

January 15, 2023

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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The Church has a special talent for pulling us into flashbacks - or "flashforwards" - in the life of the Lord so that we might get the whole picture of His story.

This week, the Church draws us into the beginning of the ministry of Jesus at His baptism in the Jordan River. In the Old Testament, God calls Israel to be a kingdom through which salvation can enter into the world and to be a light to the nations. In the New Testament, Paul sends greetings to the people of Corinth, encouraging them to be holy. And in the Gospel, John the Baptist shares how God was calling him to be on the lookout for the One who would baptize with the Holy Spirit.



Are you on "the lookout" for the Lord? Do you work at strengthening your prayer life so that when you see the Lord acting, you can recognize Him? Are you drawing others closer to Him by your example?

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

FIRST SAT (only)

8:45 am

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

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.
JUST TEXT "WELCOME" to
1-844-534-2245

1 ABOUT YOUR PARISH



THANK YOU

PASTOR'S WISH LIST www.saintlukeslidell.org/pastorwishlist

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



COVER ART

(detail) Baptism of Jesus by Saint John the Baptist in the Jordan River by Hippolyte-Jean Flandrin (1809-1964), Church of Saint-Germaindes-Prés, Paris. In his lifetime, Flandrin was known as a man of excelling talent - but also a man of "integrity, deep faith, earnest, thorough, and honest and morally upright." His closest friend wrote, "He was simply a superior artist and a good man."

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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

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

FROM YOUR PASTOR 2

Hey, St. Luke family!

So, there you are in your pew, settling in with your readings and music waiting to start Mass. If you're like me, you find yourself thinking things like, "Oh! I love that hymn!" But sometimes as a priest, I find myself looking down at a lyric or a composer, and worrying, "Oh. No."

The Liturgy of the Holy Mass isn't just a list of random prayers or songs. It's more like the natural habitat of the Word of God and the most intimate place we encounter our Lord. This is why the bishops of the Church have been entrusted with the difficult task of safeguarding the Liturgy - all the Scripture, all the prayers, and all the music that we use in the right worship of God. As your ordained pastor, the Archbishop has placed upon me the heavy responsibility to protect not only the liturgy here at Saint Luke - but also to ensure that our worship is the one the Apostles passed down to us.

This is why some music you've heard in Mass for years is either no longer used or is a little different than you remember. This has been heavy on my heart because of a document the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops published in 2020 * that encouraged us pastors to reexamine the hymns used in our parish worship. It asked us to prayerfully reflect on the actual theology and even musical style of those hymns to see if they are of sound doctrine, if they are oriented toward the proper worship of God (instead of ourselves), and if the hymns reflect the real goal of our worship - "the glory of God and the sanctification of the faithful." Why? Because music matters. It's not just sung prayer: it's a powerful teacher of the things we believe. How often have you heard a catchy hymn, and found yourself singing it days later? But what happens when the lyrics aren't right teaching? It's dangerous. They teach us wrong things about God and our relationship with Him and impact what we come to believe. Even the life of the composer comes into play. All of our worship should reflect our desire to be like Jesus. If priests, deacons, lay ministers, - or even composers of liturgical music - have proven themselves scandalous in their personal behavior, they should not lead worship. Why composers, too? Because our music is in and of itself a prayer in the Holy Mass. The Lord treasures His people. And those who serve Him in leading worship should, too.

Sometimes, composers strive to be holy, and their songs are beautiful, *BUT* the theology in the song does not reflect the actual teachings of Christ or His Church. Let me give you a few examples. The often used hymn, "All Are Welcome," has been removed from the Mass by that document, because the theology in it is inaccurate. We welcome - and want - everyone to come to the Lord, however, we need to be very specific about what God is calling them to: a life of discipleship, repentance, mercy, and service. It is not a welcome to just show up, be "happy" and do nothing else. That's confusing. Here's another example. The hymn "Jesus, Hope of the World," with its delicate melody and acceptable verses includes these words in the refrain: "Here we await you, O Master Divine. Here we receive you in bread and in wine"...

