



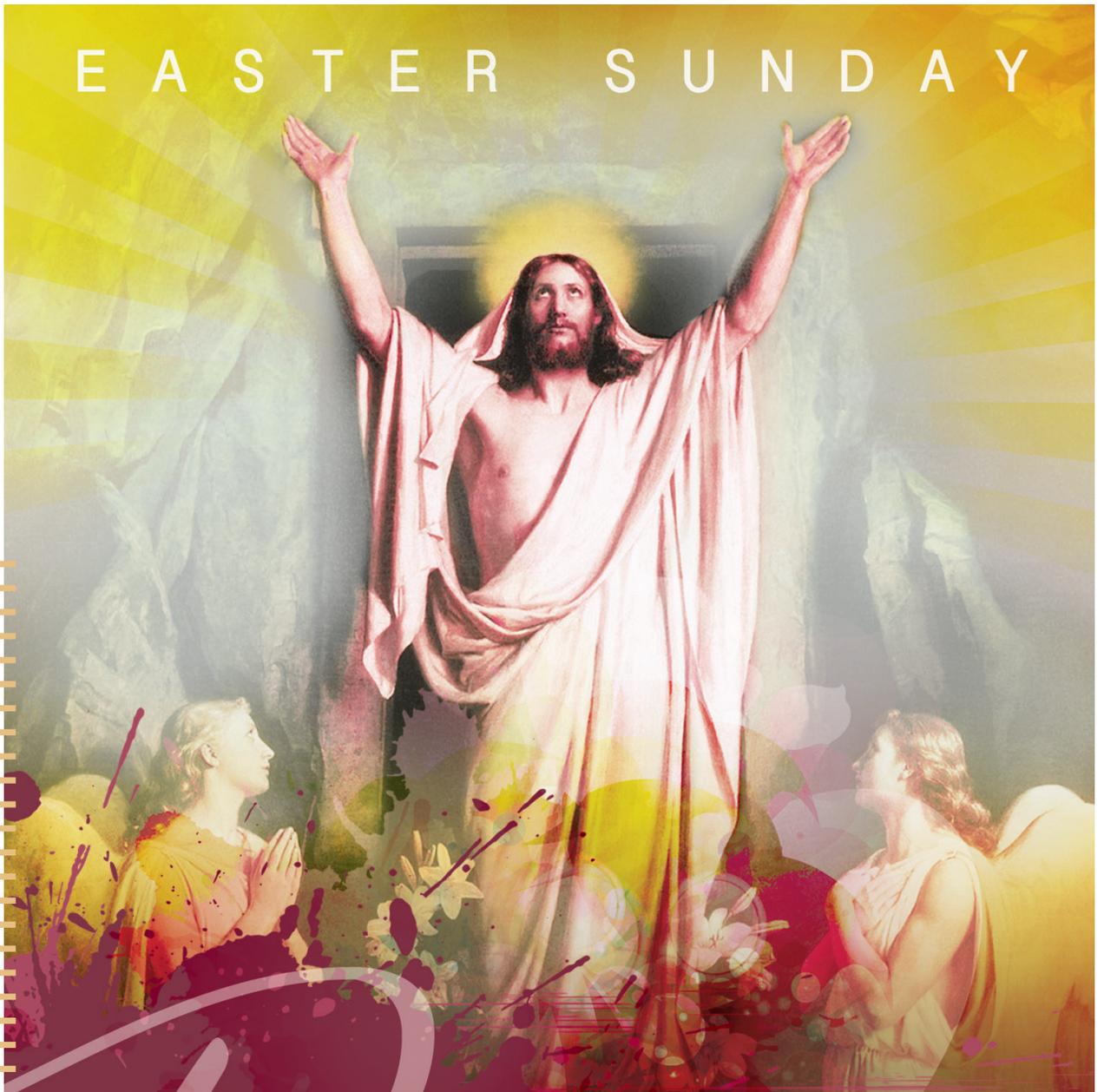
SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Celebrating 120 Years of Faith and Community

EASTER SUNDAY | SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021

E A S T E R S U N D A Y



WELCOME TO *Saint Mary of the Lake*



Worship with Us!

