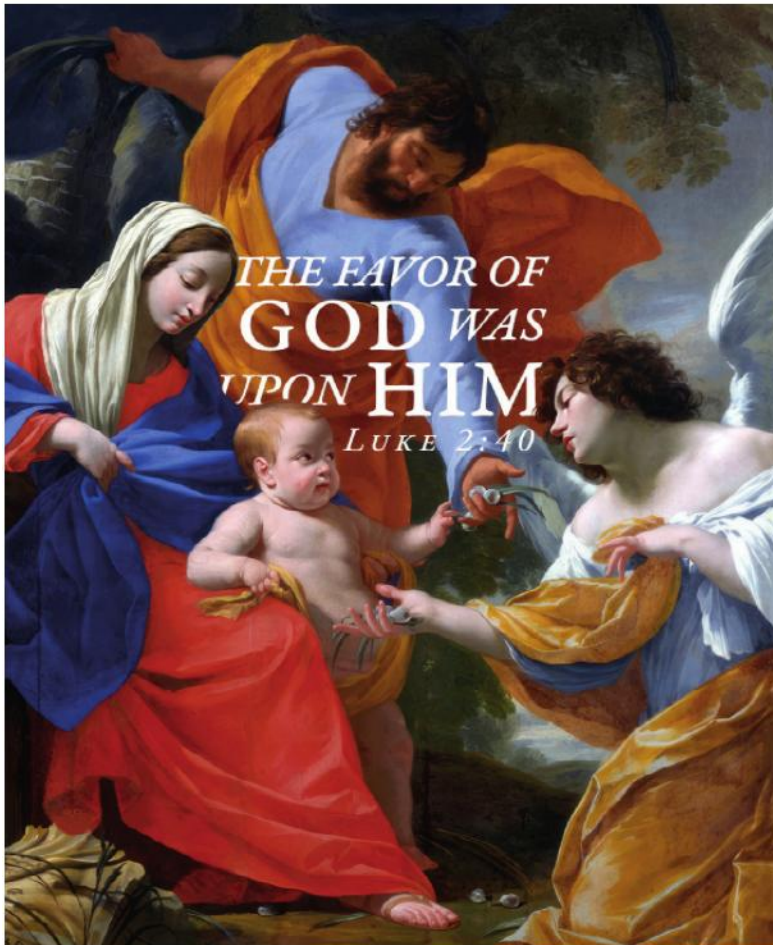




# SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 31, 2023

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



## HOLY FAMILY

A family is a story of selfless love and a school of prayer. In the readings today, God calls us to examine the role of the family as a place where God's promises are fulfilled.

In the first reading, God promises Abraham that his faith will be rewarded with a family from whom blessings for the world will come. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that Christ's love in our hearts give us the virtues needed for a holy life. And in the Gospel, the Holy Family come to the temple to present Jesus - and God enters the world to keep His consistent promise of mercy.



When Jesus tells us to forgive even our enemies, we might consider beginning in our own families. So often, it's easier to forgive a stranger than someone we expect to love us. Families are schools of forgiveness, because they are the only place where we can't easily avoid the person we need to forgive. Is there something driving a wedge in your family? Take it to confession and ask God to help heal what's hurting.

Welcome to Saint Luke!

CONTACT US  
910 Cross Gates Boulevard  
Slidell, Louisiana 70461  
985-641-6429

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

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)

"We attended the Senior Thanksgiving Meal today and it was great! The decorations & table settings were nice and showed a lot of work & planning. The meal preparation was time consuming and well done. The servers were super: courteous, swift, cheerful, and very nice to the more challenged guests. Please know that this is a fine example of how great our youth & adult volunteers are."

### Fr. Jared Rodrigue

Pastor  
pastor @ saintlukeslidell.org

### Fr. Suvakin Arulandu

Parochial Vicar  
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### Deacon Bill Faustermann

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Catch Father's email blast  
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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](http://www.saintlukeslidell.org/FIRE)

## Your Staff

### Jennifer Bramley

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jbramley @ saintlukeslidell.org  
EXT. 210

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### Jason and Michelle Lane

Music Coordinators  
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EXT. 212

### Mandi Troyani

Family Formation Coordinator  
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EXT. 230

## 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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Hey, Saint Luke Family!

