

## *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, December 7, 2013

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 8, 2013

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



### Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2013

The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD,  
as water covers the sea.

— Isaiah 11:9

## Weekly Reading December 9-15

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;  
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;  
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;  
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday &  
Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10;  
Mt 11:2-11



### Mass Intentions Dec 9-15



Monday: Dennis O'Gara by Sara Dean +  
Tuesday: Ruth Geary by Sandra & Scott Huston +  
Wednesday: Eldred Fountain by Glenn Fountain +  
Thursday: Curry Hadley by the Reids +  
Friday: Bert & Amy Lampton by the Brazzolottos +  
Saturday: Trudi & Andy McClay by the Zielinskis +  
Sunday: Anita Raynor by James Raynor +

#### 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.

### Advent Wreath Candle Lighters



#### Second Sunday of Advent **Saturday, Dec. 7th 5pm Mass**

Larry & Sara Reese

#### **Sunday, Dec. 8th**

**8:30am Mass**

Robert & LouElla Menefee

**11:15am Mass**

Don & Cynthia Frederick  
Angel, Elizabeth, Trinity, Grace, Micah, & Mekala

#### Third Sunday of Advent

**Saturday, Dec. 14th 5pm Mass**

Wayne & Chere Lowery

#### **Sunday, Dec. 15th**

**8:30am Mass**

Joe & Ruth Stanley

**11:15 am Mass**

Shirley Skeivelas & Diana Grace  
Art & Dorothy Di Mattia

## Thank You!

The loving generosity shown by this parish in support of your 2013 Thanksgiving Food Drive was most impressive and gratifying. You provided generous food boxes with poultry and fresh produce for 110 needy families. This fed a total of about 550 men, women, and children. A special "Thank You" to the school children, whose efforts also helped to make this possible. You have once again lovingly "fed his sheep".

God Bless,

Social Concerns Committee



**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.



**2014 Offertory Envelopes are here and ready for pick up in the church hall. If you don't see a box with your name on it please call the church office at 205-525-5161.**



**Also the 2014 calendars are located in both foyers. Please take one per family. Thank you.**



## Thank You!

Thanks to the Hospitality Committee, the Knights of Columbus, and the many volunteers for making our Christmas Dinner so delightful and delicious. We thank you, and wish you all a very Merry Christmas!



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 8-15

### Sunday—Dec. 8

#### 2nd Sunday of Advent

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

\*RE—Shoebox Project cont.

\*Pro Life Rosary/English

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

\*Jr. Youth Mtg. 5-7pm

\*Reception for Deacon Serge after both Masses

\*Reconciliation 6,7, and 8th grades

\*RCIA introductions 11:15 Mass

### Monday— Dec. 9

**Mass 9am**

**Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary**

\*Legion of Mary—after Mass

\*Bridge

### Tuesday—Dec. 10

**Mass 9am**

\*RCIA 7pm

### Wednesday— Dec. 11

\*Surfsiders 10am

**\*Mass 7pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass with reception afterwards**

### Thursday—Dec. 12

**Mass 9am**

**\*Pell City Christmas Parade**

### Friday—Dec. 13

**Mass 9am**

**\*Sr. Youth Movie & Pizza at Theater 6pm**

**\*Ultreya Christmas Party 7pm**

### Saturday—Dec. 14

**Mass 5pm**

**Happy Birthday Deacon Terry!**

**\*Women at the Well 10am**

**\*Confessions 3:30-5pm**

### Sunday—Dec. 15

#### 3rd Sunday of Advent

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

\*Re—Shoebox Project ends

\*Reconciliation for High School

\*Art Contest— K of C 3-5pm

\*Holy Hour 7pm

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

Actual	Budget
*Offertory: 4976.06	\$5199.00
<u>Year-to-date</u>	
*Offertory: 122,752.98	\$114,378.00

**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 — 236 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](http://www.ollkofc.com).



**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) Thomaston at (205)338-1080 or email at [phillip050@centurytel.net](mailto:phillip050@centurytel.net).

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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 ½ pounds. I move around a lot, but it's getting crowded in here! Sometimes I even get hiccups!**

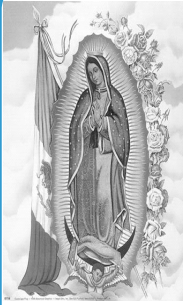
**I can hear and recognize my mother's voice.**

**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



**Wednesday, Dec. 11th,  
7:00 pm**

Miercoles 11 de diciembre,  
7:00 pm

**Matachina dancers,  
6:15 pm**

**Novenario empieza  
Dic. 2 @ 6:00 pm**

**Our Lady of the Lake Church  
Highway 231 S, Pell City, Alabama**

**Habr  comida para todos despu s de la Misa  
Refreshments served after Mass  
Please sign up to help or Bring a dish.  
Call Mari Culver, 205-525-0071.**

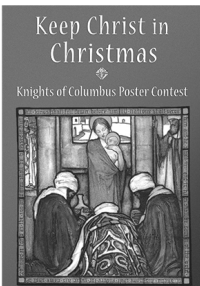
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### KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS



**The Knights of Columbus Ladies  
Auxiliary will be selling "Keep  
Christ in Christmas" car magnets  
after each Mass this weekend,  
December 7th & 8th.**

**The cost is \$5 each and the proceeds  
will help benefit local charities.**



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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 11-15

**WEDNESDAY 12/11/2013 7:00 PM**

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**SATURDAY MASS 12/14/2013 5:00 PM**

