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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, February 7, 2015

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, February 8, 2015

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 8, 2015*

[The LORD] tells the number of the stars
and calls them by name.

— Psalm 147:4



Mass Intentions
Feb. 9– Feb. 15



Monday: Andrew Centilli *by Mary Esther Krantz* †
Tuesday: The Sellers Family *by The Headley Family*
Wednesday: The Szymanski Family *by The MorteKs*
Thursday: Jerry Manning *by The Brazzolottos* †
Friday: James Lucas Jones *by Walton Smith*
Saturday: Joe & Zackie Bosarge *by The Stice Family* †
Sunday: Leonard & Gloria MorteK *by Jim & Marcia MorteK* †

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. 9 – Feb. 15

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13

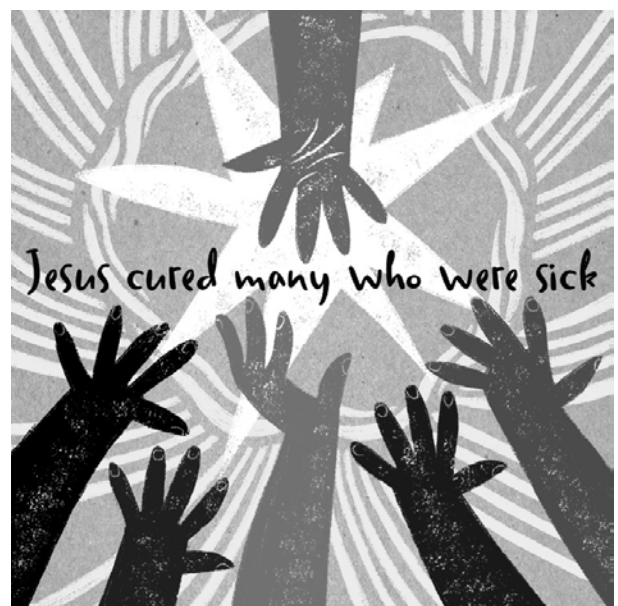
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45



Pastor's Message

Who doesn't want less suffering, less pain, less brokenness in life? That is why we hope for a cure for cancer or AIDS or mental illness. It is also why we pray for an end to poverty and war and all that ravages human beings.

Millions of people in the world can relate to the first reading this Sunday (Job 7:1-7) when Job asks: "Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?". Job goes on to say: "I have been assigned months of misery and troubled nights have been allotted to me".

So, what was the cause of Job's misery. In the Book of Job we are told he was a God-fearing man who had a wife, seven sons, three daughters and an estate as huge as a kingdom. Then, to test him, God allowed him to lose his family, his flocks, his wealth and, poignantly, his own health.

At first Job did not question this tragedy. Elie Wiesel says about Job: "The thought that so many disasters could not possibly befall one home in such rapid succession did not enter his mind; he did not seek refuge in doubt. He believed. He accepted. He tore his clothes, cut his hair in token of mourning – but he did not complain, nor did he protest. He fell sick, his condition grew worse and worse until his entire body was covered with blisters and sores, horrible to see; yet he did not complain".

As time went on, Job, taunted by his friends did dare to ask God the haunting question: Why! God spoke at great length to Job but never gave an answer or an explanation or a justification for why innocent and good people suffer. In the end Job receives a new family and new wealth – a kind of balancing the books but the mystery of innocent suffering remained as it remains still.

In Mark's Gospel we are given another perspective on suffering and illness and addictions and demonic forces. Jesus came to drive out the power of evil, to turn back the tide of suffering as we see in today's Gospel Reading. (Mark 1:29-39). "When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons...he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons". Some scholars argue that the word "many" here means everyone.

In the work of evangelization, spreading the gospel of Joy, we are called to bring comfort and healing as Jesus did. Then the world will be a better place.

