

## *Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church*



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**MASSES:** Saturday: 5:00pm.,  
Sunday: 8:30am. and 11:15am.  
**WEEKDAYS:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 9:00am.  
Wednesday at 7:00pm.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday –Thursday 9:30am – 1:30pm.  
**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 3:30pm. – 5:00pm. Or by appointment.  
**MARRIAGE PLANS:** Must be made 6 months before date of wedding

**MORNING ROSARY:** 8:30am. before Mass.  
**MONDAY:** Miraculous Medal Novena, following Rosary.  
**EVERY FIRST FRIDAY:** Novena To The Sacred Heart of Jesus – before 9am Mass  
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am – 12:30pm

**HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION:** Third Sunday of every month at 7:00pm.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** August through May/ Ages 3 through high school

## *Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church*

*Saturday, November 23, 2013*

*Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, November 24, 2013*

*Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am*


### *Feast of Christ the King*



#### **Mass Intentions Nov. 25-Dec. 1**



Monday: Teresa Ross by Walton & Gene Smith

Tuesday: Marlene Catalino by Sam Catalino 

Wednesday: Tom Elie by the Elie Family

Thursday: Happy Thanksgiving

Friday: Ron & Diane Ziemba by the Zienlinskis

Saturday: Trudi & Andy McClay by the Zielinskis 

Sunday: Juanita Crowson by Denny Gentry

#### **Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:**

*Betty Brennan, Frank Dickinson, Dianna Markovich, Anne Forister, Alice Reid, Doris Gregg, Lexie Smith, Gene & Walton Smith, Guy Veasey, Daniel Centilli, Andrew Centilli, Denny Gentry, Lance Stella, Cindy Naro, Carla Rockhill, Sherry Manning, Hildie Bowman*

Please pray for all our loved ones who are ill and our shut-ins. To add a name, call the church office; or to add to the Prayer Hot Line call Sharon Stice at 256-338-0207, or email:

[cocoapuff@centurytel.net](mailto:cocoapuff@centurytel.net)

Please note that names remain on the prayer list for 30 days and then are removed unless the Church Office is notified.

## **Weekly Reading Nov. 25 - Dec. 1**

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56;  
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;  
Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28  
**Thanksgiving Day, Suggested:**  
Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9;  
Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday &  
Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9;  
Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

### **Catholic Charities Update**

We made our Goal!!

As of Nov. 15th we have collected  
\$57,922.00.

We have such a generous Parish here at Our Lady of  
the Lake. Thank you all.

God Bless

### **2013 Typhoon Haiyan Collection**

There will be a special collection the weekend of  
Nov. 30th and Dec. 1st for victims of the recent typhoon.  
Your donations will aid the humanitarian and institutional  
needs of the Catholic Church in the Philippines and sur-  
rounding areas impacted by Typhoon Haiyan.

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

We've had our share of trouble with the notion of kings and kingship, living as we do in a Democratic Society. When George Washington was at the height of his power after his brilliant military victories there was a move on the part of some citizens to crown him as a king. Washington would have none of it and settled for the title of President.

This past Friday the nation remembered the fiftieth anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963. He seemed larger than life at times with obvious youth and glamour in a more innocent time. For some it was the age of Camelot rediscovered. In that mythical land kings reigned in noble chivalry. Still, even John F. Kennedy did not receive the title of king. It just wouldn't fit our modern era.

On this Sunday the Church gladly proclaims Christ as our King. The King of Kings and Lord of Lords. But this King is different. He does not seek to dominate or subjugate. He comes to give life and teach us how to live. His way is the way of love and service.

The First Reading (2 Samuel 5:1-3) recalls the life of King David, a shepherd king from Bethlehem. Three times in the Second Book of Samuel we read of David being anointed. He was to serve his people by uniting all the tribes into one nation. As well as being a shepherd king he also served as a religious leader, representing God's gentle rule over Israel.

The Gospel Reading (Luke 23:35-43) is a portion of the Passion according to Luke. It was customary in public executions to indicate by means of a written notice the crime for which the person was put to death. The accusation mounted on the Cross over the head of Jesus simply reads, "This is the King of the Jews".

What kind of kingship is this? The passersby and one of those crucified with him, cannot comprehend it. Prompted by the Roman inscription nailed above the crucified Jesus' head, his enemies taunted him, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" real kings take care of themselves first.

