



# SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 8, 2023

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The KINGDOM of GOD  
will be given to a PEOPLE that  
will produce its FRUIT.

MATTHEW 21:43

## 27th Sunday Ordinary Time

God planted a rich and beautiful vineyard in your family and in your relationships. How's your vineyard doing? In the readings this weekend, we're called to remember that God alone is the source of our growing.

In the first reading, Isaiah calls the leaders of the Temple and the people to turn back from their abandoning of the Lord. In the second reading, we're given a "to focus on" list, and in the Gospel, Jesus gives us a powerful warning about our actions and how God's generous gift may end up in the hands of others if we're not careful.

### YOUR HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT:



So, how IS your vineyard growing? Is God calling you to grow ever closer to Him, because you're slipping away? What do you need to do to get that vineyard looking the way it ought?

Welcome to Saint Luke!

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#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday 12:30pm-3:30pm  
Tuesday-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  
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

## Your Clergy



WELCOME HOME

THANK YOU

### PASTOR'S WISH LIST

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

*"Thank you. Infertility and miscarriage have been part of our story. To be able to talk about it in a safe space, to find support and prayer, and to be able to find a parish family that has given us hope has made all the difference."*

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## SAINT LUKE IS A PARISH ON FIRE!

Our parish has 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)

### Beginning

**Jun. 2021**

Gathering list of all necessary capital expenditures.

Decision to renovate by pastoral/finance council

Request capital campaign account be opened + approved

**Feb. 2023**

Interviewed then hired architects + consultants

Gathered steering committee + discussed options

Input/Listening Sessions

Q & A document

Surveys begin

Interviews with top FY2022 donors

Completed Feasibility Report shared with parish

WE ARE HERE





# FROM YOUR PASTOR 2

Hey, Saint Luke Family!

Next week, I'll be talking to the ladies, but for this weekend, this is for the dudes. If you missed Mass, and your wife or girlfriend, daughter or friend, hands this to you, read it. There's going to be a test. This article is about what the women in your life would like you, the husband/dad/son/brother/boyfriend, to know. It might be a hard truth; but as your spiritual father, I need to tell you.

The Gospel this week is pretty harsh: first, because it's one of the last parables Jesus tells before His death. It calls out the leaders of the people of God who are turning against Him for demanding that they be generous with their faith, their time, and their love. And second, it's tough, because it's a warning for us, the men of the Church - priests and deacons (the men of the Church as a whole), and for you, (the men of your Domestic Church - your families.) To understand this weekend's Gospel, you're going to need to read Isaiah 5:1-7. It's so important, I'm adding it here:

*Now let me sing of my friend, my beloved's song about his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; He spaded it, cleared it of stones; and planted the choicest vines; Within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press. Then he waited for the crop of grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes. Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem, people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: What more could be done for my vineyard that I did not do? Why, when I waited for the crop of grapes, did it yield rotten grapes? Now, I will let you know what I am going to do to my vineyard: Take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled! Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed, but will be overgrown with thorns and briars; I will command the clouds not to rain upon it. The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, the people of Judah, his cherished plant; He waited for judgment, but see, bloodshed! for justice, but hark, the outcry!"*

God's prophet tells the story of the "vineyard" about 700 years before Jesus was born. This is the key to deciphering the parable Jesus tells the priests, scribes, and leaders of His day in this weekend's Gospel. The "vineyard" is the people of God, and responsibility of this vineyard is entrusted to us -- not simply the hierarchy -- but all of us who are called to lead in His name. From us, He expects mercy, prayer, and forgiveness. When those men were listening to Jesus talking about the vineyard, they knew exactly what He meant: **when we fail to love as we ought, we fail in our God-given responsibility, and we let the vineyard that is the Church and is our families die.**

This message is not simply for ancient Jews, nor only for disciples of Jesus in His day. This message is directed at *me*, at *you*; it is directed at every man entrusted with the tremendous blessing of leading in His name. You and I, we may look out at the vineyard entrusted to us... and it may seem fruitful, and abundant, and flourishing. But true leaders over the vineyard are entrusted with more than overseeing. We are called to direct its tending, to water it, to care for it, to nurture it, to guard and protect it.

