



SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Celebrating 120 Years of Faith and Community



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, October 25, 2020

4220 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60613 | (773) 280-7700 | www.saintmarys.org

WELCOME TO SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH



Office Hours
Monday thru Friday
9:00am—7:00pm

Saint Mary of the Lake Catholic Church
4220 N. Sheridan Road
Chicago, IL 60613

P: (773) 280-7700 | www.saintmarys.org

PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Manuel Dorantes, Pastor
mdorantes@saintmarys.org

Weekend Associates

Fr. James T. Baraniak, O. Praem.
Fr. Jim Prehn, S.J.
Fr. Ismael Garcia
Resident: Fr. Tony Gittins, CSSp

Deacon

William Pyrek

Assistant to the Pastor

Marc Vega
mvega@saintmarys.org

Outreach & Justice Ministry

Claire DesHotels
cdeshotels@saintmarys.org

Music Ministry

Connor Ford
cford@saintmarys.org

PARISH STAFF

Operations & Finance

Jim Kirby
jkirby@saintmarys.org

Administrative Assistants

Mary Carravallah
mcarravallah@saintmarys.org
Mayra Garcia
mgarcia@saintmarys.org
Darlene Kelly
dkelly@saintmarys.org

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE SCHOOL

Christine Boyd, Principal
1026 W Buena Ave., Chicago, IL 60613
cboyd@saintmarys.org | (773) 281-0018

Worship with Us!

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil
4:30pm (English)

Sunday
7:30am (English)
10:30am (English)
12:00pm (Spanish)

Weekday Mass

Monday—Saturday
9:00am (English)

Adoration & Private Prayer

Thursdays—7:00-8:00pm

Reconciliation

Tuesdays—7:00-9:00pm
Saturdays—9:30-11:00am



*Join us for Mass
via Livestream!*



SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION



Michael J. Bland

Parishioner & Renew My Church Grouping Representative

After living in various areas of Chicago since 1985, I moved to Buena Park the summer of 1997 when I first attended mass at Saint Mary of the Lake. I hold a Doctorate in Ministry in Pastoral Counseling and a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology. For the past 11 years I have taught graduate students at Loyola University Chicago, I have a private clinical practice, I supervise interns and residences at Claret Center, and I consult to religious communities around issues of misconduct. I am honored to be part of the Renew My Church discernment group.

In today's Gospel the Pharisees were glad that Jesus silenced the Sadducees because they were opposed to them. The Pharisees stood for obedience to the law of Moses. They saw that the Sadducees lacked fidelity to the Covenant, which on the part of Israel meant obeying the law of Moses.

Trying to trick Jesus into saying something contrary to the law of Moses, the Pharisees asked Jesus which was the greatest commandment. Jesus responded by saying that we are to love God with all our heart, our soul, and mind. Secondly, we are to love our neighbor as our self. The Pharisees also liked Jesus' answer to the question because Jesus' response was fully supported by the law of Moses.

On the other hand, the Pharisees did not like Jesus ignoring their strict interpretation of the law. Jesus' interpretation was actually more reasonable, for he put the law in service to people. This general idea of putting people first can apply to many realities—one's work, the economy, civil law, our parish, and Renew My Church: these are made for the good of people; people are not created to serve them.

The Renew My Church process asks the question how the Wrigley Field Grouping can serve the people of the area. We are not looking to silence anyone or ask a trick question. This is a future vision not a historical view. Our grouping has entered into a discernment process to prayerfully consider possible scenarios between Saint Mary of The Lake, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Benedicts', and St. Andrew's. This week we, your parish representatives, Brian McGovern, Rosemary Ihejirka, Heather Hendrickson, Roberto Eichhorn and I, met with Fr. Manny to continue to discuss the scenarios and the parishioner input we have received so far.

We began by discussing the data from the parishes, the grouping's strengths and weakness, and the needs of our area. With the grouping we noticed a significant difference between the parishes south of Irving Park (St. Ben's and St. Andrew's) versus the parishes north of Irving Park. Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Mary of the Lake represent a remarkably diverse and bilingual community. Moving beyond buildings and masses we discussed how creating places of worship rooted in mission, ministry, and religious education is important. This is more than simply having mass in English or Spanish.

At our next full grouping meeting with the pastors, representatives from all four parish, and the Archdiocese, Ms. Christine Boyd, Principal of Saint Mary of The Lake School will make a presentation about her future vision for the school. SMOL school is known as a mission school which is subsidized by the parish. The school enrollment from 2019-2020 was 217 students. The 2020-2021 school year began with 176 students. The school has two campuses one at SMOL and a second at St. Thomas of Canterbury now part of the St. Ita. Currently, SMOL school is digital and St. Thomas of Canterbury is in-person. We look forward to hearing Ms. Boyd's future vision for the school.

