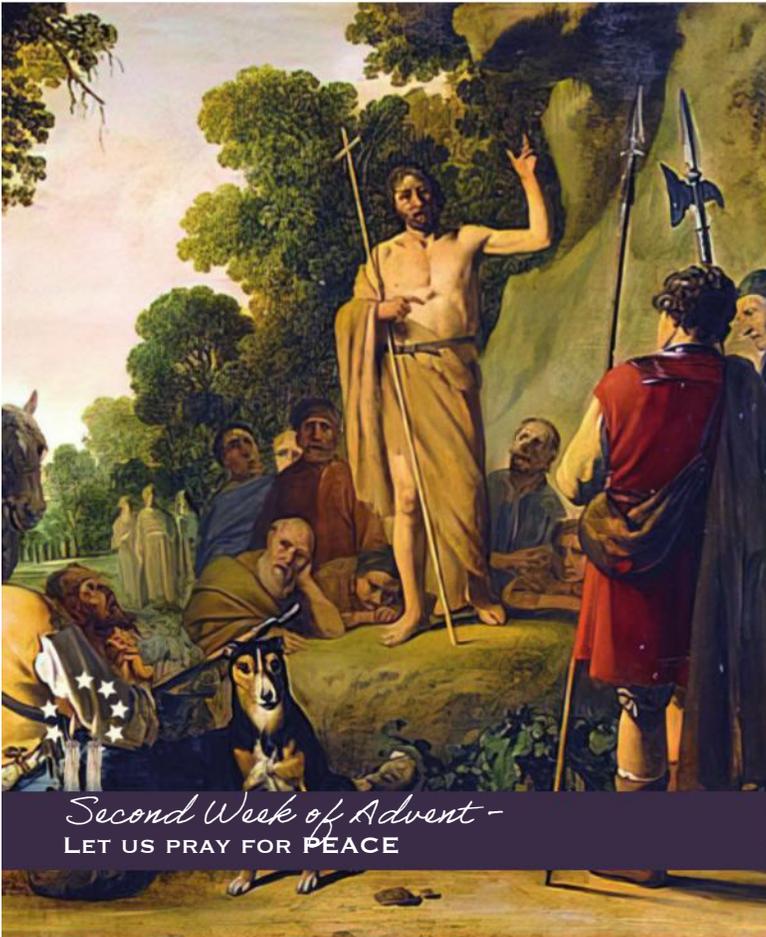




# SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent



*Second Week of Advent -*  
LET US PRAY FOR PEACE

## Second Sunday of Advent

There can be times when we take for granted that God can do literally *anything* - even bringing the dead to life.

In the Old Testament, Isaiah tells us that God can bring life to a family and to a nation that seemed left for dead. In the New Testament, St. Paul tells us that we can reclaim our virtue and our dignity through Christ who can do all things. And in the Gospel, St. John the Baptist calls out from the wilderness that repentance can yield great abundance in our dead lives if we will only repent and trust in God's mercy and love.



This Advent, pull out the places in your heart where you have grown cold. Maybe it's the laziness that prevents you from serving God and others. Or maybe it's that complacency that keeps you from growing in virtue as you should. Bring it to the Lord in Adoration for **ONE HOUR**. Make this the Advent that changes everything.

Welcome to  
Saint Luke!

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OFFICE HOURS  
Monday-Friday | 9:30am-3:30pm

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### MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY

MON | TUE | THU | FRI

8:45 am

WED

6:00 am + 8:45 am

*No 6:00 am on Dec. 7*

FIRST SAT (only)

8:45 am

*See page 5 and 8 for  
Immaculate Conception Mass Times*

WEEKEND

SAT 5 pm

SUN 7:30 am | 9 am | 11 am | 4 pm

### RECONCILIATION

SAT 3 pm - 4:30 pm

WED 5 pm - 6:30 pm

*No Confessions on Dec. 7*

**welcome!**

If you're new to Saint Luke, we want you to feel right at home.

REGISTER to join our parish so we can know how to serve you better.

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# 1 ABOUT YOUR PARISH



WELCOME HOME

## THANK YOU

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[www.saintlukeslidell.org/pastorwishlist](http://www.saintlukeslidell.org/pastorwishlist)

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## COVER ART

(detail) **St John the Baptist Preaching in the Desert** by Claes Corneliszoon Moeyaert (Nicholas), (1592-1655), National Museum of Fine Arts, Stockholm. Moeyaert was one of the most preeminent and prolific Dutch artists of his time.

