



SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent



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Keep Watch! It's a powerful reminder that things can change in just a moment - for good or bad - so we need to stay vigilant. God is constantly paying attention to you and your circumstances, and now, He is asking for you to be attentive to Him.

In the first reading, the people of God cry out to God asking Him to return and repair all the damage done by sin. In the second reading, Saint Paul entreats us to hold fast to hope and God's unfailing mercy, and in the Gospel, Jesus calls us to remember that His promise of mercy is still present for us now - and for the days to come! Wake up! The Lord is coming!



What aspect of your faith life has become bland? Do you come to Mass because "you have to" instead of with an expectation of mercy and joy? This Advent, reach out to Jesus and ask for a heart and a mind that expects to find His love!

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

December 8, 2023 -
Holy Day of Obligation: Immaculate
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
See page 5 or 7 for Mass Times

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
Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



If some member of our parish family did something worth celebrating, let us know at www.saintlukeslidell.org/thanks

"What an amazing night! Please tell Father how great last night's FIRE night was! My granddaughter was really not sure she wanted to come, and she had a ball. The decorations, the food, the people - EVERYTHING was perfect!"

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

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Catch Father's email blast
Text **SAINTLUKESLIDELL**
to 84576

SAINT LUKE IS A PARISH ON FIRE!

FIRE (FAMILY INVOLVED RELIGIOUS EDUCATION) is held once a month on Sundays from 5:00 to 7:00 pm - and always includes dinner!
www.saintlukeslidell.org/FIRE

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Unwrap A Holy Christmas
TO MAKE SURE YOU MAKE IT TO MASS ON THE IMPORTANT DAYS OF CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR,

CHOOSE ONE FROM EACH BOX!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23
5 pm Vigil

or

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
7:30 AM | 9 AM | 11 AM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
4 PM | 6 PM

CHURCH OR FLC CHURCH

or

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25
Midnight | 8 am | 10 am

FROM YOUR PASTOR 2

Hey, Saint Luke Family!

As you sit in your pew this weekend, I want to invite you to sneak a look around you: behind you is a couple who have come back to Mass after a miscarriage. Across the aisle, there's a husband who is regretting the affair that broke up his marriage. A couple of seats over, there's a young college student who's been fighting off a porn addiction, and behind her, is a widow who can't seem to get past the depression that seems to be the only thing she has since her husband died.

Look back at the altar. Jesus is loving them more than any of us will ever understand.

He also loves the divorced man in the back by the statue of Jesus pointing to His Sacred Heart, the young woman in the pew over there who thinks that nobody will ever think she's beautiful enough, or smart enough, or thin enough, and the couple who had a rager of an argument before coming to Mass today.

He loves them with a passion that only an innocent Man hanging from a bloody cross can understand.

From the altar, He sees into the hearts of parents who wonder if their adult children will ever talk to them again and the boy who is broken hearted over a battle with same sex attraction in this confused world of ours. He sees the young father wondering if he will get a job before his new baby is born, the dating couple who are trying to remain chaste even though it's getting harder and harder, and the mother who is trying so hard to stay sober.

His Heart is aching for all of them, yearning for them to see His love, His mercy, and just how much He understands how hard it is to be truly human.

This Advent, I hope that you'll see not only them - but Him, too - the God who wasn't okay with just leaving things as they are, because He wanted us to know that even in all of the messy, painful suffering of this world, WE are worth fighting for.

If you rush too fast to get past Advent, you might miss the profoundly beautiful reality that all of those human stumblings are precious to God, because He also sees the desire in them of a people who want to be holy. It was this wisdom and that compassion that sent an angel out into the world to a young woman that nobody had ever heard of in a place that most people didn't care about with an incredible message:

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

She believed him. Do you?

If an angel showed up in your living room today, and said to you that all of the terrible things that you've experienced and all of the sins that you've ever committed are nothing compared to God's love for you, would you believe it? If he said to you that centuries before you would ever sit in this pew, the God who created all of the universe, would set aside everything to enter into this broken world, not into a castle but into a cave on the outskirts of a forgotten country to be tired in it, worry in it, be forsaken in it, ultimately die in it - AND RISE AGAIN so that when you asked, "God, do you even care?" ...

He could extend a tiny, tender little hand to you and warm your saddened heart. The God who could break everything, came in the form of a fragile human Child so that you would not be afraid to love Him. This Advent, take a moment to just breathe. Go for a walk. Hug your best friend. Laugh with a neighbor. Invite a coworker for coffee. Buy a present for an impoverished child. Go to a nursing home and visit a patient. Read a religious book...

