



APRIL 2024
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

DAILY MASSES

Monday - Saturday
9:00 AM - English

RECONCILIATION

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays - 7:00 PM

PRIVATE PRAYER ST. GABRIEL CHAPEL

Monday - Friday
9:30 AM - 7:30 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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Saturdays & Sundays | 9:00am - 2:00pm

A MESSAGE FROM *Father Manny*

THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Mary's and Our Lady of Lourdes,

In 2012 I had the opportunity to lead a Mission to El Salvador with parishioners from Chicago. We traveled to one of the poorest neighborhoods in the American continent to meet fellow Catholics who had survived the Salvadoran civil war (1979-1992). The United Nations estimates that approximately 75,000 Salvadorans were killed during the twelve years that the war lasted. During that week, we heard stories of suffering, death, and survival but also stories of healing, forgiveness and new life.

Among the people who shared with us their ordeal was Doña Anita. During the war she witnessed the murder of her 14-year-old daughter Veronica, her 19-year-old son Abelardo de Jesus, her 17-year-old son Juan Manuel, and her 17-year-old nephew Roberto Giron. All were killed by the Salvadoran Military and buried impromptu in different locations throughout the hills. Since their murders in 1983 she had not been able to recover their bodies to give them a proper burial.

It was 2012 and Doña Anita had been waiting since the 1992 Peace Accords for the opportunity to recover their bodies. That very week that we were in the Soyapango neighborhood of San Salvador on our parish Mission Trip the United Nations Human Rights Commission contacted her. They told her that the day had come and that she was to show up two days later in Palo Grande (Suchitoto) with volunteers to help exhume the bodies of her children. She invited us to come and help her. So we did.

We joined some of her family members with pickaxes and shovels in hand as Doña Anita took us to the different locations where her children laid for many years. All the graves had a makeshift cross marking the place where the bodies laid. As we dug and uncovered their casket-less bodies, we noticed how they had been buried—with their feet towards the makeshift cross. Greg, from our group shared that in the US we place the cross near the head of the deceased. So, he asked why in Palo Grande they put the cross near the feet. "For a very simple reason," they told us. "So that when they rise on resurrection day, they will hold on to the two arms of the cross to help themselves out of the tomb."

I was truly moved. Such hope before immense pain.



Such simplicity before such a mystery. Isn't this after all, what we profess? That the cross of Christ is exactly the only way to resurrection?

As tears rolled down her face, Doña Anita recounted how she had already forgiven the soldiers who murdered her children. How she had attended retreats and with the support of her community she had conquered the hate that she had in her heart for those who had robbed her of her children. She shared with me: "One day, I thought about all the pain that I had gone through, and then I thought about the mothers of the soldiers who killed my children and how they too must be suffering knowing that their children were in harm's way. I couldn't help it, so I prayed to God to grant me the ability to forgive and I did." I was speechless.

As we celebrate that our God makes life triumph over death, good over evil, truth over lies, love over hatred, let us continue as a parish community to fight against evil, against lies, against all forms of hatred. Let us continue to seek the kingdom of God and his justice; that every person may know of His great love for each of us.

Happy Easter!

Fr. Manny



LET US PRAY *Together*

MASS INTENTIONS

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. Note that 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, Rachel Hohner, Angela Turley, Mary Pilarczyk, William Himmelmann, Marilyn Trant, Vivian Morales, John Okeeffe, Benjamin Blanco, Elvira Blanco, Kenneth Towers, Rosabella Payomo, Antonio Alcantara, Joe Klochan, Sue Leach, Jeff McBride, Judy LeDuc, Frank Walsh, Mario Ronchetti, Daniel Ronchetti, Patrick Bentley, Joe Camerlengo, Maria Lina Grosso and for 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

† Thaddeus Dorociak
† Gregorio Aisporna
† Pedro Aisporna
† Clementina Gamboa
† Anthony Camarda
† Yolanda Contreras
† Nala Gray
† Manuel Urquiza
† Mary McGing Durkin
† Julia Dare Van Derbeck
† Jaime Humberto Melgar Limon
† Juana Miranda
† Freddy Subia
† Gustavo Tomala
† Antonio Tomala
† Olga Guevara
† Yolanda Contreras
† Charles Gaddis
† Leticia Pensamiento
† Zoila Patricia Lucero
† Luis Angel Morocho
† Camila Uruchima
† All Souls in Purgatory

