SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 12, 2023

3rd Sunday of Lent

We know that this is TRULY the SAVIOR of the world

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Water. It's like nothing else on Earth. Nothing in the chemical world has the power to support life and make a land flourish **like water**.

The readings this weekend focus on how much our need for Jesus is like our need for water. In the Old Testament, God provides water when the people are thirsty in the desert. In the New Testament, St. Paul reminds us that the Holy Spirit is poured into our spirits because of Christ. And in the Gospel, Jesus promises His love poured out for us like water that gives us new life - regardless of what our lives have been like before.

YOUR HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT:

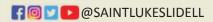
What's spiritually dry in your life? Is your prayer suffering? Are your relationships feeling like they need Jesus' love poured into them? This week, focus on asking Jesus to pour His spirit into your heart at the beginning and end of every day.

Welcome to Saint Luke!

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www.saintlukeslidell.org

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



MASS SCHEDULE

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

or by appointment

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



WELCOME HOME

THANK YOU

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

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



If some member of our parish

family did something worth celebrating, let us know at www.saintlukeslidell.org/thanks

"Thank you so much to the volunteers who teach my children at FIRE! They each come home full of new faith and excited to share what they have learned and heard. My husband and I feel like we're a little better prepared to answer their questions, too. And there are a LOT of questions!"

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VOLUNTEERS SHOW THAT SAINT LUKE IS 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!

How's your Lenten journey going? Are you making progress? No? Feeling a little discouraged? Don't be. Lent is the season when we decide to become either victims of what we can't change or saints following a Savior who can change anything. This weekend's Gospel is a powerful reminder that Jesus has a heart for those of us on the struggle bus. It means a lot that the most perfect Man who ever lived has a heart for us in all of our imperfection. All He wants us to do is show up. It's not what we've been that interests Him. The God who set Creation into motion is fascinated by the potential of what we can become.

The story of the Samaritan woman is our story. And Jesus is her Savior and ours. The Samaritans were a lost bunch. The Jews who had gone to the Promised Land with Moses heard God say that the Commandments would help them grow their holiness. But it didn't take long for them to lose sight of those virtues. They had seen miracle after miracle, but now they didn't want to stand out among other nations. Some of them began to intermarry with pagans who worshipped other gods - even gods who demanded human sacrifices. Over time, they began to worship in the wrong places, hanging out with the wrong crowd. Eventually, they became less "Jewish." Some of them became the Samaritans. The Jews who considered themselves "really" Jewish looked down their noses at them, and they became enemies instead of kinsmen.

Among the virtues they lost - and there were a lot for both Jews and Samaritans were the sanctity of marriage and the protection of the dignity of women. When a woman without a family was abandoned by her husband, her life became an instant tragedy. If she had no one to protect or provide for her, she would become penniless and homeless. Some women looked for help anywhere they could - and many men were willing to take advantage of them. It wasn't uncommon for a desperate woman to take up the life of a mistress rather than to starve. People can be really mean, too. Everyone would overlook her circumstance and judge her lifestyle. Other women especially wives sure that she would be after their husbands - would avoid her.

We're told that Jesus came to a well in a Samaritan town, but it was more like He made a beeline straight there - to find a lost daughter in a lost country - at Jacob's well. Jacob was Isaac's son (the son of Abraham) and the father of all the Jewish tribes. (Gen 25:19-35:29) Jacob met the love of his life at a well pretty much like it. That well represented the little that was left of the days when they were a people with dignity and a heritage. Jesus had come there on purpose. Even the time of day matters. In a desert town, noon is the worst heat of the day. Most women would come to the well in the cool of the morning. But Jesus knows that this woman is going to show up at the worst time of the day when there's no chance that she'll have to face the looks and the comments. And He's waiting. Jacob's Son is waiting for this girl. It isn't long before she shows up, dragging her jar to the well. Alone. Without friends. Without help. She's probably taken aback to see a Guy sitting there. It's easy to tell He's a Jew: He's wearing traditional Jewish clothing and probably a traditional Rabbi's shawl. All the anger and all the abandonment come up to the surface, and she's primed for a fight. He'd better not say anything to me, because I am just not going to take it! Let Him get His own water!

