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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

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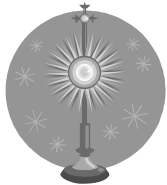
Saturday, February 15, 2014

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, February 16, 2014

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time



Holy Hour
Sunday, February 16, 2014
7pm



Mass Intentions Feb. 17-23



Monday: Nikki Harrell by the Brazzolottos †
Tuesday: Jimmy Falkner by the Brazzolottos
Wednesday: Stacy Wright by Paul & Parma Boyle †
Thursday: Katherine Ellis by Paul & Parma Boyle †
Friday: Kenneth Reid by Jeanie Reid †
Saturday: Dick Smith by Walton & Gene Smith
Sunday: Angelina Gagliano 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, Michael Cozzi, Matt Joiner

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.

Weekly Reading February 17-23

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday &
Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48



Our Lady of the Lake Extraordinary Minister Training

Where: Our Lady of the Lake Church

Date: Wednesday, March 12th

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.

This is a wonderful time to recommit to your ministry while improving your skills. If you know anyone wanting to become a minister, please invite them to attend.

You can reach Terri at 405.4747 or email beachdreaming2@aol.com with any questions.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

The choices we make in life help to define us. The writer of the Book of Sirach is well aware of our ability to make choices. "There are set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand". Wisdom has it that if we play with fire we will get burned. The growing child learns quickly not to touch the hot stove. As adults we are often not as wise.

Sirach also mentions that we face choices of life or death, good or evil. God respects our freedom to choose. However, we have to live with the consequences of our choices. Bad choices bring their own punishment. Someone has wisely said; "We are punished not so much for our sins as by our sins".

It often happens that what is in reality a bad choice appears on the surface to be justified. We rationalize, clever mortals that we are. We convince ourselves that our bad choice has a redeeming quality. We deceive ourselves and we let others deceive us. Sometimes in life "we weave a tangled web" of lies and deceptions. Free will is an amazing gift; the ability to say yes or no. To choose freely to do the right thing is our greatest joy.

The Gospel Reading today brings us to the famous Sermon on the Mount. Here the evangelist, Matthew, collects the moral teachings of Jesus and presents them as one continuous sermon or teaching. Today's Gospel Reading has five topics. In each case Jesus goes beyond the requirements of the Torah (the Old Testament) to propose the rigorous demands of discipleship.

Matthew's setting on a mountain makes Jesus a Moses-like figure, but one who exceeds Moses as authoritative teacher of the law.

The moral demands made by Jesus could never be fulfilled if we were left to ourselves. These are kingdom values for a kingdom people. They presume that we are believers who live the Christ life. As children of God we are called to a higher way. This is a call to a noble and generous way. WE are to seek the higher road and travel the extra mile.

Words of Wisdom: "Your way of acting should be different from the world's way: The love of Christ must come before all else. You are not to act in anger or nurse a grudge. Rid your heart of all deceit. Never give a hollow greeting of peace or turn away when someone needs your love" (Rule of St. Benedict).

Peace & Blessings,
Fr. Sexton

CALENDAR OF EVENTS February 16-23

Sunday—Feb. 16

Mass 8:30 & 11:15am

*RE

*Adult Ed w/Deacon Terry 9:45am

*Ultreya 5:45pm

*Holy Hour 7pm

*Knights of Columbus in the hall 1-5pm

Monday— Feb. 17

Mass 9am

*Legion of Mary—after Mass

*Bridge

Tuesday— Feb. 18

Mass 9am

*RCIA 7pm

Wednesday— Feb. 19

Mass 7pm

*Surfsiders 10am

*Parish Council after 7pm Mass

Thursday—Feb. 20

Mass 9am

Friday—Feb. 21

Mass 9am

*Bible Study—II Corinthians 10am

Saturday—Feb. 22

Mass 5pm

*Confessions 3:30-5pm

Sunday—Feb. 23

Mass 8:30 & 11:15am

*RE

*Religion Bowl 9:45am in the Church

FINANCE NEWS
July 2013-June 2014
Last week

Actual	Budget
*Offertory: \$ 4087.23	\$5199.00
<u>Year-to-date</u>	
*Offertory: \$179,113.65	\$166,368.00

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 — 43 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.