## FROM YOUR PASTOR 2

At some point this Christmas season — and yes, *it's still Christmas in the Church* — come and take a look at the Nativity in front of our FLC. I want to invite you into a powerful fact.

Often, we spend a lot of time focusing on the image of the Blessed Mother, holding the tiny little Infant surrounded by shepherds, and (in a week) visited by the Magi. But look for another face: a gentle, protecting, loving face — the face of the man we call Joseph. “*Blessed be Saint Joseph, [Mary’s] most chaste spouse,*” as the Divine Praises laud.

A family needs a husband and a father. God the Father knew the need for a Saint Joseph in the very human life of His Son. A child needs strong arms to hold him or her, and a male voice to speak quiet wisdom and offer shelter against the roughness of the world. A wife needs a faithful husband to protect, encourage, and love her.

Look, I know that sometimes on this side of Eden, families struggle with broken hearts; and I also know that there are some profoundly good women in this parish raising children and grandchildren without a father or a grandfather to be that sturdy shelter they need. This impels me to be an even more devoted spiritual father for you, to help provide for you.

All families need good men. The sadness is also that there are very many good men who never got the chance to be the men they wanted to be, because they lacked role models, opportunities, and support when they needed them. That’s why I try to be a spiritual father to the men of our parish, too.

It’s hard being a good man in this world, though, and what’s more, it’s hard finding other good men to strengthen our virtue, empower our holiness, and support us in being the men God calls us to be.

That’s why this coming February, our Archdiocese is putting on its annual Men’s Conference at St. Catherine of Siena in Metairie. You’ll see the information in this bulletin and on our website. I want to formally invite EVERY. SINGLE. MAN. of our parish to go. If you’re married. If you’re thinking about being married. If you’re divorced. If you’ve never been married. If you think God is calling you to a religious vocation. If you’re a dad of boys. If you’re a dad of girls. If your kids are taller than you. If you’re a brand new dad...

### I want you to go.

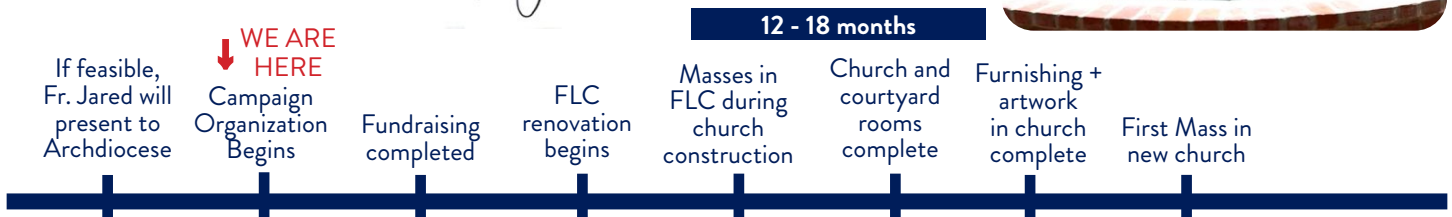
I want you to go because I want you to find out that you’re not the only guy trying to be a good man in the world. I want you to know that the whole Church — and especially this parish family — has your back, that we want you to succeed, and that we are here to help you find purpose in your life.

If we can get more than 10 guys to go, we get \$10 off the \$45 registration, but I want there to be at least 40 guys from our parish willing to go. Invite a friend. Ask if someone needs a ride, and offer to drive someone else from our parish. If you can sponsor another guy that might not otherwise be able to go, I welcome your generosity. If your neighbor, or your brother, or your best friend, or your dad needs to go, bring him.

