

## *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 21, 2013

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 22, 2013

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



### Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2013

They shall name him Emmanuel,  
which means "God is with us."

— Matthew 1:23

## Weekly Reading December 23-29

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;  
Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;  
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday: **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;  
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]  
**Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;  
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab,  
16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;  
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday &  
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5;  
Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



### Mass Intentions Dec 23-29



Monday: Bob Wood by Tom Graffo †

Tuesday: Special Intention

Wednesday: Christmas Day

Thursday: Marlene Catalino by Sam Catalino †

Friday: Guy Veasey by Laura Headley

Saturday: Frances & JW Hand by the Hands †

Sunday: Deceased Knights of Columbus †

#### 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.



Just a reminder that this weekend,  
Dec 21st & 22nd is the last week-  
end to order your holiday hams &  
turkeys. Please see Chris Frey after Sunday  
Masses.

### Advent Wreath Candle Lighters



**Forth Sunday of Advent**  
**Saturday, Dec. 21st 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

God is with us to stay! On the brink of Christmas, the Church uses one Reading from the Old Testament, Isaiah, and one from the New Testament, Matthew, to focus our attention on a single word: Emmanuel. In Hebrew the word is a sentence: "God is with us".

If you were to look for a one-word summary of all the Bible has to say, a one-word statement around which our lives are meant to turn, you could do no better than Emmanuel.

The creator God, who accompanies the galaxies on their paths through the reaches of space, has come to live among us as one of us. The invisible Lord is now seeable. An infant, waving tiny arms and blinking in the light.

Having come among us, God is with us to stay. God is with us along the road that each of us is traveling in this world, all the way to the end and beyond.

Matthew, whose Gospel we will read in this Liturgical Year (The Year of Matthew) brackets his whole Gospel with the word "Emmanuel". In chapter one, verse 23 he notes, of the child to be born of Mary, "and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means God is with us". At the conclusion of his Gospel, Matthew has Jesus say: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, . . . and remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

St John in his Gospel (read at the Mass on Christmas Day) has this dramatic saying: "the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us". In a more literal translation it reads: "He pitched his tent among us. He did not come as a visitor or a tourist staying in an Inn, no, he came to stay and grace our lives".

St John Chrysostom (347-407 A.D.) said of Christmas: "Strange and wonderful is the mystery I behold. In my ears rings the sound of shepherds chanting a heavenly hymn. Angels carol, Archangels celebrate with song and dance. . . . as they contemplate God on earth and our nature in Heaven. By divine decree he who dwells on high is now here below; by God's love those who dwell below are raised on high". O wonderful indeed.

May the coming Feast of Christmas stir a new sense of wonder and awe in your heart and fill your days with a fresh supply of hope. As you gather with your family and friends may you taste the joy of the Gospel and be grateful for all that is good and beautiful and true. On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, let us surrender to the Grace of Christmas—let Christmas surprise us once again.

With Christmas wishes and profound gratitude,  
Fr. Sexton  
Deacon Terry  
Deacon Serge

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 22-29

#### Sunday—Dec. 22

#### 4th Sunday of Advent

Mass 8:30 & 11:15am

\*No RE

\*Giving Tree pick up 1pm

#### Monday— Dec. 23

Mass 9am

\*Legion of Mary—after Mass

#### Tuesday—Dec. 24

Mass 9am

\*Christmas Eve Youth Mass 4:30pm—  
Carols begin at 4pm

\*Tribute to Jesus - Blessing of Babies

\*8:30pm Mass—Carols begin at 8pm

\*No RCIA

#### Wednesday— Dec. 25

\*Happy Birthday Jesus!

\*Christmas Day Mass 9am only

\*Church Office will be closed

#### Thursday—Dec. 26

Mass 9am

#### Friday—Dec. 27

Mass 9am

#### Saturday—Dec. 28

Mass 5pm

\*Confessions 3:30-5pm

#### Sunday—Dec. 29

#### Feast of the Holy Family

Mass 8:30 & 11:15am

\*Knights of Columbus Mass 8:30am

\*No RE.

**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!**

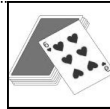


**Adult Choir** Practice on Thursday evenings at 7pm. If you are interested in joining the choir please contact Charmaine Welch 205-913-4967.



**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](http://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](mailto:phillip050@centurytel.net).

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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.**

**ASSIGNMENT LIST**  
**December 24-29**

**CHRISTMAS EVE YOUTH MASS**

**12/24/2013**

**4:30 PM**

Altar Servers Paul Boyle, Natalie Newcomb,  
John Smith, Matt Frey  
Greeters (N) Ashley & (S) Joseph Himmler  
Lectors Blair McGouirk, Hunter Patterson  
Ministers Deacon, Andres & Marisol Loera,  
Joe Pittman, Sailor Reeves Pohlmann  
Ushers Maura Perez Marques, Rafael Perez,  
Omar & Alex Torres, Michael  
Gagliano, Don Frederick, Chris Frey

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**

**12/24/2013**

**8:30 PM**

Altar Servers Ronni Gagliano, Monica Liverman,  
Sawyer Stice, Tiffany Rochford  
Greeters Patsy Lopezde Victoria,  
Patrick Cowart  
Lectors John Stice, Teri Gagliano  
Ministers Deacon, Edgar & Jorge Solis,  
Matthew Brazzolotto,  
Carly Gagliano  
Ushers Herb Kuntz, Lance Stella, Cristy  
McKinney, Rosemary Mateer