But you and I know what's going to happen. Jesus is going to do the unheard of - He's going to give her a new life. He's going to tell her that He knows where she's been and that He simply doesn't care. What He wants is to give her - and her lost nation - the opportunity to become the people they were always meant to be.

So how about you? As bad as things can seem right now, just know that Jesus is making a beeline to meet you wherever you are - to give you a new life. He doesn't care where you've been. All He wants is to teach you a new future. What have you got to lose? Come to the well.

To Jesus through Mary, In union with St. Joseph, En. Jane Your pastor,

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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

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ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

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3 LITURGY READINGS + MUSIC

MUSIC

ENTRANCE: I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; Lay down, thou weary one, lay down Thy head upon my breast." I cáme 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 life-giving stream; My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, And now I live in him..

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

OFFERTORY: COME, THOU FOUNT

1. Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace. Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come, and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God. He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood..

READING 1: Ex 17:3-7

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!" The LORD answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?"

READING 2: Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Brothers and sisters:

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

GOSPEL: Jn 4:5-42

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water.

Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" —For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans. - Jesus answered and said to her,

"If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,

'you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern

is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?"

Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE INTENTIONS:

POPE FRANCIS: For victims of abuse We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church'; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

FATHER JARED: For those who protect the innocent We pray for those who work to heal children and adults who have been abused emotionally, physically, or sexually.

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The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come back."

The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true."

The woman said to him, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth."

The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one speaking with you."

At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, "What are you looking for?" or "Why are you talking with her?"

The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?"

They went out of the town and came to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Could someone have brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here'? I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work."

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything I have done." When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

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MUSIC

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

"For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life."

COMMUNION: THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

1. The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness fails me never; I nothing lack if I am his, And he is mine forever.

2. Where streams of living water flow With gentle care he leads me, And where the verdant pastures grow, With heav'nly food he feeds me.

3. Perverse and foolish I have strayed, But yet in love he sought me, And on his shoulder gently laid, And home, rejoicing, brought me.

5. You spread a table in my sight Your saving grace bestowing; And O what joy and true delight From your pure chalice flowing!

6. And so through all the length of days Your goodness fails me never: Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise Within your house forever..

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5 DAILY LITURGY + INTENTIONS

MUSIC

SENDING FORTH: OH GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST #688

1. O God, our Help in ages past, Our Hope for years to come, Our Shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal Home.

2. Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame, From everlasting thou art God, To endless years the same.

MONDAY

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab, Pss 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4, R. see Ps 42:3, Lk 4:24-30

Entrance Antiphon: My soul is longing and yearning for the

courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh cry out to the living God.

Responsorial Psalm:

Athirst is my soul for the living God. When shall I go and behold the face of God? Communion Antiphon:

O praise the Lord, all you nations, for his merciful love towards us is great.

TUESDAY

Dn 3:25, 34-43, Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9, R. v.6a, Mt 18:21-35

Entrance Antiphon: To you I call, for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me. Responsorial Psalm:

Remember your mercies, O Lord. Communion Antiphon:

Lord, who may abide in your tent, and dwell on your holy mountain? Whoever walks without fault and does what is just.

WEDNESDAY

Dt 4:1, 5-9, Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20, R. v.12a, Mt 5:17-19 Entrance Antiphon: Let my steps be guided by your promise; may evil never rule me. Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem. Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: FRIDAYS OF LENT 6:30 PM

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY Special Collections March 19 for Our Seminarians' Education 5. O God, our Help in ages past, Our Hope for years to come, Be thou our Guard while life shall last, And our eternal Home.

THURSDAY

Jer 7:23-28, Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9, R. v.8, Lk 11:14-23

Entrance Antiphon:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Responsorial Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Communion Antiphon:

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

FRIDAY - St. Patrick

Hos 14:2-10, Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17, R. see vv. 11 and 9a, Mk 12:28-34 Entrance Antiphon:

Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord for you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God. Responsorial Psalm:

I am the Lord your God: hear my voice. Communion Antiphon:

To love God with all your heart, and your neighbor as yourself, is worth more than any sacrifice.