**This year, let’s be a powerful presence at that conference. Men’s Club. Knights. That Man Is You. Conquest. Young Adult. Take heart. Have courage. And let’s get going. There’s a world out there that needs us.**

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

*Fr. Jared*



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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  
[saintlukeslidell.org/sacraments](https://saintlukeslidell.org/sacraments)

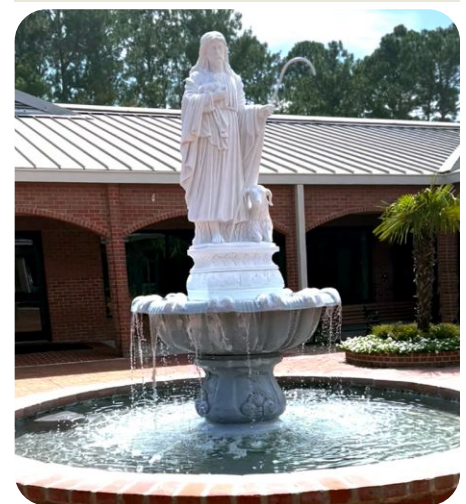
### MARRIAGE

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

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





# 3 LITURGY READINGS + MUSIC

## MUSIC

### ENTRANCE: FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH (#633)

1: For the beauty of the earth,  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies:  
*Lord of all, to you we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

4: For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends of earth, and friends above;  
For all gentle thoughts and mild:  
*Lord of all, to you we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

6: For yourself, best Gift Divine,  
To this world so freely giv'n;  
Word Incarnate, God's design,  
Peace on earth and joy in heav'n:  
*Lord of all, to you we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R.** The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

### OFFERTORY: OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN (#427)

1: Of the Father's love begotten  
Ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega,  
He the source, the ending he  
Of the things that are, that have been,  
And that future years shall see  
Evermore and evermore!

2: O that birth forever blessed,  
When the Virgin, full of grace,  
Overshadowed by the Spirit,  
Bore the Savior of our race;  
And the babe, the world's redeemer,  
First revealed his sacred face,  
Evermore and evermore!

3: This is he whom seers and sages  
Sang of old with one accord,  
Whom the voices of the prophets  
Promised in their faithful word;  
Now he shines, the long-expected;  
Let creation praise its Lord  
Evermore and evermore!

4: Let the heights of heav'n adore him;  
Angel hosts, his praises sing;  
Powers, dominions, bow before him  
And extol our God and King;  
Let no tongue on earth be silent,  
Ev'ry voice in concert ring  
Evermore and evermore!

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## READING 1: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying:  
“Fear not, Abram! I am your shield; I will make your reward very great.”

But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what good will your gifts be, if I keep on being childless and have as my heir the steward of my house, Eliezer?” Abram continued, “See, you have given me no offspring, and so one of my servants will be my heir.”

Then the word of the LORD came to him:

“No, that one shall not be your heir; your own issue shall be your heir.” The Lord took Abram outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so,” he added, “shall your descendants be.”

Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.

The LORD took note of Sarah as he had said he would; he did for her as he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time that God had stated. Abraham gave the name Isaac to this son of his whom Sarah bore him.

## READING 2: Col 3:12-17

Brothers and sisters:

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE INTENTIONS:

**POPE FRANCIS:** For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

**FATHER JARED:** For the work of our Multicultural Club and all the ministries of Saint Luke

Please pray for the members of our parish who serve the needs of a unified Church and that we may be a home to all the people of our parish family

# LITURGY READINGS + MUSIC 4

## GOSPEL: Lk 1:26-38

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

The child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce— so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

## MUSIC

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

*Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.*

### COMMUNION: WHAT CHILD IS THIS (#466)

1: What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary’s lap is sleeping,  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

#### *Refrain:*

*This, this is Christ, the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary*



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# 5 DAILY LITURGY + INTENTIONS

## MUSIC

### SENDING FORTH: ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH (#430)

1: Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echo back their joyous strains:

#### Refrain:

*Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

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4: See him in a manger laid  
Whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
While our hearts in love we raise.

#### MONDAY - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

1 Jn 2:22-28, Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, R.  
v.3cd, Jn 1:19-28

#### Entrance Antiphon:

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the  
King who rules heave and earth forever.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

May God bless us in his mercy.

#### Communion Antiphon:

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today,  
and for ever.

#### TUESDAY - Sts Basil the Great + Gregory Nazianzen

1 Jn 2:22-28, Ps 98:1-4, Jn 1:19-28

#### Entrance Antiphon:

Let the peoples recount the wisdom of the  
Saints, and let the Church proclaim their  
praise. Their names will live on and on.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

All the ends of the earth have seen the  
saving power of God.

