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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, December 6, 2014

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 7, 2014

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2014

Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill
shall be made low.

— Isaiah 40:4



Mass Intentions

Dec 8—Dec. 14



Monday: Special Intentions

Tuesday: Communion Service

Wednesday: Pete Battaglia by The Brazzolottos †

Thursday: Robert Moore by Tom Graffo †

Friday: Lily Troncalli by The Troncalli Family †

Saturday: Edward Smallwood by The Hands †

Sunday: Joe & Helen Graffo by Tom Graffo †

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Dianna Markevich, 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

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. 8 - Dec. 14

- Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday:** Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
- Friday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
- Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Thank You!

The loving generosity shown by this parish in support of your 2014 Thanksgiving Food Drive was most impressive and gratifying. You provided generous food boxes with poultry and fresh produce for 104 needy families. This fed a total of about 620 men, women and children. A special "Thank You" to the school children, whose efforts also helped to make this possible. You have once again lovingly "fed His sheep".

*On behalf of the Social Concerns Committee
Mike & Kitty Gordon*



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

This Sunday's Gospel reading and next Sunday's Gospel reading center on the figure of John the Baptist. He is one of the great voices of Advent calling us to repentance and helping us to prepare for a fuller coming of Christ.

The reading from Isaiah (40:1-5, 9-11) is poetic and dramatic and has found its way into Handel's Messiah, frequently heard in malls and homes this time of year.

"Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God" God does not wish us to be weighed down. Now is the time to start again. We shall renew ourselves in the Joy of Advent.

"A voice cries out", Isaiah says. In Advent that voice is that of John the Baptist calling us to be renewed. The voice of the prophets had not been heard for four hundred years. Had God forgotten them? But the voice of John the Baptist rings like a trumpet. He is the herald of Good News.

John the Baptist is presented in Mark's Gospel as a new Elijah. His attire and his diet reflects that of the famous Elijah. It was said that Elijah never died but ascended to Heaven in a fiery chariot (2 Kings 2:11). Mark wants us to know that John the Baptist was special. He was to usher in Jesus, the Messiah.

In Advent the mountains of our pride and our arrogance are to be brought low. The valleys of our emptiness and our spiritual hunger are to be filled.

Whose voice are we hearing these days in the endless cacophony of noise and messages? Where do I sense an emptiness? This is our grace-filled gracious season, a time of fresh hope.

Farewell To A Friend: Fr. Raymond Mullins died last week in Pensacola, Florida, at the age of 86. He was my Pastor for three years when I was newly ordained. He was an exemplary priest, a voracious reader of books, a wise counselor. We were good friends through all the years. He left his mark on the Church in Pensacola. May he rest in peace.

Away in Ireland: By the time you read this I will be in Ireland for a brief stop to officiate at the wedding of a cousin, a marathon runner. Marriage is like a marathon too and not for the faint of heart.

Received Into Full Communion: We welcome Anthony (Tony) Hollis who was received into full Communion in the Catholic Church on Sunday, Nov. 23, 2014. Tony is a man of deep faith with a contemplative spirit. Welcome!

The Annual Parish Christmas Dinner: Be sure to reserve Sunday, Dec. 14 at 1:00 p.m. at Celebrations. Our Hispanic Community will join us bringing their famous foods. If you will bring a salad or a dessert it would be great. Thanks to Karen Hand and Gloria Rodgers for coordinating this special event. Hope to see you there, and thanks.

A Grief Observed: We offer heartfelt sympathy and prayers to Marilyn Moynihan and her family on the untimely death of her son, Mark. I knew Mark since he was at John Carroll High School. He was a gentle soul and a gifted person. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Sexton

Calendar of Events Dec. 7 - Dec. 14

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday—December 7

Mass 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

Monday—December 8

Mass 9 am & 7 pm

* Holy Day-Immaculate Conception

* Bridge

* Legion of Mary

Tuesday—December 9

Communion Service 9 am

* RCIA 7pm

Wednesday—December 10

Mass 7 pm

Thursday—December 11

Mass 9 am

Friday—December 12

Mass 9 am

* Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

* Bible Study 10 am

Saturday—December 13

Mass 5 pm

* Confessions 3:30pm- 5pm

* WATW 10am

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday—December 14

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

* RE/Shoebox Project ends

* Pro Life Rosary/English

* Reconciliation 7th-12th

* No Youth Mtgs.

* Parish Christmas Dinner & Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at Celebrations 1 pm

* Deacon Terry's Birthday

FINANCE NEWS
July 2014-June 2015
Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ 3801.00	\$ 5481.00
	<u>Year-to-date</u>	
*Offertory:	\$ 128,054.83	\$ 115,101.00



CHURCH CLEANING



On Saturday, December 20th, at 9 a.m., we will be doing the annual Church cleaning. If you are available to help on this day, please join us! We will be cleaning the pews, floors, windows, and more.

If you have any questions please call the church office. Thank you so much for your help.



