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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, March 1, 2014

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 2, 2014

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time March 2, 2014

Can a mother forget her infant,
be without tenderness for the child of her womb?

Even should she forget,
I will never forget you.

— Isaiah 49:15



Mass Intentions March 3-9



Monday: Gene Smith by Walton Smith

Tuesday: Bill Alvis by the Hands

Wednesday: Joe & Margie Connors by Kathleen
Schmader

Thursday: Special Intentions

Friday: Ken Perryman by Jeff & Lexie Smith

Saturday: Claudia Hopkins by the Brazzolottos

Sunday: Stacy Wright 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,
Daniel Centilli, Andrew Centilli, Denny Gentry,
Lance Stella, 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 205-338-0207, 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 March 3-9

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday &

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;
Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11



Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama Office of the Bishop

My dear Brothers in Christ,

We have a unique and wonderful opportunity in this diocese at our 11th Annual Strong Men Strong Faith Catholic Men's Conference. We plan to have conferences in Huntsville and Birmingham: Sunday, March 2 in Huntsville at Holy Spirit and Monday, March 3 in Birmingham at St Peter's in Hoover. In Huntsville, the event begins at 6pm and concludes at 8pm. In Birmingham, the event begins at 7pm and concludes at 9pm. Ash Wednesday is March 5, 2014, and this is a great time for men to prepare for Lent 2014.

We have the great pleasure to have with us the following two highly popular speakers, who will present over two hours on what it means to be a strong man of strong faith in the world today: Allen Hunt and Tom Peterson.

Allen Hunt serves alongside Matthew Kelly as the Vice-President of Strategy and Content at The Dynamic Catholic Institute. He is a nationally known speaker and bestselling author. His books include: *Confessions of a Mega-Church Pastor: How I Discovered the Hidden Treasures of the Catholic Church*; *Everybody Needs to Forgive Somebody*; and *Nine Words: A Bible Study to Help You Become the Best-Version-of-Yourself*.

Tom Peterson's life radically changed forever after receiving a transforming spiritual conversion in 1997 while on a men's retreat. Soon afterward, he founded VirtueMedia.org and CatholicsComeHome.org.

This will be a special day for Catholic men, who will be able to share with others what it means to answer the "highest call". Men will be challenged to explore their own spirituality and renew their commitment to Jesus Christ as strong men of strong faith. I am pleased that a portion of the proceeds from this event will go to the St. John Vianney Priests Retirement Home.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Standing on the threshold of Lent.—We begin the great Lenten season in just three short days.

We may each have our own way of approaching Lent. Something from our childhood has embedded a distant memory that comes back when we hear the word “Lent”.

It is useful to know how the Church in its official documents envisions Lent. This description from the Ceremonial of Bishops, #249, has this to say: “The annual observance of Lent is the special season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter. Through its twofold theme of repentance and baptism, the season of Lent disposes both the Catechumens and the Faithful to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. Catechumens are led to the Sacraments of Initiation by means of the Rite of Election and Catechesis. The Faithful, listening more intently to the word of God and devoting themselves to prayer, are prepared through a spirit of repentance to renew their baptismal promises”.

Pope Francis in his Lenten Message this year focuses on the poverty of Christ in becoming man, emphasizing that it is our duty to give the same humble witness in our care for the poor.

Encouraging the Faithful to “imitate Christ”, who became poor and enriched us by his poverty, Pope Francis explains that “Lent is a fitting time for self-denial”, and “we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty”.

In short, Lent is our annual pilgrimage to Easter where we hope to be ready to renew our baptismal promises with fervor and welcome new members at the Easter Vigil. On this pilgrimage or journey we are invited to be attentive to God’s word in Scripture, to pray more fervently, to seek a change of heart and to sacrifice for the poor by sharing our bread. All of this will happen by God’s gift of grace which flows out of Lent.

Yes, it is a long way from the old concept of Lent (still alive and well in some circles) as giving up something like coffee, chocolate, or a night of television, thus reducing Lent to an endurance contest. In this way we trivialize this sacred season and we wonder why we don’t experience conversion and growth.

A Lenten Prayer: “God our Father, your will is that everyone be saved and no one be lost. You draw us to yourself by prayer and penance. Grant that we may so follow Christ in love that our lives may help others and our weakness never hinder them. We make this prayer in his name, Jesus, the Christ, our Lord. Amen.
(The Glenstal Book of Prayer)

Peace & Blessings,
Fr. Sexton

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2-9

Sunday—March 2

Mass 8:30 & 11:15am

*RE

*Youth Mass 11:15

*Burning of Palms after 8:30am Mass

Monday— March 3

Mass 9am

*Legion of Mary—after Mass

*Bridge

*Liturgy Committee Mtg. 6pm

Tuesday— March 4

Mass 9am

*No RCIA

Wednesday— March 5

Ash Wednesday

Mass 9am & 7pm

Thursday—March 6

Mass 9am

Friday—March 7

Mass 9am

*First Friday Adoration 9:30-12:30

*Fish Fry 5-6:45pm

*Stations of the Cross 7pm

Saturday—March 8

Mass 5pm

*Women at the Well 10am

*Confessions 3:30-5pm

*Turn your clocks ahead tonight!