Special Prayers

Felipe Camargo & Family

Birthdays

Jefferson De Los Santos
Taguite
Maynor Enrique De Los Santos



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

† Elisa Chavez
† JoAnne Festle
† Clementina Gamboa

A MESSAGE FROM OUR *Archbishop*

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



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Easter 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

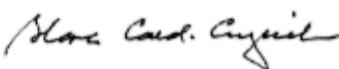
The resurrection of Jesus stands at the center of our faith. We believe, as Saint Paul says, that Jesus “died for our sins and rose for our justification.” He entered the very darkest corners of human existence, took our pain, suffering, and death upon himself, and then drew us into the fullness of risen life.

As we celebrate the Lord’s resurrection this Easter 2024, we are clearly aware of those dark corners of human existence that Jesus took upon himself. With troubled hearts, we watch war and violence unfold in the Holy Land, in Ukraine, in parts of Africa, and in our own city of Chicago. We know the crippling effects of climate change and the natural disasters that have affected so many people throughout the world. We struggle with the social and political polarization that threatens our life together.

We step back from all of this, and we can surely affirm that we need the transforming and life-giving power of the Resurrection. We also stand together as a church, a synodal church, that journeys together and reclaim our faith and trust in the power of the Risen Lord who makes all things work for the good for those who love him. We stand together in our often broken and wounded world to witness hope to all humanity, to proclaim that God’s life and not death will have the last word.

May this feast of Easter be a graced moment to rediscover and reclaim our great faith and hope in Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, who goes before us and leads us home.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago

AN EASTER Reflection

THE MEANING OF THE SEASON

While “Easter” most often refers to a single Easter Sunday on which Christians around the world celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the deeper meaning of Easter lies in this fifty-day season of feasting. In fact, “the fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one ‘great Sunday.’ These are the days above all others in which the Alleluia is sung” (UNLY, 22). We celebrate every day of this season as Easter day, and Alleluia is our song. The forty days of Lenten fasting move us into an even longer fifty days of feasting on the joy and hope of Christ’s resurrection! Living into an Easter season spirituality is vital to our faith year-round, as some have described each Sunday as a mini-Easter, a mini-celebration of the resurrection. If we celebrate the fullness of Easter joy well, we can celebrate each Sunday of the year well regardless of the liturgical season. The joy of the paschal mystery sustains us in this season.

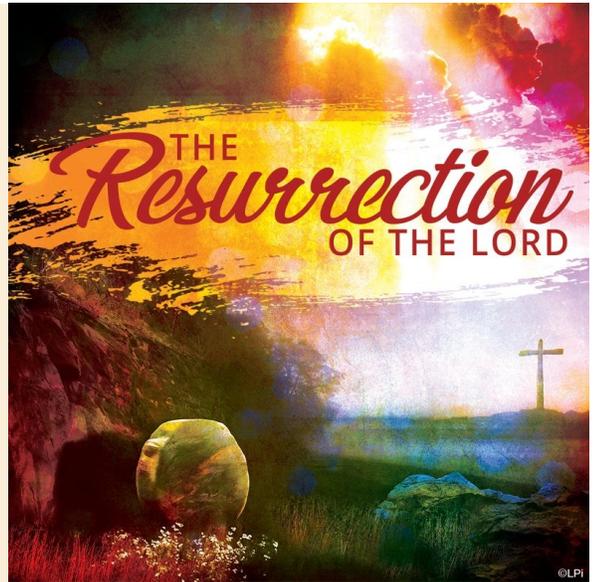
Many parishioners forget that Easter is not just one single day but rather a season of fifty days. This demonstrates a great need and opportunity for liturgical catechesis! Liturgical leaders can guide their communities to understand the theological significance of the resurrection and how necessary communal celebrations are, particularly during the days of Easter. Great care and thought are put into the Triduum celebrations, and with good reason—but your celebration of the Easter Octave can make or break the community’s engagement throughout the fifty days of Easter. Keep this in mind and dedicate time and thought to preparing for the first week, and the entire season, of Easter.

