



MAY 2023

May 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

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 Manny*



FR. MANUEL DORANTES
PASTOR

DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS OF SAINT MARY'S AND OUR LADY OF LOURDES,

As we approach the great Solemnity of Pentecost at the end of the month, I think of my seminary studies in which we were exposed to the great work of French theologian Yves Congar. His treatise "I believe in the Holy Spirit" delves deeper into our Church's understanding of the Holy Spirit and the working of the Spirit in the life of the Church throughout the world. When I read his work, it made me reflect more deeply upon the Third Person of the Holy Trinity and the important role that the Holy Spirit has in the everyday actions we make. This month I would encourage you to reflect deeper on your own relationship with the Holy Spirit and the many gifts that you have received to be used in service of others.

This month we will be witnesses to the Gift of Courage as we welcome Nicaraguan exiled Bishop Silvio Baez to celebrate the 12:30pm mass on May 7th. Bishop Baez did not remain silent during the atrocious attacks on human dignity by government leaders on their own people in 2018. In 2019, US Intelligence discovered a credible plot to assassinate him and alerted him to the threat on his life. He did not remain silent. Pope Francis called him to Rome and asked him to go into exile fearing for his life. Since then, he has been living in the Archdiocese of Miami and will come to our parish on a pastoral visit to meet with other Nicaraguans who have been forced to leave their beloved nation due to the repression and other causes. To date it is estimated that close to two million Nicaraguans have fled since 2018. Bishop Baez continues to serve as a voice of courage and fortitude demanding an end to the current religious persecution in Nicaragua and respect for basic human rights.

The weekend of May 13th and 14th we will witness the Spirit of God transforming bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus and at work in the lives of our families as 63 of our children receive the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus for the first time. As our young people receive this Sacrament our communion lines will get a bit longer when we gather for the celebration of the Eucharist and our community will be strengthened by the grace our children will receive every time, they approach the altar to receive the Holy Eucharist.

On May 23rd we will witness the sealing of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in 34 young people of community as we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. We will welcome Bishop Ron Hicks of the Diocese of Joliet and former Vicar General of our Archdiocese who will preside at this celebration. May the Holy Spirit strengthen and confirm our 34 candidates with the gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. And through their reception of this Sacrament, may the Holy Spirit act in their lives so that they can be effective witnesses of God's love in our community and beyond the walls of Saint Mary's and Our Lady of Lourdes.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

With a grateful heart,
Fr. Manny

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 MAY

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

† Dina Kraft
† Epifanio Ortiz
† Dr. Samuel Obisesan Adedeji
† Sr. Gerald Trauscht, OP
† Rosa Maria Ruiz
† Freddy Subia
† Olga Guevara
† Armando Suyosa
† Gustavo Tomala
† Maria de la Luz Sanabria
† Carmen Rocha
† Maria Zane
† Kathy Pietschmann
† Patrick McGoe
† Tom Towers
† Kenneth W. Hansen
† Pedro Asporna
† Amros Emir Arriola
† Jose Pablo Lopez
† Etelvina Rueda
† Francisca Rebolodio
† Esteban Lubianos
† Alexis Perez
† Elia del Pilar
† Carmelita Villegas
† Alicia Sigarreta
† Jose Pablo Lopez
† Francisca Cano
† Walter Orlando Huerta
† Enriqueta Luna
† Esteban Lubianos

† Alexis Perez
† Victoriano Unzueta
† Socorro Corral
† Alfredo Martinez Coss
† Souls in Purgatory

Birthdays

Ava Dorvillier
Coralei Mondini
Maria Paula Gonzalez
Susy Ojeda
Vivian Itzel

Health

Luz Milagro Rodriguez

Anniversaries

Luisa & Arnoldo Navar (50th)

In Loving Memory

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

† Timothy Koertgen
† Dr. Samuel Obisesan Adedeji

A PASTORAL Reflection



SISTER CLAUDIA SANCHEZ, FCJ
HISPANIC MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION

MARY, A MODEL OF WOMEN AND MOTHERS

We are in the month of May, dedicated to Mary Most Holy, mother of Jesus and our mother, it is a great opportunity to learn more about her and imitate her virtues. Speaking of the maternity of Mary, we might think that with the simple fact of being the mother of Jesus she was very special, and in reality she was, but Jesus focuses us even more and calls us to look deeply. On one occasion a woman said to Jesus: "Blessed is the womb that carried you and the breasts that nursed you! But he replied: "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it." (Luke 11:28).