Sunday—March 9

Mass 8:30 & 11:15am

*RE –Lenten Penny Bong begins

*Pro Life Rosary/Spanish

*Rite of Sending & Elect 11:15am & 4:30pm —Lunch at 1pm

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

*Jr. Youth Mtg. 5-7pm

FINANCE NEWS
July 2013-June 2014
Last week

Actual	Budget
*Offertory: \$ 4937.81	\$5199.00
<u>Year-to-date</u>	
*Offertory: \$187,997.71	\$176,766.00
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 — 72 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, March 8, 2014
 10:00 am

Please come and hear Our Lady of the Lake's 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) Thomas-ton at (205)338-1080 or email at phillip050@centurytel.net.

Faith

Fellowship

Friendship

Fast & Abstinence During Lent

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. This is to be observed by all Catholics between the ages of 18-59 years of age. Those who are unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and the Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. Children who are not bound by the obligation to fast and abstain should appreciate an authentic sense of penance.

The Word Among Us in English and Spanish are available in each foyer for this Lenten Season. Pick up your copy today!

REMINDER:

Liturgy Committee will meet on Monday March 3, 2014 in Parish Hall. We will be discussing and planning our Lenten Mission and Easter Celebration.

WONDERING WHAT TO DO FOR LENT?

Try the following

PRAY for our RCIA members.

Melanie Allor, Ashley Goodwin, Ann Marie Wilhoite.

Pictures are in both foyers. Please introduce yourself, pray and encourage these candidates as they continue their RCIA Journey through Holy Saturday. A wonderful way to share your faith, build new friendships and build the Kingdom of God.

FAMILY CHALLENGES:

FISH FRY 5-6:45pm

Gather the Family and keep the Fast!
Dine with the K of C.



Following the Fish Fry *PRAY with us THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7 pm



Pick up your cross and follow me. Pray
the Passion of our Lord as a family.
Jesus asks,
"Won't you spend 1 hour with me?"

!!!SAVE THE DATES!!!

MARCH 17, 18 & 19 * 7pm



LENTEN
MISSION

with **REV. FR. LEONARD REVILLA, MFVA**

Fr. Leonard is a member of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word. Before Father's entrance, he lived and worked in Los Angeles, California, and was an active member of a lay missionary group. He joined the Franciscans in October of 2002. Upon his graduation from Mount St. Mary's Seminary, he was ordained to the priesthood on June 2, 2012. He serves as the Formation Director for Temporary Professed Friars, oversees his Community's media endeavors, is an Assistant Employee Chaplain for the Eternal Word Television Network and is Chaplain of St.

Barnabas Parish's Knights of Columbus Council.

The Mission will begin with Fr. Leonard celebrating the Sunday Masses March 16th and continuing on Monday 3/17, Tuesday 3/18 & Wednesday 3/19 (St. Joseph's day) at 7pm.

Confessions will be celebrated Tuesday with two priests available and we will conclude on Wednesday celebrating with a St. Joseph's reception in hall. MAKE IT A FAMILY AFFAIR.

Nursery available

ASSIGNMENT LIST

March 5-9

ASH WEDNESDAY 3/5/2014

9:00 AM

Altar Servers	John Smith, Andrew Reese
Greeters	Janice/Lance Stella, Susan Moseley
Lectors	Yolie Roy, Betty Huetteman
Ministers	Deacon, Parma Boyle, Brenda Rochford

7:00 PM

Altar Servers	Tiffany Rochford, Taylor Vernon, James Lewis, Brennan Cardenas
Greeters	Judy Dawley, Frank Troncalli
Lectors	Bernie Funderburg, Julie Smith
Ministers	Deacon, Lloyd & Terri Brown

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY

3/7/2014

7:00 PM

Altar Servers	Andrew, Matthew & Amelia Reese
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SATURDAY MASS 3/8/2014 5:00 PM

Altar Servers	Bernie & Cory Funderburg
Greeter	Larry/Rita Martens, Gisela Scruggs
Lectors	Chere Lowery, Scott Denton
Ministers	Sara & Larry Reese, David Springer
Ushers	Cecil Rodgers, Jerry Noto, Jim Dale, Jim Gorman