Jesus’ resurrection appearances guide us through these fifty days. A central question for reflection during this season might be, where have you encountered Christ in your life? As we hear the disciples’ stories, we turn to our own life stories, searching for the presence of Christ. On both the Second Sunday of Easter and Pentecost, we hear Jesus say to the disciples, “Peace be with you” (Jn 20:10). How has Christ wished peace upon you in times of anxiety or despair? Were you, like the disciples, surprised? These questions help us interpret the work and power of the resurrection in our daily lives.

The Easter Gospel accounts are also about discipleship. On the Sixth Sunday of Easter, Jesus says, “If you love me, keep my commandments” (Jn 14:15). On the Feast of the Ascension, he sends his followers (and in turn, each of us) to “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them . . . teaching them” and so on (Mt 28:18). Each Easter season we are challenged to respond to the call of the risen Christ in our lives. Prayer, fasting, and giving are not only themes of Lent; the work of discipleship is never complete.

On the Third Sunday of Easter we hear the narrative of the Road to Emmaus. In the breaking of the bread, Jesus’ companions finally recognize him as the risen Christ. They ask themselves, “were not our hearts burning with us?” (Lk 24:32). Easter, and particularly this third week of Easter, is a good time for communities to consider how their experience of the Eucharist leads them to recognize Christ in their midst. Well-prepared liturgy does just that: it sends communities out with their hearts burning in response to the needs of the world. Surveys and focus groups can help your liturgy team assess the effectiveness and spiritual depth of your liturgies. Informal assessment can also be helpful. Ask your parishioners how the Mass sends them forth to act differently in the world and challenge them to be specific. Listen to your congregation and learn how the work of your liturgy team shapes their lives.

In addition to these stories of the risen Christ, we also hear about the life of the early Church from the book of Acts during these fifty days of Easter. These accounts, particularly those heard on the Second and Seventh Sundays of Easter, serve as models of what the Church’s values ought to be today. Community is central to living in a post resurrection world! Communal prayer, work, and service to marginalized persons centered the life of early Christians. We hear that all wealth and belongings were shared among the baptized. Parish communities might consider during these Easter days how they are called to root themselves in this closeness and communal care. On the final day of Easter, Pentecost Sunday, we proclaim Psalm 104: “Lord send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth” (see 104:30). We likewise pray the Pentecost sequence, *Veni, Sancte Spiritus*, asking that the “most blessed Light divine, / Shine within these hearts of yours / And our inmost being fill!” Easter joy cannot be equated with mere happiness. Joy sustained over a season of fifty days blazes like that Vigil fire; it fills our hearts even when we’re annoyed, sad, or lonely. Ask God to inspire your Easter preparations this year, that each celebration of the Eucharist will kindle in those gathered the fire of God’s love—the Holy Spirit.



Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays 2023: The Almanac for Pastoral Liturgy © 2022 Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 3949 South Racine Avenue, Chicago, IL 60609

CHARITY and Service

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 **80 individuals/families** to commit to donating at least once a month.

Each sack meal should contain:

- 2 lunch meat 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 8 oz water bottle/sports drink)
- Napkin

Please pack each meal in a gallon-sized plastic bag (like Ziploc). 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 4:30-7:30pm.

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 UPDATE (3/21/2024)

Having celebrated three years of service, Saint Mary's and Our Lady of Lourdes Laundry Ministry is a response to the corporal work of mercy "clothing the naked." Each week we provide the loving act of washing the clothing for homeless LGBTQ+ youth serviced by the Center on Halsted, qualified seniors living at Town Hall Apartments and the homeless living on the street. Over the years we have provided additional services to these friends as needed. We meet each Tuesday at 3:00 PM at the parish office. **For more information or to support this ministry please contact Ron Schnorbus at rschnorbus@gmail.com**



FOOD FOR ALL: COME TO THE TABLE!

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR FOOD DISTRIBUTION HAS MOVED TO THE **FIRST SATURDAY** OF THE MONTH EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2024.

Mark your calendar: **Our next food distribution will be Saturday, April 6, 2024** on the Saint Mary of the Lake Plaza, with pre-ordering on Wednesday, April 3 and Thursday, April 4.

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 Wednesday, April 3 and Thursday, April 4 from 12:01am-11:59pm.
3. Pickup your custom order on Saturday, April 6, 2024 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.



**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

FAITH and Community

Welcome

WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

A warm welcome to our newly registered parishioners of our parish community! The following persons and families registered this past month! Welcome to Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes!

