

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 30, 2013

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 1, 2013

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2013

“You . . . must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.”

— Matthew 24:44

Weekly Reading December 2-8

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21,
25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
Mt 9:27-31

Saturday &
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



Mass Intentions Dec. 2-8



Monday: Guy Veasey by Laura Headley

Tuesday: Gina Elie by the Elie Family

Wednesday: Lynn & Doris Wilkins by Susan Moseley †

Thursday: Gerry Nabors by the Zielinskis †

Friday: Sara O’Gara by Sara Dean

Saturday: Kathy Gercken by Ken Gercken †

Sunday: Jim Gregg by the Zielinskis †

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

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



Advent Wreath Candle Lighters

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Nov. 30th 5pm Mass

Bob & Julia Paulitzky

Sunday, Dec. 1st

8:30am Mass

Rosemary Mateer & Jamillia Sayles

11:15 Mass

Robert & Sonya Lewis

Catherine & James

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 7th 5pm Mass

Larry & Sara Reese

Sunday, Dec. 8th

8:30am Mass

Robert & LouElla Menefee

11:15 Mass

Don & Cynthia Frederick

Angel, Elizabeth, Trinity, Grace, Micah, & Mekala

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the new Liturgical year and the great season of Advent.

“Advent has a two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the first coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ’s second coming at the end of time” (Universal Norms for the Liturgical year, #39). Advent is a time of devout and expectant delight. A season when hope is replenished and we are invited to welcome Christ into our hearts in a new way.

The official color for the season of Advent is violet. This reflects the theme of the season as both of joy and penance.

The Advent Wreath has become a popular symbol in our churches. The evergreen wreath speaks of hope undying and the lighted candles remind us that the one who is awaited is the Light of the World.

The First Reading (Is. 2:1-5) introduces the prophet Isaiah, the poet-prophet of Advent. To a people who knew little except war and its incredible human cost, the prophet gave a vision of “days to come” when all the nations would come to the house of the Lord, to learn his wisdom and walk in his ways. God, not military might, will be the ultimate judge in the disputes among the nations.

The age-old dream and hope of “beating swords into plowshares” is given voice again in Advent. After a recent decade of war at the other end of the world at a cost of \$1.5 trillions and thousands of lives, the dream of Isaiah seems more timely than ever.

In the Gospel Reading (Mt.24:37-44), Jesus warns his disciples not to expect any advance notice when the day of the Lord comes. His advent will be so sudden that people working side by side will be separated.

Noah’s flood and the thief in the night are ominous metaphors, not to frighten us but to underline the unexpected. The coming of the Lord is not safe or tame; it is not business as usual. But what we need to do is simple: “be prepared”.

A Special Thanks: To Fr. Matthew Brennan who is visiting from Ireland and has graciously agreed to fill in for me this weekend for Confession and Masses. Thanks Fr. Matt for your generous spirit and your priestly service.

Congratulations to Serge Brazzolotto: who will be ordained to the permanent Diaconate by Bishop Robert Baker, next Saturday morning in the Cathedral in Birmingham for service to our parish of Our Lady of the Lake. We are proud of Serge and his wife, Sarah, and their children Valerie and Matthew.

Peace & Blessings, Fr. Sexton

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 1-8

Sunday—Dec. 1

1st Sunday of Advent

Mass 8:30 & 11:15am

*RE –No Youth Mass see Dec 24th

*Shoebox Project begins for RE

*Parish Christmas Dinner 1pm
at Celebrations

Monday— Dec. 2

Mass 9am

*Legion of Mary—after Mass

*Bridge

*Parent Mtg. for 1st Reconciliation Prep
at 7pm

Tuesday—Dec. 3

Mass 9am

*RCIA 7pm

Wednesday— Dec. 4

Mass 7pm

Thursday—Dec. 5

Mass 9am

Friday—Dec. 6

Mass 9am

*First Friday Adoration

9:30-12:30

Saturday—Dec. 7

Mass 5pm

**Ordination for Serge Brazzolotto 10am
at St. Paul’s Cathedral**

*Reception at OLL after 5pm Mass

*Confessions 3:30-5pm

Sunday—Dec. 8

2st Sunday of Advent

Mass 8:30 & 11:15am

*Re—Shoebox Project cont.

*RCIA Intros. 11:15 Mass

*Reception for Deacon Serge after both
Masses

*Little Ones in Christ 12:30-2:30pm

*Jr. Youth Group 5-7pm

*Reconciliation 6, 7, & 8th

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.



Mark Your Calendars

For The Olds 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.

Faith Fellowship Friendship



YOU ARE INVITED! today Sun, Dec. 1st to the Annual Parish Christmas Dinner!

Where: Celebrations on Hwy 231
Time: 1pm

Join your Church family for Faith, Food and Friendship as we celebrate **THE BIRTH OF JESUS!**
 Helping hands needed...
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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 1/2 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@bhmdioocese.org.

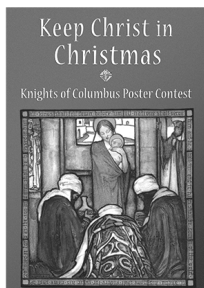


Back to Bethlehem
Tour the City, see the Nativity
Dec. 6, 7, and 8, 2013

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.



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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 Christ-
mas with the world! Prizes range from \$50 to
\$250.

