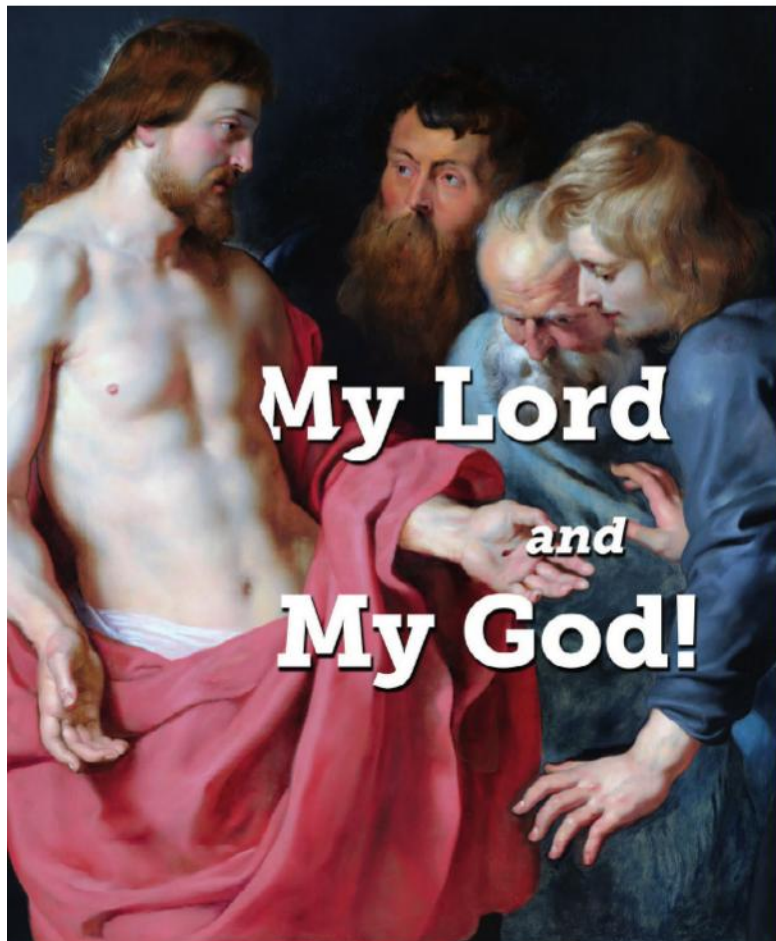




# SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 16, 2023

Divine Mercy



## Divine Mercy

If you've ever wondered if God sees you and loves you, Divine Mercy Sunday is the answer to your prayers.

In the first reading, we see how the apostles and the people of God were transformed into a culture of mercy. In the second reading, St. Peter reminds us that the Lord has opened a treasure trove of graces by His resurrection for us. And in the Gospel, the Lord appears to His friends speaking to them about US: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

### YOUR HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT:



What struggles are you facing that need to be turned over to Jesus' tender mercy? Today, visit [www.thedivinemercy.org](http://www.thedivinemercy.org), and download the Divine Mercy chaplet. Begin praying this simple but powerful prayer of entrustment.

Welcome to Saint Luke!

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#### 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

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.

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# 1 ABOUT YOUR PARISH



WELCOME HOME

## THANK YOU

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*"THANK YOU to all those who helped us grow in faith and prepare for our sacraments and to enter into the Church. The OCIA team have all been great, and they made me and my family feel like the Church wanted us to be here and welcomed us with open arms. Even the kids felt how much we were loved. We have come to really love Saint Luke."*

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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!

Helena was baptized in a small Polish parish in Glogowiec. Her family was poor and large: she was the third of ten children. From her earliest childhood, she stood out among everyone because of her love of prayer, her humility at work, her obedience, and her compassion for the poor. She made her First Holy Communion at the age of nine and would later say that receiving the Lord made her want to be close to Him for the rest of her life. She dreamed of being a holy sister, but because of her family's poverty, Helena only attended school for three years and didn't know how to read or write well enough to go into formation. Her parents also worried that she would not be suited for the religious life - not to mention what it would mean to their family's finances if she pursued a life of poverty - so they would not give their permission for her to even make the attempt. So, in her little humble, obedient way, Helena took a job as a housekeeper in a bigger town in order to support herself and her family. But that desire continued to well up in her heart. And it lived there, and grew there, until eventually, she couldn't live any other way, and Helena - Sister Mary Faustina Kowalska - entered the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy order at the age of only twenty. That was OUR blessing, because it was to Sister Faustina that Jesus appeared with the incredible message of Divine Mercy: that the Lord never gives up on us - that to our dying breath - He will do anything to save us. Sister Faustina was called to bring that message in detail to the world. I don't know about you, but I am so grateful she was willing to give herself away to Jesus so that we might hear that necessary message.

