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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, January 31, 2015

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, February 1, 2015

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 1, 2015

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD
who made us.

— Psalm 95:6



Mass Intentions

Feb. 2– Feb. 8



Monday: Bebe Obering by Terry & Rita Rumore †

Tuesday: Special Intentions

Wednesday: Bill Thompson by Kelly Bailey †

Thursday: Denny Gentry by Qua Edge †

Friday: Andrew Centilli by Brenda & Jerry Kern †

Saturday: Trudi & Andy McClay by The Zielinskis †

Sunday: Sydney Sellers by Paul & Parma Boyle †

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

Feb. 2 – Feb. 8

- Monday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10;
Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-
40 [22-32]
- Tuesday:** Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-
28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps
103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a;
Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday:** Heb 12:18-19, 21-24;
Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk
6:7-13
- Friday:** Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3,
5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21;
Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday:** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1
-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-
23; Mk 1:29-39



Pastor's Message

"All were amazed and asked one another, What is this? A new teaching with authority."

When Jesus teaches in the Synagogue (Mark 1:21-28) in this Sunday's Gospel the people recognize more than an ordinary commentary on the scriptures. Mark tells us the people were astonished; he was not like the scribes.

The action of Jesus in driving out the demon was even more astounding. His power was clearly from God. On more than one occasion Jesus remarks that his power was from the Father and it was the Father who was glorified by what he did; it was never for his own glorification. The task of every disciple is clear; having been called by God we are servants of the Glory of God.

When we read the Gospel, we notice that Jesus' teaching is always consistent. There is no division between his words and his actions. He lived as he taught, and whatever he said and did was a reflection of his love.

The authority of Jesus came from his consistent reflection of his Father's love and from the harmony that existed between his words and his actions. These are the compelling reasons that draw our hearts to follow him in faith. His words are compelling and attractive. There is no hidden agenda. There is no deal to be closed here. No attempt to pander to our wants and not our needs. Did anyone ever speak like this, the people asked.

Moses acknowledges in the First Reading (Dt. 18:15-20) that the words he speaks to the people come from God. The prophet does not speak on his own behalf but with the authority of God. Moses is well aware that he is a messenger, a bearer of God's word. How tempting always to speak our own words and claim they come from God.

When God spoke directly to the people at Sinai from out of the clouds on the mountain they were overcome with fright and fear. They were scared by this encounter with God. They asked God to give them a prophet like Moses to mediate his words. They could manage reflected words. It is said that we humans can tolerate only a limited amount of reality at one time. Thank God for those people we meet every day who mediate God's words and God's truth to us. We should be amazed and astonished.

A Witness For Life: The month of January has provided special opportunities to witness for life, to stand up and remind all of us that life is precious and unique from conception to natural death. Thanks to our parishioners, young and old who attended the Mass for Life at St. Paul Cathedral and took part in the March for Life in Birmingham. A special thanks to our youth and their adult guides who traveled to Washington for the National Respect Life March on January 22nd. Thanks to those who are supporting the annual Shower of Blessings and lunch today in support of Ann's New Life Center. God is glorified in your witness.

Thought For The Week: "However softly we speak, God is near enough to hear us. Neither is there any need for wings to go and find him. All one need do is go into solitude and look at him within oneself". (St. Teresa of Avila)

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Sexton

Calendar of Events Feb. 1 - Feb. 8

Sunday—February 1

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

- * Feast of Saint Blaise - Blessing of the throats after all Masses
- * RE/Youth Mass 11:15 am
- * Shower of Blessings after 11:15 am Mass

Monday—February 2

Mass 9 am

- * Bridge
- * Legion of Mary
- * Parent Mtg. Confirmation Prep 7 pm

Tuesday—February 3

Mass 9 am

- * RCIA 7 pm

Wednesday—February 4

Mass 7 pm

- * SR Youth 5:30 pm

Thursday—February 5

Mass 9 am

Friday—February 6

Mass 9 am

- * Bible Study 10 am
- * First Friday Adoration 9:30-12:30 pm

Saturday—February 7

Mass 5 pm

- * Confirmation Retreat

Sunday—February 8

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

- * RE
- * Pro Life Rosary/English
- * Little Ones in Christ PK3-Gr3 12:30-2:30 pm
- * JR Youth Gr3-6 5-7 pm
- * Nursing Home 10:45am
- Confirmation Classes

FINANCE NEWS
July 2014-June 2015
Last week

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| | Actual | Budget |
| *Offertory: | \$ 5050.00 | \$ 5481.00 |
| | <u>Year-to-date</u> | |
| *Offertory: | \$ 202,519.86 | \$ 169,911.00 |

Annual Shower of Blessings

To benefit
Ann's New Life Center for Women

Sunday, February 1st at 12:30 pm
Parish Hall.

