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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 27, 2014

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 28, 2014

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary,
and Joseph
December 28, 2014**

My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared
in the sight of all the peoples.
— *Luke 2:30-31*



Mass Intentions
Dec 29- Jan. 4



Monday: Jackie Rodgers *by The Brazzolottos* †
Tuesday: Robert Moore *by The Stice Family* †
Wednesday: Special Intentions
Thursday: Special Intentions
Friday: Stacy Sayles *by Marcia Morteck* †
Saturday: Andrew Centilli *by Parma & Paul Boyle* †
Sunday: Billy Brown Bice *by The Boyles* †

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*

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. 29– Jan. 4

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3,
5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-
10; Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-
2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Thursday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3,
5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk
2:16-21

Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-
4; Jn 1:19-28

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29 - 3:6; Ps
98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-
8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5
-6; Mt 2:1-12



Pastor's Message

We continue the celebration of Christmas with a focus on the family. One of the enduring wonders of Christmas is that God chose to be born into a human family. He put his seal upon family life. It is to remind us that every family is special. Every family is Holy in its own way.

Today's Scripture readings feature a variety of individuals. Abraham, Sarah, Mary, Joseph, Simeon and Anna. As each person and each family in these readings is unique, so too is each person and family in 2014.

In the reading from Genesis (15: 1-6; 21: 1-3) we can understand Abraham's impatience and his questioning of God. If he has no son, he asks: How can his descendants be numerous. God tells Abraham to look up at the stars and count them if he could.

His descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and, oh yes, Sarah his wife will have a son to be named Isaac, a word which means laughter. God does have a sense of humor; we are all proof of that. Abraham, for all his questions, shows himself to be a model of faith.

Luke, in the Gospel reading (2: 22-40) presents a family faithful to ancient traditions and customs. They acknowledge the child, Jesus, as a gift from God and present him in the temple.

And then there is the role played by Anna and Simeon, elders and wise ones, images of grandparents—role models and sources of wisdom for a frightened family.

They offered their support to the couple from Nazareth and declare that this child will bring blessing to the whole world. The child Jesus will be a light of revelation for the nations. And yes, Mary's heart will be broken in sorrow. At the cross she will become "the Mother of Sorrows".

Luke underlines the terrible poverty of Joseph and Mary by emphasizing that they can only afford to buy two doves (for a few cents) for the offering in the temple, in place of the usual offering of a lamb.

God came among us in poverty and in the humdrum of a very ordinary life, not in the glamour of luxury.

Cherish your family this day. Be grateful for the small and unexpected joys that sprinkle your days.

Special Thanks: To all who made the celebration of Christmas so special this year at Our Lady of the Lake. To: Lectors and Special Ministers of Holy Communion, Choir Members, Cantors and Song Leaders, Ushers and Greeters, Altar Servers and Sacristans, Church Decorators, those who constructed the Christmas Creche on the grounds of the Church. You have taught us the meaning of Christmas. Thanks to Deacon Terry and Deacon Serge for your faithful witness and dedicated service. Thanks to Parma Boyle for coordinating the Youth Mass and to Charmaine Booker for beautiful music. We are so grateful too to Mike Aiello for his generous help in attending to a host of details. Thanks to the Parish Secretary, Kathy Bryant, for producing this Bulletin every week, often with a tight deadline. We are so happy that Rodney Martin is recovering so well and able to join us again for Sunday Eucharist.

Peace and Blessings,
Fr. Sexton

Calendar of Events Dec. 28 - Jan. 4

Sunday—December 28
Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am
Feast of the Holy Family
* No RE

Monday—December 29
Mass 9 am
* Bridge
* Legion of Mary

Tuesday—December 30
Mass 9 am
* NO RCIA

**EVE OF SOLEMNITY OF
MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
NEW YEAR'S EVE**
Wednesday—December 31
Vigil Mass 5 pm Holy Day

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD
NEW YEAR'S DAY**
Thursday—January 1
Mass 9 am Holy Day

Friday—January 2
Mass 9 am
**First Friday Adoration 9:30-
12:30 pm**

Saturday—January 3
Mass 5 pm
* Confessions 3:30pm- 5pm

**THE EPIPHANY OF
THE LORD**

Sunday—January 4
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am
* Youth Mass 11:15 am

FINANCE NEWS
July 2014-June 2015
Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ 4408.00	\$ 5481.00
	<u>Year-to-date</u>	
*Offertory:	\$ 142,087.68	\$ 132,344.00



Offertory Envelopes

2015 Offertory Envelopes are ready for pick up in the Parish Hall. Please call the Church Office 205-525-5161 if yours is not there!

Also 2015 calendars are available in both foyers. Please take one per family. Thank you!



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.**



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 - 190 cans.



BENEDICTINE SISTERS SACRED HEART MONASTERY
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Centering Prayer Introductory Retreat

An Introduction to Centering Prayer retreat will be held at the Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center in Cullman January 16-18, 2015. This form of Christian prayer is rooted in the ancient Christian contemplative tradition and is intended to foster a deeper intimacy with Christ. Private rooms and the ability to maintain silence are required.

The cost for the weekend is \$210/person; lodging, meals, and linens are included. For registration information and other details, please contact the Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center at (256) 734-8302 or by e-mail at retreats@shmon.org.



Pro Life Corner

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

Month 8



Thank you for praying for me. I am 8 months old now. I've got long fingernails And I'm busy getting ready for my birthday. I can't wait to see my Mom and Dad. Thanks to you and your prayers, I will see them very soon!

A 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.



