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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 13, 2014

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 14, 2014

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



### Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2014

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.

— 1 Thessalonians 5:16



### Mass Intentions Dec 15—Dec. 21



**Monday:** Frances & J.W. Hand *by The Hands* †

**Tuesday:** Helen Brennan *by The Brazzolottos* †

**Wednesday:** Joseph Amaro *by The Stices* †

**Thursday:** Alice Reid *by The Reids*

**Friday:** Virginia Demmert *by The Stices* †

**Saturday:** Tom & Frances Graffo *by Tom Graffo* †

**Sunday:** Denny Gentry *by The Morteks* †

#### 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](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. 15- Dec. 21

**Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

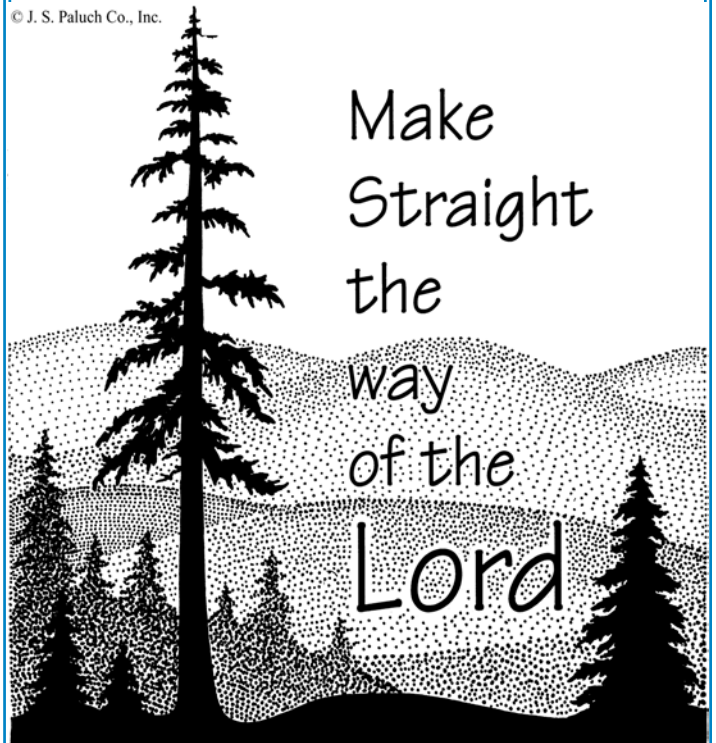
**Thursday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

**Friday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

**Saturday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

**Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

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the  
way  
of the  
Lord

## Christmas Schedule

**Wednesday, December 24**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

Vigil Youth Mass  
4:30 pm.

Carols begin at 4:00 pm.  
Tribute to Jesus  
Blessing of Babies

Mass  
8:30 pm  
Carols begin at 8:00 pm.

**Thursday, December 25**

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

Holy Day  
Mass at 9:00 am.

**Wednesday, December 31**

### **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

Vigil Mass 5:00 pm.

**Thursday, January 1**

### **NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Holy Day  
Mary Mother of God  
Mass at 9:00 am.



## Calendar of Events Dec. 14 - Dec. 21

### *Third Sunday of Advent*

**Sunday—December 14**

**Mass 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

**Monday—December 15**

**Mass 9 am**

- \* Reconciliation after 9am Mass
- \* Bridge
- \* Legion of Mary

**Tuesday—December 16**

**Mass 9 am**

- \* RCIA 7pm
- \* Reconciliation after 9 am Mass

**Wednesday—December 17**

**Mass 9 am**

- \* Penitential Service Only 7 pm-  
Two Priests. (No Mass at 7 pm)
- \* Surfsiders 10 am
- \* SR Youth 5:30 pm

**Thursday—December 18**

**Mass 9 am**

- \* Reconciliation after 9 am Mass
- \* Fr. Sexton's Birthday

**Friday—December 19**

**Mass 9 am**

- \* Reconciliation after 9 am Mass
- \* Bible Study 10 am

**Saturday—December 20**

**Mass 5 pm**

- \* Confessions 3:30pm- 5pm
- \* Cleaning of the Church 9 am

### *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

**Sunday—December 21**

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

- \* No RE
- \* Holy Hour 7 pm

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

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>*Offertory:</b>	<b>\$ 9578.85</b>	<b>\$ 5481.00</b>
	<u>Year-to-date</u>	
<b>*Offertory:</b>	<b>\$ 128,054.83</b>	<b>\$ 120,582.00</b>



**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.

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

Please bring all gifts for the Christmas Giving Tree by Sunday, December 14th.

Please leave unwrapped gifts in the Parish Hall with the tag from the tree attached.

Thank you to everyone who sponsored a child.

