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MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday—Thursday 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. or
by appointment.

MARRIAGES:

Must be scheduled with the Priest
at least 6 months in advance.

MORNING ROSARY:

8:30 a.m. before Mass.

MONDAYS:

Miraculous Medal Novena following Rosary.

EVERY FIRST FRIDAY:

Novena To The Sacred Heart
of Jesus - before 9 a.m. Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION:

Third Sunday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

August through May. Ages 3 yrs. through
High School.

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, September 20, 2014

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, September 21, 2014

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 21, 2014

Turn to the LORD for mercy;
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.
— Isaiah 55:7b



Mass Intentions Sept.22 –Sept.28



Monday: Denny Gentry by Barbara Alvis †
Tuesday: Magdalena Perez by The Stice Family †
Wednesday: Andy&Trudi McClay by The Brazzolottos †
Thursday: Vinsant Family by The Elie Family †
Friday: Marlene Catalino by Sam Catalino †
Saturday: Tom Scruggs by Gesila Scruggs †
Sunday: Ethel Nunez by Susan Moseley †

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, Wilson Fletcher, Hildie Bowman, Matt Joiner, Pat Roberts, Antoinette Bruno, Richard F. Marston, Rita Martens

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 Readings Sept.22 –Sept.28

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13;
Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9;
Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163;
Lk 9:1-6

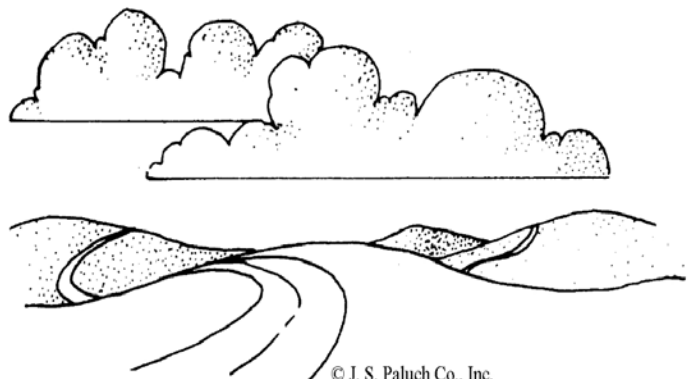
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc;
Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4;
Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17;
Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11
[1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

GOD'S WAYS
ARE ABOVE
OUR WAYS



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

What does God owe us? The short answer is, God owes us nothing. We can never establish a claim against God.

In today's Gospel parable (Mt. 20:1-16) the grumbling workers didn't want the other laborers treated with generosity. Their attitude was, "God owes me". Jesus was teaching them to realize instead, "God loves me". In the generosity of that love, they need to do nothing but rejoice that others are given a share in that love, even if they have done nothing to "deserve it".

This parable is about Grace and Mercy not an hourly wage. Despite our good deeds, we cannot earn Grace nor does God owe us anything. Mercy, Forgiveness, Grace, and Salvation are gifts God freely gives us. In the end, as Paul came to learn, "All is Gift and all is Grace".

God loves us not because we are good. We are good because he loves us. Yet, we continue to hear it said among some who profess the faith, that Heaven is a kind of rewards system. We accumulate points for good behavior, so it is said, and Heaven is the prize, the bonus at the end.

The fascinating parable of the day laborers gives us much to think about. In God's viewpoint, justice means that all are fed as a sign of God's equal and inclusive love; it does not mean getting what we deserve, either in terms of retribution for wrongdoing or recompense for good deeds. In the end it is well for us that we do not get "what we deserve" or what we are "owed". We would be very unhappy. So, we must cease from grumbling and complaining and learn to be grateful every day as we rejoice in the ways of love.

The prophet Isaiah in the first reading (Is.55:6-9) marvels at the mystery of God. A God who defies comprehension. "As high as the Heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts". Something to think about!

