

APRIL 2023

April 1-30

**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
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

ADORATION & PRIVATE PRAYER

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 Erick*



FR. ERICK DIAZ
ASSOCIATE PASTOR

THE LOVE OF THE HOLY TRINITY CAME OUT OF ITSELF TO CREATE, TO REDEEM AND TO SANCTIFY

Dear brothers and sisters of this much loved parish of Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes, for the first time in this space for reflection, your friend in Christ Father Erick Diaz greets you with great joy. Like every month, we allow ourselves to reflect on a topic of spiritual interest. In this month of April we are concerned with the annual celebration of the great Christian festival that is Easter: ***passion, death and resurrection.***

The essence of God in his Trinity has always been and will continue to be *Amor Deus caritas est*. The love of him and his Trinitarian unity was so superabundant that they went out of themselves, to no longer love only themselves, but to donate that love to something new. The new would be the fruit of that great love and would be perfection. So, in the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, all was confusion and there was nothing on the earth. Darkness covered the abysses while the Spirit of God fluttered over the surface of the waters. Gen 1.

Love invaded confusion, love gave way to creation. Love made everything perfect. In that perfection that was all of creation, the fruit of the great love of the Trinity, something was missing and that was a man. From there the idea of was to create man. On the sixth day God said: «Let us make man in our image and likeness. This man created out of love and to love to the measure of God would watch over creation. God in his Trinitarian love and freedom created him with freedom so that this man would have free will, which is simply this elective power. God did not want a robot programmed to act or as the non-Catholic reformers say: Luther and Calvin “man

is predetermined from before his birth to eternal reward or punishment in such a way that there can be no freedom of choice.

In the reality of freedom and his free choice, the man created for love and to love strayed and in Adam, the prototype of all man, he chose sin and death. The most beloved of God, the most perfect of God has chosen another path. It is there where God is not willing to lose the greatest work of love of him that is man. And he proposes to his son the redemption of what they had done. From freedom, Jesus Christ accepts the mission of coming to earth to redeem and save man from death. Nobody takes my life; I give it voluntarily. I have power to lay it down and power to get it back again; that is the order I have received from my Father. Cf. Jn, 10, 11-18.

To celebrate Easter is then to celebrate life. We were dead, we were chained to sin and Jesus has rescued us, he has redeemed us with his death on the cross. The price is paid and salvation is given. Now, before the consequence of death of each man, we must ask the Holy Spirit for sanctification to enjoy heaven and no longer live as slaves, but as children through the son of God. The Holy Spirit enables believers to be sanctified so that man does not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. According to the spirit of God there is salvation, according to the flesh there is death. Let us live this time with the thought of gratuitousness that we were created by love, redeemed by love and sanctified by love, to love and be saved. The Trinity wants to save us.

HAPPY EASTER!

Fr. Erick Diaz

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.

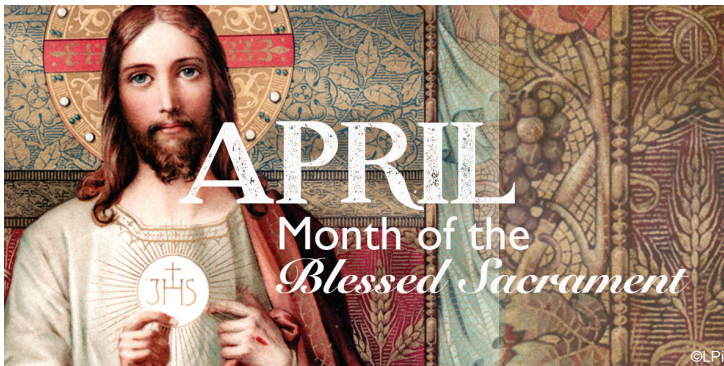
SICK LIST

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

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 APRIL

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

† Jack McLeod
† Pedro Aisporna
† Gregoria Aisporna
† Eterno descanso de las animas del santo purgatorio
† Victorino Trujillo
† Pedro Aisporna
† Gregorio Aisporna
† Cuberto Moctezuma
† Epifanio Ortiz
† Cornelious John Desouza
† Nala Gray
† Edward Broeren
† Armando Suyosa
† Epifanio Ortiz
† Animas del Sto. Purgatorio
† Nala Gray
† Mary McGing Durkin
† Julia Dare Van Derbeck
† Juana Miranda
† Epifanio Ortiz
† Cornelious John Desouza (1 year anniversary)
† Freddy Subia
† Olga Guevara
† Gustavo Tomala

