

## *Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church*



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**PARISH SECRETARY:** Brenda Rochford

**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 18, 2014

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 19, 2014

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19, 2014

I will make you a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

- *Isaiah 49:6b*

### Holy Hour

Sunday, January 19, 2014, 7pm



### Mass Intentions Jan 20-26



Monday: Linda Riemenschneider by Paul & Parma Boyle †  
Tuesday: Katie Elie by the Elie Family †  
Wednesday: M. Cueria & Ethel Nunez by Susan Moseley †  
Thursday: Special Intention †  
Friday: Claudia Hopkins by the Brazzolottos †  
Saturday: Jim Gregg by the Morteke †  
Sunday: Marlene Catalino by Sam Catalino †

### 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. 20-26

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer  
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12  
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19  
Saturday: &  
Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]



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

We have closed the great Liturgical season of Christmas and now the Church enters what is called "Ordinary" Time in which the Scripture Readings focus on the life and ministry of Jesus.

The Gospel Reading this Sunday is from John's Gospel (1:29-34). Like last Sunday's Gospel it focuses on the Baptism of Jesus. John the Baptist sees Jesus and utters the marvelous words we echo at every Mass, words that reveal the whole mission of Jesus: "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world". John says twice in this Gospel, "I did not know him" and yet the names by which John speaks of Jesus show that he knows who Jesus is on the deepest level. He is the "Lamb of God" - The one who will be sacrificed to take away the people's guilt.

John also came to know Jesus as "the Son of God". He acknowledges that it was through the Holy Spirit that he came to know who Jesus is. We cannot come to know who Jesus is from a book or a movie or an e-mail. In John's Gospel to know Jesus is a gift given to those who have faith.

John is candid in admitting that he "did not know Jesus" when he first came to the River Jordan. He means to say that from a human perspective he did not really know who Jesus was.

A good question for all of us this Sunday is to ask who is Jesus for me? What difference does he make in my life? Conversely, is it possible to spend a whole life with a false understanding of who Jesus is? Bill O'Reilly's best selling book, "Killing Jesus" gives a historical answer to the question of who Jesus is. He uses historical sources and makes no claim to interpret the Scriptures or to address the faith question. The book is selling in the millions and shows the fascination and curiosity people still have about the life and times of Jesus. However the question for believers still remains—who is Jesus of Nazareth?

**First Reconciliation**— Congratulations to the children of our Parish who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) for the first time on Monday. Thanks to the wonderful Catechists, Terri Brown and Karen Reese who helped to prepare the children. Thanks to Parma Boyle, our faithful Director of Religious Education.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**— The week of special prayer for Christian unity is from January 18th to 25th. Here we are asked to pray fervently for the unity of all Christians and all Christian Churches. This too is the work of the Holy Spirit.

**Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**— Celebrated on Monday. A reminder that there is unfinished work in removing racial discrimination and inequality.  
Peace & Blessings, Fr. Sexton

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 19-26

### **Sunday—Jan. 19**

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

\*RE / Scapular Sunday

\*Ultreya 5:45pm

\*Holy Hour 7pm

\*Blood Drive

\*Baby Bottle Drive cont.

### **Monday— Jan. 20**

**Martin Luther King Day**

**Mass 9am**

\*Legion of Mary—after Mass

\*Bridge

### **Tuesday—Jan. 21**

**Mass 9am**

\* RCIA 7pm

### **Wednesday— Jan. 22**

**Mass 7pm**

\*Sr. Youth leaves for Washington D.C.

### **Thursday—Jan. 23**

**Mass 9am**

### **Friday—Jan. 24**

**Mass 9am**

\*Bible Study—II Corinthians 10am

### **Saturday—Jan. 25**

**Mass 5pm**

\*Confessions 3:30-5pm

### **Sunday—Jan. 26**

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

\*RE

\*Sr. Youth return from Washington D.C.

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

<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>*Offertory: \$ 6296.49</b>	<b>\$5199.00</b>
<u>Year-to-date</u>	
<b>*Offertory: \$158,114.89</b>	<b>\$145,572.00</b>

**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 — 52 cans.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

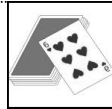


**Adult Choir** Practice on Thursday evenings at 7pm. If you are interested in joining the choir please contact Charmaine Welch 205-913-4967.



**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, 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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*Friendship*



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.**



**Pro Life Corner**

**Month 9 —I'm here!**

**Thanks for praying for me!**

**Shower of Blessings will be**  
**Sunday, February 2, 2014**



**after the 11:15 Mass.**

**Please note this is a different date than what was printed on the Church Calendar.**

**Our speaker this year will be**

**Cheryl Ciamarra.**



## Retreats and Other Programs



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### Annual Men's Retreat:

### Christian Men Following in the Footsteps of Jesus

Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat is offering our **Annual Men's Retreat** entitled "Christian Men Following in the Footsteps of Jesus" on Feb. 7-9, 2014. This retreat will explore elements of a spirituality for men in the world, emphasizing the major characteristics of Jesus, as well as how we are called to be the "hands, feet, and eyes" of Jesus. The presenter is Brother Loughlan Sofield, S.T. **Cost: \$170 (includes \$40 non-refundable deposit)** The retreat begins with registration at 7pm Fri, Feb 7th and concludes with dinner at noon on Sunday. For registration information call (334)855-4474 or write Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat, 107 Holy Trinity Rd, Ft. Mitchell, AL 36856.

### **Grief Recovery Support Group Grief Share**

Grief Share is a special weekly seminar and support group for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them.

Seminars will be held on Wednesdays starting Jan. 15th, at 6pm and continuing every Wednesday for 13 weeks.