+ HOLY WEEK +

Palm Sunday: Mass: (v) SAT | 5 pm SUN: 7:30 am | 9 am | 11 am | 4pm

Monday:	Mass: 8:45 am		
Tuesday:	Mass: 6 am no 8:45 am		
Wednesday:	Mass: 6 am 8:45 am		
Holy Thursday: no 8:45 am Mass of the Lord's Supper 7 pm only Benediction + Adoration until midnight			
Good Friday: Mary Livin	no Masses Solemn Service 3 pm 's Way of the Cross 5 pm g Way of the Cross 8 pm		
Holy Saturday:	no 5 pm Mass		

Holy Saturday: no 5 pm Mass Easter vigil: 8 pm only Easter Sunday: 7:30 am | 9 am | 11 am no 4 pm

Saturday, March 11, 2023

5:00 pm Patrick Flanagan; Beverly Boos; Catherine Hernandez (INT); Terry Kennedy; Ruby DiMarco; Pierre Landry; Fred Zoller, Sr.; Raymond Denley; Lucille Roberts; Joseph Soileau; John Erickson; John Jacob; Dcn. Ron LeBlanc; Kathleen Modenbach; Pat Sensebe; Terri Kreider; David Scarborough; Louie Gentry; Irving Fowler; Mary Lewis; Mike & Caroline Mills (INT); Marie Hover (INT); Bollinger Family (INT); Fr. Andrew Schumacher (INT); Anna Bonnette (INT); Ali Thompson (INT); Connie Zoller (INT); Judy Gros (INT)

Sunday, March 12, 2023

7:30 am Barry Autin

9:00 am Ellarita Gardner; Vernile Bagert; Terry Kennedy; Fred Zoller, Sr.; Rod W. Willhoft, II; JoAnn Gray; Kathleen Modenbach; Dominic Hoc Tran; Marie Tin Nguyen; Teresa Nhan Le; Jeff Devine; Suzy Lee (INT); Bill Champagne; Victor Steudlein; Patricia Brown; Maurice Durel; Linda Lorenz; Beverly Boos; Dcn. Ron LeBlanc; The Thomas Family (INT); Lois Dale; Fr. Cornelius McÉnroe, CM; Carolyn Peters, (INT); Clem Huerstel; Jennifer Bramley (INT); Kim Denley (INT); Debbie Cordes (INT) 11:00 am STL Parishioners (INT) 4:00 pm Joseph Soileau Monday, March 13, 2023 8:45 am Eileen Autin (INT) Tuesday, March 14, 2023 Alison Baird (INT) 8:45 am Wednesday, March 15, 2023 6:00 am The Nguyen Children (INT) 8:45 am Lynn Schayot (INT) Thursday, March 16, 2023 8:45 am Germaine Curley Friday, March 17, 2023 8:45 am Fred Zoller, Sr. The Altar Flowers are placed this weekend for None during Lent The Sanctuary Light is burning this week for Barry Autin The Adoration Chapel Light is for Dcn. Ron LeBlanc

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FAITH FORMATION 6

WALKING THROUGH HOLY WEEK AS A FAMILY

Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, Holy Week, is the most sacred time of year. During this special time, we enter into the passion of Christ — his crucifixion, death and resurrection through liturgical celebration and personal conversion. While the season of Lent is a very important time in the Church, it is helpful to remember that our Lenten practices (prayer, fasting and almsgiving) are meant as preparation for the three days of the Triduum.

WHAT IS THE TRIDUUM?

The three days of the Triduum are counted as the Hebrews counted their days, from dusk to dusk. Lent officially ends and the Triduum begins at dusk on Holy Thursday and continues through dusk on Easter Sunday. Because we cannot separate Jesus' death from his resurrection, the Church teaches that the Triduum is really one celebration that lasts for three days. However, in the liturgy, each day has its unique qualities and different focuses.

HOLY THURSDAY

So when he had washed their feet [and] put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, "Do you realize what I have done for you?" ~ John 13:12

The evening Mass on Holy Thursday begins the Sacred Triduum. On this night we remember the Last Supper and celebrate the institution of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Holy Orders. At the end of the liturgy, the sanctuary is stripped clean in preparation for the most somber of feasts, Good Friday.