#### Communion Antiphon:

We proclaim Christ crucified; Christ, the  
power of God and the wisdom of God.

#### WEDNESDAY - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 2:29-3:6, Ps 98:1-3,6, Jn 1:29-34

#### Entrance Antiphon:

At the name of Jesus, every knee should  
bend, of those in heaven and on earth and  
under the earth, and every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of  
God, the Father.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

All the ends of the earth have seen the  
saving power of God.

#### Communion Antiphon:

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your  
name through all the earth!

#### THURSDAY - St Elizabeth Ann Seton

1 Jn 3:7-10, Ps 98:1, 7-9, Jn 1:35-42

#### Entrance Antiphon:

Behold a wise woman who has built her  
house. She feared the Lord and walked in  
the right path.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

All the ends of the earth have seen the  
saving power of God.

#### Communion Antiphon:

I am the living bread from heaven, says the  
Lord. Whoever eats this bread will live for  
ever; the bread I shall give is my flesh for the  
life of the world.

#### FRIDAY - St John Neumann

1 Jn 3:11-21, Ps 100:1-5, Jn 1:43-51

#### Entrance Antiphon:

O Lord, my allotted portion and my cup,  
you it is who hold fast my lot. For me the  
measuring lines have fallen on pleasant sites;  
fair to me is my inheritance.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

#### Communion Antiphon:

Everyone who has given up home, brothers,  
or sisters, father or mother, wife or children  
or property for my sake will receive many  
times as much and inherit everlasting life.

#### 1st SATURDAY - St Andre Bessette

1 Jn 5:5-13, Ps 147:12-15, 19-20, Mk 1:7-11

#### Entrance Antiphon:

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and  
cup; you yourself who secure my portion.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

#### Communion Antiphon:

Amen, I say to you: That you who have  
left all and followed me will receive a  
hundredfold and possess eternal life.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2023

**5:00 pm** Patrick Flanagan;  
Ruby DiMarco; Gene Carrau; Susan  
Jacob (INT); Lucille Roberts; Craig  
Taffaro, Sr.; Gertrude Schafer; Marjorie  
"Mart" Markway; Fletcher Cochran;  
Robert Dowell; Lydia Stall; Heidi Guillot  
(INT); Colette Hamilton; Bernard  
Meinke (INT); Shannon Forbes Family  
(INT); Debbie & George Cordes (INT);  
Margie & Tom Crenshaw (INT); Claudia  
Nelson (INT); Linda & Bill Hammell  
(INT); Tammy & Paul Breau (INT);  
Willie & Sue Bourgeois (INT)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

**7:30 am** Mickey Wortmann (INT)

**9:00 am** Harry Charbonnet, Jr.;  
Alvin Boos; Beverly Boos; Bob Boos;  
Kelly Lack (INT); Maria Tin Nguyen;  
Theresa Nhan Le; John Jacob; Melvin  
Schiel; Lawrence Otilio; Michael Paul  
Palmisano, Jr.; Mary Barbara Hanlon;  
The Mora Family; Craig Taffaro, Sr.;  
Joseph & Beverly Famiglio; Phero Que  
Van Nguyen; Marjorie "Mart" Markway

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

**4:00 pm** The Bramley Family (INT)

### MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024

**8:45 am** John Baptist Sac Pham

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024

**8:45 am** Maria Tin Nguyen

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024

**6:00 am** Sr. Eden Marie (INT)

**8:45 am** Marianne Bell (INT)

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024

**8:45 am** Charles Johnson

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024

**8:45 am** Fred Zoller, Sr.

### 1st SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024

**8:45 am** Alex and Jordan Maurin (INT)

THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE PLACED  
THIS WEEKEND FOR

Christmas Flowers

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS  
BURNING THIS WEEK FOR

Mary Barbara Hanlon

THE ADORATION CHAPEL LIGHT  
IS BURNING THIS WEEK FOR

Gertrude Schafer



# FAITH FORMATION 6

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love, to you we turn with trust.