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## VOLUNTEERS MAKE SAINT LUKE A PARISH IN LOVE WITH CHRIST

We know that amazing things happen when our parishioners pray for and serve each other. God's given you beautiful gifts that are unique and unrepeatable. Ready to make a difference? Our PARISHIONER LIAISON can connect you into the heart of our parish with just a simple survey. Tell us what you love to do, and we'll show you how to set the world on fire!  
[saintlukeslidell.org/talents](http://saintlukeslidell.org/talents)

## SAINT LUKE IS A PARISH ON FIRE!

Last year, our parish embarked on an amazing adventure called FIRE - Family Involved Religious Education - that allows every member of the parish family to grow in faith - from the very young to the very young at heart. FIRE is held once a month on Sundays from 5:00 to 7:00 pm - and always includes dinner!

[www.saintlukeslidell.org/FIRE](http://www.saintlukeslidell.org/FIRE)

# FROM YOUR PASTOR 2

Hey, St. Luke family!

You should have seen them. They were perfect.

A friend of mine and I spent a good part of the morning putting up some really nice hanging lights in the trees near the rectory. It was grueling work climbing up and down the ladder, sometimes even into the tree, to get the lights just right, and for a whole afternoon and evening, I got to appreciate the nice, soft light as I prayed out in my yard.

And then a good solid wind and rain showed up, and all of it was gone in one night. The fact is that they simply weren't hung with strong enough rope to keep them in place. Now, you might think that I am angry that after all that work, the lights just came down like that, but even though it was annoying, I am praising God that He did that - because it gave me a really great image to give you for this Advent.

No matter how much we think we're doing to keep the light of Christ burning in our hearts, all it takes is one strong moment of suffering or frustration to knock us right off our limbs. It happens to the best of us, and it's constant in our lives when we fail to anchor ourselves in Christ. The strongest prayer warrior can find himself or herself struggling when illness, marital problems, or the loss of a job happens. The most faithful friend can become the worst enemy when he or she feels betrayed. The best wife or husband can lose faithfulness in the face of a misunderstanding left to fester. A great son or daughter can lose trust in his or her parents when bad influences start gathering around, and parents can become argumentative and angry at the drop of a hat when exhaustion or willful children test them. Like those lights, if we're not properly secure in our certainty that Jesus loves us, we can lose everything that seemed so perfect the day before.

It's human to fail. But this Advent, I want you to take up a challenge. I want you to make this the Advent that changed everything. I want you to look at the places where your life isn't strongly connected to God, and I want you to bring them to Jesus in our Adoration Chapel for an hour.

ONE HOUR. Maybe it's an hour over the course of all of Advent. Maybe it's an hour once every other week. Maybe it's an hour over the course of a week - or maybe you can invest just a few minutes to come every day during Advent before you go to work - or on your way home - or maybe you are going to be brave and bring the kids to Adoration with you even if it's to behold Him from the hallway or outside. HOWEVER, when you do that hour - I want you to commit to allowing God to see that weak spot in your life, so that He can help you reconnect and re-anchor your life so that nothing can dislodge you from your gentle faithfulness in Him.

I promise you'll be different. Just the commitment will spark a change in you.

*"If I can do an hour this Advent, maybe I can do an hour a month."*

*"If I can sit here patiently with You, Jesus, maybe I can be a little more patient with my children."*

*"If I can stop in every day for a few minutes with You, Lord, maybe I can spend a few minutes in prayer for my wife every day."*

*"If I can get the kids to stay quietly in the hallway for a while, maybe we can get to the point where we can be in the chapel for a few minutes eventually."*

*"If I can be here with You, Jesus, maybe I can love a little more deeply - be a little more gentle with others and with myself."*

I'm telling you. ONE HOUR can change everything.

At the end of Advent, I will have a website page where I want you to go - [www.saintlukeslidell.org/myhour](http://www.saintlukeslidell.org/myhour) - and tell me how that hour changed everything for you, no matter how small. And know that no matter where you are in your Adoration journey, that I am in that same Adoration Chapel praying for you and offering my own hour so that God can help you rediscover your light - and anchor it in Him for your great joy!

To Jesus through Mary,  
in union with St. Joseph,  
Your Pastor,



## SACRAMENTS

To begin preparation for the following sacraments, visit [saintlukeslidell.org/sacraments](http://saintlukeslidell.org/sacraments) or just call our office.

