

FEBRUARY 2023

February 1-28

**SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE
AND OUR LADY OF LOURDES
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Our Two Places of Worship

PARISH CHURCH
SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE
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Chicago, IL 60613



CHAPEL
OUR LADY OF LOURDES
4640 N. Ashland Ave,
Chicago, IL 60640

MASS TIMES

SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil
4:30 PM - English

Sunday
8:30 AM - English
10:30 AM - English
12:30 PM - Spanish
5:00 PM - Spanish

DAILY MASSES

Monday - Saturday
9:00 AM - English
7:00 PM - Spanish (First Fridays)

RECONCILIATION

Thursdays - 7:00 PM
Saturdays - 9:30 AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays - 7:00 PM

PRIVATE PRAYER

Monday - Friday
8:30 AM - 8:30 PM

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

WEEKEND MASSES

Sunday
9:00 AM - English
11:00 AM - Spanish

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto
8:30 AM - 8:00 PM

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Monday - Friday | 9am - 9pm
Saturdays & Sundays | 9am - 2pm



FR. ELVIO BALDEON
ASSOCIATE PASTOR

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE AND OUR LADY OF LOURDES

We begin this second month of the new year 2023 by celebrating the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Jesus in the temple. This festival had its origin in the church of Jerusalem and from there it spread to the entire East and West. In Rome, this celebration incorporated a candlelight procession and was added to the liturgical calendar 40 days after Christmas. I would like to highlight two details of this celebration and then share with you an important announcement.

The first detail consists of the original name of this celebration, Fiesta del Encuentro. The Presentation of the Lord is the feast of the meeting of the anointed of God with his people. In our lives we can say that encounters come and go, but none have the capacity to produce a great transcendental change. Unlike temporary and human encounters, the encounter with God made man transforms our existence and our way of seeing life; furthermore, this encounter with God made man fills us with peace and joy. A clear example of this is the meeting of Simeon and Ana with the Child Jesus. They sought the Lord, longed to see him day and night, and for this reason his words continue to surprise many to this day: "Lord, you can now let your servant die in peace... because my eyes have seen your Savior." (Lk 2;29-30). Let's take a few minutes to ask ourselves how is our longing to meet God? Following the example of Simeon and Ana, let us seek the Lord at all times knowing that He always comes out to meet us, especially through his sacraments, his word, in our neighbor, the poor and the humble. This Encounter will prepare us to receive others with joy, with justice and peace.

The second detail is the liturgical rite of the blessing of the candles before the mass and the procession with the candles. This rite symbolizes what the old Simeon said about the child: "Light that shines to the nations and glory to your people, Israel" (Lk 2;32). At the beginning of this festivity, each person enters the church carrying a lighted candle, testifying that it is Jesus who enters as the Light of the world who comes to dispel the darkness, a light that is lit

to illuminate our path. The celebration of this party allows us to become aware of the illuminating presence of Jesus in our lives and in the life of the church. Let us ask together on this festive day that the light of Christ does not cease to illuminate our consciences, words and actions so that we do not fall into error, injustice, indifference; and so we can enjoy the joy of knowing ourselves blessed and enriched by the presence of the Light of the World, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Finally, I take this opportunity that I have to tell you that I am very grateful to all of you, Father Manuel and all the members of the workforce. A little over a year and a half ago, I received the invitation to be part of the pastoral team of this community in its second stage of Renew My Church, Building a New Reality. I am very happy and grateful to have been part of this process that is still ongoing. In all this time I have learned many new things about pastoral work and I have met many of you who, with your faith and commitment to the gospel, serving especially the most needy and marginalized in our society, have encouraged my vocation and service. In July of last year, I received an email from the Pastoral Assignment Committee asking about my plans for July 2023 and requesting a response by August 5th. In a short time I had to discern and decide; After consulting with priest friends and my spiritual director, I made the decision to apply to be a pastor in another parish. The Committee has made it clear that there are not many possibilities because the number of open parishes is small. I started this process with the consent of Father Manuel and with the confidence that it would come to fruition. Although I don't know what my assignment will be yet, it will start on July 1 of this year. For now, all that remains is to wait and continue working together as a single community summoned by our Lord Jesus Christ.

I commend myself to his prayers and know that all of you are in mine.

Father Elvio Baldeon

LET US PRAY *Together*

MASS INTENTION REQUEST

To request a Mass Intention in memory of a deceased loved one, for someone who is sick or for general prayers please call the parish office or visit www.saintmarys.org/mass-intention. Please note these requests will be mentioned in the Mass time you request and published in our monthly bulletin. Please contact the office one week in advance to request an intention.

