

SEPTEMBER 2024

September 1-30

**SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE
AND OUR LADY OF LOURDES
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

WELCOME TO OUR *Parish Community*

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SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE AND OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH

Worship of God and Service to the Poor

MASS TIMES

SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil
4:30 PM - English
6:30 PM - Spanish

Sunday
8:30 AM - English
10:30 AM - English
12:30 PM - Spanish
6:30 PM - English

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

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Monday - Friday
9:00am - 8:00pm

Saturdays & Sundays
9:00am - 2:00pm

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH
(4640 N Ashland Avenue) is closed for
worship as of May 20, 2024.

****Parish Transportation is AVAILABLE**
from Our Lady of Lourdes for parishion-
ers who need assistance getting to
Saint Mary's. **Please call the parish by**
Friday to arrange for pick-up.

A MESSAGE FROM *Father Vince*

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

“Where did summer go?” Each year, when the school year starts, when we turn the burgers on the grill on Labor Day weekend, and when Sunday afternoons begin to be filled with football games, it is not unusual for many of us to express a certain amount of amazement and regret that summer has slipped away. As we begin to anticipate the upcoming change of the seasons, I hope that all of us can look back over the last three months and notice that at least some enjoyable experiences came our way during this past summer.

As I read ahead in our weekend liturgical Readings, I noticed that on September 15th we will hear a very important Gospel passage. It appears in similar forms in all three of what are known as the “synoptic Gospels” (Matthew, Mark, and Luke). In all three it is situated close to the halfway point in each of the Gospels. This year we will hear St. Mark’s version of the story. It centers around a conversation Jesus had with a handful of his followers, and then a larger group, in an area near Caesarea Philippi, a predominantly gentile region north of Galilee.

Up to this point Jesus’ followers have heard his teachings, witnessed his mighty deeds, and have come to know him in a very special way. At this point I suspect Our Lord was wondering whether they really understood how his words, miracles, and presence provided clues to his true identity. So, Jesus asks the first group, the smaller one, two very pointed questions. The first is, “Who do people say that I am?” The second is, “But who you do say that I am?”

Whenever I imagine this story, I always presume that Jesus’ disciples are quick to respond to the first question, reporting what they have heard from their respective local rumor mills. When Jesus poses the second question, I imagine that there was a pregnant pause in which they uncomfortably looked at their feet or perhaps even at each other’s faces before Simon Peter stated, “You are the Christ.”

I think each of us, at various times, have had our own personal Caesarea Philippi moments in which we have been asked to answer questions about who we think Jesus is and what he means to us. These questions and our answers to them often come a little differently depending on where we are on life’s journey. For some of us, our response has been consistently the same as was Peter’s. For others there have been times when we have been like the other followers of Jesus who



FR. VINCE COSTELLO
RESIDENT PRIEST

were not certain how to answer that second question, the more important one.

Our responses to the second question will certainly influence the way we live our lives, including our beliefs about the purpose of our lives, what God expects of us, and what – if anything – lies beyond the grave.

At the conclusion of this Gospel passage, Jesus speaks very clearly about what the role of Messiah will cost him – the cross. By implication it is the same price his followers -- both back then, throughout the ages, and even today -- need to be willing to pay to follow him. However, the cost of discipleship makes little sense unless we believe he truly is the Christ.

So, at this moment how would you answer the questions about who you think Jesus is and what does he means to you?

It is a very important question, perhaps the most important one we will ever answer. I believe its significance is the reason why the story containing it appears near the midway point in three of the four Gospels.

Father Vince Costello,
Retired priest in residence

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, 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, Patrick Bentley, Vazha Kareli, Lina Aguilar, Marianne Gaul, Maureen Bruzzini, Lazaro Eduardo Chapa, Maria Blanco, Pedro Talavera, Helen Ann Mejia, Brian Ordaz, Carl and Melinda Stopczynski, Olivia Aguilar and for all our sick parishioners and those who are in nursing homes.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