### BAPTISM

If you or your child is not yet initiated into the Church, please permit us the honor of welcoming you into the family of Christ here at Saint Luke!  
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### FIRST RECONCILIATION FIRST COMMUNION CONFIRMATION

Find out more about sacramental preparation which begins every September on our website  
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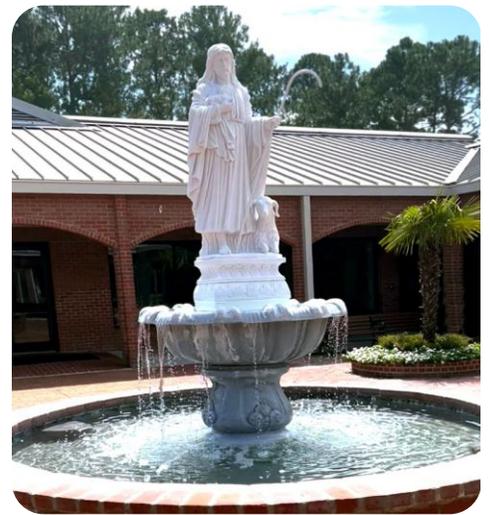
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# 3 LITURGY READINGS + MUSIC

## MUSIC

### ENTRANCE: #395 O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

1: O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,  
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height.  
In ancient times didst give the law,  
In cloud and majesty and awe.

**Refrain:**  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse's stem,  
From ev'ry foe deliver them  
That trust thy mighty pow'r to save,  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

**Refrain**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled  
with joy.

### OFFERTORY: #406 WAIT FOR THE LORD

1: Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.  
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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### READING 1: Is 11:1-10

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.

### READING 2: Rom 15:4-9

Brothers and sisters:

Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE INTENTIONS:

**POPE FRANCIS:** For Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations  
We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

**FATHER JARED:** For an Openness to God's Will

We pray that, like Our Lady and St. Joseph, we may remain open to the Lord's will for our lives and trust in the workings of the Holy Spirit.

# LITURGY READINGS + MUSIC 4

As it is written:

*Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles  
and sing praises to your name..*

## GOSPEL: Mt 3:1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them,

"You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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### MUSIC:

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## MUSIC

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

*Jerusalem arise, and stand upon the heights, and  
behold the joy which comes to you from God.*

### COMMUNION: #415 MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS and PREPARE HIM ROOM

#### Refrain:

For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits;  
truly my hope is in you.

O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory,  
Your radiance shines in all who look to you;  
Come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow.

#### Refrain

O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits;  
Our thirsty hearts are yearning for your Word;  
Come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts.

#### Refrain

O Root of Life, implant your seed within us,  
And in your advent, draw us all to you,  
Our hope reborn in dying and in rising.

#### Refrain

O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage;  
we ever see, yet unfulfilled remain;  
open to us the pathway of your peace.

#### Refrain

Come, let us bow before the God who made us;  
let every heart be opened to the Lord,  
for we are all the people of his hand.

#### Refrain

Here we shall meet the Maker of the heavens,  
Creator of the mountains and the seas,  
Lord of the stars, and present to us now.

#### Refrain

### PREPARE HIM ROOM

Let every heart, let every heart, prepare him room  
Let every heart, let every heart, prepare him room  
We're making room

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# 5 DAILY LITURGY + INTENTIONS

## MUSIC

### CLOSING: #418 ON JORDAN'S BANK

1: On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings.

2: Then cleansed be every soul from sin;  
Make straight the way of God within,  
And let each heart prepare a home,  
Where such a mighty guest may come.

### MONDAY

Is 35:1-10; Ps 85; Lk 5:17-26

#### Entrance Antiphon:

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations;  
declare it to the distant lands: Behold, our  
Savior will come; you need no longer fear.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Our God will come to save us!

#### Communion Antiphon:

Come, O Lord, visit us in peace, that we  
may rejoice before you with a blameless  
heart.

### TUESDAY

Is 40:1-11; Ps 96; Mt 18:12-14

#### Entrance Antiphon:

Behold, the Lord will come, and all his  
holy ones with him; and on that day there  
will be a great light.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord our God comes with power.

#### Communion Antiphon:

The Just Judge will bestow a crown of  
righteousness on those who eagerly await  
his coming.

### WEDNESDAY - St. Ambrose

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103; Mt 11:28-30

#### Entrance Antiphon:

In the midst of the Church he opened his  
mouth, and the Lord filled him with the  
spirit of wisdom and understanding and  
clothed him in a robe of glory.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

O bless the Lord, my soul!

#### Communion Antiphon:

He who ponders the law of the Lord day  
and night will yield fruit in due season.