But that's not right at all. Once the priest, in the person of Christ consecrates the bread and the wine, they become different. They may look and taste like bread and wine, but they become the Body and Blood of the Lord - It even has a name: the True Presence. So in order to use the hymn rightly, the refrain was changed: "Here we await you, O Lover Divine. Illumine our darkness and make us your shrine." The Lord is our lover - in the best, most perfect love that gives true hope. Every saint and even Scripture uses that term. Jesus does, in fact, bring light into the darkness of our lives, and when we receive Him in the Eucharist, we become living tabernacles as Scripture says in John 6:56. We remain in Him and He in us, and God makes His dwelling within us. Even in "Behold the Lamb", a hymn this week - please note the different wording to make sure that it is solid in its theology.

New hymnals are being written to accommodate a richer theology - but the best thing about this effort by the Bishops to strengthen our worship is that some old hymns that have been part of our Catholic heritage for hundreds of years are seeing a comeback. Gorgeous Catholic hymns like "Savior of the Nations," "The King Shall Come," and "On Jordan's Bank" are being retaught to us. I'm so grateful to have a parish family that wants to worship the Lord rightly, and I am excited for you to hear this not-so-new music that has built amazing Catholics!

* Catholic Hymnody at the Service of the Church: An Aid for Evaluating Hymn Lyrics by The Committee on Doctrine USCCB, September 2020

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

www.saintlukeslidell.org/MARY www.saintlukeslidell.org/HANNAH www.saintlukeslidell.org/RACHEL

SACRAMENTS

To begin preparation for the following sacraments, visit 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!

saintlukeslidell.org/baptism

FIRST RECONCILIATION FIRST COMMUNION CONFIRMATION

Find out more about sacramental preparation which begins every September on our website saintlukeslidell.org/sacraments

MARRIAGE

Prepare for a faithful and fruitful married life with us!
Please call our office or visit saintlukeslidell.org/marriage at least 6 to 8 months in advance

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you or a family member is sick or hospitalized, please call the office at any time

TO REQUEST A PRIEST FOR AN EMERGENCY 985-641-6429 AND PRESS 1



3 LITURGY READINGS + MUSIC

MUSIC

ENTRANCE: #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 ev'ry heart from sin; Make straight the way of God within, And let each heart prepare a home Where such a mighty guest may come.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

OFFERTORY: #777 HERE I AM, LORD

1: I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

[Refrain]

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2: I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

3: I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

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READING 1: Is 49:3, 5-6

The Lord said to me: You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory.

Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb, that Jacob may be brought back to him and Israel gathered to him; and I am made glorious in the sight of the Lord, and my God is now my strength!

It is too little, the Lord says, for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel;

I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

READING 2: 1 Cor 1:1-3

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

GOSPEL: Jn 1:29-34

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'
I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel."
John testified further, saying,

"I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

MUSIC

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: "We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us."

COMMUNION: #939 BEHOLD THE LAMB

1: Those who were in the dark are thankful for the sunlight; we who live, we who die are grateful for his gift, thankful for his love.

[Refrain]

Behold, behold the Lamb of God. All who eat, all who drink shall live; and all, all who dwell in God shall come to know his glory.

- 2: Peaceful now, those whose hearts are blessed with understanding of his Flesh, of His Blood united with his word and the love we share.
- 3: Gentle one, Child of God, join with us at this table.
 Bless our lives; nourish all who hunger for this feast; shelter them with peace.
- 4: Lord of all, give us light.
 Deliver us from evil.
 Make us one; be our shield.
 Make still the winds that blow; cradle us with love.

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5 DAILY LITURGY + INTENTIONS

MUSIC

CLOSING: #724 | HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

1: I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; Lay down, O weary one, lay down Your head upon my breast.' I came to Jesus as I was, So weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place, And he has made me glad.

2: I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give The living water; thirsty one, Stoop down, and drink, and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank Of that lifegiving stream; My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, And now I live in him.

3: I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; Look unto me, your morn shall rise, And all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found In him my star, my sun; And in that light of life I'll walk Till traviling days are done.

MONDAY

Heb 5:1-10, Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4, R. v.4b, Mk 2:18-22

Entrance Antiphon:

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Responsorial Psalm:

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

Communion Antiphon:

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

TUESDAY

Heb 6:10-20, Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c, R. v.5, Mk 2:23-28

Entrance Antiphon:

The just will flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a Lebanon cedar, planted in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord will remember his covenant for

Communion Antiphon:

If you would be perfect, go, sell what you have, give to the poor, and follow me, says the Lord.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY:

Jan. 29 Second Collection for Catholic Schools Collection

WEDNESDAY

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17, Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4, R. v.4b, Mk 3:1-6

Entrance Antiphon:

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Responsorial Psalm:

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

Communion Antiphon:

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

THURSDAY

Heb 7:25-8:6, Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17, R. v.8a and 9a, Mk 3:7-12

Entrance Antiphon:

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Responsorial Psalm:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. Communion Antiphon:

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

FRIDAY

Heb 8:6-13, Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14, R. v.11a, Mk 3:13-19

Entrance Antiphon:

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Responsorial Psalm:

Kindness and truth shall meet.