Meet Dani Christopherson, the new center Director who will discuss her pro-life journey and how she came to find Ann's New Life Center for Women.

There is a list of much needed baby items in the vestibules or bring back your filled Baby Bottles. Members of the Senior Youth group, both young men and women are encouraged to attend.

If you are able, please bring a dish to share.

For more information please call
Marcia Mortek at 205-873-2095.



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.

Next meeting February 23, 7:00 pm.



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 - 151 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 9



I'm here!

Thanks for praying for me!

Announcements

2nd Annual

Godly Women R One Retreat

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
722 East St S, Talladega, Alabama
Pastor: Fr. Thomas Woods

Presented By: The Ladies Guild

**Saturday, February 7, 2015
Parish Hall**

Registration/Sign-in 8:30-9:00
\$10.00 Registration
9:00 – 2:00PM

“God’s Wonder Woman as the modern woman, connecting with our spiritual self” The modern woman plays multitudes of roles, mother, jobs, carpools, wife, and spiritual leaders.

2015 Men’s Conference Strong Men Strong Faith!

Monday, February 16, 2015 at 7:00 pm

**St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church
Hoover, Alabama**

This two hour conference will feature Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers. Men will be challenged to explore their own spirituality and renew their commitment to Jesus Christ. Event is open to men 16 and older.

Advance registration fee is \$10.00. Registration at the door is \$15.00.

**For more info or to register:
Hank Stickley: 205-746-1075 or
John Cooper: 205-930-5108 or on the
web: www.strongmenstrongfaith.org.**

ASSIGNMENT LIST FOR Feb. 4 – Feb. 8

WEDNESDAY MASS **2/4/2015** **5:00 PM**

Altar Servers
Lectors Bernie Funderburg
Ministers

SATURDAY MASS **2/7/2015**

Altar Servers Peter Boyle, Mike Gagliano
Greeters Susan Moseley, Kathy Shivers
Lectors David Springer, Marguerite Gorman
Ministers Deacon, Jim Dale, Sonia Dale, Marty Poteracki
Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Jerry Noto

SUNDAY MASS **2/8/2015** **8:30 AM**

Altar Servers Matthew Reese, Amelia Reese, Ronni Gagliano, Carson Faulkner
Greeters Rosemary Mateer, Jamillia Sayles
Lectors Anna Emerick, Teri Gagliano
Ministers Deacon, Barbara McGowin, Stephen Reese, Jim Morteck, Marcia Morteck
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Rosemary Mateer, Mike Gordon, Isabel Loera

11:15 AM

Altar Servers Ryan Murphree, James Lewis, John Himmler, Ethan Young
Greeters Patrick Cowart, Patsy Lopez de Victoria
Lectors Robert Lewis, John Stice
Ministers Deacon, Mary Adams, Wayne Adams, Tommie Ann Johnson, Yolie Roy
Ushers Don Frederick, Johnny Armstrong, James Pittman, Layne Monistere

**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 in Ordinary Time * January 25, 2015

Theme: We are called.

Question for Youth: At the start of Jesus' ministry, Jesus invites people to "believe in the Good News." What are some ways that you could be more open to the truth and challenge contained within the Gospels?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: Al comienzo del ministerio de Jesús, Él invita a las personas a que "crean en la Buena Nueva". ¿Cuáles son algunas de las maneras en que puedes estar más abierto a la verdad y el desafío que contienen los Evangelios?

Question for Adults: If someone asked you, "To what work has Jesus called you?" how would you answer?

Pregunta para los adultos: Si alguien le preguntara: "¿A qué tarea lo ha llamado Jesús?", ¿qué respondería?

February is dedicated to The Passion of Our Lord

Religious Education 2014-2015

Every Sunday at 9:45 am.