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**Empty Pews:** Is there someone in your family who has become inactive in church life or do you know a friend or a neighbor, raised a Catholic but now absent from our Sunday Mass? Deacon Serge and a small committee of caring parishioners have begun a ministry of outreach to inactive members. If you would like to pass on a name to them they would be happy to contact that person. (Give the name to Deacon Serge). God's grace works in strange ways. An invitation offered with kindness and concern can work wonders. We are all called to be "missionary disciples" as the Pope reminds us.

Peace and Blessings,

*Fr. Sexton*

## Calendar of Events Feb. 8 - Feb. 15

### Sunday—February 8

**Mass 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

### Monday—February 9

**Mass 9 am**

- \* Bridge
- \* Legion of Mary

### Tuesday—February 10

**Mass 9 am**

- \* RCIA 7 pm

### Wednesday—February 11

**Mass 7 pm**

- \* Parish Council after Mass

### Thursday—February 12

**Mass 9 am**

### Friday—February 13

**Mass 9 am**

- \* Bible Study 10 am
- \* KOC Fish Fry 5:00-6:45pm
- \* Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm

### Saturday—February 14

**Mass 5 pm**

- \* Women at the Well 10:00 am

### Sunday—February 15

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

- \* RE
- \* Burning of the Palms after  
8:30 am Mass
- \* Adult Ed following Palm Burning  
Ceremony
- \* Holy Hour 7:00 pm

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

|             | Actual              | Budget        |
|-------------|---------------------|---------------|
| *Offertory: | \$ 8719.50          | \$ 5481.00    |
|             | <u>Year-to-date</u> |               |
| *Offertory: | \$ 211,239.36       | \$ 180,873.00 |



Mark Your Calendars  
 For The  
 Old Women at the Well  
 Saturday, February 14, 2015  
 10:00 am

**Independent Recording Artist: Jessica Lloyd** will be here to help us “**Find beauty in the Word through song**”. This session will be part prayer service, part concert focusing on the gifts God blesses us with and the strength to use them.

*Don't forget to bring a dish to share!*

Questions or additional information please contact Elizabeth (Bit) Thomaston at 205-338-1080 or email at [phillip050@centurytel.net](mailto:phillip050@centurytel.net).

*Faith Fellowship Friendship*



**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).

**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 - 50 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.**

**Next Meeting Feb. 18th**



**Pro Life Corner**

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



**Month 9**



**I'm here!**

**Thanks for praying for me!**

## Announcements



**Donation Needed**  
for  
*Ann's New Life Center*

The center is in need of a full sized refrigerator . Your donation would be greatly appreciated and is tax deductible as allowed by tax code.

To donate please call: 205-338-4580.

Thank you for your continued support of Ann's New Life Center!

### 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](http://www.strongmenstrongfaith.org).

## ASSIGNMENT LIST FOR Feb. 11 – Feb. 15

### WEDNESDAY MASS 2/11/2015 5:00 PM

Altar Servers  
Lectors Terri Brown  
Ministers

### SATURDAY MASS 2/14/2015

Altar Servers Chris Gallegly, Tom Michaels  
Greeters Bill/Loretta Frost, Tammy McRae  
Lectors Larry Foltz, Martha Hayes  
Ministers Deacon, Tom Graffo, Marty Poteracki,  
Sue Poteracki  
Ushers Jerry Noto, Jim Dale, Jim Gorman, Bob  
Nicholas

### SUNDAY MASS 2/15/2015 8:30 AM

Altar Servers Stephen Poteracki, Sophie Poteracki,  
Jimillia Sayles, Natalie Newcomb  
Greeters Francie Poteracki, Jennifer Euler  
Lectors Rose Ballard, Carey Monistere  
Ministers Deacon, Joe Stanley, Ruth Stanley,  
Janice Stella, Tom Graffo  
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Chris Gallegly,  
Joaquina Reyes, Joe Yester

### 11:15 AM

Altar Servers Monica Liverman, Tiffany Rochford,  
Travis Cooley, Will Pittman  
Greeters Ashley Castaneda, Shirley Skeivelas  
Lectors Mary Adams, Sarah Brazzolotto  
Ministers Deacon, Chere Lowery, Terri Brown  
Brenda Rochford, Tiffany Rochford  
Ushers Don Frederick, Brian Young, Scott  
Fuller, Shane Fuller

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.

