

## *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, February 1, 2014

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, February 2, 2014

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

### The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2014

He had to become like his brothers and sisters  
in every way.

— Hebrews 2:17a

### First Friday Adoration

Friday, Feb. 7, 2014

9:30-12:30



### Mass Intentions Feb. 3-9



Monday: Bonnie Carr by Jeanie Reid

Tuesday: Joe Graffo by the Brazzolottos

Wednesday: Mary Gibbs by Paul & Parma Boyle

Thursday: Tom Zopfi by the Brazzolotts

Friday: Robert Bredel by the Zielinskis

Saturday: Bob Wood by the Brazzolottos

Sunday: Betsy Spencer by the Brazzolottos

### 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, 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 February 3-9

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20

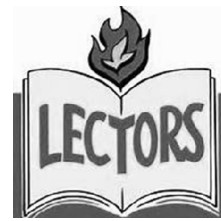
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday &  
Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO  
ATTEND...

*Our Lady of the Lake  
Lector Training*

Where: Our Lady of the Lake Church  
Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 7:00 – 7:30 – Mass  
7:30 – 8:00 – Training

All lectors are asked to attend the annual lector training class. It will begin with mass and be followed by training for all new and seasoned lectors.

This is a wonderful time to recommit to your ministry while improving your skills. If you know anyone who would like to become a lector please invite them to attend.

You can reach Terri at 405.4747 or email  
[beachdreaming2@aol.com](mailto:beachdreaming2@aol.com) with any questions.

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Presentation-Purification-Candlemas-St. Blaise

We interrupt Ordinary Time today to celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Implied within this feast, as Luke describes it, is the rite of purification, required by the Book of Leviticus (12:2-5) for the mother after the birth of her child. The Feast of St. Blaise, the bishop and martyr who died in 316 A.D. is remembered on this Sunday too as we offer the traditional Blessing of Throats. To complete this rich fare of symbols and rituals we bless candles on this day.

In these lovely verses of today's Gospel, St. Luke touches the great mysteries of life and death, of light and darkness, of generations young and old. The poverty of Joseph and Mary is hinted at in that they offered a pair of turtledoves as an offering. These verses serve to emphasize Mary and Joseph as faithful, law-abiding Jews, observing the ancient rituals that tried to make sense out of life.

Joseph and Mary bring Jesus to the Temple after forty days to dedicate him to God (as the Book of Exodus required). By making an offering to the Temple the first born son was then received back. Life belongs to God. Life is sacred. Life comes from God.

The ritual of purification carried out by the mother, according to the rules of Leviticus (12:2-5) reflect an ancient belief that the blood shed in child birth caused the mother to become ritually impure, hence the need to come to the Temple to make an offering and receive a blessing from the Temple Priest. Of course we don't have any such ritual now since we see the birth of a child as a holy event, a miracle.

Simeon saw the child being presented in the Temple as "a light for revelation to the Gentiles". The Light of God. We bless candles today to remind us of the Light. Candles that burn themselves out in sharing their light. Once people used to bring candles to Church to be blessed on this day; the candles were then kept in the home to be lighted in times of storms or floods. (now we prefer flashlights and batteries— Oh, ye of little faith:!)

The Blessing of Throats today, invoking the prayers of St. Blaise "to be delivered from every disease of the throat and from every other illness" is a wonderful expression of faith too.

May we all enjoy good health and be sources of Light in this new year.

Peace & Blessings,  
Fr. Sexton

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS February 2-9

### Sunday—Feb. 2

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

**Feast of St. Blaise—Blessing of Throats  
\*RE**

\*Youth Mass 11:15am

\*Shower of Blessings after 11:15 Mass.

### Monday— Feb. 3

**Mass 9am**

\*Legion of Mary—after Mass

\*Bridge

\*Parent Mtg.—Confirmation Prep 7pm

### Tuesday— Feb. 4

**Mass 9am**

\*RCIA 7pm

### Wednesday— Feb. 5

**Mass 7pm**

### Thursday—Feb. 6

**Mass 9am**

### Friday—Feb. 7

**Mass 9am**

\*First Friday Adoration 9:30-12:30

\*Bible Study—II Corinthians 10am

### Saturday—Feb. 8

**Mass 5pm**

\*Women at the Well 10am

\*Confirmation Retreat at Casa Maria-

Leave OLL at 7:45am

\*Confessions 3:30-5pm

### Sunday—Feb. 9

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

\*RE

\*Pro Life Rosary / English

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

\*Jr. Youth Mtg. 5-7

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

Actual	Budget
*Offertory: \$ 4504.25	\$5199.00
<u>Year-to-date</u>	
*Offertory: \$168,437.36	\$155,970.00

**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 — 55 cans.

**Thank you for your generosity!**



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

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*Friendship*

**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.



**Pro Life Corner**

**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.

## 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.

### **The Alabama Guild of the Catholic Medical Association:**

Invites everyone to the White Mass for Healthcare Workers to be celebrated by Bishop Baker on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 6pm at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Birmingham, AL. All who care for or minister to the sick are invited for this special Mass of prayer and thanksgiving on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day of the Sick (Feb. 11). Family, friends, co-workers, fellow parishioners and anyone involved in the field of health care, is invited to this special Mass. A reception will be held after Mass in the parish hall for those who attend.