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil
4:30 p.m. (English)

Sunday

8:30 a.m. (English)
10:30 a.m. (English)
12:00 p.m. (Spanish)

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday - Saturday
9:00 a.m. (English)

ADORATION & PRIVATE PRAYER

Monday - Friday
9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Located in the St. Gabriel Chapel of the Parish Office

RECONCILIATION

Saturday, April 17, 2021
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 20, 2021
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Call our Parish Office to register.

CLICK HERE
to join us for
Livestreamed Mass!



www.saintmarys.org/mass

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR *Pastor*



FR. MANUEL DORANTES
PASTOR

DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS OF SAINT MARY'S,

The Lord has risen from the dead!
Alleluia!

The Church throughout the world rejoices as we remember that God did not abandon His only Son in the arms of death but raised Him on that first Easter Sunday. Our community at Saint Mary's participates in that joy as we live out our faith in the Risen Christ together.

Today I give thanks for your presence in our midst, whether you have been a committed member of our community or whether you are visiting for the first time. The gift of your presence is essential towards our goal of building a community centered on Christ and His message.

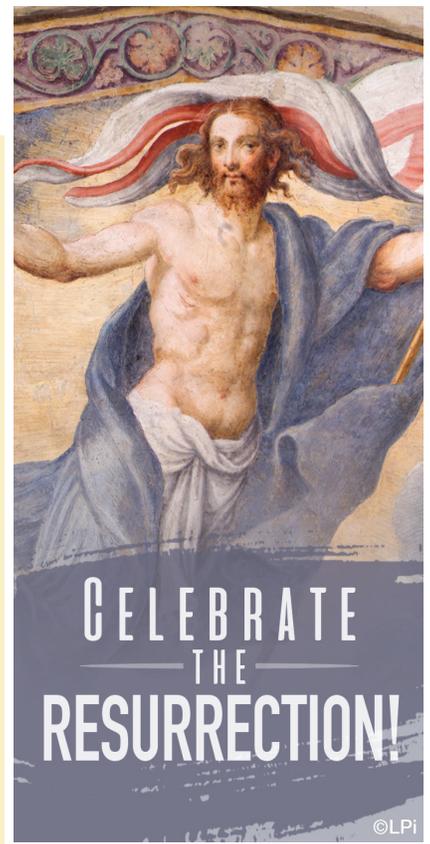
There are many signs of life and growth here at Saint Mary's. Last night at the Easter Vigil we were excited to welcome into the Catholic Church two young adults who were never baptized in any faith tradition and six young adults formally entered the Catholic Church from other Christian traditions or completed their Sacraments of Initiation. We are overjoyed that these eight men and women want to follow Christ more fully by living out that faith in our community. If you see them, please introduce yourself to them and welcome them.

I now encourage you to take the joyful announcement of Easter beyond our church walls. Saint Paul exhorts the Christian Community in Corinth: *"Therefore, let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."* In other words, the beauty, the goodness, the truth of what we have experienced this weekend in our worship must be lived out by the way we live.

But how to we do that in 2021? Perhaps this thought from the Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman can help us: *"We unite ourselves with Christ's redemptive work when we reconcile, when we make peace, when we share the good news that God is in our lives, when we reflect to our brothers and sisters God's healing, God's forgiveness, God's unconditional love. Let us be practical, reaching out across the boundaries of race and class and status to help somebody, to encourage and affirm somebody, offering to the young an incentive to learn and grow, offering to the downtrodden resources to help themselves."*

May the joy that Easter brings be yours!

Fr. Manuel Dorantes
Fr. Manuel Dorantes



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SUNDAY READINGS

APRIL 4, 2021

First Reading:

“To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.” (Acts 10:43)

Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118)

Second Reading:

Think of what is above, not what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. (Col 3:2-3)

Gospel:

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. (Jn 20:8)

APRIL 11, 2021

First Reading:

“To With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. (Acts 4:33)

Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord, for his is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)

Second Reading:

Everyone who believe that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. (1 Jn 1:1a)

Gospel:

Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” (Jn 20:21)

APRIL 18, 2021

First Reading:

The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. (Acts 3:15)

Psalm:

