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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, November 29, 2014*

*Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, November 30, 2014*

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

**First Sunday of Advent  
November 30, 2014**

Be watchful! Be alert!  
You do not know when the time will  
come.

— Mark 13:33



*Mass Intentions*  
**Dec 1—Dec. 7**



**Monday: Denny Gentry** by *The Stice Family* †

**Tuesday: Robert Moore** by *The Stice Family* †

**Wednesday:** Communion Service

**Thursday:** Communion Service

**Friday:** Communion Service

**Saturday:** Special Intentions

**Sunday:** Special Intentions

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

*Dianna Markevich, Anne Forister, Alice Reid,  
Lexie Smith, Gene & Walton Smith, Daniel Cen-  
tilli, 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**

**Dec. 1 - Dec. 7**

**Monday:** Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13,  
1-7; Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-  
37

**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21,  
25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt  
9:27-31

**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;  
Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt  
3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Today, the first Sunday of Advent, is also the first day of the new Liturgical year. In a sense we live in two worlds. The world of secular pre-occupation that is marked by our civil calendar is filled with appointments, schedules, timelines, deadlines, meetings and milestones. The other world we inhabit is the spiritual world in which we celebrate the great events in the life of Jesus in the hope that we will be touched and transformed by these Liturgical celebrations.

The first season of our new Church year is called Advent. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal describes Advent this way: "Advent has a two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas, in which the first coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's second coming at the end of time. For these reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight".

In earlier Church history Advent had more of a penitential character. It was a time of fasting with emphasis on the Sacrament of Confession. Some of this characteristic of the Advent season remains today. The purple vestments, (as in Lent), the absence of the Gloria from the Advent Masses, and increased availability of Sacrament of Confession in this season.

All of this may create a sense of disconnect in our lives in Advent. The shops and the malls and the airwaves are filled with Christmas cheer and ho-ho-ho while the Liturgy evokes a more solemn mood of waiting and longing for what is to come.

For many the Advent wreath has become a symbol of Advent. The wreath with its purple candles and evergreens touches people by its simplicity. Families will come forward at each Mass to light a candle on the Advent wreath. A simple gesture with a world of meaning. In this season we light candles of hope to brighten a darkened world.

This Advent season will surely be marked by the awareness of the suffering and persecution that is the lot of Christians and other religious believers in many parts of the world. For them there are no lights but only constant sorrow. The Synod of Bishops in 2012 wrote: "Even if the world often resembles a 'desert' for Christians, we must journey on, taking with us what is essential: the company of Jesus, the truth of his Word, the Eucharistic bread which nourishes us, the fellowship of community and the work of charity". May this Advent season find us faithful in these things!

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**Prayer for the Week:** Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved."

Peace and Blessings,

*Fr. Sexton*

## Calendar of Events Nov. 30 - Dec. 7

### *First Sunday of Advent*

#### **Sunday—November 30**

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

- \* No RE
- \* RCI Intros 11:15 am Mass
- \* Reconciliation 3,4,5,6
- \* 5th Sunday KOC Mass 8:30

#### **Monday—December 1**

**Mass 9 am**

- \* Bridge
- \* Legion of Mary
- \* Parent Meeting 7pm for 1st Reconciliation

#### **Tuesday—December 2**

**Mass 9 am**

- \* RCIA 7pm

#### **Wednesday—December 3**

**Communion Service 7 pm**

#### **Thursday—December 4**

**Communion Service 9 am**

#### **Friday—December 5**

**Communion Service 9 am**

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

#### **Saturday—December 6**

**Mass 5 pm**

- \* Confessions 3:30pm- 5pm

### *Second Sunday of Advent*

#### **Sunday—December 7**

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

- \* RE No Youth Mass see Dec.24th
- \* RE/Shoebox Project Begins
- \* Adult Ed 9:45am
- \*\*\* Little Ones in Christ 12:30-2:30
- \*\*\*NOTE date change\*\*\*

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

|                    |                       |                      |
|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
|                    | <b>Actual</b>         | <b>Budget</b>        |
| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 5000.00*</b>    | <b>\$ 5481.00</b>    |
|                    | <u>Year-to-date</u>   |                      |
| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 119,419.97*</b> | <b>\$ 109,620.00</b> |



**Attention all Parents of OLL who gave birth in December 2013 through the end of 2014.**

We would like to recognize your babies at the  
**4:30pm Christmas Eve Youth Mass**  
 If you would like to participate in the  
**Blessings of Babies**  
 Sign up sheets are in the foyers or contact Parma Boyle  
 405-0948 or the church office 525-5161.