Altar Servers	Mike Gagliano, Tom Michaels
Greeters	Susan Moseley, Connie Hertrich
Lectors	Larry Foltz, Chere Lowery
Ministers	Deacon, David Springer, Chris Gallegly
Ushers	Cecil Rodgers, Jim Dale, Jim Gorman, Bob Nicholas

**SUNDAY MASSES 12/15/2013**

**8:30 AM**

Altar Servers	Stephen & Sophie Poteracki, Ronni Gagliano, Natalie Newcomb
Greeters	Larry & Rita Martens, Dennis Veigl
Lectors	Matthew Brazzolotto, Sarah Brazzolotto
Ministers	Deacon, Michael, Teri, Carly & Ronni Gagliano
Ushers	Michael Gagliano, Dennis Veigl, Gloria Rodgers, Joe Yester

**11:15 AM**

Altar Servers	Paul Boyle, Sawyer Stice, James Lewis, Ricardo Ortez
Greeters	Ashley Castaneda, Jay & Enid Willi
Lectors	Terri Brown, Robert Lewis
Ministers	Deacon, Chris Gallegly, Jim Mortek, Brenda & Tiffany Rochford
Ushers	Don Frederick, Ron, Jennifer & Sydney Sellers

**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

**Second Sunday of Advent December 8**

**Theme:** God's kingdom is at hand - it is here.

**Suggested text for faith sharing:** Today's 1st Reading from Isaiah

**Question for Youth:** What are the greatest challenges you face as a young person today in terms of allowing Christ to be your teacher and following him?

**Pregunta para los jóvenes:** ¿Cuáles son los cambios más importantes que enfrentas como persona joven hoy en día en términos de permitir a Cristo que sea tu maestro y seguirlo?

**Question for Adults:** Name the one thing in your life which you must "move out of the way" in order to make more room for Christ – a grudge, a possession, a memory, hurt, or feeling.

**Pregunta para los adultos:** Mencione una cosa en su vida que deba "quitar del camino" para poder tener espacio para Cristo, como un rencor, una posesión, una memoria, un dolor, o un sentimiento.



**Religious Education 2013-2014**

**Every Sunday at 9:45 am**

**Grs PreK thru 12**

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

**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 7pm**

**Dec 11 Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass 7pm**

Reception to follow in the hall.

**Dec 14 HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEACON**

**Dec 15 RE 9:45am Shoebos Project Ends**

Reconciliation High School Classes 9-12

Adult Ed 9:45am w/ Sr Marie Leonard

KofC Poster Contest Ends All entries must be turned in today at RE

Holy Hour 7pm ALL INVITED Come and spend one hour with HIM this Advent.



**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**Celebration Mass**

**Wednesday, DEC 11**

**Join us for Mass at 7pm with**

**Reception to follow.**

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

**LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING**

**LITTLE ONES IN CHRIST**

**Grs PreK-Gr 2 every 2nd Sunday**

**THIS WEEK \* 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**

**THIS WEEK \* DECEMBER 8 \* 5-7pm**

**Celebrating Christmas!!**

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

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

**Christmas Turkey & Ham**

**Fundraiser**

**After all the Masses**

**thru Dec 22**



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Pro Life WADC trip.. Place your orders NOW!

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**December 13 Movie and Pizza** at the Theater 6pm.

**ALL YOUTH ARE INVITED**

**DECEMBER 12 \* 6pm**

**Christmas Parade!**

contact Chris Frey 473-4661.



**Second Sunday of Advent—the Week of Preparing!**



**The Second Advent Candle** along with today's readings reminds us to

**Prepare** the way of the Lord. Make ready for the coming of the Guest!

Houses are certainly made ready this time of year...but how about our

HEARTS? Advent is a time for us to

listen to the words of John the Baptist,

**“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” Matt 3:1-12** Take some time this Ad-

vent examine your life, celebrate the Sacrament of

Reconciliation and embrace all the grace and power God has for YOU! One mightier than you is coming.

How worthy are you to loosen his sandals? As

your family lights the second candle today, pray together:

*O Holy Lord, we faithfully wait for our*

*Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. May we wel-*

*come Him with burning love and deep faith. Let*

*us take courage for our God is coming to save*

*us. Amen. EXPERIENCE FORGIVENESS!*

## Parish Messages

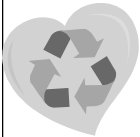


**ADULT ED NEXT SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 15 \* at 9:45am.**

**Guest Speaker:** Sr Marie Leonard on the **Spirituality of the Eucharist**. What a wonderful topic to reflect on with hope as we prepare for the Christmas Season!

Sr Marie is a Benedictine Sister and is the Director of Diocesan Office of Lay Ministry and On-Site Director for the Spring Hill

College Theological Studies Extension Program . She has been with us before and presents a spiritually beautiful insight into our faith! **MAKES PLANS NOW TO ATTEND! YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS HER! ADULTS ONLY!!**



The recycle trailer, located at Lakeside Hospice, collected \$139.33 worth of cans.

This money is split between Lakeside Hospice and

The Christian Love Pantry. Thank you to all who recycle your cans!

## Parish Messages



**Shoebbox Project ends Dec 15.** 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!

### *Thank You*

*Our family would like to thank you all for the thoughts, prayers, cards and loving care over the loss of our Mom and Grandma, Mary Gibbs. We are so thankful to be surrounded by such a beautiful and caring church family. We are blessed beyond measure, and forever grateful.*

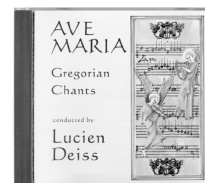
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*Phillip, Bit, Andrew and Will Thomaston and the Gibbs Family.*

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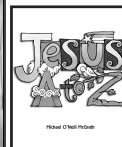
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