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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 22, 2014

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 23, 2014

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



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Third Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2014

While we were still sinners

Christ died for us.

— Romans 5:8



Mass Intentions March 24-30



Monday: Jim Rhodes by the Brazzolottos

Tuesday: Special Intention

Wednesday: Marlene Catalino by Sam Catalino

Thursday: Lynn Wilkins by Susan Moseley

Friday: Fr. Michael Wrigley by the Brazzolottos

Saturday: J.W. Hand by Bob & Karen Hand

Sunday: Deceased Knights of Columbus

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, Wilson Fletcher, 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 24-30

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4;
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17;
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday &

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]



Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama Office of the Bishop

March 14, 2014

Dear Family in Christ,

How will you help Jesus in Disguise?

An important opportunity to express Christian compassion and generosity is the Catholic Relief Services Collection. The collection is scheduled for the weekend of March 29-30, 2014.

Catholic Relief Services assists people in 94 countries on the basis of need, not race, creed or nationality. Funds from this special collection help Parishes Organized to Welcome Refugees (POWR), an initiative sponsored by the USCCB Department of Migrant and Refugee Services (MRS). POWR works to help legally recognized refugees to the United States find work, learn job interview skills, build credit, and join vibrant faith communities in their new home.

Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC) provides a full range of legal and support services to Catholic programs directly representing poor immigrants and their families.

Social Development and World Peace advocates for poor and vulnerable people and for international peace and justice.

The Holy Father's Relief Fund assists victims of natural disasters and other emergencies around the world.

Please be generous in the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support will make a difference in the lives of millions of people in need. ■ know you will respond generously to this Lenten Appeal.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Baker".

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

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

It took over the news cycle for several days. The mystery of the lost plane (and we felt the sadness of it all, the loss of 237 people and the unspeakable grief of the waiting families). The “experts” were trotted out on television in an endless parade. There was little they could offer other than to speculate and theorize. Even “experts” are not much of a match for mystery. Strange how we turn to them anyway for bits and pieces of clues. There is the feeling too that technology which has been a blessing can also be used for curse.

The Gospel Reading for this Sunday (John 4:5-42) from John’s gospel speaks of a “lost” woman at a well. Confused by life’s hurts, consigned to a lesser place in society, used by others and pushed aside. Yet, she had not lost her thirst for truth. She longed for water that satisfied deeply, like living water from the Messiah.

In the end of the story the woman who was “lost” and then found becomes a witness for Christ, an evangelizer, bearing good news to her village and leading others to faith.

Is it not the case that we are, all of us, more or less “lost” and in need of finding. Luke’s Gospel likes that image of “being lost”. There we hear of a lost son, a lost sheep, a lost coin. All are found in good time and there is joy in the finding. It is not so much that we find God, try as we might; it is more that he finds us in our lostness. This is the good news that is always good.

The First Reading for this Sunday is a cautionary tale for us. It is from the Exodus Story. The Israelites have witnessed great signs and wonders in Egypt. Locusts, darkness, disease. They walked through the Red Sea in glorious fashion. They were fed with manna and quail and had bitter water made better. And yet they grumble. And sometimes we grumble in our lack of vision. Are our eyes set on a bigger salary, house, or car? What does this stuff do for us? Can we stop and count our blessings and be grateful and know that God will not abandon us now?

Parish Lenten Mission: Thanks to Fr. Leonard Mary for sharing his faith and gifts with us this week. He helped us to rediscover the priceless treasure that we have in the Sacraments. Thanks to all who shared in the Mission each evening. Your faith and faithfulness graces us all.

So Great a Loss: We mourn the death of Denny Gentry, faithful parishioner, mother and grandmother and an inspiration to so many. She was a gentle soul, frail of stature but rugged in her faith and courage. We think of her mother, Juanita Crowson, also of our Parish whose heart is broken but whose faith is unbreakable. May Denny Gentry rest in peace and rise in glory.

Peace & Blessings,
Fr. Sexton

CALENDAR OF EVENTS March 23-30

Sunday—March 23

Mass 8:30 & 11:15am

*RE –Lenten Penny Bong cont.

*Reconciliation Gr. 4th & 5th

*1st Scrutiny 8:30am

Monday— March 24

Mass 9am

*Legion of Mary—after Mass

*Bridge

*Knights of Columbus Mtg. 7pm

*Ladies Auxiliary Mtg. 7pm

Tuesday— March 25

Mass 9am

* RCIA 7pm

Wednesday— March 26

Mass 7pm

Thursday—March 27

Mass 9am

Friday—March 28

Mass 9am

*Bible Study-Matthew 10am

*Fish Fry 5-6:45pm

*Stations of the Cross 7pm

Saturday—March 29

Mass 5pm

*Confessions 3:30-5pm

*Special Collection —Catholic Relief Services

Sunday—March 30

Mass 8:30 & 11:15am

*Knights of Columbus 5th Sunday
8:30am

*RE –Lenten Penny Bong cont.