But whatever you do this year, Please. I beg you. Don't rush through Advent. Mercy is waiting for you here.

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

Fr. Jared

12 - 18 months

If feasible,
Fr. Jared will
present to
Archdiocese

**WE ARE
HERE**
Campaign
Organization
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

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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

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

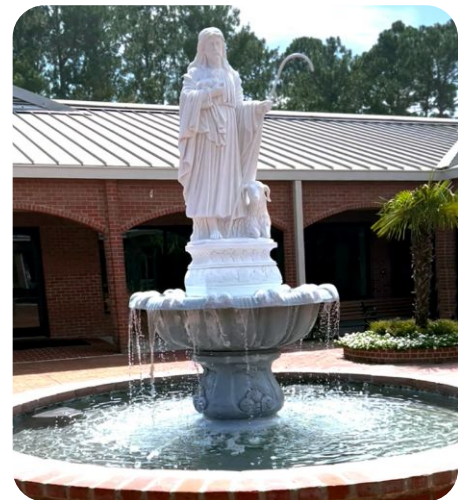
MARRIAGE

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

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



3 LITURGY READINGS + MUSIC

MUSIC

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

**1: O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.**

Refrain:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

**2: O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

OFFERTORY: TURN TO ME

Refrain:

*Turn to me, O turn, and be saved,
says the Lord, for I am God;
there is no other, none beside me.
I call your name.*

**1: I am God, who comforts you;
who are you to be afraid
of flesh that fades, is made like
the grass of the field, soon to wither.**

**2: Listen to me, my people;
give ear to me, my nation:
a law will go forth from me, and my
justice for a light to the people.**

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READING 1: IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7

You, LORD, are our father,
our redeemer you are named forever.
Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways,
and harden our hearts so that we fear you not?
Return for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your heritage.
Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
with the mountains quaking before you,
while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for,
such as they had not heard of from of old.
No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you
doing such deeds for those who wait for him.
Would that you might meet us doing right,
that we were mindful of you in our ways!
Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful;
all of us have become like unclean people,
all our good deeds are like polluted rags;
we have all withered like leaves,
and our guilt carries us away like the wind.
There is none who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to cling to you;
for you have hidden your face from us
and have delivered us up to our guilt.
Yet, O LORD, you are our father;
we are the clay and you the potter:
we are all the work of your hands.

READING 2: 1 COR 1:3-9

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

I give thanks to my God always on your account
for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus,
that in him you were enriched in every way,
with all discourse and all knowledge,

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE INTENTIONS:

POPE FRANCIS: For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

FATHER JARED: For parish families who are struggling to stay together

Please pray for marriages, parents, and children in families where discouragement is prominent, that God may encourage them to find hope in His mercy and that we may be a place of reconciliation and support.

LITURGY READINGS + MUSIC 4

as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you,
so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift
as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He will keep you firm to the end,
irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
God is faithful,
and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL: MK 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples:
"Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come.
It is like a man traveling abroad.
He leaves home and places his servants in charge,
each with his own work,
and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.
Watch, therefore;
you do not know when the lord of the house is coming,
whether in the evening, or at midnight,
or at cockcrow, or in the morning.
May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.
What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"



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MUSIC

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

*"The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our
earth shall yield its increase, and our earth
shall yield its increase."*

COMMUNION: MY SOUL IN STILL- NESS WAITS (#415)

Refrain:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PREPARE HIM ROOM

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

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5 DAILY LITURGY + INTENTIONS

MUSIC

SENDING FORTH: COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

1: Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free!
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee

2: Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

MONDAY

Is 2:1-5, Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9, Mt 8:5-11

Entrance Antiphon:

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

Responsorial Psalm:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

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

TUESDAY

R Is 11:1-10, Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17, R. see
v.7, Lk 10:21-24

Entrance Antiphon:

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

Responsorial Psalm:

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness
of peace for ever.

Communion Antiphon:

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

WEDNESDAY

Is 25:6-10a, Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6, R.
v.6cd, Mt 15:29-37

Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord will come and he will not delay.
He will illumine what is hidden in darkness
and reveal himself to all the nations.

Responsorial Psalm:

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the
days of my life.

Communion Antiphon:

Behold, our Lord will come with power and
will enlighten the eyes of his servants.

