



MARCH 2023

March 1-31

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

WELCOME TO OUR *Parish Community*

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Our Two Places of Worship

PARISH CHURCH
SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE
4220 N. Sheridan Road,
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
7:00 AM - English (*during Lent*)
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
6:30 AM - 8:30 PM (*during Lent*)

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

A MESSAGE FROM *Father Vince*

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

On occasion I have wondered what it would be like for a Jewish person to wander into a Catholic church on Good Friday during the proclamation of the Passion According to St. John. I say this because the term “the Jews” appears frequently in John’s account of Our Lord’s suffering and death. In fact, the term is often used in other places throughout John’s Gospel and not usually in a complimentary fashion. I wonder what a Jewish person might think or feel when he/she heard “the Jews” used in such a negative way in a church, especially on Good Friday.

Sadly, over the centuries certain parts of the New Testament have been used to fuel the flames of antisemitism. The use of “the Jews” probably played a role in doing so. However, in the Greek text (the New Testament was composed in koine Greek) the term *hoi ioudaioi*, “the Jews,” is plainly there, and there is no way around it. But I think the question naturally arises as to why the evangelist would use this term in an uncomplimentary manner when he clearly knew that Jesus was Jewish, Jesus’s family was Jewish, Our Lord’s first disciples were Jewish, John’s community undoubtedly had many Jewish members, and the author of the Gospel was probably Jewish himself? What are we to make of this? Let me offer a few possible answers to these questions.

One of the things I have learned from my study of the Sacred Scriptures is the importance of being aware of the context in which each of the books of the Bible were written. This is especially true when considering the Gospel According to John. John’s Gospel is a rather complex document. It is the last of the four Gospels to be composed, probably near the end of the first century A.D. By the time of its writing the early Christian communities felt they were under siege and rightly so—because they were. The experience of being under siege usually calls forth a strong reaction, a circling of the wagons if you will. I believe this was a factor in the manner in which John’s Gospel was written, including the author’s choice of certain words rather than others.

As the first century wore on the Roman government considered Christianity to be a seditious organization. Many of its members refused to worship the gods and goddesses of Rome, including the worshipping of some emperors who claimed to be divine or at least semi-divine. This behavior was interpreted as disloyalty to the empire, and it led to violent persecutions of the Church. More importantly, by the time John’s Gospel was written the differences between Judaism and Christianity had also become quite evident. Jewish Christians were being expelled from the synagogues. Jewish Christians frequently were compelled to choose between family, friends, heritage, and their faith in Jesus. I suspect it was a painful experience for all the parties involved, especially for those who were in effect “excommunicated” from their own communities. John’s approach to this rejection calls to my mind what Marx (Groucho not Karl) once said. “Who do you think you are? I’ve been thrown out of better places than this!” It is



FR. VINCE COSTELLO
RESIDENT PRIEST

in this context we need to consider the acrimonious use of the term “the Jews” as it appears in John’s Gospel.

It is also helpful to keep in mind that the author of this particular Gospel seems to have a black and white approach to Jesus. In John’s Gospel, people are either for Jesus or against him. Some folks understand that he is exactly who he said he was and more, or they don’t. There are people who live in the light, and there are people who are in the dark. Some get it, and others do not. John gives little room for ambiguity when it comes to belief in Jesus, especially in the way the evangelist understood who Jesus is.

As I stated earlier, over the centuries certain passages or terms in the New Testament have been utilized to justify the antisemitism. We hope those days are long gone. I think most Christians realize that individuals who lived within a few miles of Jerusalem on the first Good Friday had no idea what was happening on Golgotha while Jesus being executed. I hope most people likewise would agree that it never made sense to blame an entire people for what a handful of leaders decided to do nearly two thousand years ago. Unfortunately, some days it does not take much for some people to demonize others who are different and to use God’s word to do so.

On a happier note, in October 1965 Vatican Council II issued a revolutionary document entitled *Nostra Aetate*. It spoke about the Catholic Church in relationship with other religions. In terms of our relationship with Judaism it was viewed as a breakthrough. The Council Fathers condemned antisemitism and, for the record, stated that the Jewish people could not be accused of playing a role in the death of Our Lord. However, with all of this in mind I still wonder how a Jewish person might feel if he/she attended the Church’s liturgy on Good Friday and heard John’s account of Our Lord’s Passion proclaimed.