Lord, let your face shine on us. (Ps 4)

Second Reading:

He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. (1 Jn 2:2)

Gospel:

“Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name.” (Lk 24:46-47)

APRIL 25, 2021

First Reading:

“There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

Psalm:

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. (Ps 118)

Second Reading:

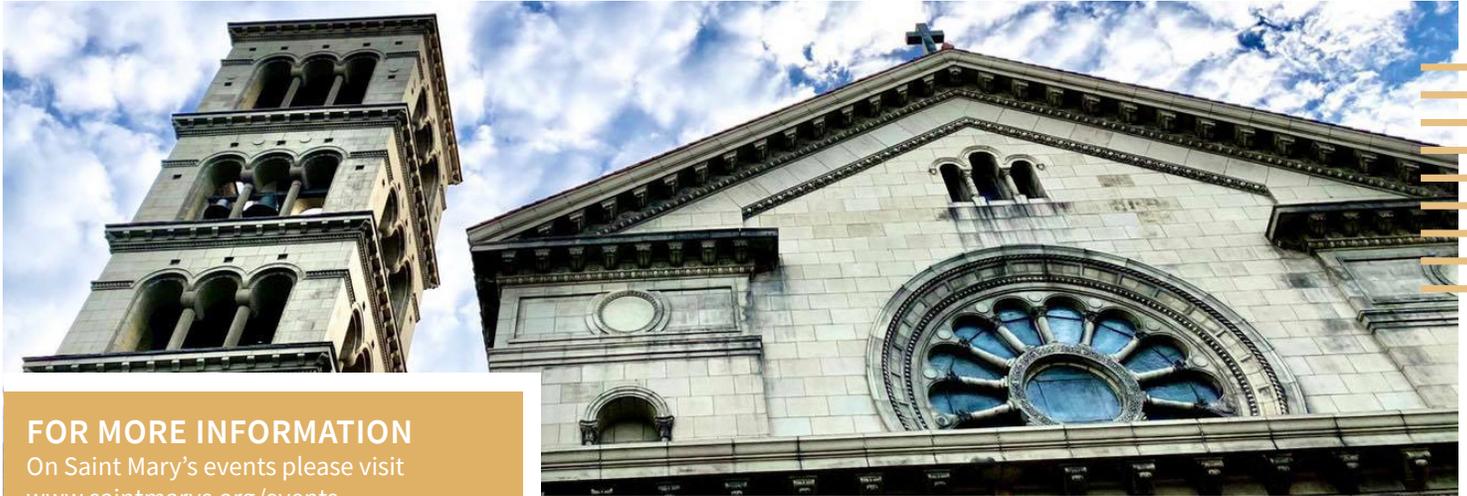
Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (1 Jn 3:2)

Gospel:

“I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.” (Jn 10:14-15)



He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:5-7



FOR MORE INFORMATION

On Saint Mary's events please visit
www.saintmarys.org/events

NAVIGATING DIVORCE MINISTRY

This ministry consists of confidential 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. The sessions are open and honest expecting individual involvement only when and if the participant feels the need to comment. Each one hour session is facilitated by Dr. Milt Kobus with assistance from Deacon William Pyrek.

For more information

Please contact Dr. Milton Kobus drmkobus@gmail.com

Sundays – 8:45-9:45am via Zoom

April 4 – No Meeting | April 11 | April 18 | April 25



IN SUPPORT OF OUR LGBTQ COMMUNITY

Recently the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in the Vatican issued a statement regarding the blessing of same-sex unions. It is understandable that parishioners who identify with the LGBTQ community, and others, have reacted with disappointment, frustration, and even hurt. We are grateful to those who have reached out to us to share their pain and confusion. We have met as pastoral staff, parish leadership, and the priests who serve at Saint Mary of the Lake, and all of us are committed to redoubling our efforts to be creative and resilient in finding ways to welcome and encourage all LGBTQ people in our family of faith. LGBTQ parishioners and friends know that we cherish your presence, ministry, and leadership; you are a blessing to our faith community.

Christ suffered, died and rose from the dead, for all of us.

Everyone has a place at Saint Mary's.