The suggested donation is \$15 per intention

Please note that any mass intentions received after the 15th OF THE MONTH will not be published in the bulletin, however it will still be prayed for at mass.

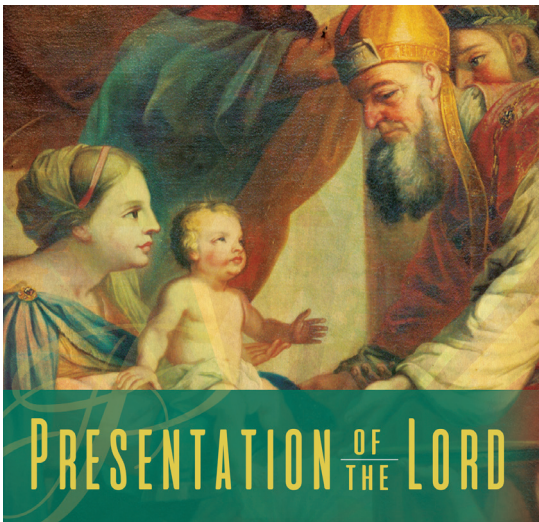
SICK LIST

If you would like to add a family member or friend to our general Prayer List for the Sick, please contact the parish office and provide the name. These names will be published in our monthly bulletin and weekly newsletters so that our community can pray for them.

There is no donation requested for these requests.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Chicago Police Officer Carlos Yanez, Osmar and Marcela Rodriguez, Hector De León, Griffin Marks, Rod Reyes, Maria Estela Alvarez, Austreberta Escobar, Adolfo Ruiz Baca, Melissa Velazquez, Molly Morris, Alfredo Pinon, Rose Mueller, Michael Snyder, Angela Bates, Angelica Luviano, Lauren Troy, Jack Denihan, Maria Pardo, Stashu Kybartas, Rachel Hohner and all our sick parishioners, and those who are in nursing homes.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

The following are prayer requests we have received from the Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes community. Please keep them in your prayers.

Deceased

† Angela Paat
† Blas Paat
† Edward C. Smith
† Armando Suyosa
† Jose Jaime
† Patrick Durkin
† Jennifer Colarusso
† Manuela Luna
† Romando Broso
† Liborio Rosales
† Berta Sigarreta
† Bertrand F. Barry
† Aura Luna
† Rogelio del Pilar Villegas
† Maribel Macedo
† Armando Gomez
† Enriqueta Luna
† Maria Vaca-Perez

Birthdays

Jorge Esteban Miranda
Baldemar Ojeda
Mila Suyosa

Health

Yolanda Contreras
Luis Armenteros
Elia del Pilar

Special Prayers

Enrique and Enriqueta Luna

In Loving Memory OLPI

For the members of our parish community who have recently passed away.

† Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
† Enrique Beltran
† Rosalie Irpino
† Thomas Spiewak

*Rosary and Novena
in honor of
Our Lady of Lourdes*

February 3-11, 2023

9:30am

(Immediately following the 9am Daily Mass)

**On Sunday, February 5th the Novena
will be held after the 8:30am Mass*

Saint Mary of the Lake
4220 N Sheridan Rd, Chicago, IL 60613



Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

celebrated on

Friday, February 10, 2023

7:00pm

Bilingual Mass celebrated with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Our Lady of Lourdes
4640 N Ashland Ave, Chicago, IL 60640



**SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE
AND OUR LADY OF LOURDES
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

All are welcome to join us!

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PREPARING FOR LENT


Brothers and sisters, once again we find ourselves at the gates of Ash Wednesday, a date that announces the arrival of Lent, a liturgical time in which we must prepare our minds and hearts to live the passion, death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Lent is the time of the year in which we are called to analyze our lives and convert our souls.

Lent reminds us of the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert, praying, fasting, and doing penance. The scriptures tell us that at the end of these 40 days Jesus was tempted by the devil three times; First, the devil tried to tempt Jesus to break his fast by suggesting that he turn the stones of the desert into bread, but Jesus, as a human, answers the devil: "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." Jesus' answer reminds us that God is the only one who can feed our souls and our spirit, He is the true food that will keep us safe for eternal life. The devil tries to tempt Jesus for the second time by suggesting that he throw himself into the void, since because he is a son of God, he will send his angels to save him, and Jesus answers: "You will not tempt the Lord your God", Jesus reminds us that we must be aware that we are not God, and we must not challenge him. On the contrary, we must recognize our need for God to get ahead of the difficult tests that we have to face throughout our lives. Finally the demon tries to tempt Jesus for the third time. He takes him to a very high mountain, and offers him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, if he accepts to worship him, Jesus answers him: "Away, satan, for it is written: You shall worship the Lord your God, and him alone you shall serve". In his response, Jesus teaches us that God must be the most important thing in our lives. He must reign in the center of our hearts. We should not focus on material wealth, since the focus of every Christian should be spiritual wealth.