THURSDAY

Is 26:1-6, Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a,
R. v.26a, Mt 7:21, 24-27

Entrance Antiphon:

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

Responsorial Psalm:

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

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

FRIDAY-The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gen 3:9-15, 20, Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, R.
v.1, Eph 1:3-6, 11-12, Lk 1:26-38

Entrance Antiphon:

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

Responsorial Psalm:

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

Communion Antiphon:

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



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023

5:00 pm Patrick Flanagan;
Dcn. Ron LeBlanc; Ruby DiMarco; Sally
Piske; Holy Souls in Purgatory; Melvin
Schiel; Lucille Roberts; Craig Taffaro, Sr.;
Walter "Jimmy" Champagne; Gertrude
Schafer; Wayne Arena; Robert Boos,
Sr.; Maureen Fulham; Michelina Froeba;
Johanns Froeba; Paul Karl Froeba;
Agnes & Raymond Miecznikowski; John
Miecznikowski; Maria Licausi; Sarah
McDonald (INT); Jesse & Regina M;
Evelyn Kvet; Keith Kelly; Lynn Barze';
Patricia Grass Bonne; Marjorie Markway

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

7:30 am Marie Gardner

9:00 am Carmen Bourdeu;
Gayle Klein (INT); Donald Bagert; Evie
McClelland; Maria Tin Nguyen; Teresa
Nhan Le; John Jacob; Fr. Warren Cooper
(INT); Gilbert Francis Ganucheau, Sr.;
Barbara Hanlon; Louis Molaison, III;
Connie Zoller (INT); Emily Domingue
(INT); Lawrence Otilio; Michael Paul
Palmisano, Jr.; Wayne Arena; David
Skevington; John Skevington; Robert
Boos, Sr.; Donald Broussard; Olivia
Butera (INT); Marjorie "Mart" Markway;
Eleanor Dunphy

11:00 am SLE Parishioners (INT)

4:00 pm Trey Bramley (INT)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023

8:45 am Shane Sambola

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023

8:45 am Lucille Roberts

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023

6:00 am The Nguyen Children (INT)

8:45 am Gregory Bourguard

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023

8:45 am Dee Canada

6:00 pm Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023

6:00 am Francis Xavier Thuan
Nguyen

8:45 am Martin Bruno, Jr.

7:00 pm Julie Lee (INT)

THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE PLACED THIS WEEKEND FOR

Nicholas Walling

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS BURNING THIS WEEK FOR

Karen N. Mullins (INT)

THE ADORATION CHAPEL LIGHT IS BURNING THIS WEEK FOR

Ashley Lee (INT)

FAITH FORMATION 6

WATCH! A REFLECTION FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

On this first Sunday of Advent, we celebrate the beginning of a new liturgical season in the church. We now prepare to officially remember and give thanks for the birth of Jesus, our Lord and savior.

This is no surprise to anyone. For some time now, all the stores and TV commercials have told us that Christmas is coming. But of course their focus is more on buying gifts rather than on adoration of the Christ child. Those three wise men had no idea the trend they would put into motion.

Our focus is on God's gift of the divine presence incarnate in Jesus. He was born of humble origins and destined to fulfill the promises made in the Hebrew scriptures, like the passage in today's first reading. In today's gospel reading, Jesus talks of his second coming and tells us to be vigilant at all times and to pray.

So Advent has a double meaning. We celebrate the birth of Christ, and we wait in hope for his return at the end of time.

As a child, I remember asking my father if he thought that the end of the world would come soon. He told me, "Don't you worry about the end of the world, worry about when you die. That is the end of the world for you."

I have since learned that we are called to give an account of our life every day. In the seminary, we had an evening exercise called "the examination of conscience." We were asked to review the activities of our day in light of the commandments. I still find this an excellent time to thank God for the day's blessings and ask for ways to improve.

God's incarnation, or presence in Jesus, is a beautiful mystery to contemplate at this time of the year. Jesus's experience of God, his unity with the Creator, is part of the message he wanted to share with all of us, not just in words but in our own experience. Jesus invites us to experience that oneness, that unity of spirit, he had with God.

He saw this divine spark in the people he met. It did not matter if they were male or female, Jew or Gentile; all

have God in them and are worthy of love and respect. In India, Hindus greet each other with the expression "Namaste." I am told that means "the God in me greets the God in you." Advent is a time to celebrate in a particular way the God present in each of us. Celebrating Christmas is also a reminder of God's presence in each of us and in all of creation.