Birthdays

Andrew Dorvillier

Health

Yolanda Contrera

Special Prayers

Thaddeus Doraquiak
Mario Cabigon
Robert Kaepfel
Charles Gaddis
Monica Flores (Presentation)

In Loving Memory

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

† Richard Charles Fox
† Osmar Rodriguez
† Carlos Emilio Rocha
† Elia del Pilar Villegas

holy week schedule

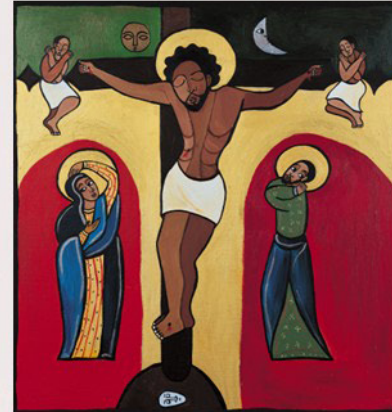
PALM SUNDAY *April 2, 2023*

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)

For all details regarding Holy Week 2023 please visit www.saintmarys.org/lent OR call our Parish Office at (773) 280-7700

REMEMBER TO RETURN YOUR ALMSGIVING CAN ON EASTER SUNDAY!

PARISH *News & Events*

REMINDER! - SHARE YOUR VOICE

The Archdiocese of Chicago has given an extended deadline to complete the Disciple Maker Index Survey. If you haven't done so, please complete the survey no later than **Monday, April 3, 2023 by 11:59 PM**. To take the survey, scan the QR code below. It only takes 10-15 minutes of your time.

If you have a paper copy of the survey please return it to our parish office on Monday before 9:00 PM.

Thank you for your participation as a community! To date we have received **more than 450 survey responses!**



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.



From left to right are Sisters Rosita Igwem and Pamela Eke.

WELCOME SISTER ROSITA AND SISTER PAMELA TO OUR COMMUNITY

Sr. Rosita made her First Religious Profession in the Congregation of the Daughters of Divine Love on December 1, 1985. Served at different places in Nigeria before she joined the United States Mission in April 29, 1999. Sr. Rosita currently works with Maryville Academy. Sr. Pamela made her First Religious profession in the Congregation of the Daughter of Divine Love on November 27, 1999. Served at different places in Nigeria before she joined the United States Mission in November 21, 2014. Presently, she is a staff chaplain at Swedish Hospital, Chicago, Illinois.

Their Mother House is in Nigeria, African, and a Regional House in Northlake, Illinois. They are an International Order that was founded in Africa by Late Bishop Godfrey MaryPaul Okoye in 1976. The sisters are currently ministering in 17 countries and are involved in different areas of apostolate. Their charism is a generous loving response to Divine Love Incarnate. Meaning that, their motive force is responding to God's call to love Him and to love others. Their Motto is: **"Caritas Christi - Urget Nos!"** (The Love of Christ, Urges Us on!)

The sisters are very excited to be part of our parish community.

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, April 22nd** on the Saint Mary of the Lake Plaza, with pre-ordering on Thursday, April 20th.

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, April 20th from 12:01am-11:59pm.
3. Pickup your custom order on Saturday, April 22nd 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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HOPE