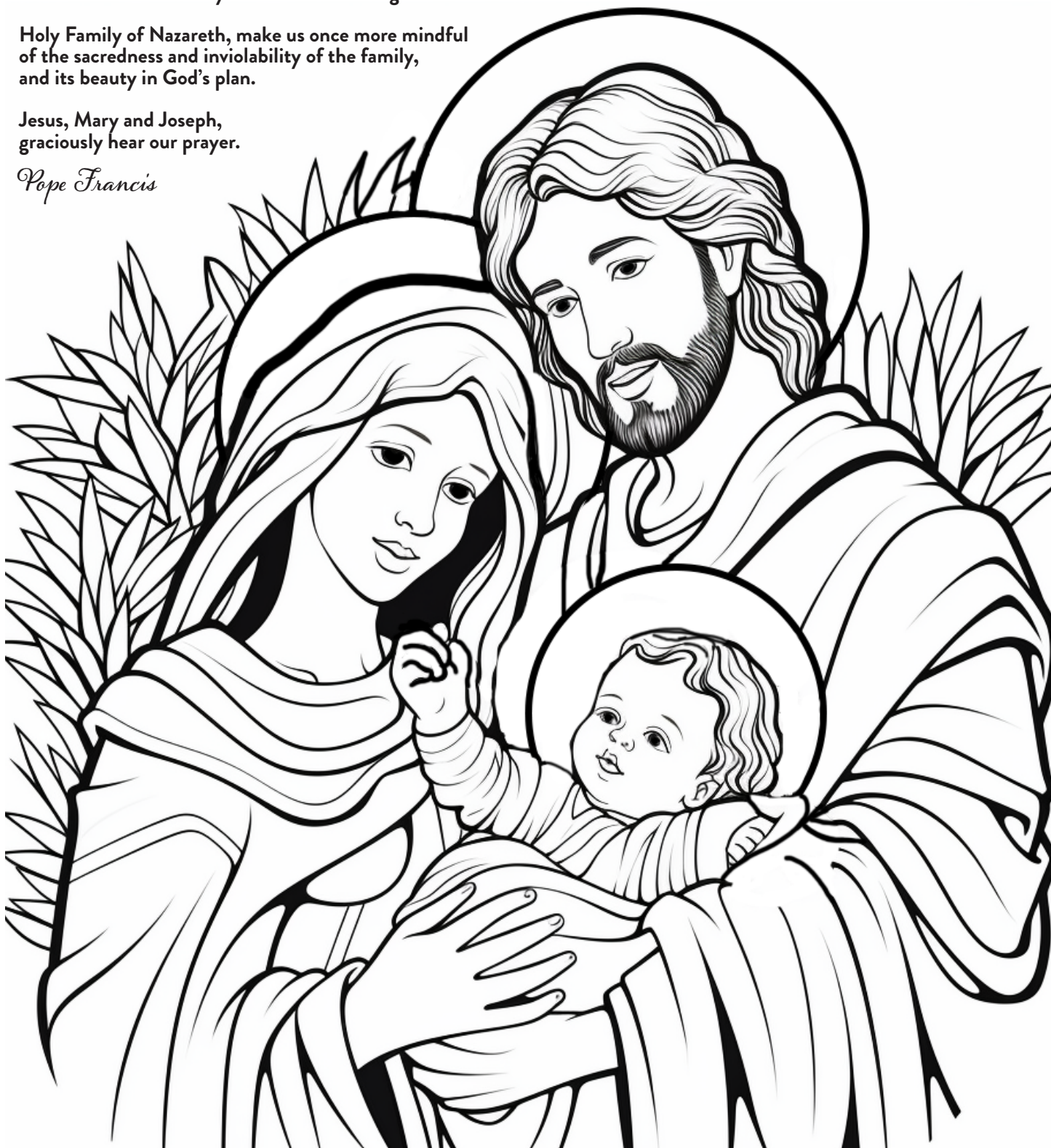
Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
graciously hear our prayer.