This response, if read superficially, seems cold and hard, but in reality, Jesus teaches us the greatness of his Mother, a woman who knows how to listen to the Word of God and fulfills it, makes it life. Mary is an attentive, caring mother, a woman obedient to the voice of God. Mary, like all the mothers in the world, welcomed her only son with so much love, welcoming in her Son the precious mystery that was wrapped within him, in this case she received the Son of God, she helped him grow and mature to the point that He began to carry out his Mission for which he came into the world, surely Mary did not understand everything that was happening, but she sensed what his mission was, and accompanied her son to the foot of the Cross, to later accept another mission of being a mother from all of us. She went through the immense pain of the death of her Son to live fully the joy of her Resurrection and with joy lead us to Him.

In this month of May, we celebrate Mother's Day, we thank God for the life and love of each mother. And we pray for each one of them, so that in imitation of our Blessed Mother they know how to guide their children, form them from a young age in the path of Truth, and really fight to accompany and encourage their children in the mission that God has given and entrusted to them.

Dear Mothers, congratulations on your day, may the Lord say of you as he said of his Mother: "Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and obey it", blessed are you who know how to welcome each of your children as a trusted gift of part of God. We pray with love for each of you. Happy Mother's Day!



CALLING US YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME

Are you new to our parish community? Have been with us for a few months or years? Are you registered as a parishioner?

Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish strives to be a spiritual home for all! Whether it be serving those most in need, praying as a community, or getting involved parish ministries, we invite you to commit to us! Becoming a "registered parishioner" allows us to officially count you and your family as members of our faith community. The number of registered members in our community is important as it is reported to the Archdiocese annually and can help determine how many priests are assigned to our parish, types resources we receive and helps the local Church keep a census of active membership within parishes.

As a registered member you will be added to our weekly e-newsletter and receive important mailings to help you learn more about how to dive deeper and engage with our parish community. You will also be given a membership number to help keep record of your Sunday Giving and general donations you make, the options to receive contribution envelopes and more.

We invite you to explore the opportunities our parish has to serve you and your spiritual needs.

To register you and/or your family or update your information, please visit the parish website at www.saintmarys.org/register.

Please feel free to contact us at 773-280-7700 or email office@saintmarys.org with any questions you may have. We look forward to welcoming you into our community!

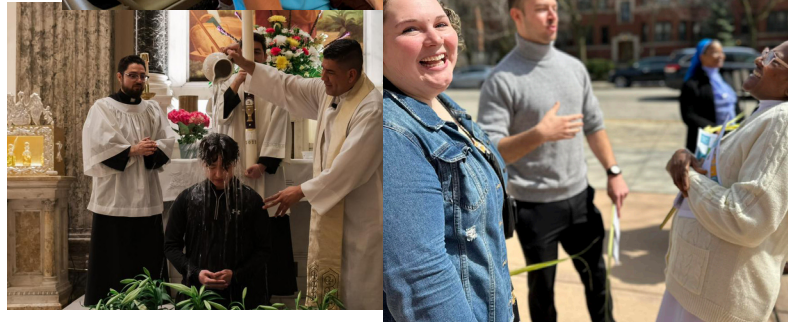


PRAY THE ROSARY

Join us in honoring our blessed Mother Mary by praying the Holy Rosary.

Throughout the month of May, the rosary will be prayed **Monday thru Friday at 7:00pm** at Saint Mary of the Lake Church.