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

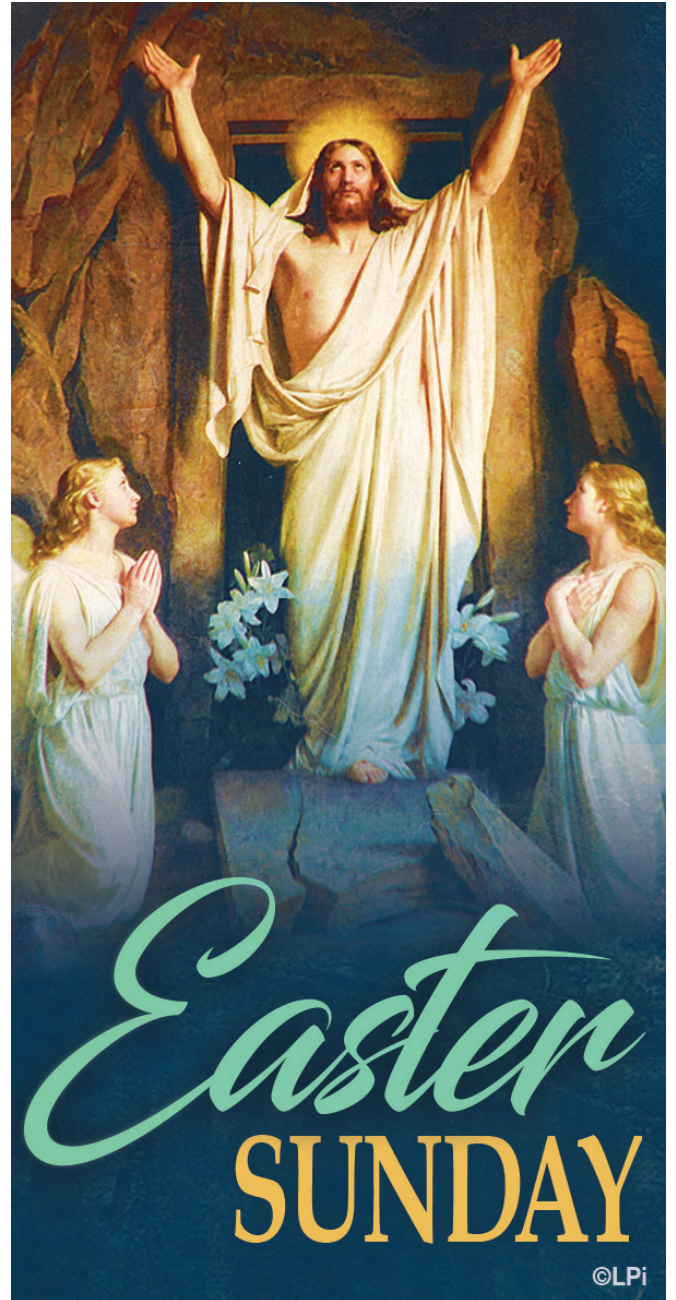
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



WALKING ON THE ROAD WITH JESUS



2023 Annual Catholic Appeal



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

JENNI DRESSLER
Parish Counselor

CLARET CENTER
Resources for the human journey

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

A MESSAGE FROM OUR *Archbishop*

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



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Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Risen Lord,

At Easter time, we proclaim and celebrate that Christ, our hope, has risen from the dead and is active in the life of the Church. He is our hope as the world faces so many challenges.

Think of our sisters and brothers in Ukraine and people in other parts of the world who daily struggle with war, civil unrest, violence, repression, and natural disasters. Think of those who are homeless and who walk our streets and those whose streets in our city are plagued with violence. Think too of the dark forces that continue to polarize our society and result in our own sinfulness, and the suffering of so many in mind or body with chronic illness. In the face of all this, we clearly know our need for the risen Christ, who is our hope.

I urge you to reclaim your Easter faith and hope in Christ, especially as you gather with your parish community and once again hear the proclamation "Christ is risen!" We sing in response "Alleluia, he is truly risen," to express that on hearing this good news we deepen our faith that by rising from the tomb, Christ has broken the bonds of sin and death, and claims us as his very own daughters and sons of light.

Let this Easter season be a new springtime for us personally, our parishes and our archdiocese as we continue our renewal and commitment to be missionaries of hope to a world so much need.

Finally, let us pray for one another, for all those we love, and for all who have not yet heard or accepted new and lasting hope in Christ our risen Lord.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Most Rev. Cardinal George T. Sisk".

Archbishop of Chicago

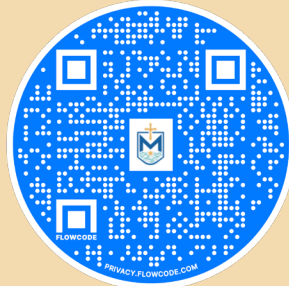
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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.