I love my vineyard, my parish family, as I'm sure *you* love your vineyard -- your wife, your girlfriend, your daughter, your sister, your friend, your ministry. But Christ reminds us today that loving them includes tending to their spiritual needs, watering them with the Sacraments, caring for their spiritual growth, guarding their souls with prayer, protecting them with spiritual sacrifices. This is our primary role as spiritual leaders of our vineyards.

So when we see our vineyards a mess, or torn apart, or withering, or dying, we cannot afford for someone else to tend to it. That's on us. Being leaders in spending time in adoration, being leaders in fasting and sacrifice, being leaders in the things of God -- this is how we respond rightly to the call of the Lord, who has granted us a share in tending His vineyard. And when we fail to respond, the vineyard is destined to die.

Men, this is my invitation to you, my challenge, a call to action: let us begin anew, let us begin today to become the leaders of our vineyards, to become the men we are called to be. Let us become the men that women need us to be. And let us begin today.

To Jesus through Mary, in union with Saint Joseph,

*Fr. Jared*

12 - 18 months

If feasible,  
Fr. Jared will  
present to  
Archdiocese

Official  
fundraising  
campaign  
begins

Fundraising  
completed

FLC  
renovation  
begins

Masses in  
FLC during  
church  
construction

Church and  
courtyard  
rooms  
complete

Furnishing +  
artwork  
in church  
complete

First Mass in  
new church

## SACRAMENTS

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

### BAPTISM

If you or your child is not yet initiated into the Church, please permit us the honor of welcoming you into the family of Christ here at Saint Luke!  
[saintlukeslidell.org/baptism](http://saintlukeslidell.org/baptism)

### FIRST RECONCILIATION FIRST COMMUNION CONFIRMATION

Find out more about sacramental preparation which begins every September on our website  
[saintlukeslidell.org/sacraments](http://saintlukeslidell.org/sacraments)

### MARRIAGE

Prepare for a faithful and fruitful married life with us!  
Please call our office or visit [saintlukeslidell.org/marriage](http://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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FOR AN EMERGENCY  
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# 3 LITURGY READINGS + MUSIC

## MUSIC

### ENTRANCE: LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE

**1:** Lord, whose love in humble service  
Bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the cross, forsaken,  
Offered mercy's perfect deed:  
We, your servants, bring the worship  
Not of voice alone, but heart,  
Consecrating to your purpose  
Ev'ry gift that you impart.

**3:** As we worship, grant us vision,  
Till your love's revealing light  
In its height and depth and greatness  
Dawns upon our human sight,  
Making known the needs and burdens  
Your compassion bids us bear,  
Stirring us to faithful service,  
Your abundant life to share

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R.** The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

### OFFERTORY: P

**1:** Will you come and follow me  
If I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
And never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
Will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown  
In you and you in me?

**2:** Will you leave yourself behind  
If I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
And never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
Should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
In you and you in me?

**4:** Will you love the 'you' you hide  
If I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear Inside  
And never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
To reshape the world around,  
Through my sight and touch and sound  
In you and you in me?

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### READING 1: Is 5:1-7

Let me now sing of my friend,  
my friend's song concerning his vineyard.  
My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside;  
he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines;  
within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press.  
Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes.  
Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard:  
What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done?  
Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes?  
Now, I will let you know what I mean to do with my vineyard:  
take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be  
trampled! Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
but overgrown with thorns and briers; I will command the clouds  
not to send rain upon it. The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house  
of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for  
judgment, but see, bloodshed! for justice, but hark, the outcry!