Maybe the stores and commercials have got it right to some extent. It is all about the gift; not what we buy for one another; rather how we acknowledge one another as gifts from God. We are called to give ourselves to others as Jesus has done and continues to do through us and all people of goodwill.

To be vigilant and to pray means to be aware of the gifts all around us, and be that gift for others. So with the psalmist, we pray: "To you O Lord, I lift up my soul. Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths."

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7 PARISH LIFE + ARCHDIOCESE

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:

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 and click ADORE!

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY: Special Collections

December 10, 2023
Retirement Fund for Religious Appeal

PARISHWIDE RECONCILIATION

December 13, 2023
Saint Luke the Evangelist
910 Cross Gates Blvd
(CHURCH)
Slidell, LA
5 pm - 6:30 pm

FIRE night
is **DECEMBER 3** at 5 pm
in the FLC.

BLAZE night
is **DECEMBER 17** at 5 pm
in the FLC.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE

**VIGIL: Thursday, Dec. 7 at
6 pm
Friday, Dec. 8 at
6 am | 8:45 am | 7 pm**

LADIES CLUB ADVENT WREATHS

Available from Ladies Club members
or by ordering at
<https://saintlukeslidell.org/adventwreath>

Get your elegant Advent Wreath from our Ladies Club and help support a wonderful cause. The Ladies Club helps purchase beautiful items for the Liturgy and hosts great events here at Saint Luke! Your support can make a world of difference for our parish.

MENS CLUB OF SAINT LUKE

Fourth Wednesday of the Month
except December/Summer

Saint Luke's Mens Club hosts amazing events and supports parish activities that make our Church a great place for families to grow! Their objective is to provide for the church community through fundraising efforts, volunteering, and charitable support. In addition, they support the local Slidell community through our clean-up efforts, financial support, and by bringing awareness to our church community of the important role strong men of solid character play in the life and vibrancy of the world they live in - and their annual Golf Tournament is one of the best in the city!

CONQUEST/CHALLENGE: FUN AND FAITH FOR KIDS AND THEIR PARENTS

Once a month on Sundays
Family Life Center

CONQUEST and CHALLENGE are youth programs that have proven to be successful in forming young men and women with a deeper faith. The groups provide an opportunity for boys and girls to grow in knowledge and love for their Catholic faith, so as to know and love:

- CHRIST with real friendship
- CHURCH + POPE with loyalty
- MARY as a son or daughter
- All PERSONS with charity + respect

Service projects help young kids to be creative and make the Church their own. To learn more, call our office and ask for Jaime or Fred!

FAMILY PROMISE RAFFLE!

December 9 + 10 After all Masses
Community Room

There are hundreds of families/over 1,000 children living without a home in St. Tammany Parish today. Family Promise is doing everything possible to help these families and children, get back on their feet, emotionally, financially, mentally & spiritually. Please be generous to support this very worthy cause!

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS and CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 16, 2023 |
following vigil Mass - 6:30 pm

Saint Luke turns on the Christmas lights and celebrates the birth of our Savior with an amazing Christmas concert to support our Music Ministry! Knights of Columbus host cookies, hot chocolate, and caroling among the lights in the courtyard!

**PROJECT CHRISTMAS
ADOPTIONS SHOULD BE
RETURNED SOON!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY!**



PARISH LIFE + ARCHDIOCESE 8

The Pregnancy Help Center needs for November 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.