*Pope Francis*



**COLOR AND PRAY**

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# 11 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:

1/21/2024 New Life  
2/18/2024 Love  
3/24/2024 Living Way of the Cross

**WE NEED  
ADORATION CHAPEL ADORERS  
ESPECIALLY MONDAY AT 3 AM!!**

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CATHOLIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD SCHOLARSHIP

**DEADLINE: JANUARY 25, 2024**

Our KC Council #9973 is always looking for amazing high school seniors ready to take on the world with a Catholic worldview! If you would like to be considered for sponsorship by our Saint Luke Council, visit [www.saintlukeslidell.org/kcscholarship](http://www.saintlukeslidell.org/kcscholarship) and follow the directions to apply! A boy and girl will be selected from our parish to receive \$250 and be sent on to the diocesan level. Hurry! The deadline is coming up!

**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY:  
Special Collections**

January 28, 2024  
Catholic Schools Collection

**#IGIVECATHOLIC**



**This year's annual #igiveCatholic campaign brought in over \$7000 to support the hard work of our beautiful music ministry! THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**



**2024 MEN'S CONFERENCE**  
I HAVE CALLED YOU FRIENDS  
**FEBRUARY 24 | 8:30 AM - 3 PM**  
St. Catherine of Siena | Metairie, LA  
\$45 regular admission  
**OR REGISTER WITH US AND GET \$10 OFF!**

This year, Saint Luke would like to formally invite all the men of our parish to attend our Archdiocese's Men's Conference - especially all the guys of our That Man Is You and our Young Adult Men's Groups.

## REGISTER FROM OUR WEBSITE!

This year's keynote speakers are:

### DR. TIM HOGAN

Tim is a psychologist, certified relationship therapist, and good-humored speaker who specializes in the impact of technology on spirituality and relationships. With humor and insight, Dr. Hogan addresses finding the help that men need to build healthy and holy relationships.

### JASON ANGELETTE

Jason is a dad of five. He and his beloved (late) wife Elise co-authored a successful marriage enrichment program and planned and spoke at retreats nationwide during their 13 years as co-directors of the Willwoods Community Faith Marriage Apostolate. He also co-hosts *Faith and Marriage Today* on WLAE TV and *The Point Man* Podcast.

### MIKE PHELAN

Mike is a husband and dad of six, served at the Diocese of Phoenix with the *Into the Breach* program there as well as a periodic columnist for *Columbia* magazine and the *Catholic Sun*. He now serves as the Director of Evangelization Content for the Evangelization and Faith Formation team of the Knights of Columbus.

## NEW BIBLE STUDY: HEBREWS: THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT

**01/09/2024 Tuesdays | 6 pm**

Embark on a guided tour of the "Holy of Holies" of biblical theology. The book of Hebrews is like a little Catechism. It is steeped in rich truths that are foundational to our Catholic Faith, but its highly refined theological concepts can be difficult for even the most seasoned Bible scholars to unpack. Presented by Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins. Materials can be ordered at [www.evangelization.com](http://www.evangelization.com) for \$27.95 + \$6.47 S/H + tax. Allow 4-10 business days delivery.

## REMINDER!

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PARKING SPOTS**

**IF YOU ARE NOT AT ADORATION.**

**WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOU  
HONORING THE RESERVED  
PARKING SO THAT ADORERS  
WITH DISABILITIES  
CAN PARK NEAR THE CHAPEL.**

## THANK YOU FOR MAKING IT A MAGICAL CHRISTMAS!

This Christmas, a child will wake up to a beautiful gift because of the incredible work of countless Saint Luke "elves" who labored tirelessly and donated generously with the great folks at St. Tammany Project Christmas to organize, purchase, build, and distribute presents for 155 children this year. Because of Good Sams and your generosity to them, 26 senior citizens also were blessed. It's hard to imagine that families in Slidell and Pearl River might face hardships, but they do. Your constant kindness makes warmth, cool ac, food, diapers, a safe home, and more possible for people who need it throughout the year. **THANK YOU.** May you be blessed as you have blessed others!