### READING 2: Phil 4:6-9

Brothers and sisters:  
Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,  
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,  
make your requests known to God.  
Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding  
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.  
Finally, brothers and sisters,  
whatever is true, whatever is honorable,  
whatever is just, whatever is pure,  
whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious,  
if there is any excellence  
and if there is anything worthy of praise,  
think about these things.  
Keep on doing what you have learned and received  
and heard and seen in me.  
Then the God of peace will be with you.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE INTENTIONS:

**POPE FRANCIS:** For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance..

**FATHER JARED:** For the clients of Good Samaritan Ministry

We pray for the people who come to us in despair and fear. May we be the face of Jesus to them and be ourselves reminded of our vulnerability.

# LITURGY READINGS + MUSIC 4

## GOSPEL: Mt 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people:

“Hear another parable.

There was a landowner who planted a vineyard,  
put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower.

Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey.

When vintage time drew near,  
he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce.

But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat,  
another they killed, and a third they stoned.

Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones,  
but they treated them in the same way.

Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking,

‘They will respect my son.’

But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another,

‘This is the heir.

Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.’

They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?”

They answered him,

“He will put those wretched men to a wretched death

and lease his vineyard to other tenants

who will give him the produce at the proper times.”

Jesus said to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures:

The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

by the Lord has this been done,

and it is wonderful in our eyes?

Therefore, I say to you,

the kingdom of God will be taken away from you

and given to a people that will produce its fruit.”

## COMMUNION (2): JESUS, MY LORD, MY GOD, MY ALL

**1:** Jesus, my Lord, my God, my all,  
How can I love Thee as I ought?  
And how revere this wondrous gift,  
So far surpassing hope or thought?

**Refrain:** Sweet Sacrament, we thee adore!  
O make us love thee more and more!  
O make us love thee more and more.

**3:** O! see upon the altar placed  
The victim of divinest love!  
Let all the earth below adore,  
And join the choirs of heaven above.

**4:** Thy body, soul, and Godhead, all,  
O mystery of love divine!  
I cannot compass all I have,  
For all Thou hast and art are mine!

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## MUSIC

### OFFERTORY CONTINUED:

**5:** Lord, your summons echoes true  
When you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
And never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
Where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
In you and you in me.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

*The Lord is good to those who hope in him,  
to the soul who seeks him.*

### COMMUNION: HERE I AM, LORD (#777)

**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 am I, 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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# 5 DAILY LITURGY + INTENTIONS

**CORRECTED**

## 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!

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

Jon 1:1— 2:1-2, 11, Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8, Lk 10:25-37

### Entrance Antiphon:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

### Responsorial Psalm:

You will rescue my life from the pit, O Lord.

### Communion Antiphon:

Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

## TUESDAY

Jon 3:1-10, Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, R. v.3, Lk 10:38-42

### Entrance Antiphon:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

### Responsorial Psalm:

If you, O Lord, mark iniquities, who can stand?

### Communion Antiphon:

Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

## WEDNESDAY

Jon 4:1-11, Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10, R. v.15, Lk 11:1-4

### Entrance Antiphon:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

### Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, you are merciful and gracious.

### Communion Antiphon:

Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

## THURSDAY

Mal 3:13-20b, Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6, R. Ps 40:5a, Lk 11:5-13

### Entrance Antiphon:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

### Responsorial Psalm:

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

### Communion Antiphon:

Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

## FRIDAY

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2, Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9, R. v.9, Lk 11:15-26

### Entrance Antiphon:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

### Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord will judge the world with justice.

### Communion Antiphon:

Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

### PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

Oct. 22: World Mission Collection

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

**5:00 pm** Dcn. Ron LeBlanc;  
Patrick Flanagan; Carl E. Quinn, Jr.; Ruby DiMarco; Charles C. Johnson; Sally Piske;  
Holy Souls in Purgatory; Dominic Hoc Tran; Craig Taffaro, Sr.; Melvin Schiel; Arlene Wickliffe; Mary Hanlon; Lucille Roberts; Walter "Jimmy" Champagne; Karen Herrmann (INT); Fr. John Bell MSC; Lynn Gelpi; Lawrence Otilio; Angela Crochet; Peggy Lowe; Dee Canada; Jaden Morales