Family Faith Activity: Talk about how Jesus is really present in holy Communion and how sharing in his body strengthens us to become the Body of Christ and to follow him each day.

GOOD FRIDAY

He said, "It is finished." And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit. ~ John 19:30

Good Friday is a somber remembrance of Jesus' crucifixion and death on the cross. It is a day of fasting and penance and a time to examine all of the places in our lives where we fail to follow Christ and fall into sin. Good Friday is not merely a commemoration of a historical event; rather, Christ's sacrificial death on the cross, along with his glorious resurrection, comprise the heart of the Christian faith.

Good Friday is not a Mass; holy Communion that is distributed had been consecrated on Holy Thursday and kept in the tabernacle for adoration. Also, many parishes offer Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

Family Faith Activity: Pray the Lord's Prayer at bedtime on this night in remembrance of Christ's gift for all of salvation.

EASTER VIGIL

Now in the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had yet been buried. So they laid Jesus there. ~ John 19:41-42 The Easter Vigil is the restoration of the early Church's tradition as the great celebration of adult baptism and confirmation. It is the high point in the liturgical year. The vigil begins in darkness (usually outside) and the long procession of candlelight that enlivens the church reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world who has conquered all darkness and death. The Paschal candle that is lit at the Easter Vigil will remain in the church throughout the year as a sign of Christ's death and resurrection.

Family Faith Activity: During the day on Holy Saturday, spend some time as a family talking about the Paschal Mystery — Jesus' crucifixion, death and resurrection. Take a walk around your neighborhood looking for signs of new life in springtime. Talk about how Jesus rising to new life is truly transformative and life-changing.

EASTER SUNDAY

Celebrate the risen Lord at Mass with the singing of the Gloria and alleluias, the renewal of baptismal vows, a sprinkling with Easter water and receiving the Eucharist. The time you spend on your Holy Week preparations will make Easter Sunday more meaningful for the whole family!

3 SIMPLE WAYS TO CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK

- + Give yourself (and your family) the gift of quiet time for prayer and reflection in front of your home altar early in the morning or late at night.
- + Move your crucifix to the front door (or the door you use most) as a remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.
- + During Holy Week, turn off your car radio and pray silently while driving.
- -- Read more about teaching children about Catholic traditions at **www.teachingCatholickids.com**



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7 PARISH LIFE + ARCHDIOCESE

IF YOU GET COMPLIMENTS FOR YOUR COOKING - WE NEED YOU!

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: APRIL 23 OUR NEXT BLAZE NIGHT: MARCH 26

WE ARE LOOKING FOR AMAZING CATHOLIC DADS AND MOMS WHO WANT TO LEAD THEIR CHILDREN TO BECOMING HEROES

CONQUEST and CHALLENGE are a youth ministry program that has proven to be successful in forming young people with a deeper faith. We're looking to form two groups - Dads and Sons and Moms and Daughters. CONQUEST and CHALLENGE provide an opportunity for boys and girls to grow in knowledge and love for their Catholic faith. There is a structured, flexible curriculum, with themes following the Church seasons: Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent and Easter. Service projects are also built into the curriculum. These projects involve weekly preparation and then carrying out the service as a group. The projects are imagined and put into place by the children and their parents. This enhances the opportunity for small group mentoring & peer ministry. Adult leaders work with the youth leaders to form and mentor them.

Are you interested in learning more? We can provide the answers!

Contact Fred Zoller or Jaime Standiford at our office 985-641-6429 ext. 207, OR visit us at

www.saintlukeslidell.org/conquest OR www.saintlukeslidell.org/challenge

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR MOST ADORABLE VBS YET!

2023's SLE VBS is Faith on the Farm, Where God's Fruit Grows! Open to kids PK (4-5) - Grade 8. We'll be diving deep into the fruits of the Holy Spirit! Fun crafts, games, prayer, skits, music, and special guests! June 12 - 16, 2023, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. To volunteer (adults and teenagers Grades 9-12), call our office at 985-641-6572. (All volunteers will be trained in Safe Environment.) Cost is only \$30 (1 child), \$45 (2 children), \$60 (3 or more children). www.saintlukeslidell.org/vbs2023

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.