We know through the Holy Scriptures that it was the Holy Spirit who led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Lent is that time in which God, just like he did with Jesus, the Holy Spirit leads us to our own desert. The time in which we must raise awareness about what aspects of our lives we can improve. Follow the example of Jesus, recognizing that there is only one God, that he is the food of eternal life, and that he must be the king of our lives. This Ash Wednesday when you come to receive your ash cross, you will hear the phrase: "convert and believe in the Gospel!" Hopefully and this is the beginning of a path of spiritual transformation, a path that brings us closer to Jesus, a path that strengthen us in faith and lead us to the salvation of our souls. I encourage you to have a good start on the Lenten journey by taking advantage of participating in all the activities that we will offer in our parish and that it helps during this intentional time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.



SISTER GUADALUPE LIMAS, FCJ
Faith Formation & Hispanic Ministry




WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023

Saint Mary of the Lake

- 7:00 AM - Liturgy of the Word (English)
- 9:00 AM - Mass (English)
- 12:00 PM - Liturgy of the Word (English)
- 4:00 PM - Liturgy of the Word (English)
- 6:30 PM - Mass (English)

Our Lady of Lourdes

- 7:00 AM - Liturgy of the Word (English)
- 6:30 PM - Mass (Spanish)



OUTREACH AND *Social Justice*

SOUP KITCHEN & SACK MEAL PROGRAM

Volunteers are needed to **MAKE SACK MEALS** and to help with service on Wednesday nights. To make this a success consistently each week, we need 30 families to commit to donating at least once a month.

Each sack meal should contain:

- 2 lunchmeat sandwiches with no condiments, cheese is optional but a nice addition
- 2 cheese sticks
- 1 bag of chips (or similar)
- 1 piece of soft fruit (for example, orange, banana, grapes)
- Dessert (cookies or candy bar)
- Beverage (juice box, can of soda, or 8oz water bottle/sports drink)
- Napkin

Please pack each meal in a gallon-sized plastic bag (like Ziploc's). Or please use a plastic grocery bag.

DROP OFF

Wednesday between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00pm, drop off at the parish reception desk, as they will be handed out beginning at 6:00pm.

WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to help with the distribution of sack meals, set up and serving a hot meal to our unhoused community members every week. Help is needed every Wednesday from 5:00-7:30pm.

To sign-up to make sack meals or to help on Wednesday nights please visit the parish website or contact Darlene at dkelly@saintmarys.org



LAUNDRY MINISTRY

The Laundry Ministry is a service to LGBTQ homeless youth in the community. Volunteers serve on a weekly basis to pick up bags of laundry at the Center on Halsted, and then take it to a nearby laundromat to wash and fold. This ministry is currently serving on Wednesday evenings between 3-6pm.

For more information please contact Ron Schnorbus at rschnorbus@gmail.com

FOOD FOR ALL: COME TO THE TABLE!

Mark your calendar: **Our next food distribution will be Saturday, February 25th** on the Saint Mary of the Lake Plaza, with pre-ordering on Thursday, February 23rd.

All parishioners and friends are welcome to register and place an order for pick up on Saint Mary's Plaza!

The process is very simple:

1. Register your account by using the link on our website at www.saintmarys.org/foodforall.html (no documentation required)
2. Place your order online through the link on our website on Thursday, February 23rd from 12:01am-11:59pm.
3. Pickup your custom order on Saturday, February 25th between 11am and 12pm on Saint Mary's Plaza. If you have registered, all you need to do is order online. If you have not registered, please make sure to register online through the link on our website.

For more information or if you need help, you can call the parish office or go to the parish website.



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Food for today. Hope for tomorrow.

MY FAITH EXPERIENCE AT SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE AND OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Hello to all the parishioners of St. Mary of Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church! My name is Mariel Afable from the Philippines. I commenced my catholic christian life through years of nurturing faith emanating from my devout family, friends, community and academic milieu until I completed my college education. From my catholic background, I am truly blessed and fortunate to have developed a very profound and unrelenting faith.

I arrived in Chicago in 2014. I have become acquainted with the church community through my Aunt Sally Aono. Furthermore, my friend Loyda encouraged me to serve as a Eucharistic Minister and Minister of Care. Before the Covid pandemic, I would volunteer to visit the sick people to give the Holy Eucharist for the homebound.