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023

**7:30 am** Francis Xavier Thuan Nguyen

**9:00 am** Betty Bagert; Eileen Bruno; Martin Bruno; Suzanne Bourdeu; Maria Tin Nguyen; Theresa Nhan Le; Alphonse Tchopba; Patricia O'Brien; Arlene Wickliffe; Chad and Christa DaBella (INT); Andrew DaBella (INT); Anthony DaBella (INT); Angie Traylor (INT); Arthur Traylor (INT); Nolan Guidry (INT); John Jacob; Lawrence Otilio; Craig Taffaro, Sr.; Melvin Schiel; Walter "Jimmy" Champagne; Barbara Hanlon; Bruno Family (INT); Henderson Family; Barry & Sharon Canzoneri (INT); Kaitlyn Perez (INT); Matthew Carlin (INT); Marian Landoski; Schafer Family (INT); Gloria Miramon (INT)

**11:00 am** SLE Parishioners (INT)

**4:00 pm** Bruce Abney, Sr.

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2023

**8:45 am** Clem Huerstel

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023

**8:45 am** Craig Taffaro, Sr.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023

**6:00 am** The Nguyen Children (INT)

**8:45 am** Alex & Jenn Baker (INT)

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023

**8:45 am** Vivian Keebler (INT)

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023

**8:45 am** Jack Fry

### THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE PLACED THIS WEEKEND FOR

Durrett-Hursey Family (INT)

### THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS BURNING THIS WEEK FOR

Butera Family (INT)

### THE ADORATION CHAPEL LIGHT IS BURNING THIS WEEK FOR

Pete O'Connell



# FAITH FORMATION 6

## The Newest Statue on Saint Luke's Campus: OUR LADY OF LA VANG Statue

The newest image of our Lady on the Saint Luke campus was donated by some generous Vietnamese parishioners, and it now greets guests as they enter our Adoration Chapel. The beautiful statue arrived at the end of September, and we are thrilled to have it to provide comfort to those coming to worship Jesus in the Eucharist. It tells the story of the astounding faith of the Vietnamese people.

According to the documents of the Archbishop of Hue (1988): *During the reign of King Canh Thinh (who ascended the throne in 1792), an edict banned religion. Some believers lived near Dinh Cat Hill (now the town of Hue) and had to find a place to hide. They took refuge in the mountains and forests of La Vang. In the sacred forest, through poisonous water, difficult circumstances, lack of food, illness, fear of military opposition, and fear of wild animals the believers entrusted themselves to God and the Virgin Mary. They often gathered together under the ancient banyan tree, praying together.*

*One day while praying the rosary together in honor of the Virgin Mary, they suddenly saw a beautiful woman, wearing a loose robe, holding the Baby Jesus, with two angels holding lamps on either side. They immediately recognized her as Mother Mary. She expressed kindness, affection, and comfort to the parishioners, encouraging them to endure hardship. She taught them to pick a type of leaf from a nearby tree, boil it in water, and drink it to heal any illnesses. She gave them a promise: whoever came to pray in this place, she would accept their prayer.*

*This event happened on the grass near the ancient banyan tree where parishioners were praying. After that, Mother Mary appeared many times to support and comfort her children in their tribulations.*

Since then, the Virgin Mary has appeared in the mountains and forests of La Vang for generations, and many people sincerely believe in and come to pray through the intercession of the Virgin Mary. Our Lady of La Vang is often symbolized by a woman wearing a Vietnamese ao dai holding a child also wearing traditional Vietnamese clothing.

Although the apparition is not recognized by the Vatican, many popes have acknowledged the importance of the apparition of the Blessed Mother to the Vietnamese people, and Saint Pope John Paul II himself said of our Lady of La Vang, "...For two centuries [Our Lady's] message, still up to date, has been fervently welcomed in La Vang. Despite the great trials which have marked it in the course of its history, it has now become a national Marian center, which has been able to keep alive the tradition of pilgrimages. Many people, of all origins and all conditions, come here privately to entrust their troubles and hopes to their Mother in heaven. Bishops, priests, religious, and lay people like to find in her the welcoming presence of the One who gives them the courage to bear an admirable witness of Christian life in circumstances that are often difficult.