Communion Antiphon:

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Saturday, January 14, 2023

Cynthia Lott (INT); 5:00 pm Barbara Gaspard; Patrick Flanagan; Michael Tabor; Alex & Jordan Maurin (INT); Christian Tullis; Beverly Boos; Terri Kreider (INT)

Sunday, January 15, 2023

7:30 am Terry Kennedy

Marie Smith;

John L. Hanlon, Sr.; Colin Baird; Terry Kennedy; Fred Zoller, Sr.; Beverly Boos; Ted Aucoin; Kathleen Moden-bach; Vickie Young; Rod W. Willhoft, II; Joann Gray; Leo Berthelot & Family (INT); Paul DaBella & Family (INT); Marie Hover (INT); Dcn. Ron LeBlanc (INT); Dcn. Harold Burke (INT)

11 am St. Luke Parishioners

(INT)

4 pm Aurelio Dill

Monday, January 16, 2023

8:45 am Sidney Valadie, Jr.

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

8:45 am Fletcher Cochran

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

The Nguyen Children

INT)

8:45 am Clem Huerstel

Thursday, January 19, 2023

8:45 am Nicholas Eirich (INT)

Friday, January 20, 2023

8:45 am Michael Pergola

The Altar Flowers are placed lovingly for: Jack Hutchison and Family (Int)

The Sanctuary Light is burning for Vicki Young

FAITH FORMATION 6

INTRODUCING OUR VISITING PRIESTS: PRIESTHOOD THROUGH THE LENS OF FR. BRETT TAIRA. L.C.

Many of our parishioners have asked, "Who is that awesome priest?!" about our visiting priests. Over the next few weeks, we'll introduce these wonderful men who bring their energy and love of Christ to our community. Please make them feel welcome and thank them for their ministry!

Fr. Brett Taira, L.C., was ordained a priest on December 10, 2016. His story has been unique from the beginning of his call, up to and including the way he exercises his ministry today. Born in Santa Barbara, CA, and raised Buddhist, he converted to Catholicism in 2002. In 2004 he received a B.A. in Electrical Engineering from Rice University in Houston. Immediately after graduation, he joined the Legionaries of Christ. He was ordained to the priesthood by Cardinal Pietro Parolin, the Vatican Secretary of State.

Fr. Brett is currently serving at the Legionaries of Christ in Mandeville. He brings some unique gifts to his ministry, especially as a millennial convert who has grown up in the current culture with a God-given talent for photography. These two attributes give him an insight into the needs for evangelization of this generation, and the capacity to bring Christ to people in a powerful way.

What ignited your passion for photography?

What makes photography special is not its ability to reproduce a given reality, but rather its ability to tell the story of the meaning of reality. For example, a security camera recording 24/7 can give a faithful reproduction of recorded events, without actually saying anything meaningful about what happened. Photography is different because every shot is the result of a decision made by the photographer; even those shots taken by accident aren't so accidental.

Walking out the door with camera in hand is already a decision to start telling a story even if one doesn't know how the story is going to end. In these years of renewal, the Church has challenged us to define the essential elements of our charism. We have our Constitutions and Statues, which are good at describing the WHAT of Regnum Christi (a Federation within the Catholic Church). Nevertheless, our Movement is not about a WHAT, but rather about a WHO. The WHO belongs not to definitions but to narration, to story. Our charism is the story of a personal encounter with Christ, that each of us has experienced in a multitude of different circumstances. In an age when attention spans grow increasingly shorter (maybe even too short to read to the end of this interview), photography provides the perfect medium to tell the story of WHO we are as Regnum Christi members.

How is photography part of your ministry as a priest?

Photography allows me to preach without using words. It invites without imposing. This makes it ideal for the new evangelization. Much of my work as a priest involves helping people to perceive the presence and action of God in the ordinary events of their own lives. Photography allows me to show ordinary things in an extraordinary light. This is a

metaphor for the way faith enlightens our daily activities and opens us to the action of grace in all we do.

