

## *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, January 11, 2014

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 12, 2014

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

### The Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2014

A voice came from the heavens, saying,  
“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well  
pleased.”  
— *Matthew 3:17*



### Mass Intentions Jan 13-19



Monday: Jim Gregg by Larry & Sara Reese +  
Tuesday: Michael Polk by the Elie Family  
Wednesday: Art Smith by the Brazzolottos +  
Thursday: Virginia Demmert by Paul & Parma Boyle +  
Friday: Magdalena Perez by Paul & Parma Boyle +  
Saturday: Marie Battaglia by Paul & Parma Boyle  
Sunday: Gini Kerr by the Kern Family +

#### 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 Jan. 13-19

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39  
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45  
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12  
Saturday & Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34



Office of the Bishop

### Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama

January 2, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

#### *Evangelization...Support the Church in Latin America*

*The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that “the disciple of Christ must not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it” (ccc1816).*

*The continuing generosity of Catholics in the United States has helped the Collection to distribute funds to support the Church in Latin America—including seminarian formation, continuing education for clergy, and the formation of lay ministers. By using the funds for these causes and more, we are able to ensure that our impact will be felt for years to come and will help create self-sustaining Catholic communities.*

*This year’s annual collection will be the weekend of  
January 25-26.*

*Your help is needed to make the Collection a success. Together, let us ask the Lord and Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, to continue to bless us in all that we do.*

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Baker, S.T.D.  
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of Christmas time and the beginning of ordinary time.

The Baptism of Jesus is mentioned in all four Gospels. In the revised Liturgical Calendar of the Church it is a special feast day always celebrated on a Sunday to emphasize its importance in the life of the Church. In the Gospel it marks the inauguration of the public ministry of Jesus.

The Reading from Isaiah (42:1-4, 6-7) is part of a long meditation on the servant of the Lord. He will come quietly and gently—so gently that even the frail reed that is already bent will not be broken, and the wick that is already smoldering will not be put out. And yet this quiet, humble servant, who is Jesus, will establish a new kingdom, a realm of justice.

We meet so many whose lives are bent. Bent out of shape by hardships and set backs, by tragedies and disappointments. Will we find a comforting word for them, a healing gesture to lift them up? And we meet so many who are grasping for faith, holding on to some shred of hope, like smoldering wicks. Will we re-ignite their frayed faith and fragile hope by a kind word and a listening heart? It is so easy to break the “bruised” reed or extinguish the smoldering wick by thoughtless words or words that condemn.

Matthew’s account of the Baptism differs from the other Gospel accounts in several ways. John stops Jesus as he comes to him at the Jordan—“I need to be Baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?” (Mt 3:14). This reflects the difficulties the early Christians had with Jesus’ undergoing John’s Baptism of repentance. Since Jesus was sinless from birth why would he need to go through this ritual?

The response of Jesus is enigmatic or mysterious. “Let it be”, he says to John, “for it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness”. Righteousness denotes good order or right relationship with God, self, others, and all creation. Jesus came to bring such right relationships.

After Jesus’ Baptism, something marvelous happens as the heavens are opened, and God’s voice is heard as it was on the day of creation. The words of God that echo over the waters of the Jordan are addressed to all: —“This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased”. In dramatic fashion Matthew reminds us that Jesus is Son of God and Son of David.

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**Day of Liturgical Reflection and Renewal:** This Saturday from 9:30am-12:30pm for all Liturgical Ministers of the Parish. Fr. Rick Chenault will be the presenter. Please make every effort to attend. Thanks for your help.