*"I bless God who never abandons the people who seek him and who, with the motherly assistance of the Virgin Mary, continues to guide them, in days of happiness and of adversity. I hope that the faithful who will come here to pray to Our Lady of La Vang at*

*her shrine during this jubilee year and those who will invoke her in other places will find a new apostolic impetus for their Christian life and receive comfort and strength to face life's trials...."*

Our Lady's presence at La Vang is held in high esteem throughout the Church, and even at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Northeast Washington, DC, a little chapel stands to honor the Mother of Jesus who came to the aid of the people of Vietnam. On both sides of the statue there, there are two glass mosaics that honor the many martyrs of Vietnam, some 130,000 to 300,000 men and women who were tortured and killed for their Catholic faith.

The story of the people of Vietnam is a story of unshakable faith despite outrageous suffering. According to the Vatican itself, "Vietnamese men currently make up 12 percent of the American seminary population with an approximate number of 450-500 Vietnamese priests in the US. There are still many new vocations in Vietnamese community because of the importance of the Catholic faith in their family life. Faith is the first priority for Vietnamese people. Bishop Dominic Luong, auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Orange and a Vietnam native says: 'The families take time to pray together every night, and they go to Mass together on Sundays. Sunday Mass attendance among Vietnamese Catholics is almost 90 percent.'"

At Saint Luke, there is a thriving and very faithful community of Vietnamese families who live their sacramental faith quietly but incredibly generously and humbly. This beautiful statue is a tribute to their love for Saint Luke and grows our own Marian devotion here in our parish family. It also represents their prayerful contribution to our Church and invites all of us to love Mary more deeply and richly.

Take a moment to stop by our Adoration Chapel and look at her tender face as she holds out to us the Savior who abides with us, and please pray for the Vietnamese people here and in their country who still suffer and witness to the power of His incredible love for the world.



# 7 PARISH LIFE + ARCHDIOCESE CORRECTED

## OUR ANNUAL FAMILY BASH IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER - COME HELP GET THE PARTY STARTED!

Family Bash Weekend is  
October 14 + 15

If you're the kind of person who loves a good party - and who doesn't?! - we need your help for our upcoming Family Bash weekend! To find out where you can connect your talents and gifts, call Mandi Troyani at our office! 985-641-6572

[www.saintlukeslidell/familybash](http://www.saintlukeslidell/familybash)

## TEEN BIBLE STUDY

Students in grades 8 - 12 are invited to learn how to read and pray with the Bible. These events are led by teens from 5 - 6:30 pm. All dates are subject to change, so please join our LUX Youth Flocknote group to receive information about times and events. Text JOINLUXYM to 84576 to get all the details. *Please note: a parent must join messaging also.*

## DATES and STUDIES:

10/8/2023	Seasons of Harvest
11/19/2023	Thanksgiving
12/10/2023	The Gospel of Luke
1/21/2024	New Life
2/18/2024	Love
3/24/2024	Living Way of the Cross

## WE NEED ADORATION CHAPEL ADORERS ESPECIALLY IN THE NIGHT HOURS!

We need couples, families, and individuals who desire to spend time with Jesus. You can have a regular adoration hour or choose from times needed on our wonderful app. If you have never visited our Adoration Chapel, please stop by for a visit. You are welcome anytime. The Chapel is always open; however, between 6pm-6am, a code is needed to enter. The code can be assigned to you by calling Sylvia Riera, our Adoration Chapel Coordinator. For more information visit [www.saintlukeslidell.org](http://www.saintlukeslidell.org) and click ADORE!

## LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS WITH ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

This powerful 3-part Ignatian prayer series was developed to meet the desire for on-going spiritual growth. For those who have done Part 1, Part 2 is the communal approach that allows you to do the Spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. You will pray for all the graces that are offered while experiencing the direction of the Holy Spirit through weekly Faith Sharing on daily prayer. The 30 week program is group facilitated and meets 2 hours once a week. A \$20 donation is greatly appreciated to cover costs.

There are options for women and men. And even a PART 3 option! Please visit <https://saintlukeslidell.org/LTMT> to register for a group or call our office at 985-641-6429 ext. 207 for more information

## UPCOMING EMHC WORKSHOPS OFFERED ARCHDIOCESE OF NOLA

### --- REDELEGATION ---

OCTOBER 18, 2023  
St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church  
910 Cross Gates Boulevard  
Slidell, LA  
6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Presenter: Dcn. Mark Pennington

### (FOR NEW EMHC)

November 11, 2023 (WS 4)  
Most Holy Trinity Church  
501 Holy Trinity Drive  
Covington LA  
9 am - 1 pm  
Presenter: Betty Ann Hickey

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WALK-ONS FUNDRAISER

October 18 | Open from 11 am - 11 pm  
Please support the KCs fundraiser at the Walk-Ons Sports Bistreaux located off Fremaux. Mention St. Luke Knights and 10% of proceeds go to Knights! 50 Town Center Pkwy, Slidell at the Fremaux Town Center.

No FIRE night  
in OCTOBER

## YOU ARE INVITED TO THE FLAME OF LOVE PRAYER CENACLE MEETINGS!

Every 3rd Friday of the Month  
6:30 - 7:30PM (sharp)

The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is a spiritual diary of a devout and humble Hungarian woman named Elizabeth Kindelmann. The Flame of Love, of course, is Jesus Himself and lives in Mary's Immaculate Heart. The primary goal of this Flame is to save souls by passing on the Flame to each other through prayer. This Catholic Church approved beautiful devotion has filled people and churches with great passion for the importance of mercy and salvation - and we can't wait to invite you to come! Prayer meetings will be held at the home of Armando and Carol Ruiz. To learn more and register to attend, visit our website at [www.saintlukeslidell.org/flameoflove](http://www.saintlukeslidell.org/flameoflove) or call our office at 985-641-6429 x. 207

## ROSARY RALLY

Saturday, October 14 | 12 pm  
Please join us at the Rosary Rally "America Needs FATIMA" in front of the church sign between the parking lot and the street.

## PAINT WITH TRESSIE!

October 10 | 6 - 7:30 pm  
As part of the Family Bash, youth, K-12 are invited to "Paint with Tressie" in the Youth Center. Art supplies are provided. Theme: "Signs and symbols of our Catholic Faith"

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SILVER ROSE

Tuesday, October 31 | 8:45 am Mass  
Please join the KCs as they host the Silver Rose Mass. A Rosary will precede the Mass at 8:05 a.m. Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the US and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady.

Our next BLAZE night  
is Sunday  
OCTOBER 22



# PARISH LIFE + ARCHDIOCESE 8

## THAT MAN IS YOU ON TUESDAY!

Tuesdays 6 am - 7:30 am  
FLC Conference Room

Men, mark your calendars! That Man is You combines Scripture, solid research, and laughter to address the pressures and temptations facing men in our modern culture. The group forms authentic leaders capable of transforming their lives and our society and allows you to make friendships that last. We schedule the group at 6 am in the FLC so it doesn't interfere with your busy life and work schedule and even get you a quick breakfast to start your day off right. For more information, visit our website. We are also looking for wives to pray for the guys as they meet, and donations to support the ministry. The group is open to men 18 and older. Want to know more? Visit our website [www.saintlukeslidell.org/tmiy](http://www.saintlukeslidell.org/tmiy)

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, October 27, 2023, at 12 PM  
at Oak Harbor Golf Club, Slidell

Registered KC Tournament Golfers can count on an armload of goodies when they support our tournament and thanks to our generous donors, there's great food, beer, beverages along with cool gifts and prizes for the contests! Your \$100.00 Donation (per golfer) includes: Green fee with cart, food & beverages / beer "Closest to Hole" Contest, "Longest Drive" Contest, Door prizes aplenty! Free Putting Contest (starts at 10:30 a.m.) TOURNAMENT FORMAT: Four man team scramble, Entrants form own teams (individuals can be placed)

\*TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIPS ARE ONLY \$100!