Seminars are facilitated by Janet Betz. Please call 205-338-1113 between 4pm & 6pm for questions or more information.

Seminars will be held at Arbor Baptist Church in Pell City.

### **1st Annual Godly Women R One Retreat St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church 722 East St S Talladega, Alabama**

**Pastor: Fr. Thomas Woods**

**Presented By The Ladies Guild**

**Saturday, February 1, 2014**

**9:00 - 2:00PM**

**Registration/Sign-in 8:30-9:00**

**\$10.00 Donation**

**"God's Wonder Woman as the modern woman,  
connecting with our spiritual self"**

**The modern woman plays multitudes of roles:  
mother, jobs, carpools, wife, and spiritual leaders.**

**"United we come to serve and lift him up in our  
daily lives".**

## ASSIGNMENT LIST

January 22-26

### **WEDNESDAY 1/22/2014 7:00 PM**

Altar Servers  
Lector

Stephen & Sophie Poteracki  
Bernie Funderburg

### **SATURDAY MASS 1/25/2014 5:00 PM**

Altar Servers  
Greeters

Marty Poteracki, Stephen Reese  
(S) Janice/Lance Stella,  
(N) Marsha Armstrong

Lectors  
Ministers  
Ushers

Karen Reese, David Springer  
Sara, Larry & Andrew Reese  
Cecil Rodgers, Bob & Karen Hand,  
Larry Foltz

### **SUNDAY MASS**

**1/26/2014**

#### **8:30 AM**

Altar Servers

Stephen & Sophie Poteracki, Andrew  
& Will Thomaston

Greeters

(S) Laura Headley  
(N) Mike/Kitty Gordon

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Anna Emerick, Betty Huetteman  
Deacon, Barbara McGowin, Marisol  
Loera, Brenda & Tiffany Rochford  
Michael Gagliano, Rosemary Mateer,  
Gloria Rodgers, Isabel Loera

Ushers

#### **11:15 AM**

Altar Servers

Paul Boyle, Ryan Murphree, James  
Lewis, Brenda Cardenas

Greeters

(S) Jay/Enid Willi,  
(N) Gracie Troncalli

Lectors  
Ministers

Jim & Marcia Mortek  
Deacon, Sarah Brazzolotto, Mary &  
Wayne Adams, Maria Jimenez  
Don Frederick, Ron Markevich,  
Daniel Denton, John Smith

Ushers

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## Take time for a Holy Pause

### Family Questions of the Week

Questions are based on the Sunday Gospel

January 19, 2014 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: John 1:29-34

**Adult:** When have you been surprised to see goodness that you had overlooked in someone?

**¿Cuándo te ha sorprendido ver la bondad que habías pensado no encontrarías en cierta persona?**

**Child:** Who has surprised you by doing something kind for you when you did not expect it?

**¿Quién te ha sorprendido al hacer algo bueno por ti cuando no te lo esperabas?**



## Religious Education 2013-2014

Every Sunday at 9:45 am

Grs PreK thru 12

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

Jan 19 RE 9:45am Scapular Sunday

Holy Hour 7pm

Jan 21 RCIA 7pm

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Jan 24 Fri \*10am II Corinthians

Jan 26 RE 9:45am



**Congratulations to the following students who have received their**

**First Confession.**

*Braden Bell*

*Katie Boyle*

*Amy Cardenas*

*Marc Halog*

*Harry Houk*

*Mattie Osborne*

*KJ VanBrimmer*

*Jacob Wiley*

*Karla Perez &*

*Jimillia Sayles.*

**May you always let your little light shine!**

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

### LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING



#### LITTLE ONES IN CHRIST

Grs PreK-Gr 2 every 2nd Sunday

Next Meeting \* **Next Meeting FEBRUARY 9 \***

**12:30-2:30PM** Lunch will be served! call Joanna Murphree 473-1444.

JR YOUTH Grs 3-6 every 2nd Sunday

Next Meeting **Next Meeting FEBRUARY 9 \***

**5-7pm** 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!

See Chris Frey or Anna Emerick for schedules.

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



**Attention Parents of 5th thru 8th Grade Students:** Please take the time with your children and help them prepare for the **'Annual Religion Bowl'**. The Bowl will be held **February 23 \* 9:45am.**

## CONFIRMATION DATE HAS BEEN SET



**We will Celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation Wednesday, May 14, 2014, at 7pm.**

**Attn all Parents of Students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation:**

**There will be a Parent Meeting Feb 3 at 7pm.**

### **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

Just a reminder that 2014 Offertory Envelopes are here in the north foyer. Please, if you haven't already done so, pick yours up today!  
If you have any questions please call the office 205-525-5161.  
Thank you.



## BLOOD DRIVE TODAY!

The American Red Cross will be here today, Sunday, January 19th from 9am-2pm. The severe winter weather this year has impacted the blood supply and the Red Cross is in serious need. Please won't you consider giving.  
God Bless.



## Parish Messages



### Shower of Blessings

You are invited Sunday, February 2, 2014, after 11:15am Mass.

Cheryl Ciamarra, Alabama Citizens for Life Board Director to

The National Right to Life Committee in Washington D.C., will speak Sunday, February 2, 2014, at the Shower of Blessings after the 11:15 Mass to update us on Alabama's Pro-life Legislation's current status as well as proposed legislation for this session. She will also answer any pro-life matters of concern you may have. All are invited, and please bring your Baby Bottles to benefit Ann's New Life Center.



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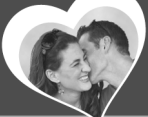
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