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

Wed., December 7 at 6 pm (vigil)  
*No 6 am Mass or Confessions on Dec. 7*

Thu., December 8 at 6 am | 8:45 am | 7 pm

### THURSDAY - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Gen 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;  
Lk 1:26-38

#### Entrance Antiphon:

I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is  
the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me  
with a robe of salvation, and wrapped me in  
a mantle of justice, like a bride adorned with  
her jewels.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has  
done marvelous deeds.

#### Communion Antiphon:

Glorious things are spoken of you, O Mary,  
for from you arose the sun of justice, Christ  
our God.

### FRIDAY

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1; Mt 11:16-19

#### Entrance Antiphon:

Behold, the Lord will come descending with  
splendor to visit his people with peace, and  
he will bestow on them eternal life.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Those who follow you, Lord, will have the  
light of life.

#### Communion Antiphon:

We await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,  
who will change our mortal bodies, to  
conform with his glorified body.

**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY:**  
**Dec. 11 Second Collection for  
Retirement Fund for Religious**

### Saturday, December 3, 2022

5:00 pm Patrick Flanagan;  
Ruby DiMarco; Henry Bartels;  
Stephanie Hanzalik; Pat Tyler; Beverly  
Boos; Lucille Roberts; Fred Zoller,  
Sr.; Keith Kelly; Margaret Sovecka;  
Wendi Mancuso; Souls in Purgatory;  
Barry Autin; Richard Jennings (INT);  
Al Horridge; Jack Kramer; Neil Bobal;  
Linda Konig; Harvey C. Gonsoulin;  
James Soniat; Lenny Hebert; Jennifer  
and Joe Dier (INT); Kelly and Mike  
Maurin (INT); Christian Tullis; Barbara  
Gaspard

### Sunday, December 4, 2022

7:30 am Francis Xavier Thuan  
Nguyen

9 am Michael Pergola;  
Michael Pergola; George J. Wetzel;  
Beverly Boos; Dominic Hoc Tran;  
Maria Nhi Nguyen; Souls in Purgatory;  
Margaret Sovecka; Gerald F. Dennis,  
Sr.; Leo & Rita Berthelot; Paul M.  
DaBella Family (INT); Wanda Celius;  
Barry Autin; Nicholas Walling; Alfred  
Soniat; Regina Fortenberry; Laurance  
Viator; Joseph Hanzalik, Jr.; Andrew  
Boudreaux

11 am St. Luke Parishioners  
(INT)

4 pm Fred Zoller, Sr.

### Monday, December 5, 2022

8:45 am Patricia Armand

### Tuesday, December 6, 2022

8:45 am Gregory Bourquard

### Wednesday, December 7, 2022

6:00 am NO MASS

8:45 am Jimmy Stevens

6:00 pm Fr. Otis Young

### Thursday, December 8, 2022

6:00 am The Nguyen Children  
(INT)

8:45 am For Holy Souls

7:00 pm Margaret Sovecka

### Friday, December 9, 2022

8:45 am Beverly Boos

**The Altar Flowers are placed lovingly  
for:** Beverly Boos

**The Sanctuary Light is burning for**  
Marie and Al Schlumbrecht

# FAITH FORMATION 6

**WHAT DO YOU DO AT ADORATION? FIND MORE RESOURCES LIKE THIS AT OUR WEBSITE**

When I dragged a friend to Adoration recently, she pumped me with panicky questions while on the way. “Sitting for an hour in silence? But what do you do?”

Her question was not unexpected. We live in a utilitarian society where everything in our lives, and indeed our own self-worth, is terribly bound up in what we do. It’s one of the first things we ask each other as new acquaintances—not “How do you be” but “What do you do?”—which is the question by which we measure another’s value and worth, not just materially but within the scope of humanity. The question reveals the entrenched mindset that permits society to consider the “benefits” of euthanasia, or the in utero genocide perpetrated against babies whose quality of life might be deemed not good enough—not useful enough—to permit their birth.

Sitting before Christ at Adoration is less about doing than about being. “I look at the Master and the Master looks at me,” and nothing much more than that needs to occur at Adoration, because in that silent interlude something supernatural is at work, “doing” more than we can even imagine.

Nevertheless, our need to attach some value to Adoration drove my friend’s question, and I answered it simply. “I pray. Sometimes I read. Sometimes I doze. Sometimes I do nothing at all. It’s all good.”

Adoration seems to me a great privilege coupled with an experience of real humility. I go there in poverty—unworthy of anything, but willing to be open, because I trust that all God wants of us is our willingness. Always I go with the reminder jangling in my brain: Weakness is sown, strength rises up (1 Corinthians 15:42b-43). This is part-and-parcel of St. Paul’s paradox: When I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Corinthians 12:10)

I am weak, often at my weakest, when I go to Adoration. But I know that my prayer there—even though I have nothing of myself, am nothing—is made strong, because it is made before the physical Presence of the Christ, and because he sees my willingness.