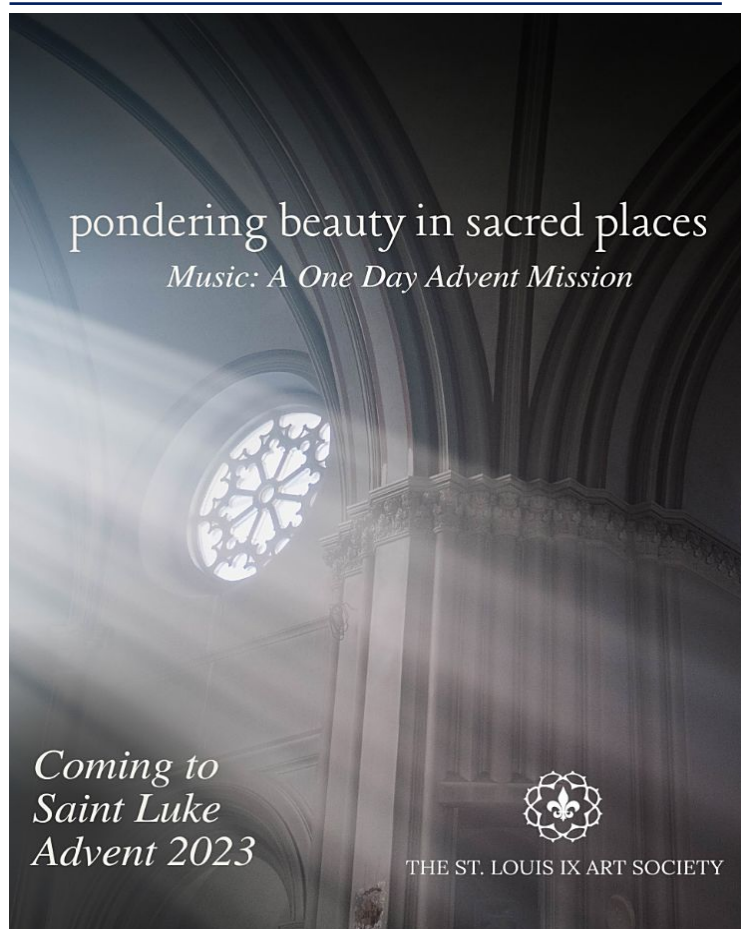
<https://crisispregnancyhelp.org/pregnancy-help-slidell-donate>

2024 MASS INTENTION BOOK IS OPEN

Our new Mass intention book is open for a six month period (January 1 - June 30). To make certain that everyone has the opportunity to request a single name Mass intention, there are some guidelines per Father Jared:


1. If you are requesting a Mass intention *where only one name appears in the intention*, there is a limit of **3** requests per visit.

If you have additional names, they will be posted for a multiple Mass intention date which allows more than one name to be listed. Those are Saturday Vigil Masses at 5pm and alternating Sunday Masses 9 am and 4 pm.



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PANTRY NEEDS: Items in RED are urgently needed

Jelly (19oz+)	Peanut butter (18oz+)
Mashed Potatoes (Box/ Pouch)	Spaghetti Sauce (24oz can)
Cookies (36ct)	Pancake Mix (1lb box)
Pancake Syrup (20oz+)	Rice (1lb bag)
Diapers (Sz 6)	Baby wipes
Deodorant (1.5oz)	Disposable razors
Shampoo (12oz+)	Toothbrushes
Toothpaste (6oz tube)	Mixed Fruit (15 oz. Can)
Peanut Butter (18 oz +)	Mixed Vegetables (15 oz. Can)
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Because of your generosity, we were able to provide:

Food for 28 Families	Utilities for 5 families
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Optical for 1 Client	SNAP for 3 clients
Clothing for 4 families	
Referrals to other agencies for 31 clients	

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Please call ahead for appointment, 985-641-6421

*We do not accept clothing or furniture donations.
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PLEASE SUPPORT GOOD SAMs

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

Good Sams Ministry benefitted from Amazon Smiles for years, but Amazon has halted that program. they still support charitable wish lists. Good Sams has a wish list includes food, diaper and office products used every day. Should you wish to be a Santa's elf and provide for our basic needs this Christmas, please visit the link. Merry Christmas to all of our supporters!



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

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
- + **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** grows our love for Jesus. To take an hour: 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, DEC 3	5 pm	FIRE!	Full Campus
	8:00 pm	Teen Adoration	Adoration Chapel
Monday, DEC 4	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, DEC 5	9:30 am	Ranger Rosary	Rm. 1 - courtyard
	6:00 pm	Life in Christ Youth Choir Rehearsal (Gr. 2-8)	Church
	7:00 pm	Lord, Teach Me to Pray (Men)	Rm. 6 - courtyard
	7:00 pm	Lord, Teach Me to Pray (Women)	Rm. 4 - courtyard
Wednesday, DEC 6	6:00 pm	Liturgical Choir Rehearsal	Church
	7:00 pm	Lord, Teach Me to Pray (Men)	Rm. 3 - courtyard
	7:00 pm	Cancer Support Group	FLC Conference Rm
	7:15 pm	Concert Choir Rehearsal	Church
Thursday, DEC 7	6 pm	Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass	Church
Friday, DEC 8	6:50 pm	Advent Benediction	Church
	6 am 8:45 am 7 pm	Immaculate Conception Masses	Church

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