

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 14, 2013

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 15, 2013

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



Third Sunday of Advent December 15, 2013

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will
return and enter Zion singing, crowned
with everlasting joy.

— Isaiah 35:10a

Weekly Reading December 16-22

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9;
Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;
Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
Mt 1:18-25
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday &
Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7;
Mt 1:18-24



Mass Intentions Dec 16-22



Monday: Jeanie Reid by Laura Headley
Tuesday: Walton Smith by the Smith Family
Wednesday: Alice Reid by Jeanie Reid
Thursday: Angela Foster by Anna Ellison †
Friday: David Smith by Walton & Gene Smith
Saturday: Edward Smallwood by the Hands †
Sunday: Adela Amaya by Gloria Rodgers †

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



Third Sunday of Advent
Saturday, Dec. 14th 5pm Mass
Wayne & Chere Lowery

Sunday, Dec. 15th
8:30am Mass
Joe & Ruth Stanley

11:15am Mass
Shirley Skeivelas & Diana Grace
Art & Dorothy Di Mattia

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Saturday, Dec. 21th 5pm Mass
Bob & Candy Nicholas

Sunday, Dec. 22th
8:30am Mass
Gregg & Robin Becnel

11:15 am Mass
Brian & Joanna Murphree
Jordan, Ryan, & Peyton
Wayne & Mary Adams

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Joy is the prevailing theme in the Readings for this Sunday, called "Gaudete Sunday" from the Latin Entrance Antiphon "Gaudete in Domino semper". "Rejoice in the Lord always". The Readings make clear why we rejoice in the Lord: because he is the Lord of life and justice.

Pope Francis in his remarkable new document called: "The Joy of the Gospel" says, "We love this magnificent planet on which God has put us". He exhorts us to be positive and joyful messengers of Gospel hope. He writes: "Rather than experts in dire predictions, dour judges bent on rooting out every threat and deviation, we should appear as joyful messengers of challenging proposals, guardians of the goodness and beauty which shine forth in fidelity to the Gospel".

The prophet Isaiah who is our companion through the Advent Readings also encourages us to be a joyful people even in difficult times since the Lord is near.

Who can forget the poetic words of this great prophet as he writes in today's First Reading: "Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, so to those whose hearts are frightened: be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes to save you".

We should also notice the call to patience that comes from the Second Reading and the Letter of James. "Be patient, therefore until the coming of the Lord". Could we be more patient, more deliberate in our public prayer in the Liturgy? So often it is hurried and mindless, coming from rote memory. I had the special privilege of participating in a Liturgy at St. John's Abbey Church in Collegetown, Minnesota last year. The prayer was relaxed and deliberate. There was no rush or impatience. There were pauses between the lines of prayers and between responses. It was prayer with a thoughtful rhythm and very moving. It taught me the value of a more measured prayer rather than a horseshoe to the end of the page. In the pauses, in the silence, in the waiting, God is working.

Welcome to Deacon Serge Brazzolotto: We are delighted and honored that Deacon Serge will be serving as a Deacon in our Parish. He brings a gentle spirit and a kind heart and a prayerful attitude to all that he does. We congratulate Deacon Serge and his wife, Sarah, and their children, Valerie and Matthew. In addition to preaching, he will have a special care for the sick with weekly Communion calls at the Veterans Nursing Home, and he will coordinate and train volunteers in the Ministry of the Sick. Deacon Terry Rumore will continue to serve as Deacon in our Parish too in many works of service, in preaching and Catechetics. We are doubly blessed.

A grief observed: We offer our deepest sympathy and prayer to Kevin & Jo Ann Reilly on the death of Neal Reilly. He was a gentle man and a gentleman, a Latin scholar, a lover of classical music, and a devout and genuine Catholic. May he rest in peace.

Peace & Blessings,
Fr. Sexton

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 15-22

Sunday—Dec. 15

3rd Sunday of Advent

Mass 8:30 & 11:15am

*RE –Shoebbox Project ends

*Reconciliation HS

*Last day bring in Giving Tree Gifts

*Art Contest—K of C 3-5pm

*Adult Ed 9:45am

*Holy Hour 7pm

Monday— Dec. 16

Mass 9am

*Legion of Mary—after Mass

*Bridge

*Reconciliation after the 9am Mass

Tuesday—Dec. 17

Mass 9am

*Reconciliation after the 9am Mass

*RCIA 7pm

Wednesday— Dec. 18

*Happy Birthday Msgr. Sexton!