Daniella Ruz
Benjamin Tarache
David Kmetz
Leigh Gaetjens
John O'Donnell
Sarah Brush
Matthew Egan
Joseph & Ariana Alexander
Jessica Barnes

WELCOME THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH

Please pray for newest members of the Catholic Church! Keep them, their godparents and families in your prayers.

Nat Wong

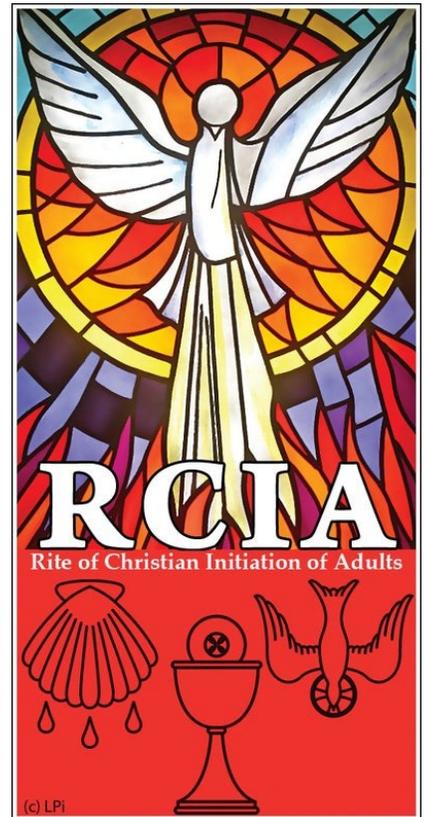
Anny Aguirre Palacios

D'Angelo Coraizaca

Amy Coyago

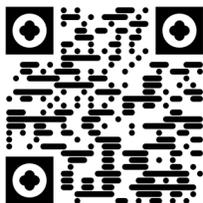
Jaylah Arizbeth Narvaez Chanalata

Hilary Yajaira Rosas-Velazquez



BECOMING CATHOLIC

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church or learning more about being Catholic and celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation? For more info please scan the QR code below or contact Marc Vega at 773-280-7700 or mvega@saintmarys.org



LITURGY *and Prayer*



CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

We invite you to save the date as we prepare to celebrate the final Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. We will gather as a community to give thanks to God for the years that Our Lady of Lourdes has faithfully served the Ravenswood community.

The regular Sunday Mass schedule will continue until Sunday, May 19th followed by one final tri-lingual Mass at 1:00pm. A celebration will follow in the Parish Hall at 1026 W. Buena Ave, Chicago, IL 60613 (Saint Mary of the Lake).

Final Mass and Celebration

Pentecost Sunday—May 19, 2024

1:00 PM (Tri-lingual)

Bishop Mark Bartosic, Presider

Our Lady of Lourdes Church
4640 N Ashland Avenue, Chicago, IL 60640

MINISTRY *Events*

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.

THE COMMUNITY OF SANT'EGIDIO

The Community of Sant'Egidio is a movement of lay people dedicated to communicating and living out the Gospel through prayer, solidarity with the poor and service to peace. It was born among high school students in Rome in 1968, in the period following the Second Vatican Council and today is present in Rome, the rest of Italy, and in seventy other countries throughout the world. This ministry meets regularly on Monday nights at 6:30pm in the St. Gabriel Chapel in the parish office. **For more info please contact Krysten McOsker at krystenmcosker@gmail.com**



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.