# PARISH LIFE + ARCHDIOCESE 12

**Pregnancy Help Center December needs:** 1) Lactation and Nursing needs – New electric breast pumps, 2) Baby shampoo, wash, and lotion, 3) Boys receiving blankets, 4) Girls winter outfits and sleepers – 12 months, 5) Gas cards of any amount; used to provide gas for travel for doctor's visits in and out of the local area, 6) Wal-Mart gift cards; \$15 - \$25 value; used for food or other basic needs, and 7) Prayers for mothers and families serviced by the PHC Staff

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>

## PROUDLY PROLIFE GALA

January 13, 2024 | 7 pm

The Honorary Chair this year will be Majority Leader, Steve Scalise and the Keynote Speaker will be actor and Catholic activist, Jim Caviezel. Held at the New Orleans Convention Center, 850 Convention Center Blvd, New Orleans. Honoring All God's Babies and Compassionate Burials for Indigent Babies (CBIB) with the 2024 Proudly Pro-Life Award. Individual Tickets are \$175 to benefit ProLife Louisiana.

Get your tickets at <https://prolifelouisiana.org/gala#register>

## WOULD YOU COOK/SPONSOR A MEAL TO ALLOW YOUNG ADULTS TO PRAY TOGETHER AND FIND LASTING FRIENDSHIPS?

Young Men - First and Third Tuesday  
Young Women - Second and Fourth Tuesday

When Fr. Jared began inviting young adults (20s + 30s) to have a meal together and find time to pray, laugh, and find great friendships with others trying to live the Catholic life, he couldn't have imagined how many people would begin coming! Single, Engaged, and Married young adult guys and ladies gather twice a month to find support for their lives in the Church and in each other over these meals at the rectory. These young men and women have begun to find a safe and joyful place to discover their vocations and their connection to Jesus.

Would you consider cooking a meal or sponsoring a meal so that they can continue to meet and grow as community? To volunteer or donate, visit [www.saintlukeslidell.org/youngadultmeals](http://www.saintlukeslidell.org/youngadultmeals) - or drop your check in the collection basket with a note on the memo line.

Your prayers and support are building an ever-growing Young Church full of hope and faith! THANK YOU!

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY

**DATE: 12-4-23 to 12-8-23**

*Amazing volunteers and your financial and food donations help us care for community families who are facing emergency financial crisis. We need volunteers to help us in the food pantry, the office, and Thanksgiving, School, and Christmas programs. Call our office to help us make a difference!*

### PANTRY NEEDS: Items in RED are urgently needed

Beans (15oz can)	Cookies (36ct)
Mixed Fruit (15oz can)	Jelly (19oz+)
Peanut butter (18oz+)	Soup (10-12oz can)
Spaghetti sauce (24oz can)	
Mixed Vegetables (15oz can)	Mashed Potatoes (box/pouch)
Pancake Mix (11lb box)	Rice meals (box/pouch)
Pancake syrup (20oz+)	Deodorant (1.5oz+)
Toothpaste (6oz tube)	Toothbrushes
Baby Wipes	Toilet Paper
Disposable Razors	Mac & Cheese (7.25oz box)
Diapers, SZ 6	Toothbrush caps
Shampoo (12oz+)	

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

Food for 17 families	Utilities for 14 families
Rent/Housing for 2 families	Gas voucher for 1 family
Dental for 1 family	Optical for 1 client
Baby formula/diapers for 8 families	Tent for 1 client
SNAP for 1 client	ID for 1 client
Referrals to other agencies for 31 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 SAM'S

*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. But, 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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# 13 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 CLUB** 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 14

## GREAT THINGS TO COME

MON - FRI, 1st SAT	8:00 am	Rosary and Novena	Church
Sunday, DEC 31	8:00 am	Teen Adoration	Adoration Chapel
Monday, JAN 1	11:00 am	Intercessory Prayer Group	Adoration Chapel
Tuesday, JAN 2	9:30 am	Ranger Rosary	Rm 3 - courtyard
	6:00 pm	Life in Christ Youth Choir	Church
Wednesday, JAN 3	5:45 pm	FIRE Pump Up Meeting	Youth Center
	6:00 pm	Liturgical Choir	Church
	7:00 pm	Cancer Support Group	FLC Conference Rm
Thursday, JAN 4	7:00 pm	Holy Innocents Candlelight Adoration	Church
	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Officers and Directors	FLC Conference Rm
Friday, JAN 5			Church

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