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**The Catholic Charities Appeal:** Today is Pledge Sunday. Pray that we will all respond to this opportunity to make a world of difference and reveal the face of Christ to a needy world.

**Parish Picnic** - - Today at Pell City Park (off Highway 34 near the Civic Center). Please come and share a food item and enjoy the outdoors by the lake. Did you volunteer to help? Thanks for a good deed.

### **A Prayer for the Ages:**

"O Lord our God, let the shelter of your wings give us hope. Protect us. Carry us. You will carry us from when we are little until our hairs grow grey. When our strength is from you, we are strong. When our strength is our own, we are weak". (St. Augustine 345-430 A.D.)

Peace and Blessings,  
*Fr. Sexton*

## Calendar of Events Sept. 21-Sept.28

### **Sunday—September 21**

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

\* **Catholic Charities Pledge**

\* RE/Soup Drive ends

\* Parish Picnic Lakeside Park -  
12:30– 4pm

\* Adult Ed w/Deacon Terry after 8:30  
Mass

### **Monday—September 22**

**Mass 9 am**

\* Bridge

\* Legion of Mary

### **Tuesday—September 23**

**Mass 9 am**

\* RCIA 7pm

### **Wednesday—September 24**

**Mass 7 pm**

\*\* **New Member Reception**  
After Mass\*\*

### **Thursday—September 25**

**Mass 9 am**

### **Friday—September 26**

**Mass 9 am**

\* Bible Study 10am

### **Saturday—September 27**

**Mass 5 pm**

\* Confessions 3:30pm-5pm

\* **Stewardship Fair after Mass**

### **Sunday—September 28**

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

\* **Stewardship Fair after Masses**

**FINANCE NEWS**  
**July 2014-June 2015**  
Last week

|                    |                   |                   |
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|                    | <b>Actual</b>     | <b>Budget</b>     |
| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 8668.71</b> | <b>\$ 5481.00</b> |

Year-to-date

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| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 65,963.45</b> | <b>\$ 60,291.00</b> |
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**STEWARDSHIP**



Good stewards know that they didn't earn their time, talents, or treasure. These are truly gifts from a generous God--miraculously and randomly scattered over the human race—who asks only that we also be generous.



If you are in need of assistance this year providing Christmas gifts for your children ages 0-16 yrs. or know of someone who may need some help please contact the Church Office for an application. The deadline to apply for assistance is Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions please call Brenda Rochford at 423-242-5029.

Thank you,

Social Concerns Committee



**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).**

**\*\*Next Meeting-Sept. 22 @ 7p.m.\*\***

**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 - 110 cans.**



**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**

**Surfsiders: Fun and Games**

Meets every third Wednesday of the month in the church hall.



**For more information call:**  
**Larry Martens 256-338-6927.**



**Pro Life Corner**

**Our Lady of the Lake**  
**Spiritual Adoption Program**



Month 5

**I am 5 months old now. I am 12 inches long and weigh about one pound. I'm really getting big and mommy can now feel me kick and move around! Hey! Someday maybe I'll play Soccer! Keep praying for me.....**

**Reminder:**

**Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion**

**Please remember to pray daily for your Spiritual Adopted Baby and the baby's mother and father.**



## Announcements



### Our Lady of the Lake Church Picnic

**TODAY Sept. 21st !  
Come Join in the Fun!  
12:30p-4p  
Lakeside Park**

**Please bring a side dish or dessert.  
Please call Julie 205-739-1547 or Gloria 205-  
487-1966 for more information or to help.**



### Ladies Auxiliary of K. of C.

**The ladies auxiliary of the Knights of Colum-  
bus will have our monthly meeting Monday,  
Sept. 22 at 7:00p.m. We will have a brief  
business meeting then we will play Bunko.  
Open to all women over 18 in the Parish.  
Please join us!**

## *Respect Life Sunday*

**October 5, 2014**

*Rosary for Life and Vocations  
Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament*

Please join us as the Diocese of Birmingham celebrates Respect Life Sunday. The event will be held at the Lourdes Grotto at the Shrine at 3:00 p.m. The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary will be recited for the intention of an increase in respect for the sanctity of human life, and the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary will be recited for the intention of an increase of vocations within our Diocese. There will also be exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Benediction with Bishop Baker.