Saint Mary's Pastoral Staff
Parish Pastoral Council

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Our "Study and Share" nights are focused on scripture in both their theological/historical meaning as well as how and why it matters to our own lives.

In our "Fridays with Friends and Jesus" we gather together for some type of prayer together followed by a social.

April 13th at 7pm: Study and Share

(Zoom)

April 23rd at 7pm: Friday with Friends and Jesus

(in person at the Church)

April 27th at 7pm: Study and Share

(Zoom)

Contact: Seminarian Hunter D'Armond, SJ at
hunter.darmond@gmail.com



YOUNG ADULTS CAMPING TRIP

April 30th - May 2nd

For more information or to sign-up for the camping trip please contact Katie Arnold: karnold1419@gmail.com

A MESSAGE FROM OUR *Archbishop*



“May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.”

EASTER 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Once again this year we celebrate Easter in the midst of a pandemic, in a time of social unrest, and in a period of natural disasters that seem to be consequences of climate change. So, our mood may be somber or even sad. Still, there are reasons for hope and optimism. The vaccines are addressing the pandemic. Our commitment to justice for all people can reshape our life together. And each of us can do our part in making a difference to forestall climate change. But there are even stronger foundations of hope for us as people of faith and followers of Jesus.

In the Resurrection of Jesus, we begin to share in the victory of life over death, grace over sin, and hope over despair. In faith, we know the direction of our future.

Although we cannot and ought not to deny our struggles, we move forward through them with a resilient confidence rooted in the power of the Risen Lord Jesus.

At the Easter Vigil during the lighting of the Paschal candle from the new fire, I pray in your name: “May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.” And I will continue to raise that prayer to God for all of us in this holy season. Join me in that same prayer and lift up your petition with a confident and trusting heart. May God bless, keep, and protect you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Blase Cardinal Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

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LET US PRAY *Together*

REGISTERING FOR MASS

To attend Mass in person, we ask that you pre-register online or call the parish office. Registration is only available for two weeks into the future. If you find you are unable to attend a Mass as it nears the date, please cancel the reservation so others are able to attend.

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 up to six (6) people who can sit together.
- 6 Enter your first and last name, email and phone number for contact tracing and registration re-minder.
- 7 Click on "Sign Up Now". A confirmation email will be sent.

By pre-registering you help us maintain our current socially distancing capacity and help 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 attend.

PRE-REGISTER ONLINE:

<https://www.saintmarys.org/reopensacraments.html>
Pre-register by phone: 773-280-7700

TODAY
IS THE DAY OF

ALLELUIA



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

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

Deceased

+Jose Pilar Casas
+Thaddeus Dorociak
+Bernice Faro
+Charles Gaddis
+Dennis Ginosi
+Nala Gray
+Consuelo Lanuza De Franco
+Jose Manuel Prieto
+Armando Suyosa
+Elias Salazar

Other

Anna Genevieve Martinez
Eva Catalina Prieto –
15th Birthday



EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

In Memory

+Carmen Garcia
+Frank Jimenez
+Eulalio Ruiz
+John Troxell
+Donald Williams

In Honor

Carl Hendrickson

LIGHT A CANDLE

www.saintmarys.org/candle

MASS INTENTION REQUEST

To request a Mass Intention for a loved one please call the office or visit www.saintmarys.org/mass-intention-request. The suggested donation is \$15 per intention.

OUTREACH & Justice



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please contact Mayra Garcia
mgarcia@saintmarys.org

TUESDAYS WITH FIESTA MEXICANA RESTAURANT

Fiesta Mexican Restaurant will be offering a Buy 2 Give 1 partnership with Saint Mary's at Lakeview Pantry. For every 2 a la carte taco meals purchased FMR will contribute 1 taco to the guests at the pantry.

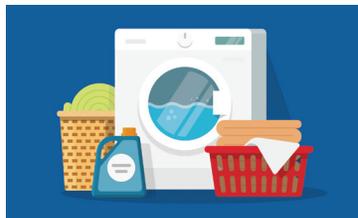
Support this partnership on the following dates:
Tuesday, April 6th | Tuesday, April 13th

LAUNDRY MINISTRY

Wednesdays 3:30-7:00pm

Locations: Center on Halstead or Our Lady of Lourdes Soup Kitchen
To volunteer:

www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0444aba723a4f49-laundry2



Saint Mary of the Lake's Outreach and Justice Ministry seeks to transform faith into action in the greater community. Catholic Social Teaching calls us to live the gospel by addressing the social issues of our time. We do so by accompanying the most marginalized among us, seeking to transform unjust systems that cause harm, and honoring the dignity of all people on earth.

 SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

 FEEDING HOPE
SINCE 1978 LAKEVIEW
PANTRY

SAINT MARY'S POP-UP PANTRY!

Receive FREE food for you and your loved ones!

Dry goods and produce will be distributed every Sunday.



SUNDAYS, 1:00 - 3:00PM
LAKEVIEW PANTRY
3945 N. SHERIDAN RD.



Please remember to wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines!

SAINT MARY'S AT LAKEVIEW PANTRY

All who are in need can receive food every Sunday from 1-3pm located at Lakeview Pantry 3945 N Sheridan Rd, Chicago, IL 60613. Each household can receive one box of fresh produce and one box of non-perishable dry goods. **Please note Lakeview Pantry will be closed on Sunday April 4th.**

Sundays 1:00-3:00pm

www.saintmarys.org/popuppantry

To volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0444aba723a4f49-saint>

To donate:

<https://abundant.co/stmaryofthelake/Popupfoodpantry>

OUTREACH & Justice



REFLECTION FROM VOLUNTEER DAVID JOHN PRAJKA *Parishioner & Pantry Volunteer*

It has been said that “the best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others”. I have always thought about volunteering but could always find a reason or an excuse not to. Too busy at work, too many family commitments and not enough time in the day were some of my favorite excuses. Then the Pandemic hit, and we were all forced to re-adjust our schedules and more importantly, our priorities. I felt the need to do something and the Saint Mary of the Lake Pop-up Food Pantry, to me, was the answer.

Focusing on giving back to my community also gave me time to think about all the questions I had. Why is this happening, why would our loving and nurturing God allow this to happen, why are the people that are just barely getting along the hardest impacted by the pandemic. Experiencing the Pop-up Pantry, the hard work, the feel of community from not only parishioners, but also local neighbors, helped me to sort out some of the answers that I was seeking.

Additionally, I made so many great friends and felt closer to the church and my community than I ever did before. The work was strenuous between the early morning truck unloading, stacking boxes in the church, running back and forth making sure all the tables had supplies during the Sunday distributions but the work was rewarding and I will never forget the feeling of belonging as well contributing back to others. Even when we transitioned to Saint Mary’s at the Lakeview Pantry location, the friendships made, the friendly waging of total boxes distributed, and the ability to get to know the staff, fellow parishioners, and neighbors better during the slow times are memories that I will always cherish.



The last year and a half have not been easy for me, (or for many), not only because of the pandemic, but also because I experienced many changes in both my professional and personal life. The feeling of purpose and that I can contribute my time and energy to help others, as well as being part of a solution, helped me get through the tough times and gave me something to look forward to. I remember the first time I volunteered and the nervous feeling and stress, but I am also glad I stepped out of my comfort zone as I feel it made me a better person and helped me grow as an individual!

Volunteering may not be the answer for everyone right now as we all have our own level of risk that we can tolerate, or we may have a different opinion of what is the best way to give back, but from my experience with the Pop-up Pantry and now at the Lakeview Food Pantry, I have a new outlook on life. My definition of what success and community means and more importantly, what it means to live your best life have never been clearer and more defined as I was able to find myself in my service to others!



A REFLECTION FROM ANNE LIU

Anne was baptized and fully welcomed into the Church at the Easter Vigil on April 3, 2021

WHY ST. MARY OF THE LAKE AND WHY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Simply put, God brought me here. Whether it was passing St Mary's on my drive home from work or being sick of watching 4 video sermons from 4 different Churches each Sunday during last year's restricting Covid months- the moment I decided to set foot into St. Mary's I felt an inner Peace that told me I was in the right place- and I felt comforted.