Mark Your Calendars
 For The
 Old Women at the Well
 Saturday, December 13, 2014
 10:00 am
Christmas Program
The Trescott Family

Please join us Saturday, December 13, 2014 for the Christmas Women at the Well. We welcome back the Trescott Family for a morning of music and worship, fun and fellowship.

Don't forget to bring a dish to share, and a candle, ornament, or small gift for "Dirty Santa".

We can't wait to see you there!

Should you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact Elizabeth (Bit) Thomaston at (205)338-1080 or email at phil-lip050@centurytel.net.

Faith Fellowship Friendship

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 - 65 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

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

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ASSIGNMENT LIST FOR Dec. 10 - Dec. 14

WEDNESDAY MASS 12/10/2014 7:00 PM

Altar Servers
Lector Sarah Brazzolotto

SATURDAY MASS 12/13/2014 5:00 PM

Altar Servers Larry Reese, Stephen Reese
Greeters Susan Moseley, Gloria & Red Albright
Lectors Micky Zielinski, Ron Zielinski
Ministers Connie Hertrich, Gloria Albright, Karen Hand
Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Jerry Noto

Third Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY MASS 12/14/2014 8:30 AM

Altar Servers Stephen Poteracki, Sophie Poteracki, Danielle McKinney, Matt Frey
Greeters Crapet /Freeman, Crapet/Freeman
Lectors Dennis Veigl, Joe Stanley
Ministers Deacon, Rosemary Mateer, Stephen Reese, Anna Emerick, Janice Stella
Ushers Cristy McKinney, Belia Solis, Edith Pavez, Isabel Loera

11:15 AM

Altar Servers Tiffany Rochford, Ryan Murphree, Travis Cooley, John Himmler
Greeters Ashley Castaneda, Shirley Skeivelas
Lectors Larry Reese, Sara Reese
Ministers Deacon, Brenda Rochford, Maria Jimenez, Lloyd Brown, Terri Brown
Ushers Don Frederick, Ron Sellers, Jennifer Sellers, Sydney Sellers

**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.

Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2014

Theme: Preparing a pathway in our lives

Question for Youth: John went out to announce the good news of the Messiah's coming. How can you be good news to your friends and family this week?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: Juan salió a anunciar la Buena Nueva de la venida del Mesías. ¿Cómo puedes ser buena nueva para tus amigos y tu familia en esta semana?

Question for Adults: When you hear Isaiah comfort the people by promising that God is like a shepherd who gathers the lambs into his arms, what is your response?

Pregunta para los adultos: Cuando escucha a Isaías consolar a su pueblo y asegurarles que Dios es como un pastor que toma en sus brazos a sus ovejas, ¿cuál es su respuesta?

Religious Education 2014-2015

Every Sunday at 9:45 am.

Grs PreK4 thru 12



COMING UP * MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

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

Shoobox 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

***Shoobox 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**

Dec 15 Mon Reconciliation after 9am Mass

Dec 16 Tues Reconciliation after 9am Mass
RCIA 7pm

Dec 17 Wed 9am Mass No 7pm Mass
PENITENTIAL SERVICE

2 priests available for Confession

SR YOUTH MTG 5:30pm dinner served

Dec 18 Thurs Reconciliation after 9am Mass

Dec 19 Fri Reconciliation after 9am Mass

JOIN OUR YOUTH GROUP FUN!!
LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING

LITTLE ONES IN CHRIST *ATTENTION!!

Grs PreK-Gr 2 !!TODAY!!

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 17* 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.

ALL YOUTH CHURCH BASKETBALL LEAGUES

have begun. Contact Anna Emerick 473-5273 or

Chris Frey 473-4661 to play. Schedules

will be posted on the Youth Bulletin Board

going into the RE bldg. GOOD LUCK,

PLAY FAIR AND HAVE FUN!!!



**Second Sunday of Advent—the Week of
Preparing!** The Second Advent Candle



along with today's readings remind us to **Prepare** the way of the Lord. Make ready for the coming of the Guest! Houses are certainly made ready this time of year...but how

about our HEARTS? Advent is a time for us to listen to the words of John the Baptist, "**Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.**" Mk 1:1-8

Take some time this Advent examine your life, celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and embrace all the grace and power God has for YOU! One mightier than you is coming. How worthy are you to loosen his sandals?

As your family lights the second candle today, pray together: *O Holy Lord, we faithfully wait for our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. May we welcome Him with burning love and deep faith. Let us take courage for our God is coming to save us. Amen. EXPERIENCE FORGIVENESS!*



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

Tony Hollis



*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!



Shoebbox 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!

**Junior Youth
Christmas Parade**
Dec. 11th 7:00pm
(Line up 5:00pm)

Rocking around the Christmas tree!
Happy Birthday to Jesus our Rock!

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



**Mariachi Amigoz, Procepción, Comida,
Habrá comida después 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
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