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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 27, 2014

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, September 28, 2014

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

### Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 28, 2014

Have in you the same attitude that is also in  
Christ Jesus.

— *Philippians 2:5*



#### Mass Intentions Sept.29 –Oct.5



**Monday:** Deacon Mike Branch by The Brazzolottos †  
**Tuesday:** Special Intentions by Fr. Sexton  
**Wednesday:** Mark Richards by The Brazzolottos †  
**Thursday:** Claudia Hopkins by The Stice Family †  
**Friday:** Jared Musgrove by David & Audrey Springer  
**Saturday:** Trudi & Andy McClay by The Zielinskis †  
**Sunday:** Denny Gentry by The Hands †

#### Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Betty Brennan, Frank Dickinson, Dianna Markovich, Anne Forister, Alice Reid, 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](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 Readings Sept.29 –Oct. 5

**Monday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

**Tuesday:** Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Lk 9:51-56

**Wednesday:** Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62

**Thursday:** Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 18:1-5, 10

**Friday:** Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16

**Saturday:** Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

**Sunday:** Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43



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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

When does “yes” mean yes and “no” mean no? Are deeds more important than words?

Today's parable from Matthew's Gospel (21:28-32) is addressed to “The chief priests and the elders of the people”. These were the elite members of the Sanhedrin (Jewish Governing Council) who had the benefit of the Law and the Prophets, the Torah. Yet, they were deluded with self-righteousness and spiritually blind.

The poor and the sinful were much more aware of eternal values than the self-acclaimed righteous. While they may have said “no” to God in their past, they were now open to the new offer of mercy and grace made by Christ. Their yes to this new situation was what mattered now.

The so-called leaders of the people saw themselves as exemplars of the Law, yet their “yes” to Jesus was shallow and insincere. They were polite and courteous in their words. Their deeds did not match their words.

This parable is special to Matthew. Luke does have a story of two sons and a compassionate father. Matthew's message for us is that even the most tawdry past (tax collectors and prostitutes) can be forgiven. Mercy abounds for those who change their ways.

Matthew would remind us too that good intentions alone do not a good son or daughter make. Actions count for something. So often like the first son we may begin with rebellion or a bad attitude. An unreflective “no” to what is right and good. Is this the indiscretion of youth? Thankfully, we move beyond this immature “no” and we experience conversion and give a generous “yes” to God.

The prophet Ezekiel in the first reading (18:25-28) is refreshingly frank. He tells us we are responsible for our actions. We reap what we sow. Here too the message is comforting. We can change our ways and turn from sin. God meets us more than half-way.

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**The Stewardship Fair** is on this weekend. Please stop by the Parish Hall after the weekend Liturgies and see all the ministries and services we sponsor as a Church. To be good stewards we are asked to place our time, our talent and our treasure in the service of God's work in promoting His Kingdom. Paul reminds us in the second reading this Sunday “Each of us should be looking out not for own interests only but for those of others”.

**The Yard Sale:** Coming the second week of October. Proceeds are used to help outreach ministry of Social Concerns. A good time to check your closets and garages for those excessive things and all that stuff we don't really need.

**A Prayer For a Most Loyal and Generous Volunteer:**  
We are thinking a lot of Rodney Martin these days. He is a patient in University Hospital dealing with a broken leg and a lot of pain. Rodney cares for our maintenance needs and the myriad repairs and replacements that go with several buildings. He has a heart of gold and does an endless amount of good, known and unknown, seen and unseen. Our Parish holds him in our prayers and thoughts so that soon he will be well.

Peace and Blessings,  
*Fr. Sexton*

## Calendar of Events Sept. 28-Oct.5

### Sunday—September 28

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

\* Catholic Charities Pledge

\* RE/

\* Stewardship Fair after Masses

### Monday—September 29

Mass 9 am

\* Bridge

\* Legion of Mary

\* Feast of Archangels

### Tuesday—September 30

Mass 9 am

\* RCIA 7pm

### Wednesday—October 1

Mass 7 pm

### Thursday—October 2

Mass 9 am

### Friday—October 3

Mass 9 am

\* Bible Study 10am

\* First Friday Adoration 9:30am-12:30

### Saturday—October 4

Mass 5 pm

\* Confessions 3:30 pm-5 pm

\* Women at the Well 10 am

### Sunday—October 5

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

\* Respect Life Sunday

\* Youth Mass 11:15 am

\* Adult Ed 9:45 am

\* RE

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

|                    |                   |                   |
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|                    | <b>Actual</b>     | <b>Budget</b>     |
| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 3715.08</b> | <b>\$ 5481.00</b> |

**Year-to-date**

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| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 69,678.53</b> | <b>\$ 65,772.00</b> |
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**STEWARDSHIP**



Stewardship is in our hearts, but like any other discipline, good stewardship takes time to infuse our total being. And so the operative word that the good steward uses is : "Relax!" God is with us on this journey. He will point the way.



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).**

**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 - 100 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: A Ministry of Fun!**

Meets every third Wednesday of the month in the Church hall. Games begin at 10am. Potluck lunch at 11:30.

**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



### CHURCH YARD SALE

October 10th & 11th

Bring your blankets, bring your vases,  
Bring your chipped and scratched up dishes.