Rather than seeking after extraordinary signs of the supernatural, we learn to open the eyes of our hearts and discover that God shines all around us in the most common and familiar experiences.

What is it about photographs that captures us and can help us to pray and reflect?

Photography is itself a morally indifferent medium. It can be used both to elevate and to denigrate. Too often photography focuses on the ugly and obscene in life. Photography can be used to spread lies about who we are as human beings, and about what our life is about.

Photography needs to be restored to its true dignity by the encounter with the Gospel. It reminds us of the goodness and beauty of creation. Most of all it draws attention to the individuality, uniqueness, and dignity of each soul. I prefer to bestow upon my subjects something of an epic quality, showing both who they are and who they are meant to be. This is not to engage their vanity, but rather to affirm a fundamental truth – the infinite worth of each soul. Every soul is worth saving, and every soul has been saved by the love of Christ. In the Incarnation, Christ's story is joined to each of our personal stories. Undoubtedly no story is more epic than that of the Son of God!





Morning Glory, Photography by Fr. Brett Taira

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 accomodated 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.

OUR NEXT FIRE NIGHT: JANUARY 8, 2023

OUR NEXT BLAZE NIGHT: JANUARY 22, 2023

EVERYONE DESERVES A BIRTHDAY

The Baton Rouge Life March will be on Saturday, January 21! St. Luke and St. Margaret Mary parishioners can ride on a chartered bus which will leave SMM at 7 am and then travel to St. Luke to pick up other riders and depart there at 7:45 arriving at Baton Rouge at 10 am. Riders will then return between 2:30 - 3 pm. RSVP at

saintlukeslidell.org/BRLifeMarch for only \$10 per person! Bottled water provided, with a restroom on the bus. Pack a lunch to bring. PLEASE register soon!

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. 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!

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY PRAYER SERVICE

The annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 25, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Church, Metarie to honor couples who are celebrating or have recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The celebration is open to couples married in 1973 or earlier. To register, please visit our website or call our office before Tuesday, March 14, 2023. Please Note: The Anniversary celebration is a prayer service, not a Mass and will not fulfill a Sunday obligation. Couples should plan to attend Mass at Saint Luke.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN: FIRST CORINTHIANS GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY

First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community explores the key elements of the gospel message that Paul introduced to a new and growing Church. Presenter Tim Gray examines Paul's advice for living an authentic Christian life in a pagan culture as well as his teachings about the nature of grace, the Church as the body of Christ, and the most powerful gift of all—the Eucharist. Sessions include video and lively discussion perfect for adults of all ages (11 sessions) beginning January 12, 2023 (Thursdays 10 am - 12 pm) and January 17, 2023 (Tuesdays, 6:30 -8:30 pm) in the FLC.

Workbooks are available at www.evangelization.com for \$29.95 plus shipping and handling.

ST JOSEPH ALTAR PREPARATIONS ARE STARTING!

St. Joseph Altar volunteers are need to help start baking cookies on Tuesday and Thursday mornings beginning Jan 17th. Most people arrive at 9:30 am after Mass. We need people to handle pans, wash dishes and baking trays and even learn the baking process. This is a beautiful New Orleans tradition, and Saint Luke's altar is a precious veneration of St. Joseph!

NATIONAL CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all. In an effort to encourage this beautiful pursuit of virtue in our young Church, the CDA are sponsoring 2 state wide scholarships! A \$500 scholarship for any 8th grader who wishes to go to a Catholic High School and a \$1000 scholarship for any senior in high school who wishes to attend an accredite college or university. Applications may be picked up at our parish office, at Pope John Paul II High School, or at Lake Castle School here in Slidell. All applications be postmarked on or before January 20, 2023.

ANNULMENT WRITING WORKSHOP

The Archdiocese of New Orleans will offer a writing workshop for persons seeking an annulment in the Catholic Church or for persons responding to an annulment. The series will be held on (3) consecutive Saturdays: February 11, 18, & 25, 2023 from 9 AM - 12 Noon in the Parish Center of St. Clement of Rome (4317 Richland Avenue, Metairie) The cost for the workshop and materials is \$25.00. To register go to our website www.arch-no.org/ annulments . For more information, please call Britton at 504-861-6243 or email mfl@arch-no.org.

NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION DESPERATELY NEEDED

If you've ever felt the desire to serve as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion at Saint Luke, a training will be available on February 4, 2023, 9 am - 1 pm, here at Saint Luke. We really need men and women willing to serve - and willing to bring Christ to homebound/nursing home parishioners.

PARISH LIFE + ARCHDIOCESE 8

ADORERS AND SUBSTITUTE ADORERS APPRECIATION DINNER

ADORATION APPRECIATION DINNER Please Join Us! This appreciation dinner is for all committed adorers, substitutes and their spouses on Monday, Jan. 30 at 7:00 PM in the FLC Auditorium. For more information or to reserve your spot, please call Sylvia Riera, Adoration Coordinator, or Kay Guard, Parishioner Liaison, 985-641-6429 ext. 207.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR YOUNG ADULTS/YOUTH

It's important to remember that epiphany moments happen for others when WE make them happen. Our Young Adult/Youth ministry are working hard to raise the funds necessary to attend World Youth Day in Portugal with the rest of our Archdiocese.

If you would like to support their goal, please call Mandi at 985-641-6429 ext. 230.

LORD TEACH ME TO PRAY BEGINS THIS MONTH

Lord, Teach Me To Pray is a 3-part prayer series based on the astounding teachings of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Part 1: Praying Christian Virtues (12 weeks), introduces Ignatian prayer and spirituality in the way that St. Ignatius taught by structuring your initial prayer experience around the Christian Virtues. It's conducted in a small group experience with 2 trained facilitators. Each group meets for 2 hours once a week for prayer, faith sharing and introduction to the methods of Ignatian prayer. Part 2: My 19th Annotation, consists of the well-known "Spiritual Exercises" and is built for busy people who want to develop a deeper spiritual life. You must have completed Part 1. You'll learn to pray for all the graces of the Holy Spirit through weekly Faith Sharing on your daily prayer. This 30-week program is facilitated group meetings of 2 hours once a week, and requires about 30-45 minutes of daily prayer on assigned scriptures. Your \$20 donation covers materials!

Ready to start? Call Kay at 985-641-6429 ext. 207 for contact and registration information.

PART 1 GROUPS FOR WOMEN BEGIN:

Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 10 am at 131 A Cross Creek Drive. Contact: Nancy Henderson or Donna Robin

Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 7pm at St. Luke Rm. 1 + Conference Call. Contact: Lynn Boudreaux

Tuesday January 17, 2023, 10 am at 59505 Neslo Rd. Contact: Reid Noble or Janice Roper

Wednesday January 25, 2023, 9:30 am at 6 Log Cabin Lane Pearl River. Contact: Laurie Benson

PART 1 GROUP FOR MEN BEGINS:

Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 7 pm, at St. Luke Rm. 3. Contact: John Besh

PART 2 GROUP FOR MEN BEGINS:

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 7 pm, at St. Luke Rm. 3. Contact: Dan Henderson (IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!)

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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: <u>www.neworleans.engagedencounter.com</u> 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
- + **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** grows our love for Jesus. To take an hour: <u>www.stluke.weadorehim.com/en</u> 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 Otillio
- + 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 SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH | WWW.SAINTLUKESLIDELL.ORG

CALENDAR 10

Sunday, Jan. 15	7 pm	LUX Youth Ministry	Youth Center
	8 pm	Teen Adoration	Adoration Chapel
Monday, Jan. 16	9:15 am	Altar Society gathers to clean, decorate the Church	Church
	12 pm	Lord, Teach Me to Pray (women)	Rm. 2
Tuesday, Jan. 17	9:30 am	St. Joseph Altar Prep	FLC Kitchen
	9:30 am	Ranger Rosary	Rm. 3
	6:30 pm	Bible Study	FLC Auditorium
	6:30 pm	Lord, Teach Me to Pray (women)	Rm. 1
	7 pm	Lord, Teach Me to Pray (men)	Rm. 3
Wednesday, Jan. 18	9:30 am	Ladies Club Meeting	FLC Conference Rm
	5:30 pm	LUX Youth Ministry	Youth Center
	6:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Thursday, Jan. 19	9:30 am	St. Joseph Altar Prep	FLC Kitchen
	10 am	Bible Study	FLC Auditorium
	7 pm	Knights of Columbus Council Meeting	FLC Auditorium

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