When Jesus calls you, you can try to avoid it, but eventually, the love will grow so undeniably in your heart, that you won't be able to resist it. God's calling is like that. If you married the love of your life, you know what that love feels like. If you have ever held your little son or daughter in your arms, you know that willingness to give your life away to someone. Nothing feels like finding the fulfillment of your life. Francis Thompson wrote a poem about what that calling is like: like being pursued until you just have to stop because you can't keep avoiding it, only to find that everything you ever wanted was in the arms of Jesus all along. When you come to that realization, nothing else will do.

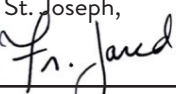
It's interesting to see how people respond to a son who says he wants to be a priest or who wants to enter a monastery or a daughter who says she wants to be a nun or sister. It's a rare beauty when a family looks at their child and encourages them to follow that road. Most parents worry the way that Faustina's family did. Some sons and daughters eventually yield to the pressure and pursue another life. Don't get me wrong: the beautiful sacrament of marriage is not less than the pursuit of a religious life - *it is equal in service and holiness* - and if the religious life lives its greatest gift out in service to holy marriages and holy families, then married life should also live out its greatest gift out in service to the Lord and His people, too.

I love my family. My father is the best man I know. My mother is the woman I admire most. I love my brothers. I can't tell you how proud I am to be "Frunkle" Jared to my little nieces and nephews, (that's "Father" and "Uncle", by the way.) If I had pursued the vocation of marriage, it would have been a blessing to me.

**BUT JESUS CALLED ME.** And you are the worthy recipients of the love my family gave back to the Lord through that calling. And now I am here, with you as a family to me and me as a spiritual father to you. I have not lost anything. I have gained my fulfillment, and here we are together building a family of families who pursue their divine calling.

This Divine Mercy Sunday, I pray that you will look at your children and see the precious love of a God who makes Himself present in the lives of your sons and daughters who pursue religious life - and who sends out a message of Divine Mercy to the lost and the heartbroken through them. Please support them. Please love them. And please, continue to pray for those of us who have embraced the holy calling to serve you in the Church out of love for Jesus.

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



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## SACRAMENTS

To begin preparation for the following sacraments, visit [saintlukeslidell.org/sacraments](https://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](https://saintlukeslidell.org/baptism)

### FIRST RECONCILIATION FIRST COMMUNION CONFIRMATION

Find out more about sacramental preparation which begins every September on our website  
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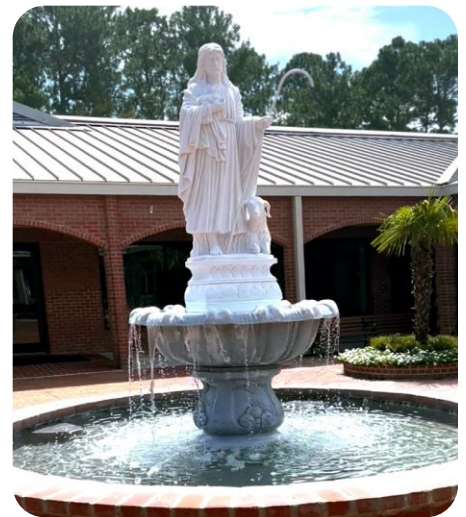
### MARRIAGE

Prepare for a faithful and fruitful married life with us!  
Please call our office or visit [saintlukeslidell.org/marriage](https://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

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# 3 LITURGY READINGS + MUSIC

## MUSIC

### ENTRANCE: THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY #644

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy  
Like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in God's justice  
Which is more than liberty.  
There is plentiful redemption  
in the blood that has been shed;  
There is joy for all the members  
In the sorrows of the Head.

3. Troubled souls, why will you scatter  
Like a crowd of frightened sheep?  
Foolish hearts, why will you wander  
From a love so true and deep?  
There is welcome for the sinner,  
And more graces for the good;  
There is mercy with the Savior,  
There is healing in his blood.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Give thanks to the LORD for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.