For more information visit [olamshrine.org](http://olamshrine.org).

## ASSIGNMENT LIST FOR Sept.21-Sept.28

### **WEDNESDAY 9/24/2014 7:00 PM**

Altar Servers  
Lector Sarah Brazzolotto

### **SATURDAY MASS 9/27/2014 5:00 PM**

Altar Servers Peter Boyle, Tom Graffo  
Greeters Larry/Rita Martens, Bill/Loretta Frost  
Lectors Karen Hand, Marguerite Gorman  
Ministers David Springer, Chere Lowery, Connie Hertrich  
Ushers Cecil Rogers, Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Larry Foltz

### **SUNDAY MASS 9/28/2014 8:30 AM**

Altar Servers Matthew Reese, Ronnie Gagliano, Matt Frey, Jimillia Sayles  
Greeters Mike/Kitty Gordon, Denis Veigl  
Lectors Anna Emerick, Yolie Roy  
Ministers Deacon, Joe Stanley, Ruth Stanley, Janice Stella, Chere Lowery  
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Cristy McKinney, Velia Solis, Edith Pavez

### **11:15 AM**

Altar Servers Monica Liverman, Tiffany Rochford, Will Pittman, Brennan Cardenas  
Greeters Grace Troncalli, Frank Troncalli  
Lectors Larry Foltz, Martha Hayes  
Ministers Deacon, Mary Adams, Maria Jimenez, Marisol Loera

**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 Sunday Readings.

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sept 21, 2014**

**Theme:** It is never too late to enter the reign of God.

**Question for Youth:** Question for Youth: This Gospel reminds us that God is always seeking us out and welcoming us into his generous love. Through whom has God reached out to you? Who is always encouraging you to say "yes" to God?

**Pregunta para los jóvenes:** ¿Qué lecciones de tu propia vida sacarías de la lectura del Evangelio de hoy? ¿Qué imagen de Dios te deja esta parábola?

**Question for Adults:** Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe in your own words how God will treat those who come to be part of the church, even those who come late.

**Pregunta para los adultos:** Usando la parábola de Jesús como punto de partida, describa en sus propias palabras cómo tratará Dios a aquellos que vengan a ser parte de la iglesia, aunque vengan tarde.



**YOUTH GROUPS GEARING UP!!  
LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING**

CALLING ALL  
**YOUTH**

**LITTLE ONES IN CHRIST**

Grs PreK-Gr 2 every 2nd Sunday

**NEXT MTG: \* OCT 12\* 12:30-2:30PM Lunch will be served!** Call Joanna Murphree 473-1444

**JR YOUTH** Grs 3-6 every 2nd Sunday

**NEXT MTG: \* OCT 12 \* 5-7pm \* Dinner will be served!** Call Sonya Lewis 863-7305.

**SR YOUTH** Grs 7-12 every 1st & 3rd Sunday

**NEXT MEETING, WED. OCT 1 \* 5:30pm in the hall** Contact Peter Boyle 613-5435

Support your Youth Groups. It's another wonderful way to grow in our Catholic Faith!!

**Religious Education 2014-2015**

**Every Sunday at 9:45 am.**

Grs PreK4 thru 12



**ANNUAL SOUP DRIVE. WE DID IT!!**

**I Stopped Counting!!!**

**Goal 2000 cans**

**Total Collected 2500+++**

**THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU**

All donations profit the Pell City Love Pantry.