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

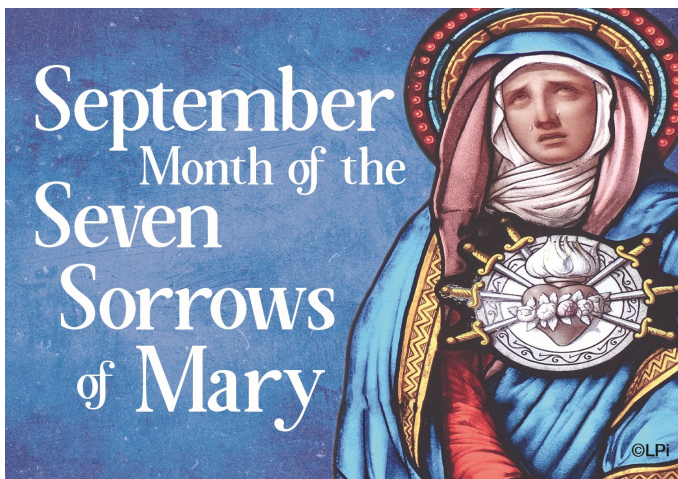
†Maria Magdalena Perez Gavilan
†Bronslawa Dorociak
†Mary Aufmann
†Juanito Souffarant
†Vincent J. Costello
†William Bower
†Juana Miranda
†Manuel Urquiza
†Vianette Urquiza
†Amros Emir Arriola
†Mercedes Donato
†Freddy Subia
†Gustavo Tomala
†Antonio Tomala
†Olga Guevara
†Salud Gomez
†Manuel Arreguin
†Alice & Joseph Palmer
†All Souls in Purgatory

Health

Gloria Escobar

Special Prayers

Bastien Family



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

†Francisco Rangel
†Dorian Richardson

WELCOME to *Sister Mayra*

I am pleased to be able to address this community at Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes. My most sincere greetings to each one of you. I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and put myself at your service. I am Sister Mayra Jiménez, a religious member of the “Family of Corde Jesu.” Since God has called me to be part of this community of faith, I would like to tell you a little about myself.

I am originally from Tierranueva, a small town in the city of San Luis Potosí in Mexico. I am the third of four siblings who, along with my parents and my entire family, are a great support for me. During elementary school, I first encountered religious life in the classroom, with the sisters being my teachers. This allowed me to have a deeper experience of God, which would be a very important part of discovering my vocation.

Since I was young, I liked to participate in the activities of my parish that were appropriate to my age. When I turned 15, I decided to begin my formation to consecrate myself to God as a religious sister in my congregation, “Family of Corde Jesu,” in response to God who calls me to serve Him, consecrating myself to God on August 15, 2009.

I thank God for these 15 years of religious life, during which He has allowed me to get to know places and people, as a catechist preparing children to receive their sacraments, as a primary school teacher, accompanying young people in High School and in the catechetical formation of adults. Aware that God, the Giver of all good, manifests Himself in the experiences and people that form our journey, I also thank each one of the people who have been part of my religious life in whom I have discovered how God makes himself present and shows us his love.

I would also like to thank all of you for the warm welcome full of love and faith with which I know you have welcomed my sisters of the congregation since their arrival in this community three years ago. I thank our Pastor Father Manuel Dorantes and all those who have made the presence of religious life in this community possible. May God reward you.

I place each one of you in the hands of God and of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our mother, and I entrust myself to your prayers, entrusting my service to God so that He may make of me an instrument of His within this community.



SR. MAYRA JIMÉNEZ, FCJ
FAITH FORMATION & HISPANIC MINISTRY

I am excited to become part of this parish. From now on I thank each one of you for allowing me to be part of it and please know that I am already praying for each one of you.

Sincerely,
Sister Mayra Jiménez



LITURGY *and Prayer*



SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE
AND OUR LADY OF LOURDES
CATHOLIC CHURCH



All are Invited to
The 39th Anniversary Novena and
Celebration of
The Sainthood of
**SAN LORENZO RUIZ DE
MANILA**
(The first Filipino Saint)

Schedule of Daily Novena & Rosary and Feast Day

| | | |
|-----------------|------------------|--|
| September 16-21 | 9:30am | Novena and Rosary follow the 9:00am Mass |
| September 22 | 9:30am | Novena and Rosary follow the 8:30am Mass |
| September 23 | 9:30am | Novena and Rosary follow the 9:00am Mass |
| September 24 | 6:00pm 6:30pm | Novena, Rosary and Procession Mass Reception w/ Delicious Filipino Food follows Mass |

Saint Mary of the Lake Church
4220 N. Sheridan Rd. Chicago, 60613 • 773-280-7700
(Wheelchair accessible; Parking lot east of the Church)

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



FALL SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

Your help is needed for our 2024 Summer and Fall Sunday Hospitality dates! Please **email Marc at mvega@saintmarys.org** for the "4th Sunday" dates when we will offer donuts and coffee or wine and cheese after Sunday Masses. We are looking for 3-4 people to help for each date and Mass time.