Often, by the time I have reached the pew for my weekly hour, I am like a desert maniac who has crossed the burning sands and finally found a clear stream at which to collapse and drink, and my first prayers are like groanings without thought as I try to gulp down the light and peace radiating before me. I have no words.

After a time, I am able to collect myself, and then my prayer takes the form of thanksgiving, for I am always grateful to have an hour in his Majesty’s Presence. I ponder all I am grateful for: husband, sons, in-laws, friends, employment, health, the good news my friends have shared, the ability to raise a cup of water to my lips on my own steam. These lead to prayers of praise, because gratitude enables praise, and our praise joins the prayers of the angels. Prayers of praise are a reprieve from earth. They are a simple, direct, heavenward thrust of love.

Then, I begin to intercede for others. Call me presumptuous

but in renewed calm I bring the whole world into prayer: the people on my lists; the Holy Father; priests and religious, naming them when I can; firefighters and emergency responders; newsmakers; cities; states; continents. I bring it all forward, feeling ragged and unworthy—like a slave or the lowliest servant—escorting one person after another, one group after another, into the presence of the King, as I have been taught through the example of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity:

*Lord, the one you love is sick . . .  
Lord, the one you love is weeping . . .  
Lord, the ones you love are overworked and fretful . . .  
Lord, the one you love is lonely . . .  
Lord, the one you love is under siege . . .  
Lord, the ones you love are oppressed . . .  
Lord, the ones you love are over-burdened . . .  
Lord, the ones you love are slaves to hate . . .*

Like an emcee, I bring everyone in and then mentally, spiritually recede into the background, imagining my own self nose-to-the-ground, almost prostrate, and daring not to look up, as I pray:

*Help them to comprehend the truth and strength and inviolability of your love, the generosity of your mercy; show them the outpouring of your grace; gift them with your healing and let them recognize it and trust that your gifts once bestowed are never rescinded. You, Alpha and Omega, in whom we live and move and have our being, spread forth your peace like sweetest honey to refresh starving hearts and weary spirits. Let your Light touch us, like consoling balm, to soothe and warm our chilled humanity, that we might be opened to your justice and willing to be made whole. But I am no worthy intercessor, only a faulty and broken vessel trusting in your mercy. Consider not what I deserve in your sight, but only the needs of these whom you love, these I bring before you and for whom I, the least, plead. Let my prayer rise before you like incense to carry these forward. Forgive my sins, especially my failures in love, my sins of omission, and cast them behind your back as your prophet Isaiah has promised, and with your grace may I do better. Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, the sinner, in your name I pray . . .*

The word epiclesis means “calling down upon.” As a Benedictine Oblate, I know that an oblation is a self-offering, and we all know that intercessions are pleas on behalf of others. Combined with other important essentials—the greatest being silence—these three words form the foundation for my prayers at Eucharistic Adoration.

Prayer is a force, and it is real. It takes a priest to pray the Eucharistic Prayer at holy Mass, but we members of the laity have access to epiclesis, oblation, and intercession: we can implore and call down; we can offer our puny selves as conduits through which unimaginable graces may flow, through no doing of our own; we can intercede through the priesthood acquired at Baptism.

-- Elizabeth Scalia is a Benedictine Oblate and author of several great books on living a Catholic life. [www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org)

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# 7 PARISH LIFE + ARCHDIOCESE

## IS YOUR FAMILY FACING A DIFFICULT MOMENT AND NEED A HOME-COOKED MEAL?

St. Luke's Martha's Ministry volunteers offer an occasional home-cooked meal to families who have had recent life changes - a new baby in the family, recovery from illness or hospitalization, or the recent loss of a loved one. Meals are brought directly to your home in the Slidell/Pearl River area. Dietary restrictions can be accommodated and Covid protocols are followed. If you or someone you know needs a meal, please call us at 985-641-6429 or visit [www.saintlukeslidell.org/martha](http://www.saintlukeslidell.org/martha).

**OUR NEXT FIRE NIGHT:  
DECEMBER 4, 2022**

**OUR NEXT BLAZE NIGHT:  
DECEMBER 11, 2022**

## RETRouvaille WEEKEND FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES

This program designed to help and support hurting married couples. Sponsored by the Catholic Church, Retrouvaille is open to couples of all faiths. It has proven helpful to couples who are troubled and stressed, or if the relationship has grown cold and distant. The next Retrouvaille Weekend is January 13-15, 2023, at the William J. Kelly Retreat Center in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. To register, [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org) or email [retrouvaillenola@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvaillenola@gmail.com).