We are called to love our God, to love our neighbor, and to love our self over buildings, or what was. As we embrace Renew My Church, we seek input from all parishioners. You can find more information on our parish website (saintmarys.org). You can send your input to Marc Vega at MVega@saintmarys.org who is collating all responses or you can send them to any member of the RMC parish committee. We are offering feedback to the Cardinal who will make the ultimate decision.

We are one human family whatever our country of origin, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. It also has a neighborhood reality with the core virtue of solidarity in the pursuit of justice and peace. Our hope is to be a parish in worship, ministry, mission, and evangelization.

Michael J. Bland
Michael@BlandTherapy.com

RENEW MY CHURCH



RENEW MY CHURCH UPDATE

Wrigley Field Grouping—St. Andrew Parish and School, St. Benedict Parish and School, St. Mary of the Lake Parish and School, and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Helpful Notes for Clarification BEFORE Reading RMC Scenarios

- ⇒ These initial scenarios intend to put on the table as many creative possibilities to best use buildings for making disciples, building communities, and inspiring witness. **No decisions have been made.** Your Grouping Feedback & Discernment Team may develop / consider additional scenarios it believes are viable and merit discussion.
- ⇒ Between meetings, **pray with the scenarios and process** both your emotions and logical reactions.
- ⇒ In any scenario with two or more parishes uniting, one of the churches must be designated the “parish church” where the sacramental records for the parish would be kept. When multiple churches would continue to host a regular schedule of Mass(es), which church would be designated the parish church is generally not noted in these initial scenarios. **Commentary on that issue can be included in your feedback.**
- ⇒ When parishes unite, the assets of each parish uniting together become assets of the united parish.
- ⇒ Please note schools are generally not addressed in these scenarios. Unless any comments are included within a scenario, schools would remain in their current structure and governance relationships.
- ⇒ Based on the number of pastors expected to be available across the Archdiocese in the future, **a minimum of 800 parishioners attending** weekend Mass is generally needed to be assigned a full-time, resident pastor.
- ⇒ To enliven the work of evangelization, formation, worship, and pastoral care in today’s time and culture, parishes ordinarily will build a strong a staff team to support the pastor. To support this staffing and basic operations, parishes generally will **need an operating revenue of \$750,000** or more (excluding rental income).

Your input is needed. Again, these initial scenarios are conversation starters only. **No decisions have been made.**

To view more info about the “scenarios” presented by Renew My Church please click the video link below:

[Video Message from Fr. Manny](#)

Your Feedback is NEEDED!

We are asked to provide feedback on the initial scenarios from the Archdiocese and propose alternative scenarios and configuration models.

Please submit your questions and feedback to:
mvega@saintmarys.org

Responses are needed no later than
Sunday, November 8, 2020. Thank you!

A Prayer For “Renew My Church”

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today,
as you spoke to holy men and women
who have gone before us.
In every age and in our own time,
you call to us and say: Renew My Church.
Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us,
and so enable us
to hear you clearly
to listen to each other attentively
to imagine our future boldly
to discern your direction wisely
to persevere in your holy will courageously
to stay together in charity
to surrender our own plans readily
to embrace the greater good
to hand on your gifts to future generations.
May we remain in the holy company of
the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles and all the saints.
May their example and presence
inspire us with patient confidence
in the work of your grace.
We ask this of you who live and reign
with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
forever and ever. Amen



ALL SOULS DAY MASS NOVEMBER 2

9am Eng | 6:30pm Eng | 8pm Esp

CELEBRATING DAY OF THE DEAD

All are invited to bring an image of a deceased loved one to place on the “ofrenda” or altar of the dead. Two altars will be displayed, on the “St. Mary” side altar for deceased friends and relatives and on the “St. Joseph” side altar for all those who have passed away due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

If you would like a photo on the altar and cannot attend in person please email your photo to mgarcia@saintmarys.org to be printed.

To register for the All Souls Day Masses please click the following links: [9am Eng](#) | [6:30pm Eng](#) | [8pm Esp](#)

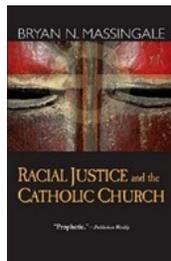
STUDY AND SHARE

Study and Share nights consist of an hour of diving into scripture or a theological/spiritual text. The hope of these nights is to both deepen our faith through solid theology as well as foster community and support through faith sharing.

The next October meetings will be held on October 27th via Zoom from 6:30pm - 7:30pm. Email Hunter D'Armond, SJ at hdarmond@jesuits.org for more information.

JOIN OUR BOOK DISCUSSION

Saint Mary of the Lake Book Club meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm via Zoom. They are discussing *Racial Justice and the Catholic Church* by Rev. Bryan Massingale, a leading black Catholic moral theologian. He addresses the thorny issue of racial justice past and present. All are welcome to attend!



