo. (I will go, but I will not come back.)

These are the words of St. Isaac Jogues after volunteering to return to Iroquois country to sue for peace. Knowing he would be tortured and killed, he said, It frightens me to be 'in the midst of fallen peoples alone, without Holy Mass, without Holy Communion, without confession – without sacraments and sacramentals. Nevertheless, God's holy will and his sweet command are well worth that deprivation. He was more afraid of being without Holy Communion than being tortured and killed!

In the last while, a number of people have come to me saying, "I am so troubled, I just want to die!" In today's second reading, Elijah has had enough of being persecuted and asks that he might die. Many people are so overburdened, they just want their life to be over. The journey is too much for them.

Jesus offers them Bread for the Journey. Indigenous people prepare a "Spirit Plate" and fill it with a little of each of the foods prepared for the feast which follows the funeral. They place the "Spirit Plate" on the sacred fire so that the deceased might have bread for his/her journey into the Spirit World. Catholics also ask for "Viaticum", Holy Communion for the journey through the last days of sickness and death.

Jesus says, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven". We are invited today to "eat up". We need a Holy Communion with Jesus. With Jesus no burden will ever be too much. In our companionship with Jesus, we can experience renewed energy and peace.

In the Olympics there are athletes who run out of steam toward the end of the race. But there are other athletes who reach deeper and find there a burst of new energy for the last lap. In Holy Communion Jesus gives us new strength, new hope and even joy. Jesus is Bread for the Journey. Let's eat up!

## MASS INTENTIONS

Holy Mass can be gifted and reserved inside of the Visitor Office.

#### Sunday, Aug 11

09:00 Paul Kin-Wai Chiu †

10:30 Odilia Yiu †, et al.

12:00 Szcezebior †, et al.

15:00 Michael Chang †

19:30 Marilyn & Richard Brown

#### Monday, Aug 12

10:30 Litty Augustine, et al.

12:00 Agnes Gomes, et al.

15:00 Conchita Palad †

19:30 M. Christa

#### Tuesday, Aug 13

10:30 Vincent D'Souza †, et al.

12:00 Bastain D'Souza †

15:00 Thomas Michael †

19:30 Philomena D'Souza †, et al.

#### Wednesday, Aug 14

10:30 Gomes Family

12:00 Gironi Family

15:00 James Kannmpuzha †, et al.

19:30 Gomes Family

#### Thursday, Aug 15

10:30 Aloysius Bastamphillai †

12:00 Dawn Kautz

15:00 Pope Francis, S.J.

19:30 Maria Tran

#### Friday, Aug 16

10:30 Bernard Chin & Family

12:00 Russel Bralio

15:00 Rasammah Thambithurai †

19:30 Barbara Diklic

#### Saturday, Aug 17

09:00 Edita Mascof

10:30 Thomas Joseph & Family

12:00 Pablo

15:00 Vathsuthan, Varuni, et al.

19:30 Leena Family

# **WEEKEND ACTIVITIES**

Guided Tour 1pm Rosary 2pm Stations of the Cross 3pm



# SHRINE EVENTS

# SPECIAL EVENTS

# **AUG 12**

MEMORIAL AT CARAGOUHA
(SITE OF FIRST MASS IN
ONTARIO)
12 PM MASS

# **SEP 15**

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VISIT OF ST. POPE JOHN PAUL II 12 PM MASS

### **SEP 21**

FALL GALA NIGHT 5 PM TO 10 PM

### **SEP 28**

FEAST OF THE CANADIAN
MARTYRS (SHRINE
OBSERVANCE)
ONE MASS ONLY - 12 PM

## **SEP 29**

HEALING MASS 7:30 PM MASS

# OTHER EVENTS

AUG 4, 11, 18, 25 Young adult gatherings 4 PM to 7 PM

CINEMA DIVINA AT THE SHRINE (FILM SERIES) - 7 PM

AUG 6 - PERFECT DAYS
AUG 12 - BAKHITA I
AUG 13 - BAKHITA II
AUG 20 - IN A BETTER WORLD
AUG 27 - TBA



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