Luke's Jesus responds by taking care of someone else. To the "good" thief he said: "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise". Only Luke's Gospel has this lovely exchange. This is a King who is for others; a King of great mercy. Only Luke has Jesus look sympathetically at Peter after his threefold denial. That glance led to remorse and repentance. Pope Francis loves to preach on "the gaze" of Christ, that leads to conversion. On this Feast of Christ the King, let us stand under the gaze of Christ, under that transforming light.

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**Special Collection:** Next Sunday we will take up a special collection for the victims of the tragic typhoon in the Philippines. I know you will be most generous.

**Welcome to Fr. Matthew Brennan:** We are delighted to welcome Fr. Brennan as he takes a vacation here among us for a month. His visit is always a blessing as he continues to hold the people of Our Lady of the Lake in his daily prayer and remembrance. A thousand welcomes.

Peace & Blessings,  
Fr. Sexton

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS Nov. 24—Dec. 1

### Sunday—Nov. 24

#### Feast of Christ the King

**Mass 8:30 & 11:15am**

\*Scapular Sunday

\*Thanksgiving Food Drive Ends

\*Food Boxes picked up at 1pm

### Monday—Nov 25

**Mass 9am**

\*Legion of Mary—after Mass

\*Bridge

\*Knights of Columbus Mtg. 7pm

\*Ladies Auxiliary Mtg. 7pm

### Tuesday—Nov 26

**Mass 9am**

\*No RCIA 7pm

### Wednesday—Nov 27

**Mass 7pm**

### Thursday—Nov 28

#### Happy Thanksgiving!

**Mass 9am**

### Friday—Nov. 29

**Mass 9am**

### Saturday—Nov. 30

**Mass 5pm**

\*Confessions 3:30-5pm

### Sunday—Dec. 1

#### 1st Sunday of Advent

**Mass 8:30 & 11:15am**

\*Re—No Youth Mass—see Dec 24th

\*Shoebox Project begins for RE

\*Christmas Dinner 1pm at

Celebrations

**FINANCE NEWS**  
**July 2013-June 2014**  
Last week

Actual	Budget
*Offertory: 5656.44	\$5199.00
<u>Year-to-date</u>	
*Offertory: 113,547.95	\$103,980.00

**Includes Holy Days**

**The Love Pantry!!!**

The Love Pantry has requested that we bring cans of soup each week to help meet the needs of our Community.

Total cans last week — 44 cans.

**Thank you for your generosity!**



**Adult Choir** Practice on Thursday evenings at 7pm. If you are interested in joining the choir please contact Charmaine Welch 205-913-4967.



**Surfsiders: Fun and Games**

Meets every third Wednesday of the month in the church hall. For more information call Larry Martens 256-338-6927.



**The Legion of Mary**

The Legion of Mary is a worldwide organization of Catholic men and women, who offer their services to their pastor to assist in performing spiritual works in the parish. Meets Mondays following Mass.

Contact: Audrey Springer 205-365-0211



**Knights of Columbus**  
**Council 12270**

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal service organization open to Catholic men, 18 and older, in good standing with the faith. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie: it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your church, while enhancing your family life. Come see what we are all about. Contact: James Raynor 205-884-1777 or J.P. Willi (205-338-3131). Our website is : www.ollkofc.com.

**Our next meeting will be Mon, Nov. 25th at 7pm..**

**Hope to see you then.**

**Mark Your Calendars**



For The Old Women at the Well  
 Saturday, December 14th, 10:00 am  
 Please join us for our annual Christmas program, an inspirational morning of faith, life, and music with our special guests, the “Von Trap” Trescott Family.

We can't wait to see you there! **Bring a friend!!!**  
**And.....Don't forget to bring a dish to share for lunch and a candle or ornament to exchange!!**

Should you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact Elizabeth (Bit) Thomas-ton at (205)338-1080 or email at [phillip050@centurytel.net](mailto:phillip050@centurytel.net).

*Faith*

*Fellowship*

*Friendship*

**Christmas Giving Trees**



The trees will be up starting Sat, Nov.30th in both Church foyers. Please take a tag from the tree and return the item on the tag unwrapped back under the tree with the tag taped to the bag. Look in next weeks bulletin for more detailed information.