Peace & Blessings,  
Fr. Sexton

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 12-19

### Sunday—Jan. 12

**Baptism of our Lord**  
**Nat'l Vocation Week**  
**Mass 8:30 & 11:15am**

\*RE

\*Pro Life Rosary / Spanish

\*Adult Ed w/ Deacon Terry 9:45am

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

\*Jr. Youth Mtg. 5-7pm

\*Baby Bottle Drive Begins

### Monday— Jan. 13

**Mass 9am**

\*Legion of Mary—after Mass

\*Bridge

\*First Reconciliation 6pm w/ Reception

### Tuesday—Jan. 14

**Mass 9am**

\* RCIA 7pm

### Wednesday— Jan. 15

**Mass 7pm**

\*Surfsiders 10am

\*Parish Council after Mass

### Thursday—Jan. 16

**Mass 9am**

### Friday—Jan. 17

**Mass 9am**

\*Bible Study—II Corinthians 10am

### Saturday—Jan. 18

**Mass 5pm**

\*Morning of Reflection 9:30-12:30

\*Birmingham Pro Life March  
**10:45am**

\*Confessions 3:30-5pm

### Sunday—Jan. 19

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

\*RE / Scapular Sunday

\*Ultreya 5:45pm

\*Holy Hour 7pm

\*Blood Drive

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

Actual	Budget
*Offertory: \$ 10321.10	\$5199.00
<u>Year-to-date</u>	
*Offertory: \$146,976.00	\$135,174.00

**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 — 171 cans.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

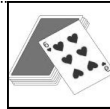


**Adult Choir** Practice on Thursday evenings at 7pm. If you are interested in joining the choir please contact Charmaine Welch 205-913-4967.



**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, February 8, 2014**  
**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** .

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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**2014 Offertory Envelopes are here and ready for pick up in the north foyer of the Church. 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.**



**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



**BENEDICTINE  
SISTERS** SACRED HEART MONASTERY  
in CULLMAN, ALABAMA

*Centering Prayer introductory retreat to be held*

*An Introduction to Centering Prayer retreat will be held at the Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center in Cullman January 17-19, 2014. This form of Christian prayer is rooted in the ancient Christian contemplative tradition and is intended to foster a deeper intimacy with Christ. Private rooms and the ability to maintain silence are required.*

*The cost for the weekend is \$210/person; lodging, meals, and linens are included. For registration information and other details, please contact the Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center at (256) 734-8302 or by e-mail at [retreats@shmon.org](mailto:retreats@shmon.org).*



You are invited to a Luncheon  
sponsored by  
*Magnificat,*  
a Ministry to Catholic Women.

**Speaker:** Meredith Young  
**Date:** Saturday, January 25, 2014  
**Time:** 11:30am-2:30pm  
**Place:** St. Elias Parish Hall  
836 8th St. South  
Birmingham, AL 35205  
205-252-3867 (Parish Hall)

**Tickets:** \$10.00  
On sale now thru Jan. 22nd  
**No tickets will be sold at the doors.**

### Thank You

Thanks for all the cards, prayers, and visits during my illness. They are all so appreciated.  
Love you all,  
Karen Hand

## ASSIGNMENT LIST January 15-19

**WEDNESDAY 1/15/2014 7:00 PM**  
Altar Servers Taylor Vernon, Ronni Gagliano  
Lector Charmaine Booker Welch

**SATURDAY MASS 1/18/2014 5:00 AM**  
Altar Servers Tom Graffo, Tom Michaels  
Greeters (S) Lance & Janice Stella,  
(N) Red & Gloria Albright  
Lectors Larry & Sara Reese  
Ministers Deacon, Marty & Sue Poteracki

Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Mike Gordon,  
Jerry Noto, Jim Gorman

**SUNDAY MASSES 1/19/2014  
8:30 AM**

Altar Servers Ryan Curran, Matthew & Amelia  
Reese, Natalie Newcomb  
Greeters (S) Brenda Rochford,  
(N) Teri Gagliano  
Lectors Karen Reese, Teri Gagliano  
Ministers Deacon, Stephen & Andrew Reese,  
Michael & Ronni Gagliano  
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Cristy McKinney,  
Velia Solis, Edith Pavez

**11:15 AM**

Altar Servers Tiffany Rochford, Sawyer Stice,  
Taylor Vernon, Will Pittman  
Greeters (S) Ashley Castaneda,  
(N) Shirley Skeivelas  
Lectors Larry Foltz, Julie Smith  
Ministers Deacon, Terri Brown, Ashley  
Castaneda, Scott Denton, Yolie Roy  
Ushers Don Frederick, Ron Markevich,  
Johnny Armstrong, Brian Young

**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

**January 12, 2014 The Baptism of the Lord**

**Gospel:** Matthew 3:13-17

**Adults:** What evidence can you offer that you are a faithful servant of the Lord?

¿Qué evidencia podrías mostrar de que eres un siervo fiel del Señor?

**Child:** When has the Holy Spirit helped you treat someone fairly?

¿Cuándo te ha ayudado el Espíritu Santo a tratar a alguien de una manera justa?