**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 - 162 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.

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 ½ 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 Fighters*

#### 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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#### *A Grief Observed:*

*We offer sympathy and prayers to Jennifer and Ronnie Sellers on the death of their daughter, Sydney Sellers. Sydney was active in the Youth Group at Our Lady of the Lake and served as an Altar Server and Usher. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.*

## ASSIGNMENT LIST FOR Dec. 17 - Dec. 21

### **WEDNESDAY MASS 12/17/2014 7:00 PM**

Altar Servers  
Lector Terri Brown

### **SATURDAY MASS 12/20/2014 5:00 PM**

Altar Servers Mike Gagliano, Tom Michaels  
Greeters Tammy McRae, Bill & Loretta Frost  
Lectors Rose Ballard, Karen Reese  
Ministers Tom Graffo, Lloyd Brown, Terri Brown  
Ushers Jerry Noto, Jim Dale, Jim Gorman, Bob Nicholas

#### *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

### **SUNDAY MASS 12/21/2014 8:30 AM**

Altar Servers Anthony Emerick, Ronni Gagliano,  
Jamillia Sayles, Carson Faulkner  
Greeters Anna Emerick, Tommie & Jacky  
Johnson  
Lectors Bart Perry, Gail Perry  
Ministers Deacon, Sarah Brazzolotto, David Springer,  
Rosemary Mateer, Teri Gagliano  
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Lance Stella, Laura  
Headley, Anita Allor

### **11:15 AM**

Altar Servers Paul Boyle, James Lewis, Troy Rosato,  
Brennan Cardenas  
Greeters Patsy Lopezde Victoria, Patrick Cowart  
Lectors Chere Lowery, Mary Adams  
Ministers Deacon, Chris Gallegly, Yolie Roy, Ken  
Otto, Edie Otto  
Ushers Don Frederick, Larry Foltz, Gloria  
Rodgers, Jeanne Macon

**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.

Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2014

Theme: God is doing great things for us.

**Question for Youth:** John tried to help people prepare their lives for the coming of the Messiah. What do you need to change about your life to be ready for Jesus' coming?

**Pregunta para los jóvenes:** Juan intentó ayudar a las personas a preparar sus vidas para la Venida del Mesías. ¿Qué necesitas cambiar en tu vida para estar listo/a para la venida de Jesús?

**Question for Adults:** If you were to write three suggestions for those who follow Jesus, to keep them strong in their faith, what would you write?

**Pregunta para los adultos:** Si tuviera que escribir tres sugerencias para los que siguen a Jesús, para que se mantengan firmes en la fe, ¿qué escribiría?

Religious Education 2014-2015

Every Sunday at 9:45 am.

Grs PreK4 thru 12



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

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

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

Dec 21 No RE \* Holy Hour 7pm

Dec 23 No RCIA Happy Thanksgiving

Dec 24 Wed Christmas Eve Vigil Youth Mass 4:30pm  
Carols at 4pm

Mass 8:30pm Carols at 8pm

Dec 25 Thur Christmas Mass 9am

Dec 28 No RE MERRY CHRISTMAS

Dec 30 No RCIA

Dec 31 Wed Vigil Mass for New Years 5pm

Jan 1 Thurs Holy Day Mary Mother of God Mass 9am

YOUTH GROUPS GEARING UP!!  
LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING



**LITTLE ONES IN CHRIST** Grs PreK-Gr 2

Next Mtg: Jan 11 12:30-2:30pm

Contact Joanna Murphree 473-1444

**JR YOUTH** Grs 3-6 Next Mtg: Jan 11 \* 5-7pm

Contact Sonya Lewis 863-7305.

**SR YOUTH** Grs 7-12 Next Mtg: DEC 17\* 5:30pm.

Dinner served. Contact Peter Boyle 613-5435

**ALL AGES JOIN YOUR CHURCH**

**FAMILY THIS SUNDAY \* Dec 14**

**PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER**

1pm \* at Celebrations Hwy 231

COME CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF CHRIST!



**ALL YOUTH CHURCH BASKETBALL**

**LEAGUES** have begun. Contact Anna Emer-

ick 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!!!



Dec 14 \* Happy Birthday Deacon Terry

Dec 18 \* Happy Birthday Fr Sexton



**LAST CALL!! For Babies born to our Parish btwn December 2013 through the end of 2014.** Our newest members will be

recognized 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 405-0948

**Third Sunday of Advent—the Week of Joy!**



The third Advent candle urges you to be FULL of joy! It is an overflowing feeling, much like the "glory of the Lord", which spilled out of heaven that ancient night when Christ was born! That special night when the joy spread from angels to shepherds and finally to YOU. Be joyful!

Remember the focus is Jesus, Others then You.

That's what brings **JOY** to all!

**He has sent me to bring glad tidings...** Is 61:1  
**Light the third candle and pray:** God of mercy, we seek Your light. Free us from our sins and make us whole. Establish Your house in our hearts, and give us the joy of your love to prepare the way for Christ our Lord. Help us to serve You and one another and rejoice in your ways forever and ever Amen. **Have you been to confession this season?** Check calendar for times & dates



**Advent Communal  
Penance Service  
Wed, Dec 17\* 7pm**

No Mass in the evening.  
Daily Mass will be at 9am.  
Don't be the lost sheep, come  
**Examine your Conscience**

and prepare your hearts for the  
coming of Christ. Are you ready? Is your soul  
a worthy temple where Jesus can rest?

**Two priests** are available to hear confes-  
sions.

*Prepare! Repent! Rejoice!*

***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,**  
**Habrà 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  
*Fiesta en Celebrations en Highway 231, Pell City*



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