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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

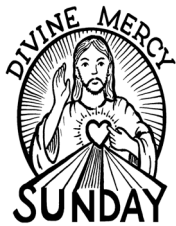
Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, April 26, 2014

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 27, 2014

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



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Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

April 27, 2014

"Blessed are those who have not seen and
have believed."

0— John 20:29b



Mass Intentions April 28-May 4



Monday: Special Intention

Tuesday: Robert Moore by Paul & Parma Boyle †

Wednesday: Stacy Wright by Rosemary Mateer †

Thursday: Sherry Manning by Paul & Parma Boyle †

Friday: Marvin McRae by Marie Battaglia †

Saturday: Trudi & Andy McClay by the Zielinskis †

Sunday: Johnny Crapet Jr. by the Crapet Family †

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, Peggy Gessler, Daniel Centilli, Andrew Centilli, Wilson Fletcher, Hildie Bowman, Matt Joiner, Jan Spencer

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 April 28-May 4

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36, or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday (day): 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Saturday Vigil &

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

FAMILY VOCATION DAY

Open to God's Grace

A Family Enrichment Conference

Our Lady of the Valley and Family Vocation Ministries are hosting a Family Vocation Day on May 17, 2014, in the OLV Social Hall from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The entire family is welcome. Please register by May 14 to ensure adequate food is available for all attendees. Lunch and entertainment will be provided. The day will include opportunities to hear great insights on vocations and the spiritual life, and to spend time with priests and religious from around the Diocese of Birmingham and beyond. Register online at www.familyvocations.org or complete the attached form and return the form to: Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, 5514 Double Oak Lane, Birmingham, AL, 35242. For more information contact 1-800-818-0584, or email info@familyvocations.org.



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Easter is not just one day. It is a Liturgical season of fifty days that will bring us to the Feast of Pentecost on June 8th. The Easter season is also remembered as a time for celebrating the sacraments, especially First Communion and Confirmation.

In recent years, this Sunday is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. By a nice coincidence the opening prayer of our Mass today begins with the words: "O God of everlasting mercy."

Many Churches, including Our Lady of the Lake, will have a special afternoon service for Divine Mercy devotions. This service will begin at 3pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered from 1:30pm-2:30pm. We thank Chris Frey and his family for coordination this annual service in our Parish with help also from the Knights of Columbus.

Today is an extraordinary day, for on this day the Church adds to our Canon of Saints Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II. Usually, when saints are canonized, they hold a special place in the hearts of a group of people: a certain nationality or religious community. Today's new saints will have universal appeal.

Our Church Leaders of recent history, these holy men are dear to us. We held vigil as they passed from this life. Who can forget the funeral of Pope John Paul II.

Sainthood does not mean perfection or living without controversy. These men were dedicated to the Gospel, though in different ways in different times. Neither pontificate, however was without challenge. Following the Lord, even for saints, is not easy or without trial.

The Gospel Reading today (John 20:19-31) raises the question of faith in the Resurrection. The element of doubt also surfaces in the story of Thomas. In fairness it must be said that Thomas came from doubt to deepest faith with his great affirmation: "My Lord and my God". Among the principal duties of the Popes, ever since the days of Peter, is to bear witness to the Resurrection. St. John XXIII and St. John Paul II did this in a magnificent way for our times.

In Their Own Words:

St. John XXIII: "The spouse of Christ (The Church) prefers to make use of the medicine of mercy rather than that of severity".

St. John Paul II: "Let us go forth full of trust in Christ. He will accompany us as we journey toward the goal that he alone knows".

Heartfelt Thanks and Appreciation: To all the wonderful people of our Parish who worked so hard to make Holy Week at Our Lady of the Lake a truly special time. May the Lord fill your hearts with Easter joy!