JOIN THE MUSIC MINISTRY

Please, consider joining our parish choir. If you have ever sung in a choir, or you play an instrument, you are invited to share your gifts with your faith community. **If you are interested we invite you to contact our music director, Michael Ruzicki at mruzicki@saintmarys.org**

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**.

SERVE WITH THE COMMUNITY OF SANT'EGIDIO

You are invited to join in friendship and food distribution with our unhoused and migrant communities in Uptown on Sundays. Meet in parish office at Saint Mary of the Lake on **Sundays at 11:30 AM** to prepare food together. Directly following we go into Uptown, visiting with the unhoused and migrant communities bringing coffee and food but most importantly friendship. **For more info contact Krysten McOsker or the parish office.**

LAUNDRY MINISTRY

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**



PARISH COUNSELOR SUPPORT



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE HOW PSYCHOTHERAPY COULD HELP YOU CONTACT:

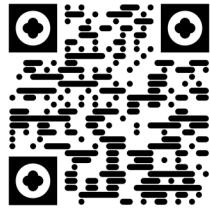
JENNI DRESSLER
Parish Counselor

Phone/Text: 872-228-1490

Email: JDressler.Claret@gmail.com

CLARET CENTER
Resources for the human journey

ADULT FAITH *Formation*



BECOMING CATHOLIC

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church or learning more about being Catholic and celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation? Formation sessions will be beginning soon. For more info please **scan the QR code** or contact Marc Vega at 773-280-7700 x402 or mvega@saintmarys.org

NEW THIS FALL! — BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Join us on the **2nd and 4th Sunday morning at 9:45 AM** (between the morning Masses) for an opportunity to reflect upon the Sunday readings together as a parish family. Together, let us take the next step in appreciating Sacred Scripture by connecting the weekly readings to our daily lives. This 30-minute guided reflection is open to all parishioners who wish to share their faith and support others along the way. *Come when you can – there is no obligation, there is no homework!* Questions can be directed to our pastoral associate Marc Vega at mvega@saintmarys.org. We will meet in the Our Lady of Lourdes Meeting Room (second floor of the parish office)

The upcoming dates are:

2nd Sunday, September 8, 2024

4th Sunday, September 22, 2024



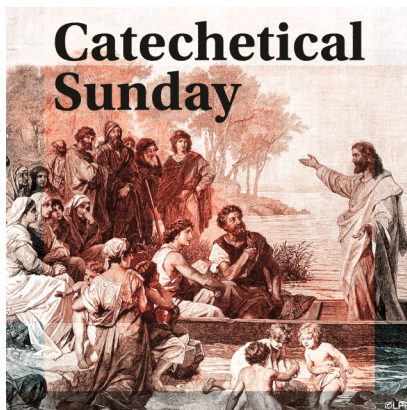
WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

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 August**. Please pray for them and their families.

Jordan Ray Plantin

Natalia Ramirez Reyes

Jonathan Lionel Misacango



SUNDAY, SEPT. 15, 2024

Please pray for all our catechists serving our children's and adult faith formation program. We are grateful for their "yes" in responding to this call of being of witness to the faith and sharing their love of Jesus.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Join the Young Adult community! The Young Adults of Saint Mary's and Our Lady of Lourdes are a vibrant, inclusive group of parishioners, for young adults in their 20s and 30s, dedicated to living and growing in our Catholic faith.

To be added to the email list and to learn more about the upcoming events please speak with Marc Vega or email us at YoungAdults@saintmarys.org

Take a quick survey!

As our young adult leaders prepare for events and programming this year, help us by taking a brief survey!

All young adults, whether you have been coming to our parish for a few years, months or this is your first time—we want to hear from you!

Scan the QR code to the right to share with us what you are interested in and how Young Adult Ministry can best accompany you in your faith journey.



THANK YOU for *Joining Us*

THANK YOU FOR A JOYFUL AND FAITH-FILLED SUMMER

We are grateful for all who joined us for the 2024 Summer Series! A special word of thanks to our presenters: *Dr. John DeCostanza, Keara Ette, Sr. Alicia Torres and Dr. Timothy O'Malley*. Thank you to our parishioners, those who joyfully shared their witness of Christ's love in their life: *Krysten McOsker, Alisa Rosales, Kristen Moser, Tucker Curts, Eduardo Rodas and Joe Henry!* Many thanks to Beth Knobbe who was our Emcee and co-coordinator for the four nights! Finally, we are grateful to the Endowment Committee and Fund, Buena Park Neighbors, The Reservoir, Michael's Pizzeria and Good Times for their sponsorship and donations.