## ASSIGNMENT LIST February 5-9

**WEDNESDAY 2/5/2014 7:00 PM**  
 Altar Servers Tiffany Rochford, John Smith  
 Lector Bernie Funderburg

**SATURDAY MASS 2/8/2014 5:00 PM**  
 Altar Servers Chris Gallegly, Tom Graffo  
 Greeters Susan Mosley, Judy Dawley  
 Lectors Ellen & Judy Marston  
 Ministers Sara & Larry Reese, Connie Hertrich  
 Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Bob & Karen Hand,  
 Larry Foltz

### **SUNDAY MASSES 2/9/2014**

**8:30 AM**  
 Altar Servers Matthew Reese, Ronni Gagliano,  
 Andrew & Will Thomaston  
 Greeters Rosemary Mateer, Jimillia Sayles  
 Lectors Karen Reese, Carey Monistere  
 Ministers Deacon, Barbara McGowin, Marisol  
 Usher Loera, Stephen & Andrew Reese  
 Michael Gagliano, Lance Stella,  
 Joaquina Reyes, Chase Robinson

**11:15 AM**  
 Altar Servers Monica Liverman, Paul Boyle,  
 James Lewis, Ricardo Ortiz  
 Greeters Patrick Cowart, Pasty Lopezde  
 Victoria  
 Lectors Betty Huetteman, Julie Smith  
 Ministers Deacon, Yolie Roy, Brenda &  
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**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

February 2, 2014 The Presentation of the Lord  
Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

**Adult:** What are you doing in order to continue to grow strong in faith and wisdom?

**Adultos:** ¿Qué estás haciendo con el fin de seguir creciendo y desarrollando en fe y sabiduría?

**Child:** Who helps you to grow strong in your faith?

**Niños:** ¿Quién te ayuda a crecer y desarrollar en tu fe?



**Religious Education 2013-2014**

**Every Sunday at 9:45 am**

Grs PreK thru 12

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

Feb 2 RE 9:45am \* Youth Mass 11:15am

Feb 3 Parent Mtg. for Confirmation 7pm

Feb 4 RCIA 7pm

Feb 7 First Friday Adoration 9:30am-12:30pm

Feb 7 Fri \*10am BIBLE STUDY II Corinthians

Feb 8 Sat Confirmation Retreat Bus leaves OLL  
7:45am Returns approx 5pm

Feb 9 RE 9:45am



**ATTN: Parents of Students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation there will be**

**PARENT MEETING FOR CONFIRMATION \* Feb 3 at 7pm**

**CONFIRMATION DATE HAS BEEN SET**

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

Please note change in Calendar. Instead of the ARC party on Feb 9 the class will be going to Rosewood Manor Nursing Home Sun Feb 16 \* leaving OLL at 10:30 returning approx 12:30.



**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.**

**Together we can grow in faith!**

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

**LITTLE ONES IN CHRIST**

Grs PreK-Gr 2 every 2nd Sunday

Next Meeting **THIS SUNDAY\* 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 **THIS SUNDAY\* FEBRUARY 9 \***

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

**ALL YOUTH!!!!**

**CHURCH LEAGUE BASKET BALL IS HERE!**

Schedules for all ages are now posted in the RE Bldg. and Church Hall. See Chris Frey or Anna Emerick for more info. **Join the Fun and spread the Faith!**



**ARE WE CARING FOR THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF OUR YOUTH?** As Catholic guardians we know that the **SOUL** is the only part of our youth that will live forever; but sometimes we put off nurturing it in favor of more immediate priorities. Yet it is important to build good spiritual habit while children are young. **Consider these ideas for raising a strong, healthy soul in your child's body: FEED THE SOUL LIKE YOU WOULD**

**THE BODY.** Spiritual nourishment comes from attending weekly Mass, receiving the Sacraments and daily prayer. **Family** prayer is most important! **EDUCATE THE SOUL.** You wouldn't think of denying an academic education, so make sure to provide ample opportunities to learn about our faith-Participate in Religious Education Programs, try a home bible study, ask questions and discuss the faith. **SHOW BY EXAMPLE.** Do you attend weekly Mass; receive the sacraments; encourage family prayer? As guardians, you are the greatest educators!

**DAILY EXERCISE IS THE KEY.** Practice makes perfect. **Daily** prayer and service to others are two everyday habits that start in childhood.



**It's time to bring in your last year's palms and place them in the baskets in the foyers...**

**A PALM BURNING CEREMONY**

will take place

**March 2.**

**February is dedicated to  
The Passion of Our Lord.**

## Parish Messages



**Love Lessons**  
Purity is Possible  
By:

Pam Stenzel

**Saturday, March 1st**  
**9:30a.m. - 2:30p.m.**  
**Ann's New Life Center**  
**Group class for teen girls!**

**For more information**  
**Contact Ann's New Life Center**  
**Registration deadline will be Feb. 24th.**  
3440 Martin St. South Suite 1  
Cropwell, AL 35054  
Phone: 205-338-4580

Cold and flu season are upon us.  
Please refrain from the Cup if you are  
feeling sick.  
Thank you.

## Parish Messages



### *Our Lady of the Lake* **Extraordinary Minister Training**

Where: Our Lady of the Lake Church

Date: Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

Time: 7:00 – 7:30 Mass

7:30 – 8:00 – Training

All Extraordinary Ministers are asked to attend the annual EM training class. It will begin with mass and be followed by training for all new and seasoned ministers.

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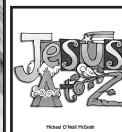
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