

## *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, April 5, 2014

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 6, 2014

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



### Fifth Sunday of Lent April 6, 2014

Out of the depths I cry to  
you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice!  
— Psalm 130:1

### Mass Intentions April 7-13

Monday: Jim Gregg by the K of C Council 12270  
Tuesday: Tom Scruggs by Gesila Scruggs  
Wednesday: Deacon Mike Branch by the Brazzolottos  
Thursday: Virginia Demmert by Joe Yester  
Friday: Davis Maliekal by the Stice Family  
Saturday: Art Smith by the Brazzolottos  
Sunday: Mike Smith by Walton & Gene Smith

#### 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, 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](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 April 7-13

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11  
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30  
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42  
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59  
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42  
Saturday & Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]



### MAKE A GOOD CONFESSION

See available times below...

**PALM SUNDAY APRIL 13** Join us for the **LIVING STATIONS** 7:30pm Presented by

OLL youth.

#### **MONDAY** April 14

**Confessions** 9:30-10:30am

**Seder Meal** 6pm Reservations a MUST!



#### **TUESDAY** April 15 \*OLL Mass 9am

**Chrism Mass** \* St Paul's Cathedral 11am

**WEDNESDAY** April 16 **Confessions** 9:30-10:30am **Mass** 7pm

**HOLY THURSDAY** April 17 \*Mass 7pm \* Institution of the Eucharist & the Washing of the Feet.

\*Adoration Procession to the Altar of Repose (All 9th Gr Confirmation Students will process)

\*Adoration to 12Midnight

#### **GOOD FRIDAY** April 18

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** 2pm

**Confessions** 3-4pm

**Veneration of the Cross** 7pm

Pick up your cross and follow me.

#### **HOLY SATURDAY** April 19 \*Confessions 3-5pm

**Initiation of RCIA members** Mass 8pm

#### **EASTER SUNDAY** Masses 8:30 & 11:15am

Egg Hunt for the family between Masses

**Have a Blessed Holy Week!**

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"A taste of Resurrection" might be an apt summary of today's Scriptures as we approach Holy Week and Easter in a matter of days.

In the First Reading (Ezekiel 37:12-14) God speaks through the prophet and says: "I will open your graves and have you rise from them and bring you back to the land of Israel". At the time, the people of Israel were in exile in Babylon. They longed to return home where they could live again as they did of old in the shadow of the temple to praise God.

In due time the exile came to an end when Cyrus permitted the Israelites to return. It was a kind of resurrection for the exiles and the nation. The words of Ezekiel were fulfilled, though not in a literal sense.

Today we can speak of "resurrections" that take place following natural disasters when cities and communities come back to life with a new spirit of hope. We have seen individuals too who seemed defeated and broken by addictions or misfortune or loss of health who have come back to life and health in a kind of "resurrection". Thank God for the many "resurrections" in our own lives.

The Gospel story (John 11:1-45) of the raising of Lazarus from the grave is also a foretaste of resurrection which will come for Jesus on Easter Sunday and which we hope for, in the hour of death. For John, the Evangelist, this story about Lazarus is one of the great "signs" in his Gospel; that is to say, it points towards something greater and tells us something about God.

In this dramatic Gospel Reading everyone seemed to say the same thing. 1. The people said: could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying? 2. Martha said: Lord, if you had been here, my brother would never have died.

And we say: "If we could have gotten him to the hospital a little sooner"; "if we could have convinced him to give up smoking, to watch his diet, to follow the doctor's orders—he would not have died.

But the answer is always the same...no. Lazarus died, Jesus died. The truth is: we shall die. Physical death is inevitable. Human life will end but the human person will live for ever with God. The death from which Jesus saves us is everlasting death.

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**Looking ahead to Holy Week:** Next Sunday is Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, the beginning of Holy Week. The most solemn week of the Liturgical year. Plan now to participate in all the celebrations of Holy Week.

Peace & Blessings,  
Fr. Sexton

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 6-13

### Sunday—April 6

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

\*RE –Lenten Penny Bong cont.

\*Youth Mass 11:15am

\*Reconciliation Gr. HS.