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MINISTRY *Events*

PRAY WITH THE COMMUNITY OF SANT'EGIDIO

The Community of Sant'Egidio lives in a spiritual and fraternity gathering for prayer and serving the poor and marginalized in our city. Join us as we gather around the Gospel for a Vespers-type evening prayer.

St. Gabriel Chapel at Saint Mary of the Lake **Thursdays at 6:30pm**. The first Thursday of the month is dedicated to praying for peace.

For more info please contact Krysten McOsker at krystenmcosker@gmail.com



SECOND SATURDAY BIKE RIDES

"Second Saturday Rides" will be starting in May! These will be 7:00 AM start time. Confirmed Dates are: **September 14th** and **October 12th**. Meet in front of Saint Mary's on the plaza. Contact Ron Schnorbus for any questions.



SUNDAY HOSPITALITY—SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

Join us for Sunday Hospitality following all Sunday Masses on **Sunday, September 22, 2024**. Immediately following the morning Masses we will have coffee and donuts and after the evening 6:30pm Mass we will have wine and cheese!

All are welcome for Mass and fellowship together!



ANNUAL BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Save the date!

Friday, October 4, 2024
Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi



BIBLE STUDY

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Join us on Monday nights for bible study beginning this Fall, facilitated by **Fr. Vince Costello** and **Dr. Milt Kobus**.

 **16 SEPT 2024** | **7:00 PM**

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO SIGN-UP

 **773-280-7700**

 www.saintmarys.org

PARISH *Stewardship*

Monthly Financial Reporting: July and August 2024

July and August Sunday Offertory Numbers

| | July 28 | August 4 | August 11 | August 18 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| <i>In Pew / Mailed-In Gifts</i> | \$ 6,138.00 | \$ 6,161.00 | \$ 5,440.00 | \$ 7,532.00 |
| <i>Online Giving</i> | \$ 2,848.00 | \$ 3,968.00 | \$ 2,625.00 | \$ 2,671.00 |
| Total Collection | \$ 8,986.00 | \$ 10,129.00 | \$ 8,065.00 | \$ 10,203.00 |

Weekly Sunday Collection Goal: \$ 12,875.00
 Average Weekly Sunday Collection: \$ 9,572.00
 Total Sunday Collection Goal (7 weeks): \$ 90,125.00
 Total Sunday Collections (through August 18, 2024): \$ 67,004.00
Total Sunday Collection Shortfall: (\$ 23,121.00; an average weekly shortfall: \$3,303.00)

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: \$ 943.00

Air Conditioning Fund Update

Total pledged (as of August 18): \$ 228,723.00
 Total donations (as of August 18): \$ 134,723.00

Thank you for your generous support!

July 1 represented the start of a new fiscal year for the parish.
 The parish annual report will be printed as part of the October bulletin.

Parish Operating Income for the month of July:

Sunday Collections: \$ 41,611.00
 Religious Education Tuition: \$ 600.00
 Lease Income: \$ 1,648.00
 Interest/Investment Income: \$ 44,965.00
 Mass Stipends and Stole Fees (Funerals, weddings, baptisms): \$ 3,436.00

Total Operating Income (month of July): \$ 92,260.00

Parish Operating Expenses for the month of July:

Salaries/Taxes/Benefits: \$ 60,128.00
 Property/Casualty Insurance: \$ 14,675.00
 (\$ 8,409.00 for St. Mary of the Lake and \$ 6,266.00 for Our Lady of Lourdes)
 Office, Administrative, Rectory: \$ 9,493.00
 Archdiocesan Assessments: \$ 9,613.00
 Altar and Liturgical Expenses: \$ 575.00
 Maintenance & Building Repairs: \$ 3,223.00
 Utilities (Gas/Electric/Phone/Water): \$ 3,484.00
 (\$ 2,458.00 for St. Mary of the Lake and \$ 1,026.00 for Our Lady of Lourdes)

Total Operating Expenses (month of July): \$ 101,191.00

Operating Income for the month of July: \$ 92,260.00
 Operating Expenses for the month of July: \$101,191.00
Deficit for the month of July: (\$8,931.00)

The parish relies solely on your generosity. To find out ways you can make your parish donations, please visit www.saintmarys.org/make-a-donation