## NO MORE MISSALETTES

In an effort to be good stewards of your generosity, Saint Luke will no longer purchase missalettes, and all the readings and music will be available in the bulletin provided by other generous sponsors at no cost to the parish. The prayers on the back of the missalette will be available on a sheet in the pew.

If you would like to receive the "Word Among Us" magazine that provides the readings, antiphons, and even reflections for each day, visit [www.wau.org](http://www.wau.org). Receive the magazine to your home for only \$37.95 a year, or access the digital version for smart phones or pads for only \$2 per month!

## NEW BULLETIN PUBLISHER

Saint Luke will begin working with a new publisher, DIOCESAN, for our bulletin and other great parish resources! If you'd like to advertise with us, please call Greg Pope, Sales and Marketing Consultant, at 616-295-0390. If you already purchase ads, Greg will help you. We welcome your partnership to keep this resource available to our community!

## CANCER SUPPORT GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY PLANS IN FULL SWING

All cancer survivors and caregivers are invited to a joyous Christmas celebration on December 16, 2022, at 6:30 pm! Please bring a favorite dish to share and come meet amazing people who can help you find the encouragement you need.

The party will be held at the home of Bob and Cynthia Hingle, 518 Florence Drive here in Slidell. For more information please contact Karen Hermann by calling Kay Guard at 985-641-6429, ext. 207. Our Cancer Support Group is a helping hug, practical encouragement, and experienced voices that can help you become a powerful cancer warrior. Join them the first Wednesday of each month - even Summer months - at our Family Life Center at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome!

## HALOS SUPPORT GROUP

The suffering of families after the suicide or drug overdose of a loved one feels like it has no bottom. Find the support you need at HALOS. Led by Deacon Chris Schneider and Donna Oster, HALOS support group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at St. Margaret Mary (1050 Robert Blvd, Slidell) in their E-building at 7 pm. For more information call Donna at 985-201-2143.

## MASS HONORING ST. LUCY

A Mass honoring St. Lucy of Syracuse, the patroness of eye diseases, will be held at St. John the Baptist parish, 1139 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd., NOLA, on December 10, 2022 at 4 p.m. The St. Lucy relic will be offered for veneration.

## ST. LUKE GOLF WEEKEND AT PINWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

Second Weekend of Each Month  
Pinewood Country Club, 405 Country Club Boulevard

The Pinewood will open a sign-in book in the Pro Shop so when you arrive any time on that Saturday or Sunday (or both days), inform the person at the Pro Shop that you are supporting St. Luke and sign in. Players pay the going-rate for green fees and cart (players must request a cart).

BEFORE 11 a.m., \$40 for 18 holes or \$25 for 9 holes. AFTER 11 a.m., \$32 for 18 holes or \$20 for 9 holes. TWILIGHT rate, \$25 for 18 holes.

Players are encouraged to call ahead for tee times or reserve tee times online. Please do NOT pay for your rounds online so that the Club can keep an easy record. Proceeds support the St. Luke Knights of Columbus and St. Luke Men's Club

## PLEASE VOLUNTEER AT THE MASS

Many of you have said to me that you would be happy to help if I needed your assistance since Fr. David has gone to St. Rita, and this is your chance. Helpful volunteers at the Holy Mass can make a big difference in how smoothly things go. We need ushers - and honestly, readers, too - at all Masses, but most especially at the 4 pm. If you can offer an hour every week or so, this may be a really helpful way to show your support. Ushering is another great way in which teenagers can participate in the Mass.

Please call or email Kay Guard to step up. Thanks!



## LIVE NATIVITY AT SAINT LUKE!

December 10th, 12 pm - 3 pm, Saint Luke will host its own adorable photo op with a live petting zoo at the outdoor manger between Saint Luke and the rectory! Bring the children and enjoy a chance to be part of the arrival of Jesus at the manger.

Find out more on our website!



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## PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LUX FATIMA TRIP

The next international World Youth Day will call together thousands of young hearts from all over the world. Help LUX Youth/Young Adult ministry reclaim the world for CHRIST!

### ADORABLE FATIMA ITEMS FOR SALE

These Fatima items were designed/handmade by members of our ministry: Car Decals with Cross and Fatima silhouette (black or white) are only \$5 each or delicate handmade Fatima Christmas ornaments are \$10 each.