Father Vince Costello
Retired Priest in Residence

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 MARCH

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

† Victoria Aldana
† Khalil Faddoul
† Victorina Hernandez Morales
† Cuberto Moctezuma
† Clay Trapp
† Nala Gray
† Anne Costello
† Nancy Hoople
† Rev. Dudley Day OSA
† Jose Terven Venegas Arroyo
† Bess Heal Van Derbeck
† Bernice Faro
† Marianna Collins Exter
† Eulalia Lopez
† Adrian Unzueta
† Ruben Morales
† Jesus Martinez

Birthdays

Henoc Romero Albarran
Nanette Suyosa
Leoni Aurora Mesias Ayala
Alaina Celeste Vasquez

Health

Arias Family



In Loving Memory OLPI

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

† Bishop David O'Connell
† Deacon John Klemanovic
† Paul Majerus
† Blasa Alicia Sanchez
† Yijun Zeng

LENTEN REFLECTION SERIES

Anointed for Mission: Exercising Your Baptismal Call

"For parish renewal to take place in the twenty-first century, the power and authority of our baptism must be reclaimed."

-Stephen S. Wilbricht, CSC, author of *Anointed for Mission: Exercising Your Baptismal Call*

At Easter, Catholics around the world renew their baptismal promises. Once again, we affirm to live as priests, prophets, and kings -- **but what does that mean?** During Lent, we take the time (with fellow parishioners) to deepen our ever-evolving understanding of Christian discipleship.

This Lenten Reflection Series will include brief presentations, light reading, inspiring videos, and heartfelt discussion.

LENTEN REFLECTION SERIES SUNDAYS - MARCH 5, 12, 19 AND 26 11:45am - 12:45pm

Parish Hall, 1026 W. Buena Ave.

Donation \$15 (includes book and program material)

Whether you are able to attend one or all four of the Sunday reflections...Register at www.saintmarys.org/anointed to help us plan and organize our small groups.

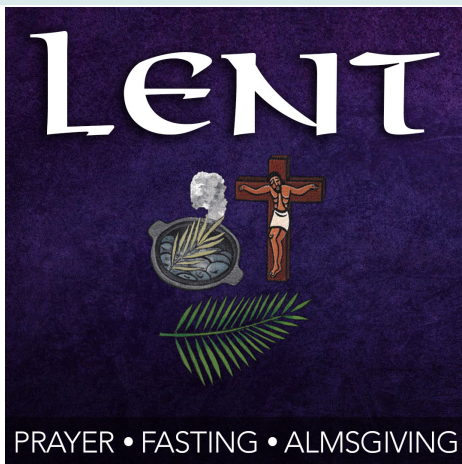


SHARE YOUR VOICE SUPPORT OUR PARISH

It's official! The **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey** is a great way to reflect on your own spiritual growth while helping our parish plan for the future.

Complete the short, 10-15 minute **anonymous** survey at catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi or scan the code, or find a paper copy in the narthex or parish office after Mass.

Available from **Ash Wednesday, February 22 to March 31**. Don't miss this opportunity to be heard.



For all details regarding our Lenten opportunities please visit

www.saintmarys.org/lent

Read the Lenten Publication or call our parish office at (773) 280-7700

We look forward to journeying with you this Lent!

WELCOME TO *Father Erick*

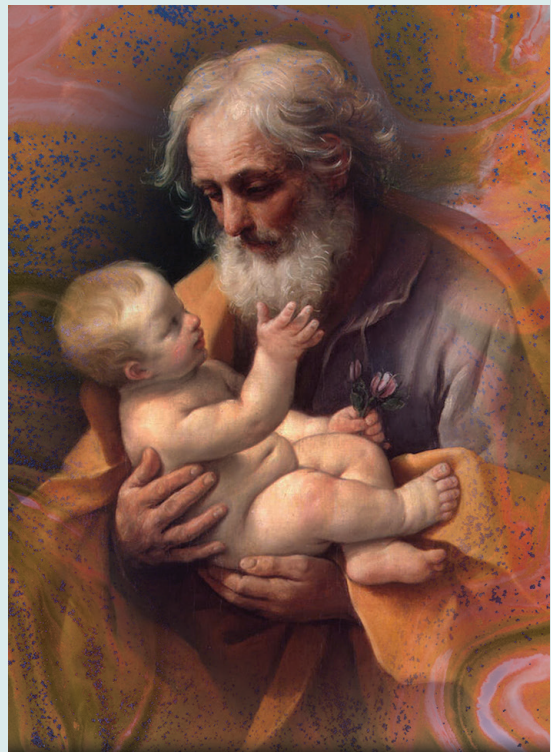
FR. ERICK DIAZ JOINS THE PASTORAL TEAM OF SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE AND OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Erick Mauricio Diaz Fernández was born in Matagalpa Nicaragua on August 21, 1989. He is number three of six siblings, five boys and one girl. He received baptism from him when he was one year old. He received his first communion from him when he was nine years old. He received the confirmation from him when he was fourteen years old. He completed his primary studies at the Rural School of the Bijague Sur Matagalpa community. He completed his secondary studies at the schools: San Francisco de Asís, San Luis and San José Matagalpa. When he was sixteen years old he entered the San Luis Minor Seminary to train as a priest. He studied eleven years to become a priest 2006-2017.