*Reconciliation Gr.6th, 7th, & 8th

*2nd Scrutiny 11:15am

FINANCE NEWS
July 2013-June 2014
Last week

Actual	Budget
*Offertory: \$ 4622.30	\$5199.00
<u>Year-to-date</u>	
*Offertory: \$206,229.48	\$192,363.00

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 — 34 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, April 12, 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.

LENTEN CHALLENGES?

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 FRYS 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 7pm



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?**"

HOLY WEEK BEGINS WITH PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 13~Mark your Calendars NOW

Join us for the **LIVING STATIONS 7:30pm**

See Religious Ed page

APRIL 14 SEDER MEAL

You are invited to remember the Passover as we celebrate the

Seder Meal April 14 at 6 pm

!!!Reservations a MUST!!!

Deadline for reservations is March 30

Or call Parma 205 405-0948

This is the great 'today' that runs through Jewish and Christian stories: It is our story! Step into the past and live the joy of the future.



Retreats and Other Programs



BENEDICTINE
SISTERS SACRED HEART MONASTERY
in CULLMAN, ALABAMA

Lenten Day of Reflection to be Offered

On Wednesday, March 26, the Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center in Cullman will be offering a Lenten Day of Reflection. The retreat will be directed by Sister Marie Leonard, O.S. B. The retreat day will begin at 9:00 am and conclude at 2:30 pm. The fee for the day is \$30 and includes lunch. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, please contact the Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center at (256) 734-8302 or retreats@shmon.org.

Sister Madeline Contorno, O. S. B. To Speak at March 29 Magnificat Breakfast At St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church.

The Magnificat Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, 2061 Patton Chapel Rd., Birmingham. Our speaker, Benedictine Sister Madeline Contorno, ministers as pastoral associate of Our Lady of the Valley Church. Come to Magnificat and hear how Sister Madeline sees God writing the story of his love in the experiences of her life.

Tickets are \$10.00. Please send the names of all desiring tickets, their addresses and phone numbers, along with a check to Magnificat, to Catherine Patton, 486 Westridge Drive, Trafford, AL 35172. Tickets are also available at Alpha Church Supply and Gifts, 131 West Oxmoor Road, Suite 119, Homewood, AL 35209, and from any service team member. If anyone is unable to afford a ticket but wants to attend, please contact Catherine Patton at (205) 680-6007 and arrangements will be made for a ticket to be sent.

Ticket sales end Wednesday, March 26th at 5:00 PM. NO tickets are sold at the door.

ASSIGNMENT LIST

March 26-30

WEDNESDAY MASS 3/26/2014 7:00 PM

Altar Servers Andrew & Matthew Reese
Lector Charmaine Booker Welch

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAY 3/28/2014 7:00 PM

Altar Servers Stephen & Sophie Poteracki,
Taylor Vernon

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY MASS 3/29/2014 5:00 PM

Altar Servers Roger Carreker, Tom Graffo
Greeters Gloria/Red Albright, Susan Moseley
Lectors Larry & Sara Reese
Ministers Parma Boyle, Marty & Sue Poteracki
Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Jerry Noto, Jim Dale,
Jim Gorman

SUNDAY MASSES 3/30/2014

8:30 AM

Altar Servers Andrew & Matthew Reese, Andrew & Will Thomaston
Greeters Francie Poteracki, Jennifer Euler
Lectors Lloyd Brown, David Springer
Minister Deacon, Stephen Reese, Chris Gallegly, Wayne Adams, Michael Gagliano
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Lance Stella, Joaquina Reyes, Chase Robinson

KNIGHT'S MASS

11:15 AM

Altar Servers Tiffany Rochford, Paul Boyle, Taylor Vernon, Sawyer Stice
Greeters Ashley Castenada, Shirley Skeivelas
Lectors Yolie Roy, Robert Lewis
Minister Deacon, Jim & Sonia Dale, Ashley Castenada, Scott Denton
Ushers Don Frederick, Ron Markevich, James Pittman, Scott Fuller

**If you cannot keep your assignment
PLEASE find a substitute.**

The Knights of Columbus are now taking applications for their scholarship funds to be given on Senior Sunday, May 18th. The applications can be obtained by requesting the forms from Jay Willi at jwilli@coosaahs.net. Applications must be received by April 27th.

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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

March 23, 2014 Third Sunday of Lent, Year A

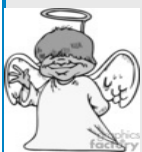
Gospel: John 4:5-42

Adults: Where have you found a source of "living water" for your own journey of faith?

Adulto: ¿Dónde has encontrado una fuente de "agua viva" para tu propio caminar en la fe?

Children: When has your belief in Jesus helped make you stronger?

Niño: ¿Cuándo te ha ayudado a ser más fuerte el creer en Jesús?