**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).**

**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 - 50\*cans.**



**Annual Parish Christmas Dinner**  
**&**  
**Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration**

**Date: December 14th**  
**Time: 1 p.m.**

**Where: Celebrations on Hwy 231**

**Please join your Church family for Faith, Food and Friendship as we celebrate the Birth of Jesus.**

**Sign up sheets are in the foyers to bring a dish or assist with set up or clean up.**  
**For more info call Karen Hand at 205-338-9737.**

**Pro Life Corner**



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

**Month 7**



**Thank you for praying for me.**  
**I am 7 months old now. I am growing every day. I'm between 14 and 17 inches long and weigh about 4 1/2 pounds. I move around a lot, but it's getting crowded in here!**  
**Sometimes I even get hiccups!**  
**I can hear and recognize my mother's voice.**

**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

## *Advent Wreath Candle Lighters*

### First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, November 29th - 5 pm Mass  
David & Audrey Springer

Sunday, November 30th  
8:30 am Mass - Joe & Ruth Stanley

11:15 am Mass  
Brenda & Carl Rochford & Family

### Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 6th - 5 pm Mass  
Mark & Tammy McCrae

Sunday, December 7th  
8:30 am Mass - Paul & Anna Emerick & Family

11:15 am Mass  
Maria Pedraza & Daughter

### Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 13th - 5 pm Mass  
Bill & Loretta Frost

Sunday, December 14th  
8:30 Mass - Bart & Gail Perry & Family

11:15am Mass  
Larry & Sara Reese

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 20th - 5:00 pm Mass  
Bob & Karen Hand

Sunday, December 21st  
8:30 Mass - Michael & Teri Gagliano & Family

11:15 am Mass  
Gloria Rodgers & children and James Raynor

# ASSIGNMENT LIST FOR Dec. 3 - Dec. 7

## **WEDNESDAY MASS 12/3/2014 7:00 PM**

Altar Servers  
Lector Bernie Funderburg

## **SATURDAY MASS 12/6/2014 5:00 PM**

Altar Servers  
Greeters Karen Hand, Connie Hertrich  
Lectors Sonia Dale, Marguerite Gorman  
Ministers David Springer, Parma Boyle, Jim Dale  
Ushers Jerry Noto, Jim Dale, Jim Gorman, Bob Nicholas

## *Second Sunday of Advent*

## **SUNDAY MASS 12/7/2014 8:30 AM**

Altar Servers Matthew Reese, Michael Emerick,  
Anthony Emerick, Amelia Reese  
Greeters Amy Carreker, Julie Paulitzky  
Lectors Carey Monistere, Anna Emerick  
Ministers Deacon, Martha Hayes, Barbara  
McGowin, Joe Stanley, Ruth Stanley  
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Gregg Bechel, Chris  
Frey, Jackie Johnson

## **11:15 AM**

Altar Servers Sawyer Stice, Paul Boyle, Sydney Sellers, Ethan Young  
Greeters Johnny & Marsha Armstrong, Grace Troncalli  
Lectors Betty Huetteman, John Stice  
Ministers Deacon, Yolie Roy, Chere Lowery, Ken Otto, Edie Otto  
Ushers Don Frederick, Chris Gallegly

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

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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 Sunday Readings.

First Sunday of Advent \* November 30, 2014

Theme: Active waiting

**Question for Youth:** What is one thing that you can do this week to help you remember that Jesus is coming?

**Pregunta para los jóvenes:** Menciona algo que vas a hacer esta semana que te puede ayudar a recordar que Jesús viene.

**Question for Adults:** When you're getting ready to receive a guest, what are some things you do? How do you apply this to receiving Christ?

**Pregunta para los adultos:** ¿Qué cosas hace cuando se prepara para recibir a una visita? ¿Que va a hacer para prepararse para recibir a Cristo? .

Religious Education 2014-2015  
Every Sunday at 9:45 am.

Grs PreK4 thru 12



## COMING UP \* MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Nov 30 1st Sunday of Advent No RE

Dec 1 Mon Parent Mtg for all parents of students preparing for First Reconciliation \* 7pm

Dec 2 Tues RCIA 7pm

Dec 3 Wed SR YOUTH Mtg 5:30pm

Dec 5 Fri Mass 9am

First Friday Adoration 9:30am-12:30pm

Bible Study 10am Book of Romans

Dec 7 2nd Sunday of Advent \* RE 9:45am

**Shoebox project** begins RE students will be collecting small toiletries and gifts for shut ins and seniors.

**LITTLE ONES IN CHRIST** Grs PK-Gr2

Christmas Meeting 12:30-2:30pm

Dec 8 Mon Holy Day of Obligation Masses 9am & 7pm  
Immaculate Conception

Dec 9 Tues RCIA 7pm

Dec 11 Pell City Christmas Parade 7pm

Dec 12 Bible Study 10am Book of Romans

Dec 14 \*3rd Sunday of Advent \* RE 9:45am

\***Shoebox Project ends** RE students will be collecting small toiletries and gifts for shut ins and seniors.