## Religious Education 2013-2014

Every Sunday at 9:45 am

Grs PreK thru 12

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

Jan 12 RE 9:45am Baptism of our Lord

#### ADULT FORMATION 9:45am

Time to get serious with

**DEACON TERRY**

Topic: Commitment

Jan 13 Mon First Reconciliation 6pm w/reception

Jan 14 Tues RCIA 7pm

#### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Jan 17 Fri \* 10am II Corinthians

Jan 19 RE 9:45am Scapular Sunday

Holy Hour 7pm

### ATTN PARENTS WITH STUDENTS PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament will be celebrated

**Monday, JAN 13 at 6pm.**

Please meet in the church.

A small reception will be held afterwards in the hall.

#### **PLEASE BE PROMPT!**

Please keep the following students in your prayers: *Madison & Mason Barnes; Braden Bell; Katie Boyle; Amy Cardenas; Marc Halog; Harry Houk; Maddie Osborne; KJ VanBrimmer; Jacob Wiley; Karla Perez & Jimilia Sayles.*



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



### LITTLE ONES IN CHRIST

Grs PreK-Gr 2 every 2nd Sunday

Next Meeting \* **THIS SUNDAY 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 \* **THIS SUNDAY JANUARY 12 \***

**5-7pm HAPPY NEW YEAR! Dinner will be served!** Call Sonya Lewis 863-7305.

SR YOUTH Grs 7-12 What's Happening!

**Our students and leaders will travel to Washington DC January 22-26. Please keep them in your prayers.** For more info contact Chris Frey 473-4661

### ALL YOUTH!!!!

### CHURCH LEAGUE BASKET BALL IS HERE!

Season begins for Grades 4,5 & 6

Jan 7 Tues @ 7pm @ Cropwell Church

Jan 13 Mon @ 6pm @ Cropwell Church

Jan 14 Tues @ 7pm @ Cropwell Church

Jan 16 Thur @ 7pm @ Eden Church

Jan 21 Tues @ 7pm @ Mt Pisgah

Feb 3 Mon @ 6pm @ Mt Pisgah

Tournament Games to be announced.

**High School grades 7-12** are still waiting for dates. See Chris Frey for more info.

**Join the Fun and spread the Faith!**



Today we celebrate the **Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord.** With this feast the Church officially ends the Christmas Season. I pray your Christmas stockings overflowed with His peace, joy & love! The Church Calendar now enters into **Ordinary Time**. We begin to explore the public ministry of Christ.

*This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.* Matt 3:17

### **JANUARY IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS.**

*Every knee shall bow and tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.* Rom 14:11

**At the sound of the name of JESUS, the devil flees! Say it often!**

## Parish Messages

*We Welcome the following  
Newest Members  
to our Church Family*

**Kathryne Ann Shelton**

*Let us love one another, for love is of God and everyone  
that loves is born of God and knows God. 1Jn4:7  
May you feel the warmth of His Spirit!*



### Day of Reflection & Re-commitment

On Saturday morning, January 12, there will be a special day of reflection and re-commitment for all our Liturgical Ministers, including Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers, Choir Members, Sacristans, Cantors, and Song Leaders.

The Day of Reflection will begin at 9:30am and will close with lunch at 12:00 noon. Fr. Rick Chenuault, Diocesan Director of Vacations and Associate Pastor at Holy Spirit Parish in Tuscaloosa will offer two special presentations on the meaning of the Liturgy and our role as Liturgical Ministers.

All Liturgical Ministers are strongly encouraged and expected to attend this special morning of reflection and re-commitment. –Fr. Sexton

## 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 A.M.  
Brother Bryan Park · 22nd Street South at 10th  
Avenue, Birmingham, AL  
[www.BirminghamMarchforLife.com](http://www.BirminghamMarchforLife.com)**

205-705-9158

### ATTENTION ALL SR. YOUTH

The parish will be providing transportation for anyone wanting to go to the March for Life in Birmingham. We will leave the Church parking lot at 7:45am so as to make it to St. Paul's for Mass at 9am. If you are interesting in attending please contact Chris Frey at 205-473-4661.

### Thank you!

A heartfelt thank you to all for all the wonderful Christmas gifts, cards, and blessings this Christmas season.

God Bless,  
Deacon Terry and Rita Rumore  
Deacon Serge and Sarah Brazzolotto

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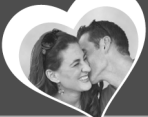
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