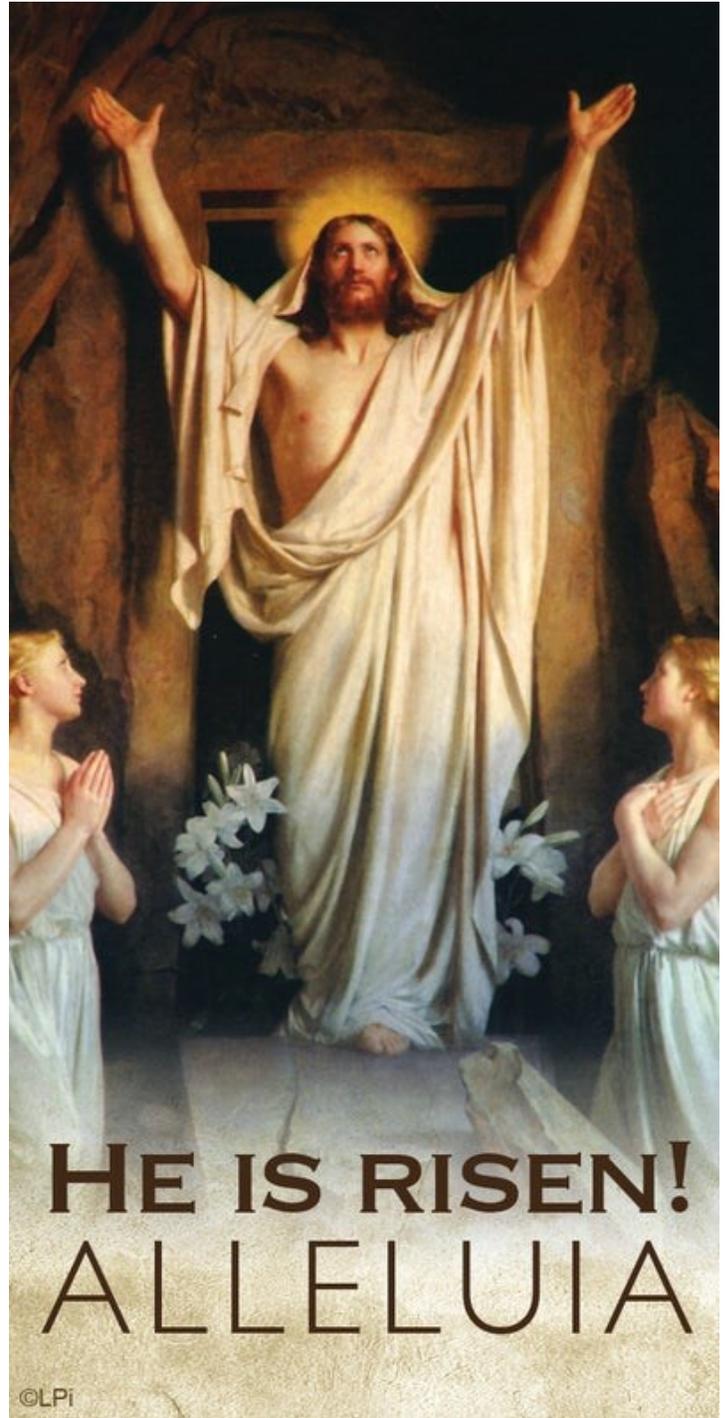
For more info or questions contact YoungAdults@saintmarys.org

Scan the QR code to be added to the email list and learn more about the upcoming events.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Consider serving in one of our liturgical ministries as a Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Altar Server, Sacristan, Greeter or Usher. We are in need of more people to help with our Sunday liturgies. Training and formation is available to prepare you to serve in these roles. If you are interested in learning more about these ministries please contact Gabriel Mayhugh at gmayhugh@saintmarys.org.



TIME • TALENT • TREASURE



Stewardship

A WAY OF LIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION MARCH 2024	MARCH 2-3	MARCH 9-10	MARCH 16-17	MARCH 23-24	MARCH 30-31
<i>Saint Mary of the Lake</i>	\$6,166.00	\$5,402.00	\$5,932.00	*ATTENTION Due to an early submission deadline we were unable to share the complete financial and attendance reports for March 2024. We will publish the full report in the May publication.	
<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	\$3,506.00	\$2,779.00	\$2,646.00		
<i>Total Online Donations</i>	\$3,012.00	\$4,620.00	\$2,538.00		
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$12,684.00	\$12,801.00	\$11,116.00		
TOTAL WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE	1,434	1,438	1,433		

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR MISSION AND PARISH!

MARCH 2024
TOTAL SUNDAY GIVING
\$36,601.00*

(FEBRUARY 2024 - \$45,955.55)

AVERAGE WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE IN MARCH 2024

861 people*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH!

GOOD FRIDAY PONTIFICAL COLLECTION
TBA

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Welcome to our parish community! If this is your first time, second or you are returning after being away, we welcome you! Thank you for being with us. We invite you to join our community in prayer at our weekend and daily Masses and our many other opportunities for prayer and worship.

If you are interested in joining our community as a member, a registered parishioner, please contact our parish office, we would be happy to meet you and welcome you.