Speaking to Father Manny, meeting Elena Morales (my sponsor and church-mom as I like to call her), and attending RCIA class were 3 important steps that made me more certain that I wanted to go back to the 1st Church I had stepped foot in as a child in Germany- the Catholic church. Hebrews 11:6 reminds us that "It is impossible to please God without faith". Since our faith is our foremost priority in life and the purpose of life is to get to Heaven and to bring as many souls as possible closer to God as part of our missionary duty on Earth, it is vital to practice unshakeable faith and obedience to God's law above human law/ societal norms- it is tremendously helpful to see others striving for the same good and divine Purpose.

I am 33 years old and I can say with confidence that my faith has never felt more solid. I have built it on an everlasting foundation that is Jesus Christ and the knowledge that this cannot ever be taken from me. Though the mountains may crumble and the oceans may rise, God is unchanging and omnipotent and all-knowing. For years I struggled with issues of self doubt, family dysfunction, disappointment in people and relationships, perceived failures at school and at work. My identity was very much rooted in this world and my abilities as well as how others saw me. In 2018 I found myself in Chicago and I set out to find a home church. For a while I attended a non-denominational Church full of young professionals that had a great Worship Team and I was privileged to meet very special people there. When I learned that the only identity that really matters is the one in Christ- and rooting myself to this unflinching anchor, a weight was lifted off my heart. Sharing my faith with others and seeing the miracles God performed in other believers' lives was inspiring and I knew then that a Church community

was very important. Internally, for so long, I felt burdened by expectations and by myself; I had forgotten how to breathe properly and give my burdens to my Heavenly Father- my yoke was easy but I made it more difficult. Focusing on my faith and putting a lot of my time and thoughts on God was an act that led me to freely share my mind with the one Being who truly understood me and knew me before I knew myself.

I dared to pray for things that I had been afraid to ask for: family unity, mending relationships, financial blessings, and finally, a man of God that would share the love I feel for Him and who would prioritize his faith and doing good for others above all else (family, friends, career) too.

Slowly and in God's perfect time, all those prayers and prayer diary entries started to bear fruit. My relationship with my family was starting to heal, old friends came back, new friendships were cemented, I met and started dating a good man and fellow believer,

FAITH Formation

and I was more than fine during Covid as I was used to being alone and not feeling lonely because God blessed me with more than enough.

Unconditional Love and Security can truly only come from Above and God has shown me greater Love and Compassion than I have ever known. He gave me shelter, food, and even when I was furloughed for 3 months at work, I felt assured nothing bad would happen and remembered to trust in God to take care of me. Since then I have gone back to my company and even on stressful days, I try to remember to be grateful and to practice inner serenity: work and keeping busy are blessings and unnecessary complaining is the opposite of gratitude.

As far as growing in my faith goes, RCIA Class has been another welcome addition to my schedule- it is so encouraging that other people are seeking God and sharing poems, insights, videos, etc. anything that helps me understand who God is even more. I am very curious about knowing more of the Bible and really do look forward to becoming a stronger believer and combining my passion for charity with the joy I feel when I go to Church. Hopefully this year allows more opportunities to commune in small groups for Bible studies, etc. and for deepening understanding of God/ His commandments, how to become more like Jesus and seeing the transformation in my own life.

I feel at peace at where I am and my curiosity about the nature and goodness of God has only grown. In a way, I sense that I have come full circle back to the beginning- barely understanding in Kindergarten why we went to Catholic church to get a chocolate filled paper goose around Christmas time- or why nuns came to my door to bless me, becoming a non-denominational Christian through the most turbulent years of my life, and finally arriving at St. Mary of the Lake and being baptized this April in the Catholic Church. This is where God has led me in His infinite Wisdom and I welcome the path ahead knowing that He has brought me to a safe place filled with good people of God and that He has blessings aplenty in store for me as I prepare my days in wait for His return and live in a way that pleases my Almighty Father in Heaven's heart.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON BECOMING CATHOLIC

Please contact Marc Vega mvega@saintmarys.org



Confirmation Class Service Day of February 21, 2021



In-person Religious Education Class for our 4th-6th grade students

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sundays 9:00-10:15am

April 4 - No Classes/Easter Sunday

April 11 - Virtual Class

April 18 - Virtual Class

April 25 - In-person Class

May 2 - In-person Class/Last Day

PRAY FOR OUR ADOLESCENT CONFIRMATION CLASS

Mackenzie Fernandez

Marlene Gonzalez

Brayan Marin

Veronica Ojeda

Joshue Quezada

Angelina Solis

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEOPHYTES AND CONFIRMANDI!