**CHRISTMAS DAY MASS**

**12/25/2013**

**9:00 AM**

Altar Servers Andrew & Amelia Reese, Stephen &  
Sophie Poteracki  
Greeters Jay & Enid Willi, Lance &  
Janice Stella  
Lectors Yolie Roy, Betty Huetteman  
Ministers Deacon, Larry & Sara Reese  
Ushers Bob & Karen Hand

**SATURDAY MASS 12/28/2013 5:00 PM**

Altar Servers Bernie & Cory Funderburg  
Greeters Gisela Scruggs, Judy Dawley  
Lectors Sara & Larry Reese  
Ministers Parma Boyle, David Springer,  
Connie Hertrich  
Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Bob & Karen Hand,  
Larry Foltz

**SUNDAY MASSES 12/29/2013**

**8:30 AM**

**KNIGHT'S MASS**

Altar Servers Andrew, Matthew & Amelia Reese,  
Matt Frey  
Greeters Mike & Kitty Gordon, Francie  
Poteracki  
Lectors John Stice, Larry Reese  
Minister Deacon, Stephen Reese, Tom  
Graffo,  
Ushers David Springer, Wayne Adams  
Michael Gagliano, Gregg Becnel,  
Jacky & Tommie Johnson

**11:15 AM**

Altar Servers Paul Boyle, James Lewis, Monica  
Liverman, Will Pittman  
Greeters Chris Watkins, Patrick Buckland  
Lectors John Stice, Robert Lewis  
Minister Deacon, Chere Lowery, Scott  
Denton, Maria Jimemez, Ashley  
Castenada  
Ushers Don Frederick, Ron Markevich,  
James Pittman, Scott Fuller

**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

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent Dec 22, 2013

**Theme:** Jesus is God made flesh. (Emmanuel = God with us!)

**Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel**

**Question for Youth:** God speaks to us in our intuitions and imagination, as he did to Joseph in this dream. What is your experience of hearing God speak in this way? What is God asking of you?

**Pregunta para los jóvenes:** Dios nos habla en nuestras intuiciones e imaginación, como hizo con José en su sueño. ¿Cuál es tu experiencia escuchando a Dios hablarte de esta manera? ¿Qué te pide Dios?

**Question for Adults:** What experiences do you have of God "speaking to you" and directing your life and work? How does God speak to you in prayer?

**Pregunta para los adultos:** ¿Qué experiencias tiene de Dios "hablándole" y dirigiendo su vida y su trabajo? ¿Cómo le habla Dios en la oración?



## Religious Education 2013-2014

Every Sunday at 9:45 am

Grs PreK thru 12

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

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

**Dec 24 No RCIA**

**Dec 29 NO RE** Feast of the Holy Family

**Jan 5 RE Resumes** Epiphany Sun

Class Parties Youth Mass 11:15am

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Next Session Fri January 10 \* 10am II Corinthians



## Fourth Sunday of Advent — the Week of Love!

The Advent wreath is now fully alight with the warm glow of love. It urges you not to be loving...not to be loved...but to **BE LOVE**. Love itself came to earth on Christmas Day. Emmanuel was born. God, who IS love, dwelt among us, giving us the ability to BE LOVE in this world! Go forth and be HIS hands and feet!

*Together light the fourth candle on your Family Advent Wreath.*

## 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**

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

JR YOUTH Grs 3-6 every 2nd Sunday

Next Meeting \* **JANUARY 12 \* 5-7pm**

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

SR YOUTH Grs 7-12 What's Happening!

#### LAST CALL TODAY

#### for Turkeys & Hams



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.

Join the Fun and spread the Faith!



The Religious Education Department  
Wishes everyone a Happy, Holy Christmas season!  
May your Christmas stockings overflow with Christ's peace, love and joy!

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all our teachers, aides, helpers, youth leaders and adult educators. You are hands and heart of Christ!

PreK 3/4 Julie Smith & Carl Rochford  
Kindergarten Brenda Rochford, Connie Luter  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade Amber Boyle, Jordan Murphree  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Terri Brown & Karen Reese  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Kim Vernon & Jimmy Falkner  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade Laura Headley, Peggy Denton  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Maria Jimenez & Tommy Zopfi  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Robert Lewis & Lloyd Brown  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Sonya Lewis & Rosemary Mateer  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Sharon Stice & Beth Hoffert  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade Stephen Reese & Scott Denton  
10-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Teri Gagliano, Paul Emerick  
Hall Monitor Paul Boyle Jr.  
Sr Youth Leader Chris Frey  
Jr. Youth Leader Sonya Lewis

Little Ones in Christ Leader Joanna Murphree  
RCIC Gisela Scruggs

Thank you for all you do for our Youth!

**Merry Christmas!** Parma Boyle, DRE

## Parish Messages

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  
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## 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



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205-525-5161.



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

Thank you.



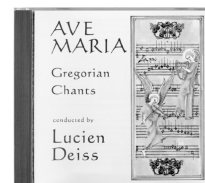
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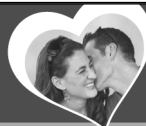
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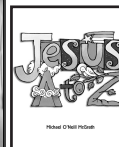
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