**Pro Life Corner**

**Our Lady of the Lake**  
**Spiritual Adoption Program Month 7**

**Thank you for praying for me.**  
**I am 7 months old now. I am growing every day. I'm between 14 and 17 inches long and weigh about 4 ½ pounds. I move around a lot , but it's getting crowded in here!**  
**Sometimes I even get hiccups!**  
**I can hear and recognize my mother's voice.**

**Reminder:**

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

Please remember to pray daily for your Spiritual Adopted Baby and the baby's mother and father.

## Retreats and Other Programs

### BLESSED TRINITY SHRINE RETREAT ADVENT RETREAT

December 2-5, 2013

You are invited to make a private or directed Advent Retreat on any or all of these days. You are welcome to join our Community for prayer and Mass times while you are here. This will allow some quiet time in order to prepare for Christmas. Fee: \$60 per overnight (includes a \$40 non-refundable deposit)

For registration information call (334)855-4474 or write Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat, 107 Holy Trinity Rd, Ft. Mitchell, Al 36856.

#### Spring Hill College Birmingham Extension

Adult Theology Program—Two fully online courses beginning Nov. 30, 2013.

**Introduction to Theological learning** (Prof. John Switzer, Ph.D.)

**Reformation (Historical)** (Dr. Joy Harrell Blaylock)

Six online classes begin Nov. 30, 2013, continuing through Feb. 22, 2014. For additional information, please contact the Office of Lay Ministry (205)838-8300 or Email: srleonard@bhmdiocese.org.

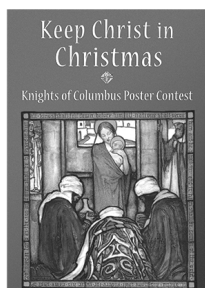


**Back to Bethlehem**  
Tour the City, see the Nativity  
Dec. 6, 7, and 8, 2013

**Cropwell Baptist Church.**

Tour is free and  
begins each night at 6pm.

For more information please call the  
church office at 205-338-7995 or go to  
[www.cropwellbaptist.org](http://www.cropwellbaptist.org).



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Did you miss the last Contest? Well here's another Chance.  
**The Knights of Columbus** are offering a **Poster Contest to Grades K-8.** Theme for drawing is **Keep Christ in Christmas.** Registration forms are in the RE bldg or see Parma. **Deadline for**

**Posters will be Sunday, Dec. 15th at 12 noon and Judging will be from 3-5pm at OLL .**

Don't miss out on sharing your view of Christmas with the world! Prizes range from \$50 to \$250.

## ASSIGNMENT LIST

November 27-December 1

### WEDNESDAY MASS 11/27/2013 7:00 PM

Altar Servers  
Lectors

Matthew Reese, John Smith  
Serge Brazzolotto

### THANKSGIVING DAY 11/28/2013 9:00AM

Altar Servers  
Greeters  
Lectors  
Ministers

VOLUNTEERS  
VOLUNTEERS  
Chere Lowery , Betty Huetteman  
Yolie Roy, Chris Gallegly

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### SATURDAY MASS 11/30/2013 5:00 PM

Altar Servers  
Greeters  
Lectors  
Ministers

Jim Gorman, Serge Brazzolotto  
Larry & Rita Martens, Judy Dawley  
Sara & Larry Reese  
Parma Boyle, Sue Poteracki,  
Gloria Albright

Ushers

Cecil Rodgers, Jerry Noto, Jim Dale

### SUNDAY MASSES 12/1/2013

#### 8:30 AM

Altar Servers

Andrew, Matthew and Amelia Reese,  
Matt Frey

Greeters  
Lectors  
Ministers

Jennifer Euler, Francie Poteracki  
Bart & Gail Perry  
Deacon Terry, Lloyd & Terri Brown,  
Marisol Loera, Barbara McGowin  
Michael Gagliano, Rosemary Mateer,  
Gloria Rodgers, Isabel Loera

Ushers

#### 11:15 AM

Altar Servers

John Smith, Paul Boyle, Ryan  
Murphree, Monica Liverman,

Greeters  
Lectors  
Ministers

Patsy Lopezde Victoria, Patrick Cowart  
Robert Lewis, Chere Lowery  
Chris Gallegly, Marie Jimenez,  
Ashley Castaneda, Mary & Wayne Adams  
Don Frederick, Chris Gallegly

Ushers

**If you cannot keep your assignment  
PLEASE find a substitute.**

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BY: PARMA BOYLE, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Take time for a Holy Pause

Family Questions of the Week

Questions are based on the Sunday Gospel

November 24, 2013

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Gospel: Luke 23: 35-43

Adult: Following the example of Jesus, what is the best way to exercise your authority over others?