To order yours, visit: [www.saintlukeslidell.org/fatima](http://www.saintlukeslidell.org/fatima)



## NEED A LITTLE TIME TO MAKE CHRISTMAS SPARKLE? TAKE A PARENTS DAY OUT!

**December 17, 2022, 11am-3pm**

LUX Young Adult Ministry will be offering safe environment trained caregivers for your children for only \$35 per child. Lunch is provided (pizza!) Games and crafts included. **SPACE IS VERY LIMITED!**

Register online at [saintlukeslidell.org/parentsdayout](http://saintlukeslidell.org/parentsdayout)

## IMPORTANT LITURGY AND OFFICE DATES

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

Wednesday, December 7 at 6 pm (vigil)

Please note: No 6 am Mass or Confessions on Dec. 7

Thursday, December 8 at 6 am | 8:45 am | 7 pm

### CHRISTMAS (NATIVITY OF THE LORD)

Saturday, December 24 at 4 pm in Church + FLC  
at 6 pm in Church

Please note: No confessions on Dec. 24 or 5 pm Mass  
December 25 at Midnight | 8 am | 10 am in Church  
Please note: No 7:30 am, 9 am, 11 am, or 4 pm Mass

## OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:

**December 8  
December 19-January 2**

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY

11-14-22 to 11-18-22

Good Sams helps families in crisis by providing immediate aid with food, diapers, formula, and financial assistance as well as connecting them with agencies that can give long-term assistance. Our amazing volunteers and generous donors help us meet our community needs. If you would like to join our team or would like to donate, please call our office 985-641-6421, or learn at [www.saintlukeslidell.org/goodsams](http://www.saintlukeslidell.org/goodsams)

### PANTRY NEEDS: Items in RED are urgently needed

Chef Boyardee (15oz can)	Jelly (19oz +)
Peanut Butter (10 oz +)	Spaghetti Sauce (24oz can)
Pancake Mix (1lb box)	Pop-Tarts
Deodorant (1.5oz +)	Shampoo (12oz +)

### Because of your generosity, we were able to provide:

Food for 23 families	Utilities for 17 clients
Rent/Housing for 2 families	Gas voucher for 4 clients
ID for 1 client	Bus Ticket for 2 families
Baby Formula/Diapers for 15 families	Motel for 1 client
Clothing for 4 clients	SNAP for 6 clients
Referrals to other agencies for 38 clients	Tent for 1 client

**Good Sams is open Monday (12:30 - 3:30 pm)  
Tuesday - Friday (9:30 am - 3:30 pm)**  
Please call ahead for appointment, 985-641-6421

We do not accept clothing or furniture donations.  
Bring these to Community Christian Concern at  
2515 Carey St., Slidell

## AMAZON SMILES HELPS US SERVE

If you shop for Christmas on Amazon.com, you can help Good Sams serve our community and it's as simple as 1-2-3!

**STEP 1)** Go to <http://smile.amazon.com>

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# 9 SAINT LUKE SERVES

To contact an organization below, contact **KAY GUARD**, our Parishioner Liaison, at 985-641-6429 ext. 207  
**SAINT LUKE LEADER PORTAL: [WWW.SAINTLUKESLIDELL.ORG/MINISTRYPORTAL](http://WWW.SAINTLUKESLIDELL.ORG/MINISTRYPORTAL)**

## LITURGY + SACRAMENTS

- + **ALTAR SERVERS** assist the priest in the sanctuary for the Mass and other liturgical functions. Contact: Dave Vedros or Kay Guard
- + **COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND** Contact: Mimi Fritchie
- + **COMMUNION FOR THOSE IN HOSPITAL/NURSING FACILITIES** Contact: Kay Guard
- + **ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND RETREATS:** [www.neworleans.engagedencounter.com](http://www.neworleans.engagedencounter.com) Contact: Chris and Stacey Hebert
- + **LECTORS + EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** serve the Holy Mass. Contact: Kay Guard
- + **USHERS** assist families coming to worship at Saint Luke. Contact: Gene Bellisario
- + **IS GOD CALLING YOU TO RELIGIOUS LIFE? INTERESTED IN BEING A DEACON OR PRIEST?** Contact: Pastor's Office.
- + **WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH OR WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?** Contact: Tressie Karl