### Monday— April 7

**Mass 9am**

\*Legion of Mary—after Mass

\*Bridge

### Tuesday— April 8

**Mass 9am**

\* RCIA 7pm

### Wednesday— April 9

**Mass 7pm**

\*Surfsiders 10am

\*Parish Council after Mass

### Thursday—April 10

**Mass 9am**

### Friday—April 11

**Mass 9am**

\*Bible Study-Matthew 10am

\*Fish Fry 5-6:45pm

\*Stations of the Cross 7pm

### Saturday—April 12

**Mass 5pm**

\*Women at the Well 10am

\*Confessions 3:30-5pm

### Sunday—April 13

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

**Palm Sunday**

\*RE /Penny Bong Ends

\*Pro Life Rosary /English

\*Fr. Steinmiller to hear confessions in Spanish between Masses

\*Living Stations 7:30pm

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

Actual	Budget
*Offertory: \$ 4737.28	\$5199.00
<u>Year-to-date</u>	
*Offertory: \$214,521.42	\$202,761.00

**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 — 241cans.

**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, April 12, 2014  
 10:00 am

Our speaker this month will be Amy Welborn and the topic :

***Noli Me Tangere: Journeying from Lent into Easter with Mary Magdalene.***  
 Amy Welborn is a freelance writer who lives in Birmingham and is a member of Our Lady of Sorrows parish. She is the author of over twenty books, including the *Prove It* series, *De-Coding Mary Magdalene: Truth, Legends and Lies* and *The Catholic Woman's Book of Days*. She has five children.

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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**Pro Life Corner**



**Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center**

**11th Annual GOLF FORE LIFE**  
**Friday, May 2, 2014**

**at Highland Park Golf Course**  
**SHOTGUN START at 1:00p.m**

**Lunch at noon**

Have fun, save lives and raise funds for Her Choice , the only pro-life pregnancy resource center located in the heart of Birmingham. The cost is **\$200** (\$125 tax deductible) per individual golfer and prizes will be awarded immediately following the tournament. We need 18 people to organize a foursome to make this year's fund raiser the most successful ever. Individual golfers are welcome and will be paired up. We are also asking individuals, families and companies to a Hole Sponsor, **\$500.00** or half a Hole Sponsor, **\$250.00**. This Ministry exists to help women facing a crisis pregnancy to choose life and to support them in that decision. Post-Abortion healing support is also offered. The beautiful ministry of Her Choice exists because of the gracious giving of people like you. Please, support this event and contact H.C. at 205.447.8796 or [golf4life@herchoicebirmingham.org](mailto:golf4life@herchoicebirmingham.org).

## Retreats and Other Programs



**BENEDICTINE SISTERS** SACRED HEART MONASTERY  
in CULLMAN, ALABAMA

Intensive Centering Prayer weekend retreat to be held

The Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center in Cullman and Contemplative Outreach Birmingham are sponsoring a Centering Prayer retreat to be held in Cullman May 2-4. This retreat, designed for those who have already attended an introductory retreat or workshop, will focus on developing further the discipline of Centering Prayer, a form of Christian prayer rooted in the ancient Christian contemplative tradition. The cost for the weekend is \$210/person for a private room and includes lodging, meals, and linens. For more information or to register, please contact the Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center at (256) 734-8302 or by e-mail at [retreats@shmon.org](mailto:retreats@shmon.org).



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### Holy Week Retreat

**Blessed Tinity Shrine Retreat, Ft. Michell, Al is offering a "Holy Week Retreat" on April 14-20, 2014. The Holy Week Retreat will simply be a time for joining our retreat center community in a silent retreat with the option of spiritual direction and of prayer times in common. There will be daily Mass at the retreat center on Tuesday and Wednesday. We will join St. Joseph Parish at Holy Trinity for the liturgies of the Triduum (Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday). We welcome you to join us for all or part of this week.**

**The fee is \$60.00 each overnight (includes 3 meals daily)**

**The retreat begins with supper at 6pm (Eastern time) on Monday, April 14, 2014 and concludes Easter Sunday following breakfast. For registration info call 334-855-4474 or write Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat, 107 Holy Trinity Rd., Ft. Mitchell, Al 36856.**

## ASSIGNMENT LIST

April 9-13

### WEDNESDAY MASS 4/9/2014 7:00 PM

Altar Servers Tiffany Rochford, Taylor Vernon  
Lectors Sarah Brazzolotto

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

#### FRIDAY 4/11/2014 7:00 PM

Altar Servers Stephen & Sophie Poteracki,  
Tiffany Rochford

### PALM SUNDAY

#### SATURDAY MASS 4/12/2014 5:00 PM

Altar Servers Peter Boyle, James Raynor  
Greeters Gisela Scruggs, Janice Stella  
Lectors Ron & Micky Zielenski  
Ministers Karen Hand, Parma Boyle,  
Chris Gallegly  
Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Jim Dale,  
Jim Gorman, Bob Nicholas