¿ Siguiendo el ejemplo de Jesús, ¿cuál es la mejor manera de ejercer tu autoridad sobre los demás?

Child: What qualities would a good leader have? Which of these are you trying to develop?

¿Qué características tendría un buen líder? ¿Cuál de éstas estás tratando de desarrollar?



Religious Education 2013-2014

Every Sunday at 9:45 am

Grs PreK thru 12

**COMING UP \* MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

Nov 24 RE 9:45am Fill a Bag ends

**THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!**

Reconciliation for Grds 3,4 & 5

Nov 26 NO RCIA HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Nov 28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING Mass 9am

Dec 1 RE 9:45 NO Youth Mass it will be Dec 24

Shoobox Project Begins

Christmas Dinner 1pm \* Celebrations

Dec 2 Parent Meeting 7pm for all Students preparing for First Reconciliation.

Dec 3 RCIA 7pm

Dec 6 First Friday Adoration 9:30am-12:30pm

Dec 8 RE 9:45am Shoobox Project Continues

Reconciliation Grs 6,7 & 8

Introductions of RCIA candidates 11:15Mass

Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated Dec 9 at the 9am Mass.

Dec 10 RCIA 9am



The Season of Advent begins next week **Dec 1st**. We begin a **New Year** in our church's calendar. It is a season of preparation. Is your heart prepared to celebrate the coming of our Lord?

Candles for your wreaths can be purchased at the gift counter in the hall.

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS\*JOIN US!!!**

**LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING**



**LITTLE ONES IN CHRIST**

Grs PreK-Gr 2 every 2nd Sunday

Next Meeting \* **December 8 \* 12:30-2:30PM**

**Happy Birthday Jesus!!**

Lunch will be served! call Joanna Murphree 473-1444.

**JR YOUTH** Grs 3-6 every 2nd Sunday

Next Meeting **DECEMBER 8 \* 5-7pm**

**Celebrating Christmas!!**

Dinner will be served! Call Sonya Lewis 863-7305.

**SR YOUTH** Grs 7-12 What's Happening!

**Turkey & Ham Fundraiser**

After both Sunday Masses thru Nov 24



All proceeds will help fund the

Pro Life WADC trip. Place your orders NOW!

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**ALL YOUTH ARE INVITED**

**DECEMBER 12 \* 6pm**

**Christmas Parade!**

contact Chris Frey 473-4661.



**PARENT MEETING**

Mon **DEC 2** at 7pm

For all parents with students preparing for the

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Important information, dates and a "Teaching on Reconciliation"

**Remember:** Parents are the primary educators of our youth! When we educate ourselves, we can better educate our Children.

**Please make it a priority to attend!**



**Shoobox Project Begins Dec 1st.**

We will be collecting personal items for our seniors & shut-ins. Lotions, lip balm, brushes and combs, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, socks, gloves, stationary, blank cards, small crossword puzzle books, small stuffed animals, soft candies etc. The Sunday School classes will wrap the boxes and the boxes will be delivered before Christmas.

Thanks for putting smiles on faces!

## Parish Messages

**Attention all Parents who gave birth in December 2012 through the end of 2013.** We would like to recognize your babies at the **4:30pm Christmas Eve Youth Mass.**

If you would like to participate in the **Blessings of Babies,**

Sign up sheets are in the foyers or contact Parma Boyle

405-0948 or the church office 525-5161.



## Parish Messages



**YOU ARE INVITED! Plan NOW!**  
**Annual Parish Christmas Dinner**  
**Where: Celebrations on Hwy 231**  
**Date: December 1**  
**Time: 1pm**

Join your Church family for Faith, Food and Friendship as we celebrate **THE BIRTH OF JESUS!**

Helping hands needed... contact Anna Emerick 473-5273.



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We need youth to be on the Church float for the Pell City Christmas Parade! The parade will be on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in

being on the float please respond soon!!! Help us celebrate and represent Our Lady of the Lake Church.

Thank you!

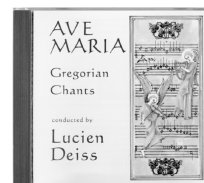
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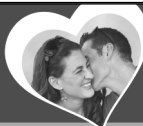
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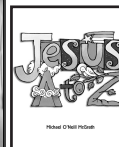
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