2006-2008 San Luis Gonzaga Minor Seminary. 2008-2009. Propedeutic San Pedro Diría-Granada-Nicaragua. 2010-2012. Philosophical studies at the National Seminary of Fátima-Nicaragua. 2013-2016. Theological studies at the National Seminary of Fátima – Nicaragua. November 2016-May 2017 accompany Mons. Rolando Álvarez Bishop of Matagalpa-Nicaragua in his pastoral missions throughout the Diocese.

He was ordained a transitional deacon on June 29, 2017. Ordained a priest on November 25, 2017. He was appointed associate pastor of the parish of San José de Matiguás-Matagalpa-Nicaragua on November 25, 2017. He was appointed rector of the San José Minor Seminary Óscar Arnulfo Romero on January 15, 2018-2019. He took over as associate pastor of the Santa Lucia Ciudad Darío Parish on January 10, 2019. He was appointed Pastor-parish priest on January 15, 2021 of the San José Obrero el Tuma-Matagalpa-Nicaragua parish.

The areas in which Father Erick has worked in addition to those already mentioned. He was a teacher of the young minor seminarians with the subjects: Introduction to the Bible, History of Salvation, ecclesiology and History of the Church. Adviser of the Ecclesial Movements of the Diocese of Matagalpa. Pastoral Dean of zone number 5 of the Diocese of Matagalpa-Nicaragua 2021... Vocational coordinator of the Diocese 2017-2019, 2021-2022. presbyteral council. 2018-2019, 2021-2022. The ministries that the father has promoted are: Family Ministry, Youth Ministry, Children's Ministry and Popular Piety Ministry.



THE SOLEMNITY

of

ST. JOSEPH

MARCH 19

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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, March 25th** on the Saint Mary of the Lake Plaza, with pre-ordering on Thursday, March 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, March 23rd from 12:01am-11:59pm.
3. Pickup your custom order on Saturday, March 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.

2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Annual Catholic Appeal has begun, and we want to share with you the impact your gift—no matter the size—has on this important effort. The work supported by the Appeal is more important than ever. Gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal directly support the necessary work of parishes, Catholic schools, and vital ministries throughout the archdiocese.

You can make your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal online at www.annualcatholicappeal.com, or you can choose to send in the response envelope which is available in our parish office. If you have not yet made your pledge, there is still time!

Our 2023 Parish Goal, given to us by the Archdiocese of Chicago is: \$48,811. **To date we have received \$50,143 in committed pledges.** We are beyond grateful for your support and generosity! We look forward to your support again this year!



2023 Annual Catholic Appeal

annualcatholicappeal.com

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WALKING ON THE ROAD WITH JESUS

2023 Annual Catholic Appeal



CLARET CENTER
Resources for the human journey

**IF YOU NEED HELP,
PLEASE REACH OUT
TO OUR PARISH
COUNSELOR TODAY**

JENNI DRESSLER
Parish Counselor

Phone/Text: 872-228-1490
Email: JDressler.Claret@gmail.com



CHRIST BE WITH ME.
CHRIST WITHIN ME.
CHRIST BEHIND ME.
CHRIST BEFORE ME.
CHRIST IN... FRIEND
AND STRANGER.

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EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Vicariate Prayer Events 2023

The Archdiocese of Chicago is at a pivotal moment of structural and spiritual renewal, and that is a cause for great hope. We take up this effort at a moment in which the United States bishops have launched a Eucharistic Revival. This convergence reminds us that true renewal of the Church always involves recovering the importance of the Eucharistic celebration as the source and summit of our life as Catholics. From the Eucharistic celebration flows all the Church's prayer, activities and ministries. Pope Francis recently wrote that "the Christian faith is either an encounter with Him alive or it does not exist."

Join us around the archdiocese to unite in prayer for renewal and revival as we deepen the union with Christ and each other which we experience at Mass, by coming together for celebrations of exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament led by our auxiliary bishops in each vicariate.

Vicariate I

March 21 | 7 p.m.
St. Emily
1400 E. Central Rd.
Mt Prospect, IL 60056

Vicariate III

March 7 | 7 p.m.
St. Mary of the Angels
1850 N. Hermitage Ave.
Chicago, IL 60622

Vicariate V

March 10 | 7 p.m.
Sacred Heart Palos
8245 W. 111th St.
Palos Hills, IL 60465

Vicariate II

March 22 | 7 p.m.
Holy Child Jesus
2324 W. Chase Ave.
Chicago, IL 60645

Vicariate IV

March 16 | 6:30 p.m.
Queen of All Nations
4940 Washington St.
Hillside, IL 60162

Vicariate VI

March 5 | 2 p.m.
Christ Our Light
13145 S. Houston Ave.
Chicago, IL 60633

Join our local Vicariate II in prayer together on...