Peace & Blessings,
Fr. Sexton

Calendar of Events April 27– May 4

Sunday—April 27

Mass 8:30am & 11:15am

Divine Mercy Sunday

*1st Communion practice 9:45am

*RE/Youth Mass 11:15am

*Confessions 1:30-2:30pm

*Divine Mercy Chaplet 3pm

*Spiritual Adoption

Monday—April 28

Mass 9am

*Bridge

*Legion of Mary after Mass

*Liturgy Mtg. 6pm

Tuesday—April 29

Mass 9am

Wednesday—April 30

Mass 7pm

*Confirmation Personal Interviews

w/ Fr. Sexton 4-4:30pm

Thursday—May 1

Mass 9am

*Confirmation Personal Interviews

w/ Fr. Sexton 4-6:30pm

Friday—May 2

Mass 9am

*First Friday Adoration 9:30-12:30

*Bible Study 10am –Matthew

Saturday—May 3

Mass 5pm

*Confessions 3:30-5pm

Sunday—May 4

Masses 8:30 & 11:15 am

*RE/ Youth Mass 11:15

* 1st Communion 2pm

FINANCE NEWS
July 2013-June 2014
Last week

Actual	Budget
*Offertory: \$ 4695.65	\$5199.00
<u>Year-to-date</u>	
*Offertory: 231,601.72	\$218,358.00

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 — 103 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 Olds Women at the Well
 Saturday, May 10, 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.

Faith Fellowship Friendship



Pro Life Corner

Spiritual Adoption

Our annual Spiritual Adoption will take place on Saturday and Sunday April 26th & 27th.

Pink and blue tags will be located in each foyer. Please fill out a tag for an unborn child you will be praying for and then place the tag on the trees in the foyer.



Remember to pray for these children! If you have any questions please contact Marcia Mortek.



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.

Retreats and Other Programs



BENEDICTINE
SISTERS SACRED HEART MONASTERY
in CULLMAN, ALABAMA

Intensive Centering Prayer weekend retreat

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.

VBS 2014

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deepest jungle filled with



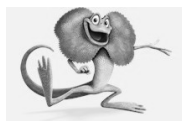
VBS will be held the week of
June 16-20, 2014.

If you are interested in helping
with this years
VBS please
contact



Brenda Rochford at the
Church office 205-525-5161
Monday-Thursday 9:30-1:30.

Or 423-242-5029 any time. Or you can contact
Sonya Lewis at 205-863-7305.



ASSIGNMENT LIST FOR April 30-May 4

WEDNESDAY MASS 4/30/14 7:00 PM

Altar Servers Stephen & Sophie Poteracki
Lector Sarah Brazzolotto

SATURDAY MASS 5/3/14 5:00 PM

Altar Servers Tom Graffo, Jim Gorman
Greeters (S) Susan Moseley
(N) Gloria/Red Albright
Lector Marguerite Gorman, Sonia Dale
Ministers Martha Hayes, Jim Dale,
Gloria Albright
Ushers Cecil Rodgers,

SUNDAY MASSES 5/4/2014

8:30 AM

Altar Servers Ryan Curran, Anthony & Michael
Emerick, Ronnie Gagliano
Greeters (S) Anna Emerick
(N) Teri Gagliano
Lectors Carey Monistere, Yolie Roy
Ministers Deacon Serge, Michael & Teri
Gagliano
Ushers Brenda Rochford, Anna Emerick
Michael Gagliano,

11:15 AM

Altar Servers
Greeters
Lectors
Ministers
Ushers

YOUTH MASS

John Smith, Sophie Poteracki,
James Lewis, Ryan Murphree
(S) Brook Robinson
(N) Chase Robinson
Paul Boyle, Blair McGouirk
Deacon Serge, Stephen Poteracki,
Monica Liverman, Andrew Reese,
Mariah Toohey
Don Frederick, Chris Gallegly, Matt
Frey, Andrew & Will Thomaston,
Tad Euler

2:00 PM MASS

Altar Servers
Greeters
Lectors
Ministers
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FIRST COMMUNION

Andrew, Matthew & Amelia Reese,
Paul Boyle
(S) Brennan Cardenas
(N) Natalie Newcomb
Jimillia Sayles & Karla Perez
Deacon Serge, Parma Boyle

**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

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 27, 2014

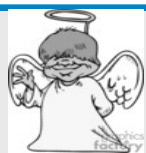
Gospel: John 20:19-31

Adults: Jesus said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Give one example of how you will show your belief in Jesus this week—how are you being sent forth?