### OFFERTORY: GOD OF MERCY

Refrain:  
God of mercy, holy myst'ry,  
ever faithful one,  
you have pitched your tent among us,  
reconciling love.  
Heart and mind of Christ,  
live within our lives,  
form us into people of  
mercy and grace.

1. You have called us each by name  
in your great compassion,  
encompassing our failings with mercy.  
God of mercy, lead us.

2. Slow to anger, rich in love,  
you bestow forgiveness.  
May we, in turn, forgive those  
who harm us.  
God of mercy, lead us.

3. In our midst as one who serves,  
breaking down divisions,  
to all in need you send us as neighbor.  
God of mercy, lead us.

5. In the word of truth you speak,  
word of hope and challenge,  
you summon us to speak  
for the voiceless.  
God of mercy, lead us.

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### READING 1: Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life,  
to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

### READING 2: 1 Pt 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE INTENTIONS:

**POPE FRANCIS:** For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

**FATHER JARED:** For a culture of generosity

We pray for God to transform our lives into a breath of hope and generosity in our world. May we become prayerful, compassionate people who pour out our love for others.



# LITURGY READINGS + MUSIC 4

## GOSPEL: Jn 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

## MUSIC

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

*"Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving, but believing, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia."*

### COMMUNION: ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS # 949

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus, out of ev'ry nation  
has redeemed us by his blood."

2. Alleluia! Not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us;  
faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight  
received him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise:  
"I am with you evermore"?

3. Alleluia! Bread of angels,  
here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

4. Alleluia! King eternal,  
You the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluia! Born of Mary,  
Earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.  
You within the veil have entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great high priest;  
Here on earth both priest and victim  
In the Eucharistic feast.

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# 5 DAILY LITURGY + INTENTIONS

## MUSIC

### SENDING FORTH: ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

1. All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voices, let us sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Bright burning sun with golden beams,  
Soft silver moon that gently gleams,  
O praise him! O praise him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. All you with mercy in your heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing now! Alleluia!  
All you that pain and sorrow bear,

Praise God, and cast on him your care:  
O praise him! O praise him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him! Alleluia!  
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One:  
O praise him! O praise him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### MONDAY

Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9, R. see v.11d, Jn 3:1-8

#### Entrance Antiphon:

Christ, having risen from the dead, dies now no more; death will no longer have dominion over him, alleluia.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Blessed are all who take refuge in the Lord.

#### Communion Antiphon:

Jesus stood in the midst of his disciples and said to them: Peace be with you, alleluia.

### TUESDAY

Acts 4:32-37, Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5. R. v.1a, Jn 3:7b-15

#### Entrance Antiphon:

Let us rejoice and be glad and give glory to God, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns, alleluia.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

#### Communion Antiphon:

The Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead, and so enter into his glory, alleluia.

### WEDNESDAY

Acts 5:17-26, Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9. R. v.7a, Jn 3:16-21

#### Entrance Antiphon:

I will praise you, Lord, among the nations;  
I will tell of your name to my kin, alleluia.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

#### Communion Antiphon:

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, and have appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, alleluia.

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### April 30, 2023 Catholic Home Mission

To strengthen the Church at Home by supporting essential pastoral programs in financially challenged dioceses and eparchies.

### THURSDAY

Acts 5:27-33, Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20. R. v.7a, Jn 20:29

#### Entrance Antiphon:

O God, when you went forth before your people, marching with them and living among them, the earth trembled, heavens poured down rain, alleluia.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

#### Communion Antiphon:

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

### FRIDAY

Acts 5:34-42, Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14. R. see v.4abc, Jn 6:1-15

#### Entrance Antiphon:

You have redeemed us, Lord, by your Blood, from every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us into a kingdom, priests for our God, alleluia.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

One thing I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord.

#### Communion Antiphon:

Christ our Lord was handed over for our transgressions and was raised again for our justification, alleluia.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023

**5:00 pm** Dcn. Ron LeBlanc; Irving Fowler; Clemy Gonzales; Lynn Cucullu; Ashton Dedeaux; Stanton F. Gunderson; Lissette Vitter; Estranged Family Member (INT); Chanelle LeBlanc

### SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023

**7:30 am** Dcn. Ron LeBlanc

**9:00 am** Victor Steudlein

**11:00 am** Parishioners of Saint Luke (INT)

**4:00 pm** Rod W. Willhoft, II; For the Holy Souls; Gerald "Sparky" Davis; Dominic Hoc Tran; Maria Tin Nguyen; Teresa Nhan Le; Terry Kennedy; Lucille Roberts; Joseph Soileau; John Jacob; Liam Bearden (INT); Lilly Bearden (INT); Jackson McGovern (INT); Gabe McGovern (INT); James Dwyer; Monroe Stephenson; Clem Huerstel; Dcn. Ron LeBlanc; Lois Dale; Amy Lutman (INT); Addaline Johnson (INT); Thaddeus Hebert (INT); Emile Diodene (INT); Marielle Fountain (INT); Morgan Brooks (INT); Robert Morton (INT); Lillian Coleman (INT); Kay Guard (INT); Norman Francioni; Connor Landry (INT); Trinice Landry (INT); Lloyd Hugh Morris

### MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023

**8:45 am** Joseph Soileau

### TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023

**8:45 am** Jerry Lewis

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023

**6:00 am** Lauren Boyet (INT)

**8:45 am** Joseph Soileau

### THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023

**8:45 am** Maria Nguyenthi Vuong

### FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023

**8:45 am** Joseph Soileau

### THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS BURNING THIS WEEK FOR

Saint Luke Volunteers (INT)

### THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE PLACED THIS WEEK FOR

Bridget Guillory

# FAITH FORMATION 6

## **DIVINE MERCY: Fr. Michael Gaitley (summarized from his book: "Divine Mercy Explained.")**

Divine Mercy has been called "the greatest grassroots movement in the history of the Catholic Church" and has saved millions of souls. It is still saving souls. Pope Benedict XVI said, "Divine Mercy is not a secondary devotion, but an integral dimension of Christian faith and prayer. Mercy is the central nucleus of the Gospel message." Divine Mercy calls us to embrace the idea that God comes to meet us in our suffering and in our sin with an astounding gift: *mercy*. Mercy is more than just forgiveness. We can forgive someone who has done something to hurt us if they ask for it. But mercy is an incredible **GODLY** gift. Mercy happens when someone has earned punishment, and the One wounded doesn't just forgive them - He removes the punishment. This is the essence of grace.

### THE MESSAGE OF DIVINE MERCY

The message of Divine Mercy is most associated with Sister Faustina (see Father Jared's article on page 3.) Jesus spoke to her - not to reveal a new Gospel - but to give the world a practical way to tap into the graces of His unfathomable divine mercy. God sometimes appears to saints and mystics, because He wants to remind us of something we have either ignored or forgotten. (It is not a new message. **JESUS** is the final Word of the Father on all things.) Divine Mercy is a reminder for us sinners: "Now is the time of mercy. Now is a time of extraordinary mercy! Now is a time when I want to give especially great graces to the human race. I want to pour out My mercy in a big way." St. John Paul II embraced the message of Divine Mercy and gave the world a Feast day to help us cling to the Lord for mercy. As Jesus said to Faustina: "Tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy."

### TAPPING INTO THE GRACES

All you need to know is one, little word **F-I-N-C-H**. If you remember this word, you've got it.

**F = FEAST.** What's the most important feast day of the Catholic year? Easter! And how many days is Easter? We celebrate it for eight full days which is why we call it the Octave of Easter. The last day is the greatest of all: what we call. The eighth day. It's the climax of the whole feast. Divine Mercy Sunday is the eighth day of Easter, the climax of the entire Easter celebration. In a sense, it's the most important day of the most important feast!

**I = IMAGE.** Jesus told St. Faustina to have an image painted just as He looked when He appeared to her. She obeyed and had it painted by a Polish artist, Eugene Kazimirowski. It took him more than 12 tries before Faustina accepted it as satisfactory. As you can see from the image to the right, Jesus' right hand is raised in blessing. Also, He's taking a step toward us, and two rays of light issue from His Heart: a red ray and a pale ray, representing the blood and water that gushed forth from His pierced side on the Cross. At the bottom of the

image, Jesus wanted a prayer to be written, "Jesus, I trust in You." He also promised to give great graces through it.

**N = NOVENA.** A novena is basically nine days in a row of prayer. Jesus taught St. Faustina a novena that He wanted all of us to pray. Each day He asked that a different group of people be entrusted to Him (for example, "all sinners" on day



one and "all priests and religious" on day two). You can find the novena (and the chaplet) at [thedivinemercy.org](http://thedivinemercy.org). It can be prayed at any time, but it's especially beautiful as you prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday. While you don't have to pray this novena to obtain the grace of Divine Mercy Sunday, it is a good way to prepare, and Jesus promised, "By this novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls."