Mass 9am

*Penitential Service 7pm

2 priests

Thursday—Dec. 19

Mass 9am

*Reconciliation after 9am Mass

Friday—Dec. 20

Mass 9am

*Reconciliation after 9am Mass

Saturday—Dec. 21

Mass 5pm

*Church Cleaning for Christmas 9am

*Confessions 3:30-5pm

Sunday—Dec. 22

4th Sunday of Advent

Mass 8:30 & 11:15am

*No RE.

*Giving Tree Pick-up 1pm

FINANCE NEWS
July 2013-June 2014
Last week

Actual	Budget
*Offertory: \$ 4306.83	\$5199.00
<u>Year-to-date</u>	
*Offertory: \$127,059.81	\$119,577.00

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 — 84 cans.

Thank you for your generosity!

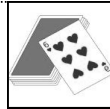


Adult Choir Practice on Thursday evenings at 7pm. If you are interested in joining the choir please contact Charmaine Welch 205-913-4967.



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 Old Women at the Well
 Saturday, January 11th, 10:00 am

. 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

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Pro Life Corner

Our Lady of the Lake
Spiritual Adoption Program

Month 8

Thank you for praying for me. I am 8 months old now. I've got long fingernails And I'm busy getting ready for my birthday. I can't wait to see my Mom and Dad.

Thanks to you and your prayers, I will see them very soon!

A 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



Advent Communal Penance Service Wed, Dec 18 * 7pm

No Mass in the evening.
Daily Mass will be at 9am.

Don't be the lost sheep, come
Examine your Conscience

and prepare your hearts for the
coming of Christ. Are you ready? Is your soul
a worthy temple where Jesus can rest?
Two priests are available to hear confessions.

Prepare! Repent! Rejoice!



ADULT ED THIS 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 beauti-
ful insight into our faith! **MAKES PLANS NOW TO
ATTEND! YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS HER!**

Annual Respect Life Mass and March lead by Bishop Baker

Saturday, January 18, 2014

Pray and Unite for Life

Mass at Cathedral of St. Paul, 9:00 A.M.

Birmingham March for Life, 10:45 AM

**Brother Bryan Park · 22nd Street South at 10th
Avenue, Birmingham, AL**

www.BirminghamMarchforLife.com

205-705-9158



Church Cleaning

On Saturday, December 21st at 9am we will
be doing the annual Church cleaning. If you
have any spare time this day please come
and help. We will be cleaning pews, floors,
windows, and more. If you have any ques-
tions please call the Church Office. Thank you so much
for your help.

ASSIGNMENT LIST

December 18-22

WEDNESDAY 12/18/2013 7:00 PM PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Altar Servers

John Smith, Tiffany Rochford

Lector

Terri Brown

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY MASS 12/21/2013 5:00 PM

Altar Servers

Tom Graffo, Roger Carreker

Greeters

(S) Bill & Loretta Frost,

(N) Red & Gloria Albright

Lectors

Ron Zielenski, David Springer

Ministers

Larry Reese, Parma Boyle,

Gloria Albright

Ushers

Cecil Rodgers, Jerry Noto, Jim Dale,

Jim Gorman

SUNDAY MASSES

12/22/2013

8:30 AM

Altar Servers

Ryan Curran, Michael & Anthony

Emerick, Matt Frey

Greeters

(S) Jennifer Euler,

(N) Janice & Lance Stella

Lectors

Carly & Teri Gagliano

Ministers

Deacon, Jorge Solis, Matthew

Brazzolotto, Edgar Solis,

Ronni Gagliano

Ushers

Michael Gagliano, Laura Headley,

Gloria Amaya, Chase Robinson

11:15 AM

Altar Servers

John Smith, Ryan Murphree,

Ricardo Ortez, Brennan Cardenas

Greeters

(S) Shirley Skeivelas ,

(N) Gracie Troncalli

Lectors

Mary Adams, Betty Huetteman

Ministers

Deacon, Wayne Adams, Yolie Roy,

Tiffany & Brenda Rochford

Ushers

Don Frederick, Brian Young, John

Smith, Shane Fuller

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

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Take time for a Holy Pause

Family Questions of the Week

Questions are based on the Sunday Gospel

Third Sunday of Advent Dec 15, 2013

Theme: God's kingdom is close - it is Jesus.