Adultos: ¿Jesus dijo: "Dichosos los que sin haber visto, creen". Den un ejemplo de como mostraran su creencia en Jesus esta semana: como se les ha despedido.

Children: Thomas didn't believe because he hadn't seen Jesus with his own eyes. How hard is it for you to believe in God without seeing Him?

Niños: Tomas no creia porque no babis visto a Jesus con sus propios ojos? ¿Cuan dificil es para ti creer en Dios sin verlo?



Religious Education 2013-2014 Every Sunday at 9:45 am

Grs PreK thru 12

COMING UP * MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

April 27 Divine Mercy Sunday RE 9:45am
First Communion Practice 9:45am
Confessions 1:30pm for Divine Mercy
Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3pm

May 2 Bible Study 10am Gospel of Matthew

May 4 RE 9:45am Youth Mass 11:15am

FIRST COMMUNION 2pm

No Adult Ed for May

May 11 No RE Happy Mother's Day
May Crowning after the 8:30am Mass

All Communion children will process.



THIS SUNDAY APRIL 27TH
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
Confessions beginning at
1:30pm with The Divine Chaplet
prayed at **3 pm**. Don't miss this
family devotion to gain the graces
our Lord so longs to give.

*Eternal Father, I offer you the Body,
Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly beloved Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and
those of the whole world. For the sake of His sor-
rowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole
world.*

ALL YOUTH ARE INVITED IN MAY



To Celebrate with us

May 4 * 2pm First Communion

Reception to follow in the hall

May 11 * Mother's Day & May Crowning after
8:30am Mass

May 18 * Senior Sunday begins with 8:30am Mass
Reception to follow * Visit our Graduates
at their Display of Achievements Tables.

May 25 * Year End Religious Education Brunch
after the 8:30am Mass

June Youth Schedules coming soon!!

PENNY BONG *RICE BOWL PROJECT TOTALS

Rice Bowl Total	Pennies	Winning Totals	
Gr 2	\$ 21.47	-.72	20.75
Gr 5	23.22	-3.07	20.15
Gr 3	17.34	-1.29	16.05
Gr 4	14.78	-.83	13.95
Gr 8	12.61	-.51	12.10
Gr 1	12.93	-1.38	11.55
Gr 6	10.79	-1.24	9.55
Gr 7	11.49	-1.94	9.55
K	9.55	-.65	8.90
HS	9.07	-1.47	7.60
PK	5.32	-.57	4.75
Gr 9	3.24	-1.09	2.15
\$151.81			

2nd Grade
First Place



Thanks to our students for their generosity!
"WHAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR THE LEAST OF MY
BROTHERS THAT YOU HAVE DONE UNTO ME."
Mt 25:40

Total going to The Rice Bowl Project \$151.81



Please pray for the following students
who are preparing for

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

MAY 4 at 2pm Braden Bell, Katie

Boyle, Amy Cardenas, Marc Halog,

Harry Houk, Mattie Osborne, Karla Perez, Jimillia

Sayles, Ken VanBrimmer, & Jacob Wiley.

May the Eucharist be the center of your lives!



ATTN students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Personal Interviews with Fr Sexton
will be May 7th & 8th from 4-6:30pm.

Interviews will be held in the hall Conference Room.

Parish Messages

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@coosahs.net. Applications must be received by April 27th.

MOMS in PRAYER INTERNATIONAL

Attention moms, grandmas, aunts—any woman desiring to pray for children and schools, whether private, public or home school, from preschool through college—join us and pray for the next generation.

Experience the joy of replacing anxiety with peace and hope when you pray scripturally and specifically for your children and schools.

Sunday, May 4, 2014 at 2pm

First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Contact: Hannah Jones 205-215-5408 or hannahjones1970@yahoo.com



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.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all who generously contributed to the Easter Basket drive this year. We gave out 130 baskets last Sunday and Monday. We talked to each person about our church, and invited them to come over and see us. Hopefully we will receive new members from this effort. I cannot do this without the help of the church, so it is so heartwarming to see such great support!

Mari Culver



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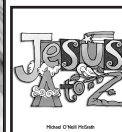
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