### SUNDAY MASSES 4/13/2014

#### 8:30 AM

Altar Servers Andrew Reese, Ryan Curran,  
Andrew & Will Thomaston  
Greeters Jay/Enid Willi, Brenda Rochford  
Lectors Bart & Gail Perry  
Ministers Deacon, Martha Hayes, Barbara  
McGowin, Stephen Reese, Brenda  
Rochford  
Usher Michael Gagliano, Cristy  
McKinney, Velia Solis, Edith Paves

#### 11:15 AM

Altar Servers Paul Boyle, Monica Liverman,  
Brennan Cardenas, Will Pittman  
Greeters Ashley Castaneda, Armstrong  
Lectors Lloyd & Terri Brown  
Ministers Deacon, Wayne & Mary Adams,  
Ken & Edie Otto  
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

**Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A April 6, 2014**

**Gospel:** John 11:1-45

**Adults:** How does belief in the final resurrection from the dead affect your family's daily life?

**Adulto:** ¿El creer en la resurrección final de los muertos, cómo afecta la vida diaria de tu familia?

**Children:** What do you hope for after your life on Earth is ended?

**Niño:** ¿Qué esperas después que tu vida terrenal haya terminado?



**Religious Education 2013-2014**

**Every Sunday at 9:45 am**

**Grs PreK thru 12**

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

**April 5 5pm Mass 3rd & final Scrutiny RCIA**

**April 6 5th Sun Lent/RE 9:45am**

**Youth Mass 11:15am**

**Penny Bong Continues**

**Reconciliation Grs HS 9-12**

**April 8 RCIA 7pm**

**April 11 10am Bible Study \* Gospel of Matthew**

**Fish Fry 5-6:45pm**

**Stations of Cross 7pm**

**April 13 Palm Sun \*RE 9:45am Penny Bong Ends**

**ProLife Rosary English after 8:30am Mass**

**LIVING STATIONS 7:30pm**

**April 14 Mon SEDER MEAL 6pm**

**April 15 Tue RCIA 7pm**



**ADULT ED Next Session May 4th at 9:45am**



**RCIA SCRUTINIES:** A time of prayer and invitation for those Electing to continue to pray. We celebrate **Sat 4/5 the Third Scrutiny @ 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**

**ALL YOUTH all ages ARE INVITED** to make it a family affair & JOIN US FOR

**THE LIVING STATIONS April 13 7:30pm.**

**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.**

**PLAN NOW to Join us at our**

**Annual Easter Egg Hunt!.**

**Easter Sunday April 20**

**after 8:30 Mass**

Children 1 thru 10 years of age are invited to hunt for eggs!

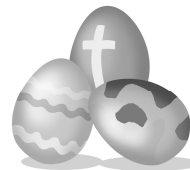
Meet in the hall!



All ages are invited to meet the Bunny and share the joy of new life and new beginnings as we

**Celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ!**

**Contact Sonya Lewis to help 863-7305**



**April is dedicated to the Resurrection of our Lord!**

## Parish Messages

### 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

LAST FISH FRY April 11

Gather the Family and keep the Fast.  
Dine with the Knights!



Following the Fish Fry... **PRAY 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?"

## Parish Messages

### Hospitality Coordinator Needed!

Anna Emerick is stepping down from this position so the Church will be in need of someone to fill this spot. If you are interested please call the Church office at 205-525-5161 or email [ollpellcity@coosahs.net](mailto:ollpellcity@coosahs.net).

The Knights of Columbus are now taking applications for their scholarship funds to be given on Senior Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. The applications can be obtained by requesting the forms from Jay Willi at [jwilli@coosahs.net](mailto:jwilli@coosahs.net). Applications must be received by April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks to all,

*Our sincere thanks to all our friends at Our lady of the Lake for the support, prayers, and help that each of you showered upon the family of Denny Gentry. You have truly given Denny a beautiful farewell service from the parish she loved.*

*Thanks again to the organizers of the luncheon that your group provided for our friends.*

*Your support and prayers helped me through the day, Juanita Crowson and Family*

Just a reminder the Easter Basket Project for the Hispanic Ministry is still going on. There are collection bins in both foyers for small toys and candy to fill the baskets that will be taken to may Hispanic individuals in our community. Thank you for your help!

## Are you ever alone?

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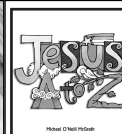
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