Old, new, retro too

Out of style, cramps your style, maybe you  
should have stayed on the Isle.

All your worn and cracked up things  
to another brings great things!

Please drop your items in the back of the Hall  
during normal Church office business hours or  
Call to make arrangements.

**NO CLOTHES PLEASE!**



## ASSIGNMENT LIST FOR Sept.28-Oct.5

### WEDNESDAY

10/1/2014

7:00 PM

Altar Servers  
Lector

### SATURDAY MASS

10/4/2014

5:00 PM

Altar Servers  
Greeters  
Lectors  
Ministers

Gisela Scruggs, Janice Stella

Rose Ballard, Karen Hand

Tom Graffo, Gloria Albright, Connie  
Hertrich

Ushers

Cecil Rodgers, Jim Dale, Jerry Noto,  
Bob Nicholas

### SUNDAY MASS

10/5/2014

8:30 AM

Altar Servers  
Greeters  
Lectors  
Ministers

Rosemary Mateer, Jamillia Sayles

Anna Emerick, Carey Monistere

Deacon, Rosemary Mateer, Joe  
Stanley, Janice Stella, Ruth Stanley

Ushers

Michael Gagliano, Cristy McKinney,  
Belia Solis, Edith Pavez

### 11:15 AM

### Youth Mass

Altar Servers  
Greeters  
Lectors  
Ministers

James Lewis, Logan Hannah

James Pittman, Sam Brown

Ronni Gagliano, Stephen Poteracki,  
Monica Liverman, Tiffany Rochford

Ushers

Rafael Perez, Omar Torres, Alex  
Torres, Angel Frederick

## *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).

**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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sept 28, 2014

**Theme:** It's not enough to merely say you believe. You must also live your faith.

**Question for Youth:** Today's parable reminds us that it isn't what we say that counts as much as what we do. How would someone know you are a Christian through your actions?

**Pregunta para los jóvenes:** Esta lectura del Evangelio es acerca de los jóvenes. ¿Con cuál de estos hijos te identificas más y compartes sus razones?

**Question for Adults:** How and when were you like each of the sons in the Gospel?

**Pregunta para los adultos:** ¿Cómo y cuándo fue usted como alguno de los hijos en el Evangelio?

Religious Education 2014-2015

Every Sunday at 9:45 am.

Grs PreK4 thru 12



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

Sept 27 & 28 Stewardship Fair after all Masses

Sept 28 RE/Delivery of Soup to Love Pantry 11am

Sept 29 Feast of the Archangels

Sept 30 Tues RCIA 7pm

Oct 1 Feast of our Guardian Angels

SR Youth 5:30pm

Oct 2 Tues RCIA 7pm

Oct 3 First Friday Adoration

Oct 3 Fri 10am Bible Study Galatians & Romans

Oct 4 WATW

Oct 5 RE/Adult Ed w/Deacon Terry

Youth Mass 11:15am

Oct 7 RCIA 7pm

Oct 10 Fri 10am Bible Study Galatians & Romans

Oct 10 & 11 Fri & Sat Yard Sale



Plan on going to Washington DC for the March for Life?

1st deposit of \$100 is due

Oct 1st in the Church Office.

2nd & Final Payment of \$50 due Nov 1st.

Contact Chris Frey for more details. 473-4661



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**

Contact Peter Boyle 613-5435

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



**THIS WEEKEND!!**

**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!

**JOIN US!!**

**LITTLE ROCK BIBLE STUDY**

A 14 Week Study on

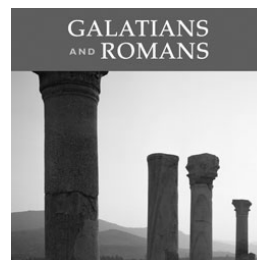
**Galatians & Romans**

Fri \*Oct 3 at 10am

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HUNGRY FOR A DEEPER  
RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR  
LORD?**

Plan now to attend



Remember to celebrate the Feast of Angels....

**Mon Sept 29 the Archangels:** Michael the Defender; Gabriel the Messenger; and Rafael the healer.

**Wed Oct 1 our Guardian Angels.** How will you celebrate? How about a **Wednesday Mass 7pm.** I know your angel would love to see you there. Have you thanked your angel lately for all they have done for you?



## HER CHOICE

### Birmingham Women's Center Fundraising Banquet

Thursday, November 6, 2014

7:00 p.m.

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To confirm your participation

Call 205-447-8796 or visit

[hcbanquet@herchoicebirmingham.org](mailto:hcbanquet@herchoicebirmingham.org)

Women at the Well  
Saturday, October 4, 2014  
10 a.m.

\*Note: Special date due to Yard Sale\*  
Please join us for a special morning of prayer,  
reflection & fellowship as women of faith.

Don't forget to bring a dish to share!

For additional info: Elizabeth (Bit) Thomaston  
205-338-1080 or email [phillip050@centurytel.net](mailto:phillip050@centurytel.net)

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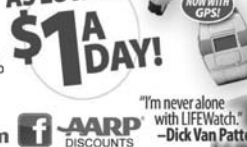
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