Grs PreK4 thru 12



COMING UP * MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Feb 1 RE/Youth Mass 11:15am St Blaise Day

Blessing of Throats after all Masses

Feb 2 Parent Meeting 7pm for ALL PARENTS of students preparing for Sacrament of Confirmation

Feb 4 SR YOUH Mtg 5:30pm Grs 7-12 *Dinner Served

Feb 6 First Friday Adoration 9:30am-12:30pm

Fri 10am Bible Study Conclusion of Romans

Feb 8 RE * LITTLE ONES IN CHRIST Grs PK-Gr2

12:30-2:30pm *Lunch Served

JR YOUTH Mtg 5-7pm Grs 3-6 *Dinner served

Feb 14 Happy St Valentine's Day

Feb 15 RE * Burning of Palms after 8:30am Mass

Adult Ed w/Deacon Terry Topic: Lent

SR YOUTH Praise & Worship 6:30pm

Holy Hour 7pm



Feb 17 Tues NO RCIA eve of Lent

Feb 18 Ash Wednesday Masses 9am & 7pm

SR YOUTH Mtg 5:30pm Grs 7-12 *Dinner Served

Feb 20 Bible Study 10am

Feb 22 1st Sunday of Lent

RE Penny Bong begins

Rite of Sending 11:15am & Rite of Elect 4:30pm



JOIN US AT OUR YOUTH GROUPS

LITTLE ONES IN CHRIST Grs PreK-Gr 2

Next Mtg: FEB 8 12:30-2:30pm

Contact Joanna Murphree 473-1444

JR YOUTH Grs 3-6 Next Mtg: FEB 8 * 5-7pm

Contact Sonya Lewis 863-7305.

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

Next Mtg: FEB 4* Wed *5:30pm. Dinner served.

Contact Peter Boyle 613-5435

ALL YOUTH CHURCH BASKETBALL LEAGUES

are over! It was a fun season and growing experience for all! Blessings to all who participated!

Attn all Parents of 9th Grade Students
preparing for the

Sacrament of Confirmation

there will be a **Parent Meeting**

THIS Monday Feb 2 at 7pm

Important dates, information and spiritual formation will be presented. Come and be informed!



It's time to bring in your last year's palms and place them in the baskets in the foyers...

A PALM BURNING CEREMONY

will take place

February 15

after the 8:30am Mass



Our **RELIGION BOWL** was an **INTENSE SUCCESS!!** We had to go into overtime to try to break the tie. BUT due to time, we had to call the Bowl with a **TIE**.

We **CONGRATULATE** our **6th & 7th Grades** for taking **FIRST PLACE**. 2nd Place 8th Grade and 3rd place 5th Grade. Remember this: **ALL ARE WINNERS**, because we walk away from the Bowl a little more wiser than we began! Thanks to all who participated and to all who supported our kids! Judges: 5th Gr Maria Jimenez, 6th Gr Gina Falkner, 7th Gr Debbie Gossett, 8th Gr Meleah Boyle. Timekeeper: Mark Boyle.



Welcome home! All 14 travelers to WADC arrived back home safe and sound and all the more wiser from the trip. May all their efforts help support the cause to stop abortion! Leaders: Teri Gagliano, Paul Emerick, Evan Frey, Mr Young. Youth: College: Carly Gagliano, Jessica White, OLL Students: Nathan Young, Andrew Thomaston, Anthony & Michael Emerick, Ronni Gagliano, Sawyer Stice, George Hannah, Armando Arellano. Great Group of witnesses! Thanks to all!

THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE BLOOD DRIVE.



We collected 28 pints. So close to our quota of 31. I know we'll do it next time! God bless you all for your support and for the gift of life! I'm sure God is smiling down on you! Peace & Prayers
Thanks to Sonia Dale for spear heading the Drive!
Hurry Back Jennifer Sellers we missed you!

LOST & FOUND & MORE!

- Once again there are many items in the Lost and Found.** Please take a look in the hall to pick up your missing items. If items are not picked up they will go to Goodwill this week. Thank You!
- There are dishes in the kitchen that do not belong to the church.** Please pick up your empty dishes in the hall ASAP. Thank you!
- REMINDER TO ALL WHO USE THE HALL: This is God's House** and the Church belongs to everyone! Help us keep God's house clean!
After every function please make sure the following are complete:
 - *DISHES ARE WASHED. DRIED AND PUT AWAY, NOT LEFT IN THE BASKET OR ON THE COUNTER. *Everything has a place and everything belongs in that place!*
 - *TAKE DIRTY RAGS HOME WASH & RETURN. *No one likes to work with dirty or smelly rags!*
 - *SWEEP ALL CRUMBS IN KITCHEN AND HALL. LITE MOP IF NECESSARY.
 - *PLEASE ALWAYS EMPTY YOUR TRASH!!
 It's always a good experience when you go to work in the kitchen and you can begin with a clean room. *Remember: Cleanliness is next to Godliness!*
Thank you for your support and help!
- Some Church Donation Envelopes are still in the North Foyer.** PLEASE help us out and stop by the foyer to pick them up. Thank you!

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