Mark Your Calendars

For The Old Women at the Well
 Saturday, March 8, 2014
 10:00 am

Please come and hear Our Lady of the Lakes Confirmation Class present their Saint Reports. What a great opportunity this is for us to share in our children's spiritual journey.

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.

Faith

Fellowship

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.



Thank You!



Ann's New Life Center would like to thank everyone for their generosity during our recent Baby Bottle Drive. The total amount collected is \$1445.04! It is not to late to return a baby bottle if you might still have one at home. Please leave bottles in the foyers. God Bless!!

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



Retreats and Other Programs



BLESSED TRINITY SHRINE RETREAT
 107 Holy Trinity Road · Fort Mitchell, Alabama 36856
 (334) 865-4474 · Fax (334) 865-4525
 E-mail: btsrmbt@aol.com
 www.msbt.org/mis_btsr.htm

Journey of Celtic Heart

Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat is offering a weekend retreat entitled "Journey of a Celtic Heart" on March 14-16, 2014. Carmel Boyle returns again to lead us through prayer, song, reflection, and movement to encounter the spirituality of the Celts who were conscious of the immanence of God. This will be a symbolic pilgrimage to visit the sacred places of your own journey. The journey will be in the company of the Trinity, Angels and Saints Patrick and Brigid.

The retreat begins with registration at 7pm on Friday March 14, 2014 and concludes with dinner at noon on Sunday. For registration information call 334-855-4474

STRONG MEN STRONG FAITH

Read ~ Pray ~ Talk

Come and see – Strong Men Strong Faith, a Catholic men's conference will take place on Sunday, March 2nd at **Holy Spirit Catholic Church** in Huntsville, located at **625 Airport Rd SW, Huntsville, Alabama**, and Monday, March 3rd at **St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, Hoover, Alabama**.

This year's State Conference will feature two dynamic speakers, over two nights at two locations, so that men from all over the area will be able to attend this pre-lenten event. This 11th annual conference is designed for busy men who are interested in deepening their Catholic faith.

Register online today for only \$10 (\$15 at the door) at www.strongmenstrongfaith.org. For further information email info@strongmenstrongfaith.org.



St. Bernard Preparatory School in Cullman, Alabama will host Open House on Sunday, March 2, 2014, at 2 p.m. For more information visit www.stbernardprep.com or call (256) 739-6682. St. Bernard Prep is a day and boarding school for students in grades 7-12.

ASSIGNMENT LIST February 19-23

WEDNESDAY 2/19/2014 7:00 PM

Altar Servers Stephen & Sophie Poteracki
 Lector Charmaine Booker Welch

SATURDAY MASS 2/22/2014 5:00 PM

Altar Servers Larry Reese, Stephen Reese
 Greeters (S)Larry & Rita Martens
 (N) Gisela Scruggs
 Lectors Sarah Brazzolotto, Larry Foltz
 Ministers Tom Graffo, Marty & Sue Poteracki
 Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Bob & Karen Hand, Larry Foltz

SUNDAY MASS 2/23/2014

8:30 AM

Altar Servers Michael & Anthony Emerick,
 Andrew & Will Thomaston
 Greeters (S) Anna Emerick
 (N) Dennis Veigl
 Lectors Stephanie Brown, Anna Emerick
 Ministers Deacon, Wayne & Mary Adams, Jim & Marcia Mortek
 Ushers Michael Gagliano, Christy McKinney, Velia Solis, Edith Pavez

11:15 AM

Altar Servers Paul Boyle, Ryan Murphree, James Lewis, Ricardo Ortiz
 Greeters (S) Jay/Enid Willi,
 (N) Gracie Troncalli
 Lectors Robert Lewis, Scott Denton
 Ministers Deacon, Chere Lowery, Maria Jimenez, Ken & Edie Otto
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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 16, 2014 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

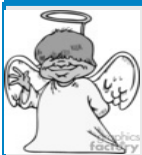
Gospel: Matthew 5: 17-37

Adult: When in your life have you been able to keep the spirit as well as the letter of God's Law?