ST. TAMMANY RIGHT TO LIFE YOUTH LEADERSHIP

The St. Tammany Right to Life Youth Leadership Award is a one-time cash award of \$1000 to a graduating senior who has been active in pro-life events & activities. To apply, go to St. Tammany Right to Life on Facebook. The deadline to apply is **April 15, 2023.**

HELP US SUPPORT THE SLIDELL PREGNANCY CENTER

The Slidell Pregnancy Help Center is in need of

- + Infant car seats with base
- + Baby wipes
- + Baby wash, baby shampoo, baby lotion, and diaper cream
- + Enfamil Neuropro baby formula
- + Similac 360 Total Care baby formula or Member's Mark Advantage Infant formula available at Sam's or WalMart.
- + Newborn, 6-9 months, 12 month size Girl's Onesies
- + Boy's Baby towels
- + Newborn 3 month size Boy's socks

They are open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday from 10 - 2, at 550 Gause Blvd. Please call ahead at 985-643-4357 to make sure they can take your gift.

FRAMED DIVINE MERCY SIGNS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!

Our beautiful Divine Mercy images are made of sealed durable vinyl - and should last about 10 years! They are available in two sizes:

SMALL (in white frames, suitable for your home - 6"x10") for \$25 **OR**

LARGE (35"x19.5" with 9 " legs for staking outside your home) for \$49

Proceeds support our FIRE Nights and are available for pre-purchase after Masses, at our Fish Fry, or online at www.saintlukeslidell.org/divinemercy

Bless your home and your neighbors with the Lord's gentle mercy and loving heart!

SAINT JOSEPH ALTAR CELEBRATION

The Saint Joseph Altar is a beautiful New Orleans tradition - and Saint Luke volunteers have been working non-stop to make this wonderful celebration of St. Joseph's Feast Day something to remember!

Come preview the altar after all Masses on March 18 - 19 in the courtyard rooms and then celebrate the Mass at **8:45 am on March 20**. Cookies will be available for a small donation!

PARISH LIFE + ARCHDIOCESE 8

FOUR NIGHT MISSION AT SAINT LUKE: **GRIEVING AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS**

Have you ever wondered why a loving God would permit suffering, sin, sickness, and death? For a lot of us, it's the greatest stumbling block to developing real trust in the fatherhood of God. The story of the Prodigal Son is a story about a forgiving Father not about a son, and The Son hanging on a cross is the greatest reminder of the tender mercy of a Father worth trusting.

For four nights we're going to dig deeply into how and why grief is part of the human condition, how Christ has come to redeem us and give us the power to make something holy out of suffering, how to discover the gentle fatherhood of God even in the midst of great suffering, and how we can find hope in difficult and painful moments. There will be beautiful music by candlelight for prayer and reflection.

MARCH 14 - 17, 2023 at 7 pm in the Church

Speakers: Dcn. Warren Berault, Jason Angelette, Jeannie Callaway, Fr. Peter Pham

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE: WIDOWED? SEPARATED? DIVORCED? LISTEN. ACCOMPANY. HEAL.

Beginning Experience is an international ministry founded by a Catholic religious sister and her divorced friend offering hope and healing for those who have lost their marriage through death, separation, or divorce. The weekend transforms lives and has helped thousands navigate the road through grief. Visit www.beginningexperience.org to learn more about the program. Beginning Experience of New Orleans Weekend Retreat: April 28-30, 2023, at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center, 5500 St. Mary Street in Metairie. For more information including registration and fees, contact Registrar, Liz Reis at (504) 858-1813 or email Izbthreis @ yahoo.com. Weekend program includes materials, two nights' lodging and five meals.

GET YOUR OWN BEAUTIFUL SAINT LUKE HOLY WEEK LITURGY AID!

This Holy Week - Palm Sunday through Easter Day - Saint Luke will produce its own beautiful Liturgy Aid with all the readings, hymns, and art. This beautiful worship aid will be the Mass book for many Holy Weeks to come. Father Jared has put it all together in a handy liturgy aid! If you would like to prepurchase your own, visit www.saintlukeslidell.org/holyweekaid Only \$8 each, or be a sponsor! You can remember a loved one, or if your business sponsors our Liturgy Aid, we will add your business information prominently in the book!