Please use the following link to join:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86871856083?pwd=MFR3cUUzbnhNNEtTN1NobDF6Mm02Zz09>

WEEKEND MASS UPDATE

Starting NEXT Sunday, November 1st

7:30am English Mass will be added to our regular weekend Mass Schedule!

To register for this Mass or to help as a volunteer please call our office or [click here](#) for the link.

OPEN REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2020-2021

Registration is open! We invite all to register your children and teens for Saint Mary's Religious Education Program! All returning students, especially those interested in First Communion and Confirmation preparation should call us or visit our website to register. Our team is currently planning for a hybrid model of both in-person and virtual classes.

A deposit of \$50.00, copy of the child's Birth and Baptismal Certificate are due at the time of registration.

CATECHISTS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you are interested in sharing and teaching the faith to the young people of our parish, YOU MAY BE CALLED TO BE A CATECHIST! We are looking for adult catechists (18+), general volunteers and catechists aides (adult or high school teens).

For more information or to volunteer your help, please contact Marc Vega at mvega@saintmarys.org or visit www.saintmarys.org/religiouseducation



OUTREACH AND JUSTICE MINISTRY



SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



LAKEVIEW
PANTRY

stronger together

SAINT MARY'S AT LAKEVIEW PANTRY



Last Sunday, October 18, 2020...

Saint Mary's at Lakeview Pantry distributed to **44** households serving **152** individuals...

37 home deliveries were made...

11 volunteers supported us in this effort...

Each of these volunteers was with us for 3 hours, and served a total of **33** volunteer hours!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please sign up for a volunteer shift [here!](#)

For more info contact: Claire DesHotels
cdeshotels@saintmarys.org or 773-280-7700 ext. 401

FOOD DISTRIBUTION:

Every Sunday— 1pm to 3pm

Come to Lakeview Pantry at 3945 N. Sheridan Rd.

Please wear a mask.

Bring bags or a cart to carry the food boxes home with you.

ST. THOMAS SOUP KITCHEN

St. Thomas of Canterbury Soup Kitchen is seeking volunteers on Tuesdays and Fridays from 2:00 – 7:00 pm. They offer a bagged meal program so volunteers would prepare food, fill the bags, and carry bags to the door. Br. Don works the door, so there is limited guest contact.

Call Joseph Murry at 773-802-4800 to volunteer.



"Eradicate all forms of racism." - St. John Paul II

PASTORAL REFLECTION



Fr. Anthony Gittins, CSSp.

Resident Priest

“THE WIND WAS AGAINST THEM.” (Mark 6:48)

We all recall the story of the Multiplication of Loaves: with five loaves and two fish, Jesus fed 5000 people -- “not counting women and children” (Mk 6:44). If women and children had been counted, the total would have been upwards of fifteen thousand. You might think that the Twelve would be deeply impressed by Jesus’ action and mesmerized by his presence. But they were still very immature, as Mark’s gospel account will point out.

Having been depleted by the expenditure of his Godly power, Jesus, as so often, needed to be replenished by his prayerful intimacy with his *abba*: he needed to be alone in prayer. Only then would he have the divine energy for the days to come.

Consequently, at this point he told his disciples row back across the Lake – a simple, routine task for rugged fishermen – and he would join them the following day. Mark’s account notes that Jesus could still see them as they began to struggle, “worn out because the *wind was against them*.” Something was going badly wrong. A few minutes later, Jesus came walking toward them on the lake. The gospel says “he was going to pass them by,” which is certainly quite strange in the circumstances. But they saw him, failed to recognize him, and panicked. Terrified, these hardy men thought they were seeking a ghost.

At this point, Matthew’s account tells us that brave Peter gets out of the boat and walks toward Jesus, but his courage fails and he begins to sink. When Jesus joins them in the boat, the wind dropped and the disciples “bowed down before him, and said, ‘truly you are the Son of God’.” (Matt 14:22-33). But Mark, whose account is the older, shows us, not the disciples’ faith, but their weakness. Jesus first tells them not to be afraid, then joins them in the boat, “*and the wind dropped*.” This is Mark’s second reference to the wind. What might he be implying?

Wind is often used as an image or metaphor of God’s Spirit. At Pentecost when these same disciples were gathered – in fear again – “they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven” (Acts 2:1) as the Holy Spirit descended on them and radically transformed them.

And the very first verse of the Book of Genesis tells us that “the wind hovered over the waters of chaos,” as primeval chaos was transformed into creation.