The social atmosphere in our community is hospitable, helpful and conducive to develop friendship. The spiritual aspect of my life has progressed tremendously and my faith has become more profound here. My participation in the retreats and Bible studies conducted by amazing speakers guided me how to live a truly christian life.

Significant events such as Lenten and Christmas seasons are celebrated beautifully in our church. One particular devotion dear to my heart is the "Simbang Gabi" or Evening mass which is a 9-day novena mass before Christmas. This is an authentic Filipino Catholic tradition which provokes feeling of nostalgia.

Finally, I decided to attend the seminar and eventually become a Eucharistic minister. I have perceived the profound inner joy and peace in serving our Lord Jesus Christ. I am indeed delighted for the privilege and opportunity to serve God through the distribution of the Holy Eucharist. It is in offering of oneself to God and surrendering of our desire to the Divine Will that we find the meaning and purpose of human existence. I hope and pray that love, mercy and peace reign in our hearts. May the Lord Almighty God bless us all.

Mariel Afable
*Extraordinary
Minister of
Holy Communion*



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TO OUR PARISH
COUNSELOR TODAY**

JENNI DRESSLER
Parish Counselor

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Email: JDressler.Claret@gmail.com



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It's often said that the Catholic Church lays heavy rules on her members, rules that can almost seem impossible. Mass every Sunday? No lying ever? Sexual purity all the time? I recently said to some non-Catholic friends that more than fifty adults were baptized at my parish at the Easter Vigil. One responded spontaneously with shock, "Why would anyone do that?" In other words, why would someone willingly place themselves in a system with such demanding and rigorous rules?

Of course, no one in the history of religions is more demanding and rigorous than Jesus himself. In the Sermon on the Mount, he says you have to be holier than pharisees or you're out. He says if you call someone a fool, you go to fiery Gehenna. He says you can't even look at a woman with lust or you're guilty of adultery (which was punishable by death). To top it all off, he says you can't even get divorced and re-married. Doesn't he know these are basically impossible demands? What world is he living in?

The new one, actually. He is the new world. Jesus' words aren't meant to condemn. They are meant to signal something new, a restored humanity. Jesus doesn't just give external laws; he gives us his Holy Spirit to internalize the law through love. He wants to fill us with his love. That's what the Church exists to do. Love demands extraordinary things. The "demands" of the Church only make sense because she is filled with Jesus' love. That wildly demanding love is why we are Catholic.

— *Father John Muir*

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Feelings and Shiny Things

A friend of mine has a tradition on the first birthday of her children. Three items — a coin, a shot glass, and a rosary — are placed in front of the one-year-old, and whatever object he grasps supposedly bears insight into his future. A coin promises wealth, the rosary indicates holiness, and the shot glass...well, I'm sure you can guess.

Of course, the kid just grabs whatever looks coolest. They're not really choosing money or God or a party. Their choice is ruled by impulse. These days, "I'm not feeling it," is a genuine excuse to avoid something. "I feel that," we say to indicate agreement. "I feel like..." is an acceptable way to offer our opinion. Feelings carry a lot of weight.

Before Christ, there was only the law, and the law dealt primarily with actions. Do this. Do not do this. All well and good. But with the fulfillment of the law, Christ wants us to look inwardly. He wants us to consider the influence of our feelings on our actions, and to understand how our chosen actions can, in turn, inspire certain feelings.

I'm a millennial, so, depending on your age, you may think that I feel either too much or too little. One thing I have learned, though, is that when I give my feelings free rein, my instincts immediately turn into actions. I become the toddler grasping at shiny objects with no thought for what they represent. Anger becomes unkindness. Jealousy becomes cruelty. Fear becomes selfishness.

Free will, I have come to understand, means freedom from the tyranny of feelings. If a feeling is strong enough, it can build a prison. *"If your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away." — Matthew 5:30*

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What do the colors of the priest's and deacon's vestments mean?

Answer:

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the colors of the vestments evolved over the course of several centuries and there was wide variation both in the colors used, and in the feasts and seasons associated with particular colors. It was Pope Innocent III (d. 1216) who gave us the basic outline that was later prescribed by Pope Saint Pius V in 1570. The various colors remind us of the dominant themes of a particular season or celebration.