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

**Sept 21 RE/Soup Drive Ends**

**Adult Ed w/Deacon Terry**

**Church Picnic 12-4pm Lakeside Park**

**Sept 23 Tues RCIA 7pm**

**Sept 26 Fri 10am Bible Study Galatians & Romans**

**Sept 27 & 28 Stewardship Fair after all Masses**

**Sept 28 RE**

**Sept 29 Feast of the Arch Angels**

**Sept 30 Tues RCIA 7pm**

**Oct 1 Feast of our Guardian Angels**

**Oct 3 First Friday Adoration**

**Oct 3 & 4 Yard Sale**

**Oct 5 RE/Adult Ed w/Deacon Terry**

**Youth Mass 11:15am**



**PICNIC**



**THIS SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 21\* 12-4pm**  
Join us **Lakeside Park** for  
**faith, friends & fun**  
**Games, Food, ...**  
**Fun for all ages!**



**COMING SOON!!**

**SEPT 27 & 28**

**After Sat /Sun Masses**

*What **TIME, TALENT & TREASURE**  
do you have to share?*

Join us after the Masses and see what Ministries are available. We are all the body of Christ and all our hearts, hands and feet are needed. See you there!



**FYI:** If you are interested in purchasing more of the wooden articles that came from Jerusalem, you may contact the family that was here at OLL at the following website:

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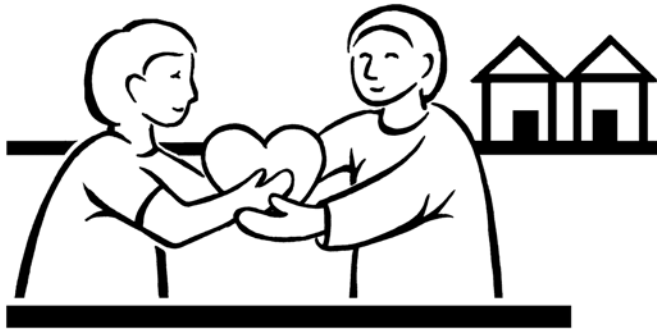


*We Welcome the following  
Newest Members  
to our Church Family*

**Candice DeAlba & children  
Noah & Miriam**

*Let us love one another, for love is of God  
and everyone that loves is born of God and  
knows God. 1Jn4:7*

*May you feel the warmth of His Spirit!*



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*Welcome Reception for New Members*

Parish Hall

Wednesday, September 24

After the evening Mass

Please come meet our newest members  
and join us in welcoming them to our  
Parish Family!

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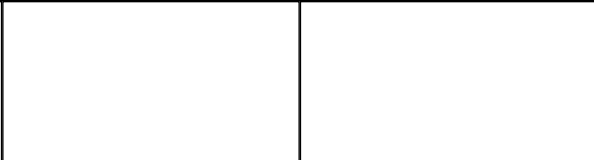
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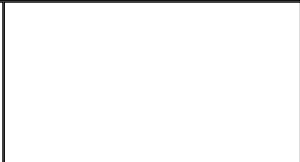
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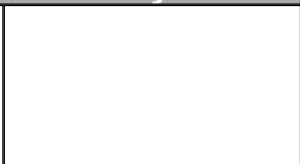
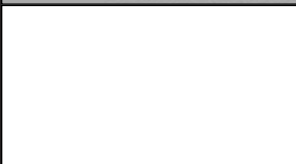
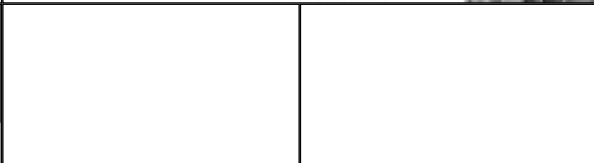



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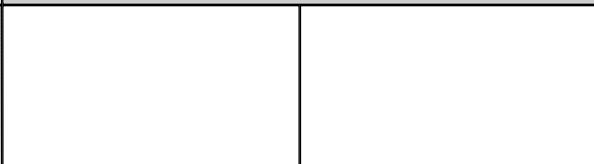
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