SUNDAY MASSES

3/9/2014

8:30 AM

Altar Servers	Ryan Curran, Michael & Anthony Emerick, Matt Frey
Greeters	Jennifer Euler, Frank Troncalli
Lectors	Stephanie Brown, Karen Reese
Ministers	Deacon, Stephen & Andrew Reese, Jeanie Reid, Lloyd Brown
Usher	Michael Gagliano, Lance Stella, Mike Gordon, Joe Pittman

11:15 AM

Altar Servers	Monica Liverman, Sawyer Stice, James Lewis, Brennan Cardenas
Greeters	Chris Watkins, Patrick Buckland
Lectors	Betty Huetteman, Julie Smith
Ministers	Deacon, Scott Denton, Jim & Marcia Mortek, Maria Jimenez
Ushers	Don Frederick, Johnny Armstrong, Daniel Denton, Layne Monistere

**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

March 2, 2014 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

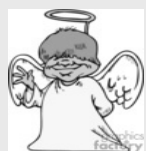
Gospel: Matthew 6: 24-34

Adults: What things do you worry about most frequently? How do you deal with your worry?

Adultos: ¿Qué cosas te preocupan con más frecuencia? ¿Cómo lidias con esa preocupación?

Children: What can help you worry less about something that might happen?

Niños: ¿Qué puede ayudarte a preocuparte menos por algo que pudiera suceder?



Religious Education 2013-2014

Every Sunday at 9:45 am

Grs PreK thru 12

COMING UP * MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Mar 2 Burning of Ashes after 8:30am Mass

RE 9:45 Youth Mass 11:15 Mass

Mar 4 RCIA 7pm

Mar 5 Ash Wednesday

Mar 7 First Fri Adoration 9:30-12:30

Mar 7 10am Bible Study * Gospel of Matthew
Sign up sheets in the foyers

Mar 7 Fish Fry 5-6:45pm

Stations of Cross 7pm

Mar 8 Sat 10am Confirmation Presentation of Saint Reports in the hall for WATW.

Mar 9 First Sun of Lent RE 9:45

Penny Bong Begins

Rite of Elect & Sending 11:15am Mass

Mar 10 Mon Parent Meeting for First Communion
7pm



ATTN PARENT OF STUDENTS

preparing for

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

PARENT MEETING

Monday, March 10th * 7pm

Communion Banners are due!

RELIGION BOWL RESULTS

First Place Gr 6 * Second Place Gr 8

Third Place Gr 7 * Fourth Place Gr 5

JOB WELL DONE BY ALL... We can be

proud of our students!! May our Lord continue to work in your mind, body and soul! Amen.



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.

SR YOUTH Grs 7-12 Keep your eyes open for upcoming events... Contact Chris Frey 473-4661.



Religious Ed will MAKE A DIFFERENCE this LENT!

Penny Bong Begins March 9 and continues thru April 13

All classes will be filling milk jugs with \$\$\$ to help the hungry around the world. Classes will compete for the money collected.

Remember pennies take away from the total!!

Another Lenten Prayer Opportunity!

We ask you do your part and pray for those who struggle with poverty and hunger. Pray with us **The Rice Bowl Prayer** Abundant God, Help us this Lent to let go of those things that weigh us down. May our prayers and sacrifices bring us closer to your Son, Jesus, and help bring life to our brothers and sisters who struggle with hunger and poverty. May we proclaim the dignity of life, and celebrate the witness of your love each day. Amen.



DATES AND INFORMATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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

The Month of March is dedicated to St Joseph.
Join us at the **ST. JOSEPH'S RECEPTION**
MARCH 19 after the Lenten Mission.

Parish Messages

Reminder on Weekend Church Sales:

We discourage the sale of raffle tickets, tickets for upcoming events, food items, clothing or other items in front of the Church or Parish Hall or Church grounds before or after weekend Masses. People come to Church to worship and socialize after Mass with fellow parishioners and visitors. Asking people to purchase items in this kind of setting is not in keeping with the spirit of Sunday.

Explicit permission obtained ahead of time is required for such sales to take place. Causes that serve a specific ministry of the Parish will receive due consideration. Any such permission will be for a limited time, not to be carried out over several weekends.

Your co-operation with this policy is greatly appreciated.

Fr. Sexton
Pastor

Mark your calendars now, for Usher training for all Ushers in the Parish. The training will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2014 from 9-11am. More info to follow in next weeks bulletin.

Parish Messages



Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fries are Back!

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring Lenten fish fries every Friday evening during Lent beginning March 7 through April 11. Serving will be from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall followed by Stations of the Cross. The menu will consist of fried fish, baked fish, hush puppies, steamed vegetables, French fries, and coleslaw: 2-piece dinner \$8; 1-piece dinner \$6; child's plate \$3. All proceeds will be used to fund the numerous charitable activities KOC Council 12270 supports.



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.

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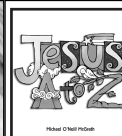
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