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

Question for Youth: God speaks to you every day: Isaiah tells us our ears and eyes will be opened in Christ to hear God's voice. What do you hear God saying to you? **Pregunta para los jóvenes:** Dios te habla todos los días: Isaías nos dice que nuestros oídos y ojos serán abiertos en Cristo para oír la voz de Dios. ¿Qué escuchas que te está diciendo Dios?

Question for Adults: What is there in this promise from the Prophet Isaiah that gives you hope? How have you seen this promise fulfilled in Christ? **Pregunta para los adultos:** ¿Qué hay en esta promesa del profeta Isaías que le da esperanza? ¿Ha visto esta promesa satisfecha en Cristo?



Religious Education 2013-2014

Every Sunday at 9:45 am

Grs PreK thru 12

COMING UP * MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Dec 15 RE 9:45am Shoebox 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.

Dec 16, 17, 18, 19 & 20 Confessions will be heard after 9am Masses.

Dec 17 RCIA 7pm

Dec 18 Penitential Service 7pm

2 priests available Mass will be at 9am.

Dec 22 NO RE Prepare your hearts for the birth of Jesus.



Dec 18 * Happy Birthday Msgr. Sexton

LAST CALL!! For Babies born to our Parish btwn December 2012 through the end of 2013.

Our newest members will be recognized 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 405-0948.

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS*JOIN US!!!
LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING**

LITTLE ONES IN CHRIST

Grs PreK-Gr 2 every 2nd Sunday

Next Meeting * JANUARY 12 * 12:30-2:30PM

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

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

Next Meeting * JANUARY 12 * 5-7pm

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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**



All proceeds will help fund the

Pro Life WADC trip.. Place your orders NOW!

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

Our students and leaders will travel to Washington DC January 22-26. Please keep them in your prayers.

ALL YOUTH!!!!

CHURCH LEAGUE BASKET BALL IS HERE!

Open to Grades 1-12 Sign up sheets are in the foyers or see Chris Frey for more information.

Season begins in January.



Third Sunday of Advent—the Week of Joy!

The third Advent candle urges you to be FULL of joy! It is an overflowing feeling, much like the "glory of the Lord", which spilled out of heaven that ancient night when Christ was born! That special night when the joy spread from angels to shepherds and finally to YOU. Be joyful!

*Remember the focus is Jesus, Others then You.
That's what brings **JOY** to all!*

He has sent me to bring glad tidings... Is 61:1
Light the third candle and pray: God of mercy, we seek Your light. Free us from our sins and make us whole. Establish Your house in our hearts, and give us the joy of your love to prepare the way for Christ our Lord. Help us to serve You and one another and rejoice in your ways forever and ever Amen.

Have you been to confession this season?

Parish Messages

*Dear Our Lady of the Lake Family:
This past weekend was extraordinary and amazing. We wish to express our sincere thanks for all you have done and all you have provided in celebration of my ordination as a deacon at Our Lady of the Lake. We were overwhelmed by your generosity, your support, and all the hard work that helped make this weekend so special.
Thank you
Deacon Serge and Sarah Brazzolotto*



The deadline for submitting for the \$500 college scholarship from the Ladies Auxiliary of Alabama is December 31st, open to Catholic women regardless of age.

The directions for application is on our website, http://www.oll-la.org/AUX/College_Scholarship.html

Parish Messages

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.**



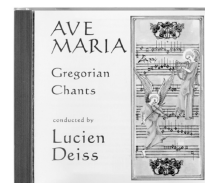
Thank You!

The Parish Council would like to thank The Liturgy Committee, The Legion of Mary, the Knights of Columbus, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus, and the many volunteers for the beautiful receptions for our newly ordained, Deacon Serge Brazzolotto. It was a beautiful weekend, and the receptions gave all of our parishioners an opportunity to honor Serge, and thank Serge and his family for their dedication and commitment to their faith, and to our parish family. God Bless and peace one and all.

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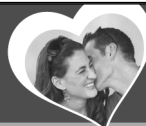
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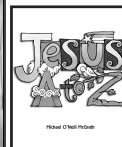
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