ASSIGNMENT LIST

December 4-8

WEDNESDAY MASS 12/4/2013 7:00 PM

Altar Servers Stephen & Sophie Poteracki
Lector Sarah Brazzolotto

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY MASS 12/7/2013 5:00 PM

Altar Servers Peter Boyle, Marty Poteracki
Greeters Larry & Rita Martens, Susan Moseley-
Lector Sonia Dale, Marguerite Gorman
Ministers Deacon Serge, Martha Hayes,
Karen Hand
Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Bob & Karen Hand,
Larry Foltz

SUNDAY MASSES 12/8/2013 8:30 AM

Altar Servers Michael & Anthony Emerick,
Andrew & Will Thomaston
Greeters Rosemary Mateer, Jimillia Sayles
Lectors Anna Emerick, Betty Huetteman
Ministers Deacon Terry, Deacon Serge, Tom
Graffo, Ruth & Joe Stanley
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Lance Stella, Mike
Gordon, Joe Pittman

11:15 AM

Altar Servers Sawyer Stice, Tiffany Rochford, Will
Pittman, Brennan Cardenas
Greeters Frank Troncalli, Johnny & Marsha
Armstrong
Lectors Julie Smith, John Stice
Ministers Deacon Serge, Edie Otto, Scott Denton,
Maria Jimenez, Chris Gallegly
Ushers Don Frederick, Johnny Armstrong,
Daniel Denton, Layne Monistere

If you cannot keep your assignment

PLEASE find a substitute.

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.



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Take time for a Holy Pause

Family Questions of the Week

Questions are based on the Sunday Gospel

First Sunday of Advent

Gospel: Isaiah 2:1-5 & Matt 24:37-44

Adults: As you prepare to re-welcome Christ into your heart while you prepare for Christmas, what does Isaiah call you to do? What does Isaiah call us as a people to do?

Al prepararse para volver a dar la bienvenida a Cristo en su corazón al prepararse para la Navidad, ¿qué le pide Isaías que haga? ¿Qué nos pide Isaías a las personas que hagamos?

Question for Youth: The Gospel tells us we don't know when the Son of Man will return. If he were to arrive today, would you be ready for him? What is one thing you can do during Advent to prepare for his coming?

El Evangelio nos dice que no sabremos cuando el Hijo del Hombre va a regresar. Si el fuera a llegar hoy, estaríamos listos para él? Cual sería la única cosa que harías durante el Advenimiento para prepararte para su llegada?

**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



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Pro Life WADC trip. Place your orders NOW!

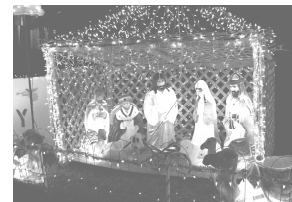
Cost \$30 each; contact Chris Frey 473-4661.

ALL YOUTH ARE INVITED

DECEMBER 12 * 6pm

Christmas Parade!

contact Chris Frey 473-4661.



Religious Education 2013-2014

Every Sunday at 9:45 am

Grs PreK thru 12

COMING UP * MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Celebration Mass

Wednesday, DEC 11

**Join us for Mass at 7pm with
Reception to follow.**



**First Sunday of Advent—the
Week of Hope!** "Stay awake! Be

prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." As we light the **First Advent Candle of Hope, the Good News begins.** As

days shorten our ancestors feared the sun might never return. But Jesus promises tender leaves, signs of spring, signs of hope! We await our Lord, so full of compassion, so full of goodness that we stand tall, heads high, eager to see him in the flesh, eager to receive His gifts. **Is your Advent Wreath out? Light the first candle and pray:** *Eternal Father, we seek*

Your everlasting light. Prepare our hearts in the hope that Your Spirit rest upon us, giving us wisdom, understanding, counsel and courage. Reconcile all peoples to Yourself, in One God, forever and ever. Amen.



IMPORTANT PARENT MEETING

This Mon DEC 2 at 7pm

For all parents with students

preparing for the

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please make it a priority to attend!



LOVE IN ACTION CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Ho, Ho, Ho. Our tags are on our Christmas Giving Trees set up in both foyers. We are serving 14 families this year, with 49 children included. The need is especially great again this year. Please be as generous as you can. We have such a giving parish and are truly blessed.

We ask that you do the following:

1. Take a tag from the tree.
2. Buy the gift.
3. Return the gift to the tree the following week.
4. Please leave gift unwrapped and tape the tag to the bag.

ALL GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8th.

The gifts will be distributed to the families Sunday, December 15th.

Except for bicycles, no request should cost more than \$25-\$30. **IF YOU TAKE A TAG, PLEASE BRING THE GIFT BACK WITH THE TAG. SOMEONE IS COUNTING ON YOU. IF SOMETHING UNFORSEEN HAPPENS AND YOU CANNOT PROVIDE THE GIFT PLEASE RETURN THE TAG TO THE TREE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OR CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

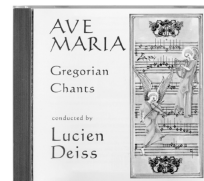
PLEASE CALL BRENDA ROCHFORD AT 423-242-5029 OR AT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 205-525-5161 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING GIFTS OR TAG INFO.

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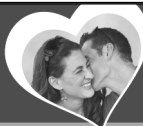
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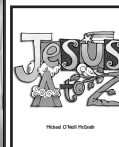
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