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 8, 2015**

**Theme:** Let us preach the good news to all!

**Question for Youth:** Jesus knew that his mission was for everyone, not just one village or group of people. How can you reach out to others (outside of friends and family) and offer them hope and Good News?

**Pregunta para los jóvenes:** Jesús sabía que su misión era para todos, no sólo para un pueblo o grupo de personas. ¿Cómo puedes tenderles tu mano a otros (que no sean tus amigos y familia) y ofrecerles esperanza y la Buena Nueva?

**Question for Adults:** If you were going to pray for healing for any reason, what would it be? What needs to be healed in our world and society?

**Pregunta para los adultos:** Si tuviera que orar por la sanación por cualquier motivo, ¿cuál sería? ¿Qué necesita ser sanado en nuestro mundo y en nuestra sociedad?

**Religious Education 2014-2015**

**Every Sunday at 9:45 am.**

**Grs PreK4 thru 12**



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

**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: Sun FEB 15 Praise & Worship 6:30pm.**

**Next Wed Mtg: FEB 18 5:30pm**

**We will be Fasting for ASH WEDNESDAY.**

**Instead of dinner we will find out what Lent is all about!** Contact Peter Boyle 613-5435.

## February is dedicated to The Passion of Our Lord



**SOMETHING DIFFERENT IS ABOUT TO TAKE PLACE!**

Beginning with the first Sunday of Lent, Feb

22nd and at the 8:30am Mass only, we will be asking our children from Kindergarten thru Grade 3 to join us at a Children's Liturgy of the Word. We will call children forward to the altar after the Gloria and take them to the Library; there we share with them the Scripture Readings for Sunday on their level. We will have a lesson on the Gospel and an activity that relates the Scripture readings to their little lives. Children will be returned to their parents before we pray the Creed. In living out Pope Francis' evangelization, we hope that our youth will begin to get a better understanding of the Scriptures. Your child is not forced to join us, but for a Pilot Program, we encourage all children from K to Gr3 to join us! If you have younger children they are welcome in our Nursery. We encourage parents to work together with their older children on why it's so important to be at Mass and in the presence of Christ. We ask for prayers for this program; if it goes well we will continue throughout the year.

If you are interested in helping out please contact Parma 405 0948. Peace and Prayers ☺



**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.

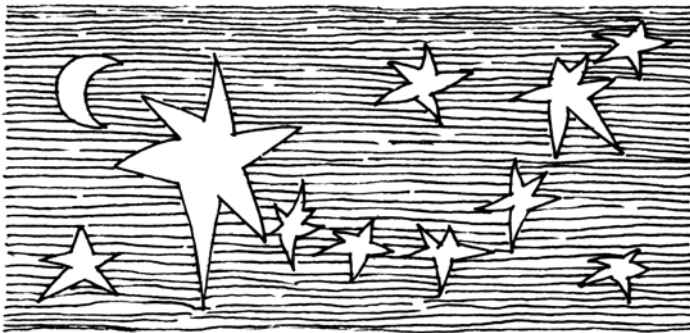
## A Heartfelt Thank You

*I want to express a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended the Shower of Blessings and helped make it a successful event by your generous donations to the Baby Bottle Drive and baby items all to benefit Ann's New Life Center. A special thank you to all the adults and youth of the parish who made such delicious food dishes and lovely desserts, helped with the decorations in the Parish Hall and with cleanup afterwards.*

*Keep up your support of the Pro-Life Movement, and thank you for making our new director Dani Christopherson and her husband Paul feel very welcome at our church.*

God Bless,

Marcia Morteck



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## 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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