The rosary will be prayed in English, Spanish, Tagalog, French and Italian.



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 **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 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, May 20th** on the Saint Mary of the Lake Plaza, with pre-ordering on Wednesday, May 17th and Thursday, May 18th.

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, May 17th and Thursday, May 18th from 12:01am-11:59pm.
3. Pickup your custom order on Saturday, May 20th 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.



WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

We gladly welcome the following children into the family of God and into the faith community of Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes, who were baptized during the **month of April**. Please pray for them and their families.

Millie Arrellano



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY MARRIED

We congratulate the following people who were married during the **month of April**. May they and their marriage be blessed abundantly in the years to come!

Iris Berrios-Santiago & Michael Travis Baldwin

- SACRAMENTS -



PRAY FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS

Please keep in your prayers the young men and women and children from our Religious Education Program and Adult Confirmation groups. They will receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation later this month. Also important, to pray for the candidates' families, godparents, sponsors and catechists as they conclude their final weeks of formation, preparation and discernment.

As a community of faith, we invite and welcome you to participate in these liturgies with our candidates and their families. The following dates are when our community members will receive the sacraments. All liturgies will be held at Saint Mary of the Lake.

First Holy Communion

Saturday, May 13, 2023 - 11:00am (Spanish)
Saturday, May 13, 2023 - 2:00pm (Spanish)
Sunday, May 14, 2023 - 10:30am (English)

Confirmation

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 - 7:00pm (Bilingual) w/ Bishop Ronald Hicks



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

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Seeking Christ in One Another

The funeral luncheon, the Irish wake, the vigil at an ailing loved one's bedside: in times of crisis, people gather. In moments of sadness, fear, and confusion, we gravitate toward one another. For some reason, the feelings are so much more bearable when we are not alone.

I'm sure that the disciples and their companions, gathered in the upper room after the Lord's Ascension, did all of the things we typically do at these functions. I'm sure they hugged and talked and shared food, processing together the remarkable events they had witnessed.

But we don't hear about any of that. We hear only that they prayed — fervently, and together.

Saint John Paul II famously said that "it is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you." And I think that, whenever we gather, in good times or in bad, we think we are seeking companionship — but we are actually seeking God.

As I think back on the last few crisis-gatherings my family has had, I try to remember when we have stopped everything to pray together. I can think of a few times, but to be honest, they are too few. We are usually occupied with more practical tasks: planning the funeral, talking to the doctor, making the decisions, ordering the food. Just trying to survive through it.

But this is the busywork of sorrow, and it is a waste of our time. We would do better to follow the example of the disciples and remember that, in these dire moments, God is waiting for us.

"Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks." — Psalm 27

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why Does the Church Have Different Liturgical Cycles?

Answer:

While most Catholics know that the Church Year is divided into various seasons (e.g. Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, etc.), many are unaware that the one Church Year is not like the one that follows. While the main seasons and feasts are the same from year to year, the 3-year cycle for Sundays and the 2-year cycle for weekdays means that, as a general rule, the readings in the Lectionary that we hear at Mass will change from year to year, helping us to have a richer encounter with Sacred Scripture. Each new cycle begins with the beginning of the liturgical year, the First Sunday of Advent.

The reasoning behind this innovation is outlined in Sacrosanctum Concilium, the "Dogmatic Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy" of the Second Vatican Council: "The treasures of the bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way a more representative portion of the holy scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years" (no. 51). This was fully achieved in 1969 when the new cycles of readings were approved by Pope Saint Paul VI. To learn more about the Liturgy of the Word within the Mass, visit: www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-word/index.cfm

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

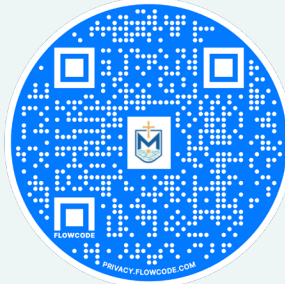
Join the Young Adults Community!

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.

