



## **Novena to the Canadian Martyrs**

### **Day One:**

*St. Isaac Jogues*

*God is with us Always*

***Hymn: Holy God We Praise Your Name (CBW631)***

### ***Greeting:***

Priest: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

### ***Scripture:***

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Listen to me, you who know righteousness, you people who have my teaching in your hearts; do not fear the reproach of others, and do not be dismayed when they revile you. For the moth will eat them up like a garment, and the worm will eat them like wool; but my deliverance will be forever, and my salvation to all generations.

~ Sirach 51:1-8

### ***Reflection for the First Day:***

Isaac Jogues came to Canada only seven months after his priestly ordination. He helped to build Ste. Marie among the Hurons. He was captured by the Iroquois on a trip from Quebec City to Ste. Marie, and was tortured and made a slave for thirteen months. Through all of this, he maintained his trust in the Lord; he eventually escaped to France with the help of some Dutch merchants. He came back to Canada and volunteered to serve as a messenger to the Iroquois, knowing the danger but trusting in God's care. He was captured and killed on October 18, 1646.

### ***Prayer:***

**All:** Father, you consecrated the first beginnings of the faith in North America by the preaching and martyrdom of Saints John and Isaac and their companions. By the help of their prayers may the Christian faith continue to grow throughout the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen

### ***Ask for the Grace:***

"God of love, grant me a deep confidence and trust in your care and nearness."

### ***Silent Reflection***

### ***Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament***

### *Novena Prayer to the Martyrs*

All: Holy martyrs and patrons of Canada, protect this land which God has blessed by the shedding of your blood. Pray for us, that God may renew in these days our Catholic faith which you helped to establish in this new land, and may bring all our fellow citizens to a knowledge and love of the truth. Pray for us, that God may make us zealous in the profession of our faith so that we may continue the work which you have begun with so much labour and suffering. Pray for our homes, our schools and our missions, for vocations, for the conversion of sinners, including ourselves, for the reconciliation of those who are away from the Church for whatever the reason, and for the perseverance of all the faithful. By your prayers encourage a deeper and increasing unity among all Christians. Amen.

St. Jean de Brébeuf, pray for us  
St. Isaac Jogues, pray for us  
St. Gabriel Lalemant, pray for us  
St. Antoine Daniel, pray for us  
St. Charles Garnier, pray for us  
St. Noel Chabanel, pray for us  
St. René Goupil, pray for us  
St. John de la Lande, pray for us  
Holy Mary, Queen of Martyrs, pray for us

### *Benediction*

#### *The Divine Praises*

*(Recited after the blessing and before the priest returns the Blessed Sacrament to the tabernacle)*

**Blessed be God.**  
**Blessed be His Holy Name.**  
**Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.**  
**Blessed be the name of Jesus.**  
**Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.**  
**Blessed be His Most Precious Blood**  
**Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.**  
**Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.**  
**Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.**  
**Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.**  
**Blessed be her glorious Assumption.**  
**Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.**  
**Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.**  
**Blessed be God in His angels and in His Saints.**

Amen.

*Hymn: Sing My Tongue The Saviour Glory (CBW583)*