For additional information on the tournament or to help sponsor visit our website at [www.saintlukeslidell.org/kcgolf](http://www.saintlukeslidell.org/kcgolf) or contact Al Thonn at 985-641-6429 ext. 207

The Pregnancy Help Center needs for October are:

New Electric Breast Pumps; Baby Formula – Similac Neosure and Sensitive; New or gently used Boy and Girl summer outfits for Newborn, 6-9 month and 12-month sizes; Girl and Boy 6-9 month and 12-month onesies; boy 6-12month size shorts; Girl summer 12-month size sleepers; Maternity clothes – XL and Plus sizes only.

The Pregnancy Center also has a Giving Life Memorial honoring the life-giving work of beloved fellow staff member and co-laborer, Eileen Bruno, using the funds for limited emergency needs to help Moms in Need.

<https://crisispregnancyhelp.org/pregnancy-help-slidell-donate>

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY

DATE: 9-25-23 to 9-29-23

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

chicken (7-12oz can)	jelly (19oz+)
mixed vegetables (15oz can)	peanut butter (18oz+)
rice meals (box/pouch)	soup (10-12oz can)
mashed potatoes (box/pouch)	spaghetti sauce (24oz can)
pancake syrup (20oz+)	cookies (36 ct)
deodorant (1.5oz+)	shampoo (12oz+)
toothbrushes	toothbrush caps
toothpaste (.5-1.5oz tube)	
Diapers (Sz 5,6) and wipes	

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

Food for 14 families	Utilities for 18 families
Rent/Housing for 7 families	Gas voucher for 3 Clients
Motel for 1 Client	ID for 1 client
Baby formula/Diapers for 9 families	Clothing for 3 Families
SNAP for 6 Clients	
Referrals to other agencies for assistance	21 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 GOOD SAMS

You can donate to Good Sams once - or on a monthly basis.

**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>

# 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.
- + **SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB** offers friendship and events for adults (55+), 2nd Wednesday of each month, 1 pm in our FLC Conference Rm. Contact: Donna Gonzales
- + **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: Rick VanArsdale.
  - + **FOURTH DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** encourage a love of country + the duties of citizenship. Contact: Chuck Sabadie.
- + **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 am	Rosary and Novena	Church
Sunday, OCT 8	5 pm	Conquest/Challenge for boys and girls	Family Life Center
	5 pm	Youth Bible Study	Youth Center
	8:00 pm	Teen Adoration	Adoration Chapel
Monday, OCT 9	9:15 am	Altar Society meets to make the Church beautiful!	Church
	11:00 am	Intercessory Prayer Group	Adoration Chapel
	12:30 pm	Lord, Teach Me to Pray (women)	Rm. 2 - courtyard
Tuesday, OCT 10	9:30 am	Ranger Rosary	Rm. 1 - courtyard
	6:30 pm	Bible Study	FLC Auditorium
	7:00 pm	Lord, Teach Me to Pray (Women)	Rm. 4 - courtyard
	7:00 pm	Lord, Teach Me to Pray (Men)	Rm. 6 - courtyard
	1:00 pm	Senior Citizens Club	FLC Conference Rm
Wednesday, OCT 11	6:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
	7:00 pm	Baptismal Seminar (Register at 985-641-6429 ext 210)	Rm 4 - courtyard
	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus 4th Degree	FLC Conference Rm
	7:00 pm	Lord, Teach Me to Pray (Men)	Rm. 3 - courtyard
	10:00 am	Bible Study	FLC Auditorium
Thursday, OCT 12	6:30 pm	Children's Choir	Church

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