**Wednesday, March 22, 2023
7:00 PM**

**Holy Child Jesus Parish
2324 W. Chase Ave
Chicago, IL 60645**

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.

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 small group 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 drmkobus@gmail.com

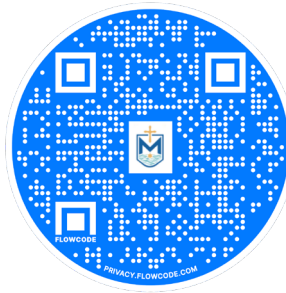
MASS INTENTION REQUESTS 2023

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!

Scan the QR code to be added to the email list.



THE EASTER TRIDUUM



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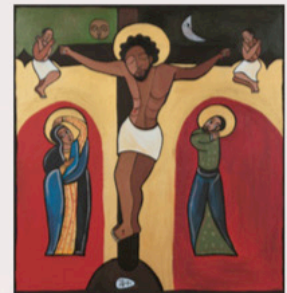
PALM SUNDAY April 2, 2023

SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE Mass Schedule

4:30pm Saturday Vigil, 8:30am, 10:30am (English)
12:30pm (Spanish) and procession with Nazareno Group
5:00pm (Spanish)

OUR LADY OF LOURDES Mass Schedule

9:00am (English) and 11:00am (Spanish)



HOLY THURSDAY April 6, 2023

SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE

9:00am • Morning Prayer (English)
7:30pm • Mass of the Lord's Supper (English)
11:15pm • Reflections on the Last Supper (Scripture and Song) and Night Prayer (English)

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

7:30pm • Mass of the Lord's Supper (Spanish)

Saint Mary of the Lake Church and the Grotto at Our Lady of Lourdes will be open until midnight for adoration.

GOOD FRIDAY April 7, 2023

SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE

9:00am • Morning Prayer (English)
11:00am • Living Way of the Cross (Spanish)
3:00pm • Stations of the Cross (English)
7:30pm • Liturgy of the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion (English)

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

7:30pm • Liturgy of the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion (Spanish)

HOLY SATURDAY April 8, 2023

SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE

9:00am • Morning Prayer with Blessing of Easter Baskets (English)
8:30pm • Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter (Bilingual)

EASTER SUNDAY April 9, 2023

SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE Mass Schedule

8:30am, 10:30am (English) Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:30am Mass
12:30pm, 5:00pm (Spanish)

OUR LADY OF LOURDES Mass Schedule

9:00am (English) and 11:00am (Spanish)

PARISH *Stewardship*



SUPPORT THE MISSION

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS FEBRUARY 2023	FEBRUARY 4-5	FEBRUARY 11-12	FEBRUARY 18-19	FEBRUARY 25-26	AVERAGE MASS ATTENDANCE
4:30 p.m.	\$2,076.00	\$1,091.00	\$1,970.00	\$1,300.00	102
8:30 a.m.	\$750.00	\$898.00	\$479.00	\$930.00	108
10:30 a.m.	\$1,432.00	\$1,332.00	\$1,201.00	\$1,456.00	268
12:30 p.m.	\$1,022.00	\$941.00	\$1,777.00	\$920.00	313
5:00 p.m.	\$255.00	\$214.00	\$248.00	\$251.00	76
Online Giving	\$2,673.00	\$2,478.00	\$1,542.00	\$3,268.00	TOTAL AVG
Saint Mary of the Lake	\$8,208.00	\$6,954.00	\$7,217.00	\$8,125.00	867
9:00 a.m.	\$603.61	\$970.56	\$908.49	\$1,134.89	107
11:00 a.m.	\$1,903.25	\$1,865.14	\$2,063.50	\$1,794.63	367
Online Giving	\$160.00	\$667.00	\$577.00	\$1,009.00	TOTAL AVG
Our Lady of Lourdes	\$2,666.86	\$3,502.70	\$3,548.99	\$3,938.52	474
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$10,874.86	\$10,456.70	\$10,765.99	\$12,063.52	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR MISSION AND PARISH!

FEBRUARY 2023
TOTAL SUNDAY GIVING
\$44,161.07

(JANUARY 2023 - \$56,355.05)

AVERAGE WEEKEND MASS
ATTENDANCE IN FEBRUARY 2023
2,208 people

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