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



NAVIGATING DIVORCE MINISTRY

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

For more info or questions contact YoungAdults@saintmarys.org

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Making Way for God

As Christ reclined at the Passover meal and his impending betrayal, I have to imagine at least one of the disciples thought to himself, incredulously and perhaps even indignantly: *And you're not going to do anything about it?*

So often we expect God to behave like the frantic parent of a teenager, banging down the closed door of a bedroom filled with loud music. We expect him to be overbearing, snooping in our diary and waiting to ground us the minute we break curfew, desperate to keep us within the family fold, ready and willing to use judgment and force to do so.

It's true that God greatly desires us to stay in friendship with him. But to accomplish it, he does not come to us as a meddler or an overlord. He comes in the same way he does on Palm Sunday. He waits for us to make way.

He may not be overbearing, but he is still devoted, and unfailingly patient. As the Palm Sundays of our lives — the moments of our devotion and piety — give way to the Holy Thursdays, when we inevitably deny him, God does not abandon us. The sacrifice on the cross is still there, waiting for us to accept it.

Say to daughter Zion, "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden." — Matthew 21:5

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is a pilgrimage? Why do people go on them?

Answer:

A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey to visit a holy site, such as the shrine of a saint, a place where the Blessed Virgin Mary has appeared, or an historic church or chapel. What makes a pilgrimage different from a vacation and a pilgrim distinct from a tourist is the spirit in which the journey is made. Pilgrimages are really a symbol of our spiritual journey in life, reminding us that this world is not our true home and that we spend our lives journeying to our homeland, which is the Kingdom of God.

Pilgrimages — which can be as involved as a trip to Rome or the Holy Land or as simple as visiting the Blessed Sacrament in a local parish church — are also an opportunity for us to step out of the rhythms and limits of our daily lives to seek out connection with God in a special way, by visiting a holy place. At times, such as on a special feast, a jubilee, or the anniversary of the dedication of the church, special graces (called "indulgences") can also be offered to pilgrims, helping to enrich our experience of the celebration.

In the end, pilgrimages are an ancient act of devotion and something that each of us can put into practice, helping us to discover how God is present in the world around us, in places both near and far.

PARISH *Stewardship*



SUPPORT THE MISSION

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS MARCH 2023	MARCH 4-5	MARCH 11-12	MARCH 18-19	MARCH 25-26	AVERAGE MASS ATTENDANCE
4:30 p.m.	\$837.00	\$1,063.00	\$1,343.00	\$1,643.00	96
8:30 a.m.	\$1,585.00	\$1,135.00	\$904.00	\$1,848.00	115
10:30 a.m.	\$1,444.00	\$1,214.00	\$1,788.00	\$1,481.00	255
12:30 p.m.	\$1,052.00	\$962.00	\$1,003.00	\$1,027.00	276
5:00 p.m.	\$312.00	\$256.00	\$354.00	\$394.00	86
Online Giving	\$3,103.00	\$1,761.00	\$5,895.00	\$2,501.00	TOTAL AVG
Saint Mary of the Lake	\$8,333.00	\$6,391.00	\$11,287.00	\$8,894.00	828

9:00 a.m.	\$768.61	\$561.69	\$560.41	\$954.60	104
11:00 a.m.	\$2,243.98	\$1,952.00	\$1,896.34	\$2,133.17	376
Online Giving	\$707.00	\$577.00	\$417.00	\$612.00	TOTAL AVG
Our Lady of Lourdes	\$3,719.59	\$3,090.69	\$2,873.75	\$3,699.77	480

WEEKEND TOTAL	\$12,052.59	\$9,481.69	\$14,160.75	\$12,593.77
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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF
OUR MISSION AND PARISH!**

MARCH 2023
TOTAL SUNDAY GIVING
\$48,288.80

(FEBRUARY 2023 - \$44,161.07)

AVERAGE WEEKEND MASS
ATTENDANCE IN MARCH 2023
1,308 people



PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION
FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides, Humanitarian, Liturgical, Pastoral, Archaeological, Charitable, Educational services, as well as care for the Holy Land.