Could Mark’s use of the phrase “the wind was against them,” be telling us that the disciples’ problem is somehow related to the Holy Spirit? After all, the Sea of Galilee (also known as Lake Tiberias, or the Lake of Gennesaret) was their own neighborhood and very familiar fishing ground; they should have known how to deal with a contrary wind – by turning toward it. But Mark wants to tell us about their stubbornness or immaturity, and one way of describing that is to say it is resistance to, or turning away from, the wind of Holy Spirit. It is not so much that the wind was against them, as the very opposite: they were at odds with the wind.

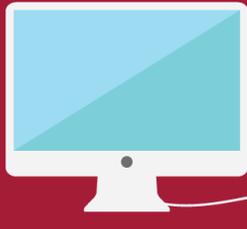
As soon as Jesus got into the boat with them, the wind dropped. There is no longer any need to fight against the wind (the Spirit). God is there, wherever we are. And Mark underlines his point with the final comment: “They were utterly and completely dumbfounded, because they had not understood what the miracle of the loaves meant; their minds were closed.”

We, too, have a long way to go: from resistance to cooperation, and from fear to faith.

Anthony J. Gittins, CSSp.

anthonygittins@aol.com

JOIN SAINT MARY'S IN PRAYER



ONLINE REGISTRATION

REGISTER FOR MASS

If you would like to attend any of our services in person, we ask that you please take the time to pre-register online or call the parish office.

To **register online**, follow these steps:

1. Visit <https://www.saintmarys.org/reopensacraments.html>
2. Select **"Sign up here"** for your mass or service date and time
3. Check the box **"Sign Up"** for this selection
4. Click on **"Submit and Sign Up"**.
5. **"Quantity"** select one (1) pew for parties up to six (6) people.
6. **Enter your first and last name and email address** for contact tracing information.
7. Click on **"Sign Up Now"**. A confirmation email will be sent.

By pre-registering you are helping us make sure we do not go above our current socially distancing capacity and are helping us care for the health of our community by providing us with contact tracing information should a COVID-19 positive case arise at the mass or service you attended.

Pre-register online:

<https://www.saintmarys.org/reopensacraments.html>

Pre-register by phone: **773-280-7700**

Prayer Requests for Week of October 18, 2020

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

Deceased

+Margarita Acevedo	+Guido & Dora Badino
+Gloria Carrasco	+Philip Faro, Sr.
+Jean Salamanski	+Esperanza Sifuentes
+Dorothy J. Wells	+Monsignor Charles Meyer

Health / Other

"Saint Mary's at Lakeview Pantry" Volunteers
Mary Zickus, Anthony Brach, Bill & Mary Donahue,
Liza Agapito

To request a prayer intention please visit <https://www.saintmarys.org/candle.html>

Live the Gospel of *Life* | RESPECT
LIFE
MONTH

MAKING A RESERVATION AND/OR CANCELING A RESERVATION

Reservations are required to attend Mass, Reconciliation, or Private Prayer and must be made 24-hours in advance. To comply with COVID-19 restrictions, limited seating is available. One slot (quantity) equals one pew with a limit of 6 per household in the pew. While we look forward to seeing you, if you have a fever or feel sick, stay at home.

If you are unable to attend any service, please cancel your reservation in Signup Genius or by calling the parish office, to allow someone else to attend.

Stay Connected on Social Media! @saintmaryschi [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#)

PARISH STEWARDSHIP



Sunday Collections	September 26-27, 2020	October 3-4, 2020	October 10-11, 2020	LAST WEEK October 17-18, 2020
4:30pm Mass	\$ 1,125	\$ 966	\$ 1,281	\$ 1,122
10:30am Mass	\$ 713	\$ 1,938	\$ 2,342	\$ 1,360
12pm Spanish Mass	\$ 3,305	\$ 1,076	\$ 782	\$ 576
Online Giving	\$ 3,327	\$ 3,900	\$ 2,065	\$ 2,592
TOTAL	\$ 8,470	\$ 7,880	\$ 6,470	\$ 5,650
Weekly Need:				\$ 10,561.00
(Shortfall)				\$ (4,911.00)

Since COVID-19 an average of

68 Parish Families

Contribute towards the Mission of Saint Mary's on a weekly basis.

With the cancellation of all in-person liturgical celebrations, we continue to receive donations via regular mail or online. Before the stay-at-home mandate, we almost reached 70% of our weekly need. Currently, our weekly need is not being met – but our bills remain. Please consider joining these 68 generous parish families in supporting our Mission.

TO DONATE ONLINE

To donate directly from your bank account at no cost to you and no cost to our parish please use [Zelle Quick Pay](#).

Send your donation to donate@saintmarys.org

To donate using a [Credit Card](#) please visit our website or sign up at <https://abundant.co/stmaryofthelake/give>



SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Thank you for making a difference!

Your continued generosity and support of Saint Mary of the Lake parish community is greatly appreciated!