**C = CHAPLET.** The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is a prayer that's prayed on ordinary rosary beads. It's a quick - but very powerful - prayer, because it draws its strength from the holiest and mightiest prayer there is: the Holy Mass. In other words, the Chaplet is a kind of extension of the prayer of the "supercharged" moment of the prayer: when the priest at the altar takes the Body and Blood of Christ into his hands and offers it to the Father saying, "Through Him, and with Him, and in Him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours forever and ever. Amen." H

**H = HOUR.** The most powerful hour of mercy is that 3 pm hour, because it's when Jesus died on behalf of every sinner. What Jesus wants above all, through this devotion, is that we have mercy on Him! In other words, He wants us to recall His sacrifice of love. It's a great moment to pray for the conversion of unrepentant sinners and those who are dying.



# 7 PARISH LIFE + ARCHDIOCESE

**OUR NEXT FIRE NIGHT:  
APRIL 23  
OUR NEXT BLAZE NIGHT:  
APRIL 30**

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## **CHERISHED: A RETREAT FOR THOSE IN A SEASON OF INFERTILITY**

**Friday July 7 - Saturday, July 8, 2023**

St. Joseph Abbey Retreat Center, Covington. Infertility is a heavy burden that not everyone understands, but you don't have to carry it alone! Wherever you are on the path of infertility, the Marriage and Family Life Office invites you to join the Springs in the Desert team as they reflect on the emotional, relational and spiritual aspects of the infertility experience, and offer practical suggestions for strengthening your relationship with God and your spouse. Come with your spouse or on your own for a time of prayer, healing, and friendship. To learn more about Cherished and to register, visit [springsinthedesert.org/nola](http://springsinthedesert.org/nola). If you would like to speak with someone about the retreat, please contact Chris O'Neill, Director, Marriage and Family Life Office, at 504-861-6243

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## **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](http://www.saintlukeslidell.org/vbs2023)

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## **OUR ALTAR SOCIETY NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

Great volunteers meet after the Monday daily Mass to clean and make the Church beautiful, and they decorate for all our holy days. Want to join? Call Kay Guard to find out how.

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## **WE NEED COOKS TO HELP HURTING/HEALING FAMILIES OF SAINT LUKE**

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).

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## **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.

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## **HELP US SUPPORT THE SLIDELL PREGNANCY CENTER**

The Slidell Pregnancy Help Center needs:

- prayers
- Race Trac Gift Cards

Cards can be purchased in any denomination directly at the check-out counter at Race Trac. You will receive an activation receipt for each card purchased, and it is best to staple that activation receipt to the gift card it pertains to showing the card has been activated and dollar value. Cards can be brought directly to the Pregnancy Center during office hours.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for those mothers and families who choose life! We can't do this important work without you!

## **OUR EASTER GIFT TO YOU! THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS A BEAUTIFUL BOOK TO KEEP AND TO SHARE**

The most beautiful gift God ever gave us was His love of us. The greatest gift we give to the Lord is a true desire to love Him with a faithful heart. This is holiness. This is the WISDOM OF THE SAINTS! This Easter season, we'll have a wonderful Dynamic Catholic book for you that has the brilliant advice of our great saints to warm your heart each day of the year. It's our way of thanking you for being such an amazing part of our parish family! We'll have a book for every family until the books run out!

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## **WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN OUR FIRE PROGRAM?**

Every year, Saint Luke welcomes people from all walks of life and all ages to learn about Christ and become members of His Church. Are you interested? Would you like to learn more about the Catholic Faith? Call or email our FIRE Coordinator, Mandi Troyani!

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## **FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP**

The Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops is having its Catholic Faithful Citizenship Day at the Capitol on **May 3**. Attached is a link outlining our goal which is to continue educating and engaging Catholics on Catholic Social Teaching and legislation, LCCB positions, and to develop relationships with each other and legislators. You are invited to attend. Contact Susan Wolf at [swolf@laccb.org](mailto:swolf@laccb.org)

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## **FINDING GOD'S MERCY IN OUR BROKENNESS**

The Archdiocesan Spirituality Center sponsors "Finding God's Mercy in Our Brokenness" on **Friday, April 21, 2023, 10:00am to Noon**. We will come to understand the saving love of God that frees us to find our true dignity, value and identity. Presenter Archdiocesan Spirituality Associate Director, Bonnie Chase. Register at [nolacatholic.org](http://nolacatholic.org), or telephone (504) 861-3254. Donation \$30.00 (Adjustments can be made.)