Religious Education 2013-2014

Every Sunday at 9:45 am

Grs PreK thru 12

COMING UP * MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

ADULT ED Keep your eyes open for next month's topic!

Mar 23 3rd Sun Lent/RE 9:45am

Penny Bong Continues

Reconciliation Grs 4 & 5

1st Scrutiny 8:30am Mass

Mar 25 RCIA 7pm

Mar 28 10am Bible Study * Gospel of Matthew

Fish Fry 5-6:45pm

Stations of Cross 7pm

Mar 30 4th Sun Lent/RE 9:45am

Penny Bong Continues

Reconciliation Grs 6,7 & 8

2nd Scrutiny 11:15am Mass



RCIA SCRUTINIES: A time of prayer and invitation for those Electing to continue to pray. We celebrate this Sunday the **Second Scrutiny: The presentation of the Cross.** "He died for

you, now live for Him..."

Third Scrutiny will be **Sat 4/5 @ 5pm Mass**

The presentation of the Lord's Prayer. "Go to your inner room, close the door and pray to your Father in secret." Mt 6:9-13

Join us as we pray for our candidates!

PENNY BONG!! ends April 13 *Bring that silver change OR paper money and **LET'S FILL THE MILK JUGS!**

Remember Pennies take away from total!



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

LITTLE ONES IN CHRIST Grs PK-Gr 2

Make it a family affair AND JOIN US

FOR THE LIVING STATIONS April 13 at 7pm

Joanna Murphree 473-1444.

JR YOUTH Grs 3-6 Bring the family & JOIN US
FOR THE LIVING STATIONS April 13 at 7pm.

Sonya Lewis 863-7305.

SR YOUTH Grs 7-12 Bring the family & join us
for **The Living Stations** April 13 at 7pm.

Chris Frey 473-4661.



COMING SOON* APRIL 13 *7:30pm ALL ARE INVITED TO begin your Holy Week with the LIVING STATIONS



7:30 pm

Contemporary Music begins at 7 pm

Join our Youth as they perform **THE PASSION, DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD.** BRING THE FAMILY, BRING A FRIEND
And share the faith



**EASTER BASKET PROJECT
A PROJECT OF THE HISPANIC COMMITTEE**

COLLECTION OF GOODIES & ASSEMBLY OF EASTER BASKETS

WHAT: Easter Basket Goodies and Assembly of Baskets for Distribution for the Hispanics in our area.

WHERE: In the Parish Hall, or give Candy/Toys to Mari Culver, 205-525-0071

WHEN: After the 8:30 mass on Palm Sunday, April 13, 2013

DETAILS: Bring Chocolate Rabbits, Assorted Easter Candy, small toys, ribbon, and Cellophane Wrap to the Parish Hall before April 13 or give to Mari Culver. Baskets will be provided but bring an extra if you can! Rosaries and church information will be placed in each

basket. We will be knocking on doors in Hispanic neighborhoods, and inviting them to our church or to their nearest Catholic church!

DISTRIBUTION OF EASTER BASKETS:

WHERE: Carpooling of cars after 11:15 mass to Hispanic trailer parks.

WHEN: After 11:15 mass on Easter Sunday April 20, 2013.

CONTACTS: Mari Culver, 205-525-0071, 205-405-8130; Gloria Rodgers 256-487-1966

CANASTAS DE EASTER

UN PROYECTO DEL COMMITTEE HISPANO

RECOLLECCIÓN Y ARMADA DE CANASTAS DE RESURRECCIÓN

QUÉ? en recolectar dulces y juguetes para niños y armar canastas para ser distribuidas a la comunidad hispana de nuestra área. However, you do not need to bring supplies! Just come and put a basket together.

DONDE? Las donaciones se pueden dejar en el salón comunal (Parish Hall) despues Abril 13 o entregar a Mari Culver (205-525-0071).

CUANDO? Abril 13 -salón comunal (Parish Hall)

DETALLES: El comité hispano está recolectando dulces de Easter, juguetes pequeños, y cosas para decorar las canastas de Easter. El comité armará las canastas en el salón comunal de la iglesia (Parish Hall) el domingo Abril 13 después de la misa de 8:30 am. Si tienes una canasta extra que quieres donar la puedes traer y dejar el salón comunal.

DISTIBUCION DE LAS CANASTAS DE EASTER

CUANDO? las canastas se repartirán después de la misa de 11:15 am el Domingo de Resurrección, Abril 20..

DONDE? Para distribuir las canastas nos reuniremos en el parqueadero de la iglesia para ir juntos a los barrios hispanos.

INFORMES: Gloria Rodgers 256-487-1966 o Mari Culver, 205-525-0071/ 205-405-8130.

Si tu hijo/hija necesita una canasta de Easter por favor comunicarse con Gloria Rodgers o Mari Culver.

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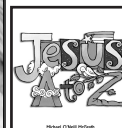
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