Level 1: \$50 + donation (1/8 page mention) Level 2: \$100 + donation (1/4 page mention) Level 3: \$200+ donation (1/2 page mention)

DEADLINE TO TURN IN YOUR DONATION AND MENTION TEXT BY SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023, 4 pm. * All mentions will be elegant text.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY

2-27-23 to 3-3-23

Your generosity of countless volunteer hours and financial and food donations help us to take care of families in our community who are facing emergency financial crisis. We are always looking for volunteers to help us in the food pantry, the office, and Thanksgiving, School, and Christmas programs. Please call our office to help us make a difference

PANTRY NEEDS: Items in RED are urgently needed

beans (11b) cookies (36ct) mac & cheese (7.25oz box) pancake mix (11b box)

Because of your generosity, we were able to provide:

Food for 8 families Rent/Housing for 3 families Bus for 2 clients Shower voucher for 1 client Homebound Help for

Gas voucher for 1 client Dental for 1 client

Utilities for 1 family

Baby Formula/Diapers

for 7 families

SNAP for 3 clients

1 family

Referrals to other agencies for assistance for

3 families and 22 clients

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

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR IMPORTANT WORK!

Would you like to support the important work of Good Samaritans in our area? You can donate to Good Sams once or on a monthly basis. 100% of your financial contribution goes directly to the people who are served by our ministry. Thank you! When you give LOCALLY - you make a HUGE difference right here at home.

HOW TO DONATE: You can support our mission to make our community a wonderful place to live for every family! You can make your donation as a "one time" gift, a recurring weekly or monthly gift, or even donate in memory of someone dear to you. You can even donate on behalf of someone you love.

https://saintlukeslidell.org/donategoodsams

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY AT GIVING.PARISHSOFT.COM/APP/GIVING/STL910273

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

LITURGY + SACRAMENTS

- SACRED SERVERS assist 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 Contact: Chris and Stacey Hebert
- READERS + 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

- 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 Monday of each month at St. Margaret Mary parish in the Evangelization Building, 1050 Robert Blvd. Contact: Donna Oster at 985-201-214'3
- 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 +
- **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 thé Evangelization Building. Contact: Dcn. Louis Bauer

SERVICE

- GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY (please see page 8)
- 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 +

CALENDAR 10

GREAT THINGS TO COME

MON - FRI, 1st SAT	8:00 am	Rosary and Novena	Church
Sunday, MAR. 12 5 pm		Conquest and Challenge for Catholic Kids!	Meet at the Church
7 pn	7 pm	LUX Youth	Youth Center
	8 pm	LUX Youth Adoration	Adoration Chapel
Monday, MAR. 13 9:15 am 11 am 12 pm 7 pm	9:15 am	Altar Society gathers to make our Church beautiful!	Church
	Intercessory Prayer Group	Adoration Chapel	
	Lord, Teach Me to Pray (Women)	Rm 2 Courtyard	
	7 pm	Multicultural Committee	FLC Conference Rm
9:30 an 6:30 pr	9:30 am	St. Joseph Altar Prep	FLC Kitchen
	9:30 am	Ranger Rosary	Rm 3 Courtyard
	6:30 pm	Bible Study	FLC Auditorium
	6:30 pm	Lord, Teach Me to Pray (Women)	Rm 1 Courtyard
	7 pm	Lord, Teach Me to Pray (Men)	Rm 3 Courtyard
5:	9:30 am	Ladies Club Meeting	FLC Conference Rm
	5:30 pm	LUX Youth	Youth Center
	6:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
	7 pm	Lord, Teach Me to Pray (Men)	Rm 3 Courtyard
10	9:30 am	St. Joseph Altar Prep	FLC Kitchen
	10 am	Bible Study	FLC Auditorium
	7 pm	Knights of Columbus Council Meeting	FLC Auditorium
Friday, MAR. 17	5 pm	Fish Fry Eat In and Drive Thru	Family Life Center