**ASSIGNMENT LIST FOR
Dec. 31 - Jan. 1**

**EVE OF SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

NEW YEAR'S EVE

WEDNESDAY MASS **12/31/2014**
5:00 PM **Vigil Mass**

Altar Servers
Greeters Parma Boyle, Tammy McRae
Lectors Charmaine Booker
Ministers

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

NEW YEAR'S DAY

THURSDAY MASS **1/1/2015**
9:00 AM

Altar Servers
Greeters Rosemary Mateer, Jimillia Sayles
Lectors Bart Perry, Gail Perry
Ministers Deacon, Mary Adams, Wayne Adams



**ASSIGNMENT LIST FOR
Jan 3 - Jan. 4**

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SATURDAY MASS **1/3/2015**

Altar Servers
Greeters Susan Moseley, Gisella Scruggs
Lectors Sonia Dale, Marguerite Gorman
Ministers David Springer, Gloria Albright, Parma
Boyle
Ushers Jerry Noto, Jim Dale, Jim Gorman, Bob
Nicholas

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SUNDAY MASS **1/4/2015**
8:30 AM

Altar Servers
Greeters Crapet/Freeman, Crapet/Freeman
Lectors Rose Ballard, Joe Stanley
Ministers Deacon, Michael Gagliano, Teri Gagli
ano, Ronnie Gagliano, Anna Emerick
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Dennis Veigl, Joa
quina Reyes, Joe Yester

11:15 AM **Youth Mass**

Altar Servers
Greeters Ethan Young, Katie Boyle
Lectors John Himmler, Gannon Osborne
Ministers Stephen Poteracki, Sophie Poteracki,
Sawyer Stice, Sailor Reeves
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Chris Gallegly,
Kendall Perry, Madeline Houk, James
Lewis, Alex Walser

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Take time for a Holy Pause

Family Questions of the Week

Questions are based on Sunday Readings.

Feast of the Holy Family December 28, 2014

Theme: We honor the relationships of parents and children.

Question for Youth: In Colossians, St. Paul lays out a way of life for the followers of Christ. As you read through this list, which one of these is most difficult for you to follow? Which one is easiest?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: En los Colosenses, San Pablo expone una forma de vida para los seguidores de Cristo. Al leer esta lista, ¿para ti cuál es la más difícil de seguir? ¿Cuál es la más fácil?

Question for Adults: We are invited to let the word of Christ dwell within us and direct our daily lives. Which one of the lifestyle suggestions in this reading speaks most loudly to you?

Pregunta para los adultos: Estamos invitados a que la palabra de Cristo habite entre nosotros y directamente en nuestras vidas diarias. ¿Cuál de las sugerencias de estilo de vida en esta lectura le habla más fuerte?

Religious Education 2014-2015

Every Sunday at 9:45 am.

Grs PreK4 thru 12



COMING UP * MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Dec 28 No RE MERRY CHRISTMAS

Feast of Holy Family

Dec 30 No RCIA

Dec 31 Wed Vigil Mass for New Years 5pm

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

Jan 2 First Friday Adoration 9:30-12:30pm

No Bible Study

Jan 4 RE RESUMES 9:45am

Class Christmas Parties

Youth Mass 11:15am

Jan 6 Tues RCIA 7pm

Jan 7 Wed SR YOUTH Mtg Grs 7-12 * 5:30pm

Jan 9 Fri 10am Bible Study resumes w/Romans

Jan 11 RE Baptism of our Lord Christmas season comes to an end

Adult Ed with Deacon Terry

LOIC Mtg Grs PK-Gr 2 12:30-2:30

Jr Youth Mtg Gr 3-6 * 5-7 pm



Jan 12 Mon First Reconciliation 6pm w/reception

Jan 13 Tues RCIA 7pm

JOIN US AT OUR YOUTH GROUPS

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 Meets every 1st & 3rd Wed

Next Mtg: JAN 7* 5:30pm. Dinner served.

Contact Peter Boyle 613-5435

ALL YOUTH CHURCH BASKETBALL LEAGUES

have begun. Schedules will be posted on the Youth Bulletin Board going into the RE bldg.

GOOD LUCK, PLAY FAIR AND HAVE FUN!!!



Today we celebrate The "Feast of the Holy Family"

Prayer for the Family

Heavenly Father, you have given us the model of life in the Holy Family of Nazareth. Help us O Loving Father, to make our family another Nazareth where love, peace and joy reign. May it be deeply contemplative, intensely Eucharistic revived with joy. Help us to stay together in joy and sorrow in family prayer. Teach us to see Jesus in the members of our families, especially in their distressing disguise. May the Eucharistic heart of Jesus make our hearts humble like his and help us to carry out our family duties in a holy way. May we love one another as God loves each one of us, more and more each day and forgive each other's faults as you forgive our sins. Help us, O Loving Father, to take whatever you give and give whatever you take with a big smile. Immaculate heart of Mary, cause of our joy, pray for us. St Joseph, pray for us. Holy Guardian Angels be always with us guide and protect us Amen.

The family that prays together stays together!



A New Year's Prayer Dear Lord, as the dawn breaks on a New Year, I give you thanks for all we hold dear—our health, our families and our friends. Help us release our grudges,

our anger and our pains; for these are nothing but binding chains.

Let us live each day lovingly serving all in need, regardless of race, color or creed. Help us lead the world from falsehood to truth, from wrong to right and from darkness to light. We thank you Lord for your blessings and grace, May we leave this world a better place. May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful New Year. Amen.



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Contact:

**James Raynor 205-884-1777) or
J.P. Willi (205-338-3131).**

Our website is : www.ollkofc.com.

No meeting during December.

Next meeting January 26th, 7:00 pm.

Thank you!

Many thanks to everyone who made our Christmas Dinner & Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration such a success. Thank you also to John Bryant for capturing the fun in the many photos that can be viewed on the Church's website, www.ollpellcity.com. Click on information then choose photos.



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