# PARISH LIFE + ARCHDIOCESE 8

## LADIES CLUB ANNUAL SPRING FLING! FASHION SHOW AND CATERED LUNCH

The Ladies Club hosts a fun fashion show every Spring that's bound to make you smile! Members of the club model gorgeous fashions from local stores and you get to enjoy a delicious catered lunch. **April 28, 2023, at 12 pm** at our Family Life Center. (Doors open at 11:30 am.) Cash wine bar and a basket raffle, too! The Saint Luke Ladies Club supports the work of the parish and provides beautiful things for our Liturgy and events. Tickets are \$40 per person. Purchase tickets from LC members or at our parish office.

## THE ANNUAL MENS CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST EVENTS OF THE YEAR!

Our Mens Club is getting ready to put together one of the best golf tournaments in the area - and it's for a great cause! Your \$75 donation per golfer includes green fee with cart, lunch at noon, beverages/beer throughout the tournament, "Closest to the Hole" contest, "Longest Drive" contest, and dinner afterwards! PLUS: Putting contest (3 balls for \$5), Mulligan Raffle (3 for \$10 - Max. 6), 50/50 Raffle (\$1 each or 6 for \$5).

Tournament Format: Four-Person Team Scramble including Team Captain; Entrants form own team (assistance available);

Blind Bogey Format. 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place  
Winners to Low Team Net Register at

**WWW.SAINTLUKESLIDELL.ORG/MENSGOLF**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2023 | 11 am Registration 1 pm Shotgun Start**

## SAINT LUKE GRADUATION MASS

Every year, our parish honors the graduating class of local high schools at a Mass followed by a reception in our courtyard. If your high school senior is getting ready to graduate, please visit [www.saintlukeslidell.org/gradmass](http://www.saintlukeslidell.org/gradmass) to let us know that you will attend with your family. **April 30, 2023, at 4 pm Mass.** Please register to attend by April 27.

## YOU DON'T NEED TO BE A SLAVE ANYMORE

Pornography has been shown to be extremely addictive and damaging to a person's ability to function as a loving spouse or parent. In recent years, with widespread advances in internet technologies, unhealthy attachments to porn have also become very common with as much as 70% of people (both men and women) reporting regular use. Our Archdiocese is committed to helping you and your family fight the good fight, and a new site has been developed to empower you or someone you love find a way out: **CLEANHEARTNOLA.COM** It has some of the best resources available for you, whether you are struggling with it yourself (a little or a lot), are a parent or spouse, an educator, or a ministry leader. And here's the thing you need to know: Fr. Jared can provide you with marriage healing resources, parenting resources, and support to help you find healing and freedom. So if you want to make an appointment, just know that you don't have to explain why you need the appointment. Call 985-641-6648, or email the pastor. Everything you say is kept completely confidential.

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY

4-3-23 to 4-6-23

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**

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

Food for 3 families	Utilities for 6 families
Homebound help for 1 client	Baby formula/diapers for 2 families
ID for 1 client	

Referrals to other agencies for assistance for 16 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>**

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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

- + **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](http://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
- + **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

- + **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 985-201-2143
- + **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
- + **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

- + **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 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





# CALENDAR 10

## GREAT THINGS TO COME

MON - FRI, 1st SAT	8:00 am	Rosary and Novena	Church
Sunday, APR. 16	7 pm	LUX Youth	Youth Center
	8 pm	LUX Youth Adoration	Adoration Chapel
Monday, APR. 17	9:15 am	Altar Society meets to make the Church beautiful!	Church
	12 pm	Lord, Teach Me to Pray (women)	Rm. 2 courtyard
Tuesday, APR. 18	9:30 am	Ranger Rosary	Rm. 3 courtyard
	6:30 pm	Lord, Teach Me to Pray (women)	Rm. 1 courtyard
	7 pm	Lord, Teach Me to Pray (men)	Rm. 3 courtyard
Wednesday, APR. 19	9:30 am	Ladies Club Meeting	FLC Conference Rm.
	6:15 pm	Choir rehearsal	Church
	7 pm	Lord, Teach Me to Pray	Rm. 3 courtyard
Thursday, APR. 20	7 pm	Knights of Columbus Council Meeting	FLC Auditorium
Friday, APR. 21			


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