Adultos: ¿Cuándo has sido capaz de guardar el espíritu al igual que la letra de la ley de Dios en tu vida?

Child: When have you taken the first step to make up with someone?

Niños: ¿Cuándo has dado el primer paso para hacer las paces con alguien?



Religious Education 2013-2014

Every Sunday at 9:45 am

Grs PreK thru 12

COMING UP * MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Feb 16 RE 9:45am

Adult Ed 9:45am

Confirmation Classes to Rosewood Manor Nursing Home 10:30-12:30

Holy Hour 7pm

Feb 18 RCIA 7pm

Feb 21 Fri *10am BIBLE STUDY

Concludes II Corinthians

Next Study Session on the Gospel of Matthew

begins March 7 10am. Sign up sheets in the foyers



'ANNUAL RELIGION BOWL'
NEXT WEEK February 23 * 9:45am
in the church.

All are invited to support our youth!

Together we can grow in faith!



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

after the 8:30am Mass.

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



LITTLE ONES IN CHRIST

Grs PreK-Gr 2 every 2nd Sunday

Next Meeting * March 9 * 12:30-2:30PM Lunch will be served! call Joanna Murphree 473-1444.

JR YOUTH Grs 3-6 every 2nd Sunday

Next Meeting * March 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!



DATES AND INFORMATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Feb 16 **Visit to Nursing Home** Bus leaves OLL 10:30am and returns approx 12:30pm.

This **Service Project** is for **both 8th & 9th grades!!**

Feb 23 **Saint Reports are Due** during RE

Feb 27 **Sponsor Candidate Meeting** 6pm in the hall

Mar 8 **Presentation of Saint Report and Lunch** 10am in the hall for the Women at the Well.

April 6 **Reconciliation** during RE. A PRIORITY!

May 7 or 8 **Personal Interviews** with Fr Sexton. 4-6:30pm

May 14 **Dinner with Bishop Baker** 4:45pm

Candidates only.

Sacrament of Confirmation 7pm

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



ADULT EDUCATION

Next Sunday

FEBRUARY 16

9:45am

YOU ASKED FOR HIM AND HE'S BACK!!

Our very own: **DEACON TERRY**

Teaching on

Topic: Getting ready for Lent?

What does that mean for you? How can you make this Lent really special? How can you prepare for a meaningful and holy Easter? What sacrifices will you make this year?



Join us for **Coffee and Education.**

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
Email: annsnewlifecenter@yahoo.com

Parish Messages

VOX CLARA ECCE INTONAT: GREGORIAN CHANT WORKSHOP

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH
733 James I. Harrison, Jr. Parkway East
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35405
March 14-15, 2014

What: Introduction to chant. Reading Gregorian notation. The parts of the Mass (Ordinary and Propers). Introduction to singing the Ordinary of the Mass in English and Latin. Chant hymns and chant resources. **Optional extra:** Singing Mass propers at 5:30 p.m. Mass on March 15th.
When: Friday, March 14, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 15, 9:00 – Noon (*Optional extra: Afternoon session from 1:00 to 3:15 and singing at 5:30 Mass.*)
Cost and Registration: Declare your intent to attend to Deacon Adrian Straley at (205) 553-5296 or astraley@bellsouth.net. At sign-in, pay \$10.00 by cash or check (payable to Adrian Straley) for all materials & Saturday lunch. Registration is limited, so sign up now.

Are you ever alone?

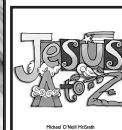
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