## PRAYER

- + **BIBLE STUDIES** are available throughout the year. Contact: Mandi Troyani, FIRE Coordinator
- + **ENDOW** empowers Catholic women to live out their feminine genius through friendship and prayer. Contact: Pastor's Office
- + **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** grows our love for Jesus. To take an hour: [www.stluke.weadorehim.com/en](http://www.stluke.weadorehim.com/en) Contact: Sylvia Riera
- + **LITURGY OF THE HOURS** is the rich daily prayer of the Church, every day at 6 am in the Adoration Chapel. Contact: Carl Cucullu
- + **LORD TEACH ME TO PRAY** is a 3-part series, rooted in Ignatian spirituality. Held throughout the year. Contact: Carol Weiler
- + **ST. JOSEPH ALTAR** occurs March 19 each year. Volunteers begin preparation in January. Contact: Margaret Long

## SUPPORT

- + **ST. ANTHONY'S GARDENS** is a beautiful senior living community that provides lively social engagement in Independent Living or excellent care in their Assisted Living and Memory Care neighborhoods. Contact: Dcn. Harold Burke, 985-605-5950
- + **ANNULMENT INFORMATION** is available for Saint Luke parishioners. Contact: Pastor's Office
- + **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT** offers comfort to those who have lost a loved one. 2nd Monday of each month, 6:30 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes parish, 400 Westchester Place. Contact: Diane St. Germaine at 985-643-4137
- + **CANCER SUPPORT** is for survivors and caregivers, 1st Wednesday of each month at 7 pm at our FLC. Contact: Cynthia Hingle
- + **HALOS SUPPORT GROUP** is for those who have lost loved ones to overdose or suicide, 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at St. Margaret Mary parish in the Evangelization Building, 1050 Robert Blvd. Contact: Donna Oster at 985-201-2143
- + **LUX YOUNG ADULTS** offers support and great events for adults (18-39). Contact: Mandi Troyani, FIRE Coordinator
- + **LUX YOUTH MINISTRY** equips and strengthens young hearts (Grades 4-12). Contact: Mandi Troyani, FIRE Coordinator
- + **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS** help couples develop strong, loving relationships. Contact: John and Janice Wells
- + **RETRouvaille** is for troubled marriages and helps couples reconnect. Contact: Mike and Judy Diedling
- + **SAFE ENVIRONMENT** is necessary for any work with minors or vulnerable adults at Saint Luke. Contact: Kay Guard
- + **SANCTITY OF LIFE GROUP** offers support for ProLife programs and services in southeastern Louisiana. Contact: Eileen Bruno
- + **SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB** offers friendship and events for adults ( 55+), 2nd Wednesday of each month, 1 pm in our FLC Conference Rm. Contact: Deann Parrett
- + **SUBSTANCE ABUSE MINISTRY** is available for those who want recovery and their families at St. Margaret Mary parish, 1050 Robert Blvd, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 7 p.m. in the Evangelization Building. Contact: Dcn. Louis Bauer

## SERVICE

- + **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** is a global fraternal service order for Catholic men. Contact: Mike Jugan
- + **FOURTH DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** encourage a love of country and the duties of citizenship. Contact: Tom Stein
- + **SLE LADIES CLUB** offers friendship for women through service to the parish and prayer. Contact: Sandra Watson.
- + **SLE MEN'S CLUB** offers opportunities to develop friendships and serve Saint Luke and the community. Contact: Neil Otilio
- + **SLE MULTICULTURAL COMMITTEE** is a social outreach organization that welcomes anyone interested in learning about other cultures and races and who would like to make Saint Luke a welcoming community for everyone. Contact: Kay Guard
- + **SLE SAFETY** helps assure a secure campus. Contact: Darryl Stoltz
- + **SLE WELCOMING COMMITTEE** visits and calls new parishioners to help them connect with the parish. Contact: Charlene Stein

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# CALENDAR 10

GREAT THINGS TO COME			
Sunday, Dec. 4	5 pm	FIRE NIGHT!	Full Campus
	7 pm	LUX Youth Ministry	Youth Center
	8 pm	LUX Youth Adoration	Adoration Chapel
Monday, Dec. 5	9:15 am	Altar Society meets to beautify the Church	Church
	11 am	Intercessory Prayer Group prays for parish - come join!	Adoration Chapel
	12 pm	Lord, Teach Me to Pray (Women)	Rm. 2
Tuesday, Dec. 6	9:30 am	Ranger Rosary Group	Rm. 3
	6:30 pm	Lord, Teach Me to Pray (Women)	Rm. 1
	7 pm	Lord, Teach Me to Pray (Men)	Rm. 3
Wednesday, Dec. 7	5:30 pm	LUX Youth Ministry	Youth Center
	7 pm	Lord, Teach Me to Pray (Men)	Rm. 3
	7 pm	KC 4th Degree	FLC Conference Rm
Thursday, Dec. 8	Office closed		

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