For more info or questions contact YoungAdults@saintmarys.org

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

FRIDAY BIKING & FELLOWSHIP

Join your fellow parishioners for biking and fellowship on the first Friday of each month, May through October. The group meets at 6PM on the church steps. We will take a leisurely ride to a variety of points around the city, followed by fellowship at someone's home or a local establishment. All riding abilities will be accommodated and we will try to utilize bike paths or dedicated bike lanes. You are responsible for your own bike, a helmet, following signage and using hand signals.

Contact Ron Schnorbus at rschnorbus@gmail.com with questions or to be added to our email list.

SUMMER/FALL HOSPITALITY

Do you love meeting new people? Do you want to help welcome others into our parish community? As we begin to plan events for the summer and fall, we are in need of your support to form a hospitality team. You can help either with the creating of new ideas or ways of building community, especially after our Sunday Masses, or simply sign up to lend a hand when needed to serve coffee, donuts etc.

For more info or to sign-up please email Marc Vega at mvega@saintmarys.org or contact our parish office.



PENTECOST SUNDAY - MAY 28, 2023

We invite you to celebrate Pentecost Sunday with us by **wearing red!** As we join together as community to conclude the Easter season our Church celebrates Pentecost on May 28th. Red is the liturgical color for this day as well as a reminder of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

SAVE THE DATE - PORCHFEST 2023

Spend a Sunday afternoon strolling through Buena Park and enjoying live music on front porches and gardens while connecting with the community! In partnership with Buena Park Neighbors we will once again host at Saint Mary's!

Join us on **Sunday, May 21, 2023** from **2:15-4:15 PM**; on the **Belltower Garden Lawn**

We welcome musical talent from *No Kap Collective* (trumpet, sax, piano, bass and drums) and *Three Four the Road and Friends* (Guitars, harmonica, mandolin, percussion instruments, vocals)

Tickets can be purchased for the entire event at www.buenaparkneighbors.org

PARISH *Stewardship*



SUPPORT THE MISSION

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS APRIL 2023	APRIL 1-2	APRIL 8-9	APRIL 15-16	APRIL 22-23	APRIL 29-30
4:30 p.m.	\$1,354.00	No Mass	\$1,935.00	\$755.00	\$868.00
8:30 a.m.	\$889.00	\$2,543.00	\$745.00	\$876.00	\$1,076.00
10:30 a.m.	\$6,913.00	\$6,535.00	\$1,091.00	\$1,014.00	\$1,306.00
12:30 p.m.	\$2,975.00	\$2,021.00	\$894.00	\$1,068.00	\$1,032.00
5:00 p.m.	\$597.00	\$1,233.00	\$404.00	\$258.00	\$786.91
Online Giving	\$1,925.00	\$3,201.00	\$3,350.00	\$2,015.00	\$1,130.00
Saint Mary of the Lake	\$14,653.00	\$15,533.00	\$8,419.00	\$5,986.00	\$6,198.91
9:00 a.m.	\$813.50	\$1,071.50	\$652.57	\$884.40	\$797.39
11:00 a.m.	\$2,665.54	\$2,275.80	\$1,957.17	\$1,815.13	\$2,031.00
Online Giving	\$772.00	\$541.00	\$527.00	\$437.00	\$702.00
Our Lady of Lourdes	\$4,251.04	\$3,888.30	\$3,136.74	\$3,136.53	\$3,530.39
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$18,904.04	\$19,421.30	\$11,555.74	\$9,122.53	\$9,729.30

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF
OUR MISSION AND PARISH!**

APRIL 2023
TOTAL SUNDAY GIVING
\$68,732.91

(MARCH 2023 - \$48,288.80)

AVERAGE WEEKEND MASS
ATTENDANCE IN APRIL 2023
1,693 people



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES MOTHER'S DAY COLLECTION
SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023**

Your support empowers Catholic Charities to help mothers in crisis, while also offering vital longer-term services that uncover and address the root cause of their challenges, ushering women back to the path of joy and hope.