Donovan Davis

Anne Liu

Justin Gauna

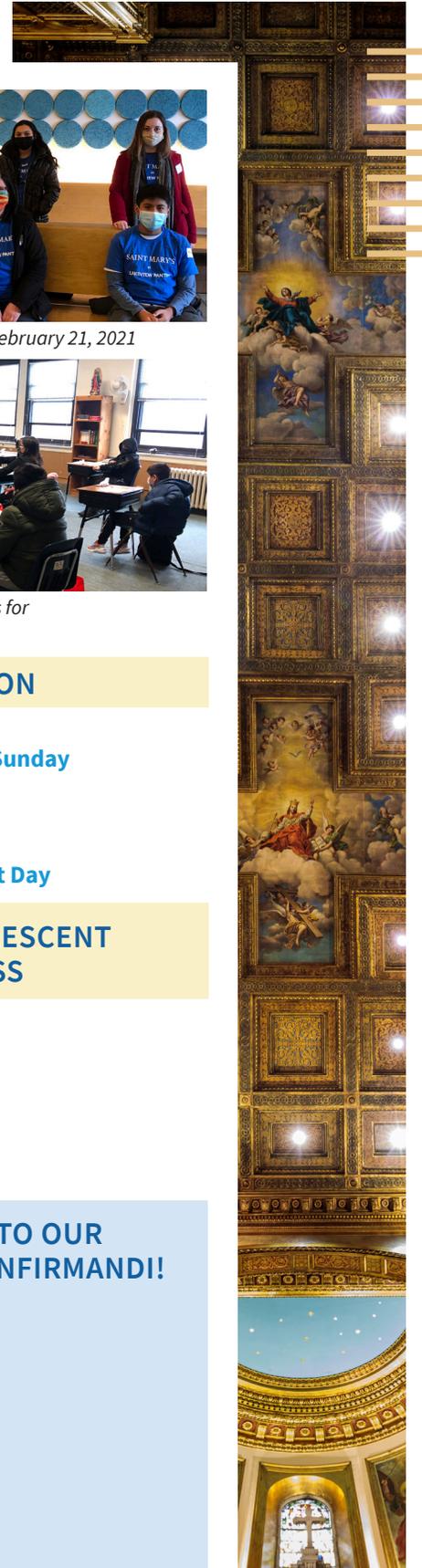
Jeremy Liggett

Maria Martinez

Nicholas Rogers

Christopher Trinkus

Andre Zeromski



PARISH *Stewardship*



SUPPORT THE MISSION

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	MARCH 6-7, 2021	MARCH 13-14, 2021	MARCH 20-21, 2021	MARCH 27-28, 2021
4:30 p.m.	\$ 815	\$ 392	\$ 626	\$ 379
7:30 a.m.	\$ 1,141	\$ 1,323	\$ 1,032	\$ 520
10:30 a.m.	\$ 969	\$ 832	\$ 719	\$ 1,255
12:00 p.m. Spanish Mass	\$ 485	\$ 395	\$ 2,226	\$ 696
Online Giving	\$ 2,493	\$ 2,625	\$ 3,245	<i>Not Available Before Publication Deadline</i>
TOTAL	\$ 5,903	\$ 5,567	\$ 7,848	\$ 2,850

Total Giving for March: **22,168**

Monthly Need: **42,244**

Shortfall: **20,076**

IN PERSON MASS PARTICIPATION

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE	MARCH 6-7, 2021	MARCH 13-14, 2021	MARCH 20-21, 2021	MARCH 27-28, 2021
4:30 p.m.	64	62	67	50
7:30 a.m.	34	24	30	40
10:30 a.m.	82	87	76	121
12:00 p.m.	95	93	110	143
TOTAL	275	266	287	354

Note that the maximum capacity in our worship space is 140 individuals.

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>