\***Reconciliation Grades 7-12**

\***Celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe 8:30am Mass.**

\***OLL Parish Christmas Dinner \* 1pm at Celebrations Hwy 231**

\***Happy Birthday Deacon Terry**

YOUTH GROUPS GEARING UP!!  
LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING

**LITTLE ONES IN CHRIST \*ATTENTION!!**

Grs PreK-Gr 2 **!!WE WILL MEET!!**

**DECEMBER 7th MEETING 12:30-2:30pm**

Christmas Party!

Contact Joanna Murphree 473-1444

**JR YOUTH Grs 3-6 NO DECEMBER MEETING:**

**but we need you to make our Christmas Float**

**a success.**

**All are invited to join us!**

**DEC 11 \* 7pm**

Pell City Christmas Parade.

To help and ride on the float

Contact Sonya Lewis 863-7305.

**SR YOUTH Grs 7-12 \* Meets every 1st & 3rd Wed**

**Next Mtg: DEC 3 \* 5:30pm.** Dinner served.

**SR Youth are needed to serve on Dec 14**

**PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER\* 1pm \***

**at Celebrations arrive by 12noon to help.**

Contact Peter Boyle 613-5435



## Shoebox Project Begins Dec 7th.

We will be collecting personal items for our seniors & shut-ins. *Lotions, lip balm, brushes and combs, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, socks, gloves, stationary, blank cards, small crossword puzzle books, small stuffed animals, soft candies etc.* The Sunday School classes will wrap the boxes and the boxes will be delivered before Christmas. Thanks for putting smiles on faces!



## First Sunday of Advent—the Week of Hope!

*“Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. Watch therefore, may He not come suddenly and find you sleeping..Mark13:33-37*

As we light the **First Advent Candle** we wait and watch with a **hope**, that excites us as we anticipate the return of our Lord. **The Advent Wreath: Evergreens** are used to symbolize the new and eternal life given in Jesus. The circle symbolizes God's eternity and never ending love. The candles-3 purple, 1 rose and a center white candle represent God's light coming into the world- Weekly themes: 1-Hope; 2-Preparing; 3-Joy (rose); 4-Love; the center white candle symbolized Christ the heart of the season and the light of the world. **Light the first candle and pray:** *Eternal Father, we seek Your everlasting light. Prepare our hearts and let Your Spirit rest upon us, giving us wisdom, understanding, counsel and courage. Reconcile all peoples to Yourself. Amen.*

**John Carroll Catholic High School  
High School Placement Test  
2015-2016**

Attention all 8th grade parents and students interested in John Carroll Catholic High School for the 2015-2016 school year:

The High School Placement Test for John Carroll Catholic High School will take place on Saturday, December 6, 2014 from 7:45 am-Noon.

The test will be given on the John Carroll Catholic campus located at 300 Lakeshore Parkway, Birmingham, AL 35209.

An online application and \$75 fee must be completed through the John Carroll website, [www.jccshs.org](http://www.jccshs.org) (Admissions) by December 3, 2014 to register. Must bring (2) No. 2 pencils—NO calculator permitted.

For questions, please contact the Admissions Office at: [admissions@jccshs.org](mailto:admissions@jccshs.org) or 205-940-2400 ext. 233.

**GO CAVS!**

*Celebrando a Nuestra  
Señora de Guadalupe*  
**Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration**  
**Domingo 14 de diciembre—**  
**Sunday Dec. 14th**  
**8:30 am**



**Rosario Novenario:**  
**Empieza Jueves**  
**Dec. 4—6:00 pm**  
**Rosary Novena starts**  
**Thursday, Dec. 4 at 6:00**  
**pm**



**Mariachi Amigoz, Procepción, Comida,**  
**Habr  comida despu s de la Misa**  
**Refreshments served after Mass**  
Sign up sheets are in the foyers.  
Sign up to prepare food, to  
decorate, set up, and clean up  
Fiesta will be at Celebrations at 1:00 pm  
*Fiesta en Celebrations en Highway 231, Pell City*

**PARENT MEETING**

**Mon DEC 1 at 7pm**

For [all parents with students preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation](#)



Important information, dates and a "Teaching on Reconciliation"

**Remember: Parents are the primary educators of our youth! Please make it a priority to attend!**

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