- **White:** Used for the seasons of Christmas and Easter and in celebrations of the Lord, of Mary, the angels, and saints who were not martyrs. This color is also used in Masses for the dead, at baptisms, weddings and other festive celebrations.
- **Red:** As the color of both blood and fire, red is used on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, as well as Pentecost and special celebrations of the Holy Spirit. Moreover, red is used on the feasts and memorials of the Apostles and those saints who died as martyrs.
- **Violet:** The color for Advent and Lent. Violet may also be used in Masses for the dead and on All Souls Day (November 2).
- **Green:** A color of life and hope, green is used throughout Ordinary Time.
- **Other colors:** Rose may be used on the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent, black may be used in Masses of the dead and on All Souls Day, gold or silver may be used on solemn occasions in place of white, red, or green.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Join the Young Adults Community!

The Young Adults of St. Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes are a vibrant, inclusive group of parishioners, ages 21-39, dedicated to living and growing in our Catholic faith.

We offer a variety of activities to help us deepen our relationships with Christ, build community with one another and serve those around us. We invite all young adults to join us as we seek to be the light of Christ in the world.

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NAVIGATING DIVORCE

The Navigating Divorce ministry is offered each **Sunday from 9:15-10:15 AM in-person in the Parish Office**. This ministry consists of confidential discussion and sharing for any woman or man experiencing the various stages of grief which accompany the overall divorce process as it moves toward Roman Catholic healing objectives. Questions can be directed to Dr. Milt Kobus, at grazynast@sbcglobal.net

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS 2023

How can our parish community pray with you? Request a Mass intention for a deceased or sick family member or friend, simply by calling our parish office or visiting www.saintmarys.org/mass-intention-request. The suggested donation per name requested is \$15. Intentions are asked to be requested no later than one week in advance.

JOIN THE PARISH FLORAL TEAM

Do you have an interest in floral work? The Saint Mary's and Our Lady of Lourdes floral team is seeking additional volunteers and welcomes you to join the team! No experience is necessary; guidance will be provided. Availability needed for Friday and occasionally Saturday mornings. Call the parish office if you are interested in joining!



Servant of God Thea Bowman

Sister Thea Bowman tirelessly blazed a way for Black Catholics to fully live their faith out loud and with joy! You can listen to her music on all streaming services and experience her legacy through the many institutions that now boast her name.

Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman was a second

generation free Black American born Bertha Bowman in Yazoo City, Mississippi in 1937. She later took the name Sister Thea when joining the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. Being the only black woman in her order, Sister Thea committed her life to serving Black Catholics and their unique spirituality. When asked what it meant to be a black Catholic, she said —

“It means that I come to my church fully functioning. I bring myself, my black self, all that I am, all that I have, all that I hope to become. I bring my whole history, my traditions, my experience, my culture, my African-American song and dance and gesture and movement and teaching and preaching and healing and responsibility as gift to the Church.”

PARISH *Stewardship*



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SUNDAY COLLECTIONS JANUARY 2023	DECEMBER 31 & JANUARY 1	JANUARY 7-8	JANUARY 14-15	JANUARY 21-22	JANUARY 28-29
4:30 p.m.	\$1,181.00	\$2,022.00	\$963.00	\$1,208.00	\$626.00
8:30 a.m.	\$479.00	\$1,134.00	\$682.00	\$463.00	\$667.00
10:30 a.m.	\$1,304.00	\$1,913.00	\$1,389.00	\$1,271.00	\$1,308.00
12:30 p.m.	\$1,009.00	\$1,019.00	\$1,063.00	\$1,058.00	\$788.00
5:00 p.m.	\$299.00	\$349.00	\$275.00	\$399.00	\$372.00
Online Giving	\$6,810.00	\$2,220.00	\$3,709.50	\$1,692.00	\$2,375.00
Saint Mary of the Lake	\$11,082.00	\$8,657.00	\$8,081.50	\$6,091.00	\$6,136.00

9:00 a.m.	\$663.00	\$624.50	\$699.25	\$863.10	\$830.00
11:00 a.m.	\$977.00	\$2,361.59	\$2,619.61	\$1,862.55	\$1,696.75
Online Giving	\$617.00	\$487.00	\$522.00	\$417.00	\$1,067.20
Our Lady of Lourdes	\$2,257.00	\$3,473.09	\$3,840.86	\$3,142.65	\$3,593.95

WEEKEND TOTAL	\$13,339.00	\$12,130.09	\$11,922.36	\$9,233.65	\$9,729.95
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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF
OUR MISSION AND PARISH!**

JANUARY 2023
TOTAL SUNDAY GIVING
\$56,355.05

(DECEMBER 2022 - \$37,487.41)

AVERAGE WEEKEND MASS
ATTENDANCE IN JANUARY 2023
1,204 people

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Sunday, February 12, 2023
COMMITMENT WEEKEND

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