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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.

CONFESIONS:

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 14, 2015

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, February 15, 2015

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 15, 2015

Whether you eat or drink,
or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.

— *1 Corinthians 10:31*



Mass Intentions Feb. 16– Feb. 22



Monday: Jackie O'Shaughnessy by Donald O'Shaughnessy

Tuesday: Reginald Centilli by Mary Esther Krantz

Wednesday: Charles Manning by The Brazzolottos

Thursday: Special Intentions

Friday: Andrew Centilli by Gisela Scruggs

Saturday: Dorothy Camarata by The Rochford Family

Sunday: Dick Smith by Gene & Walton Smith

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

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. 16 – Feb. 22

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

**THE LEPROSY LEFT HIM
AND HE WAS MADE
CLEAN**



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Pastor's Message

The harshness of the human condition that Job referred to in last Sunday's Old Testament Reading is brought home to us this Sunday in the plight of the leper.

The prescription of the Book of Leviticus was tough. "As long as the sore is on the leper he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

It is known that the person with leprosy in the ancient world was socially and ritually ostracized. Some primeval fear of contagion was at work. The leper had to live apart, cut off from social contact. There was also the matter of being cutoff from community worship. Was there a fear that in touching a leper the person might be soiled by blood from the sore? This would cause ritual impurity to the person making contact with the leper.

A further reason to avoid the leper was the common assumption that the leper was a sinner who was being punished for personal sin.

Here we see prejudice and fear at work. People afraid of the unknown. In a pre-scientific society, cultural taboos and fears led people to do irrational things. Even in our scientific age, think of the fear and suspicion about people who contracted AIDS. Children were expelled from school; adults were quarantined in hospital settings. Gradually we came to understand this new disease and became less fearful of contagion.

The leper who presents himself to Jesus in the Gospel of this Sunday (Mark 1:40-45) was obviously ostracized socially and ritually. He had known isolation and excommunication from family and community. It was a demeaning existence. Jesus changed the boundaries of both human suffering and divine compassion.

God's compassion is larger than social norms and ritual limitations. In an astonishing moment Jesus "stretched out his hand and touched the leper". God drew near to us in Jesus, so near as to touch us. No healing here by long-distance or some impersonal gesture like an email. In the Sacraments of the Church Jesus continues to draw near and touch us and in the touch there is healing.

Mark notes with interest that the leprosy which had been with the man for many years, disappeared immediately. The leper who was ostracized and shunned now begins to preach to them. How amazing are God's ways?

We are all wounded healers who have been forgiven and restored by God's grace. That is why we are able to touch and heal others.

The Season of Lent: Begins this week on Ash Wednesday. This is the annual forty-day retreat for the Church. It began as a much shorter time for the Catechumens to prepare for the Sacraments of Easter. Today it is a graced time for all the baptized to enter a spiritual journey. As a Parish we will participate in a Parish Mission with Fr. John Paul of the Missionaries of the Eternal Word. We also share the traditional devotion of the Stations of the Cross every Friday evening (after a fish-fry dinner). Individually we will need to fashion a Lent that will help us grow spiritually and cause us to be "missionary disciples". Scripture reading, daily Mass, fasting from food, almsgiving and kindness to others are all encouraged in this Lenten Journey.

Thought for Today: "I shall await him who saves me from the raging wind and tempest." (Psalm 55)

Peace and Blessings, *Fr. Sexton*

Calendar of Events Feb. 15 - Feb. 22

Sunday—February 15

Mass 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

Monday—February 16

Mass 9 am

- * Bridge
- * Legion of Mary

Tuesday—February 17

Mass 9 am

- * NO RCIA

Wednesday—February 18

Mass 9 am & 7 pm

- * Ash Wednesday
- * SR Youth 5:30 pm

Thursday—February 19

Mass 9 am

Friday—February 20

Mass 9 am

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

Saturday—February 21

Mass 5 pm

Sunday—February 22

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

- * RE
- * Lenten Penny Bong Begins
- * Rites of Sending & Elect 11:15 am & 4:30 pm Lunch 1 pm

FINANCE NEWS
July 2014-June 2015
Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ 7337.00	\$ 5481.00
<u>Year-to-date</u>		
*Offertory:	\$ 218,576.36	\$ 186,354.00

Family Vocations Day:
 Celebrating “The Joy of the Gospel” and
 the Year of Consecrated Life!

Saturday, March 7, 2015
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church
5514 Double Oak Lane
Birmingham, Alabama 35242

The whole family is invited to this free event!

Registration and info :
www.birminghamvocations.com

Please contact the Office of Vocations with any questions: 205-838-2184.



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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 - 94 cans.



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Office of the Bishop

February 6, 2015

Dear Pastors and Friends of the Black and Indian Mission Collection:

By virtue of our baptism into Christ Jesus, we are all missionaries, beginning with our own families and parishes. Like the Apostles, we are encouraged to reach out to our brothers and sisters in faith, love, and sacrifice. We must continue to build God's Kingdom in our world.

We invite you to help build our Mission to the Missions by supporting the Black and Indian Mission Collection the weekend of February 21-22, 2015.

Your support provides the presence of missionaries here in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native missions, schools, and religious education programs. Your partnership places Bibles and catechetical materials in the hands of priests, consecrated women and men, and lay leaders in Black Catholic communities in the Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi; in Native American pueblos in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, New Mexico; to the far reaching villages of Alaska; and so many other places. Your sacrifice addresses the need to train catechists, permanent deacons, and seminarians for future generations here in many of our neighborhoods and backyards.

Pope Francis reminds us in Lumen Fidei (51), "Faith helps us build our societies in such a way that they can journey towards a future of hope." Your prayer needs to be constant as together we join our hearts and hands, always serving the Christian communities in love and in imitation of Christ, the first missionary sent from the Creator above.

In solidarity with our Holy Father and with each and every person, "The hands of faith are raised up to heaven, even as they go about building in charity a city based on relationships in which the love of God is laid as a foundation." (Lumen Fidei, 51).

Thank you for your prayerful support of the Black and Indian Mission Collection. For promotional materials online, visit www.blackandindianmission.org/resources.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Baker, S.T.D.
 Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama

RJB/dm

Dear Fathers and Colleagues: Please read this letter to your parishioners the weekend of February 14-15. Thank you.



Pro Life Corner

Our Lady of the Lake
Spiritual Adoption Program



**Month 9
 I'm here!
 Thanks for praying for me!**

Announcements

Lenten Regulations

Ash Wednesday is Feb. 18th.

The Catholic Church, in an attempt to help Catholics do at least a minimum during Lent, asks all Catholics to fast and abstain from meat on certain days. **Fasting means** to limit food to one full meal a day with the possibility of two smaller meals (not adding up to a full meal) as needed. **Abstinence means** not eating meat, although fish is allowed. Catholics are asked to observe all days of fasting and abstinence which is one of the precepts of the Church.

Catholics 14 years of age or older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Catholics between the ages of 14 and 59 are also to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If one's work or health make it inadvisable to fast or abstain from meat, they are not obligated to do so.

2015 Men's Conference Strong Men Strong Faith!

Monday, February 16, 2015 at 7:00 pm

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

Men, you do not want to miss the Strong Men Strong Faith Conference. Ladies, please encourage your husband, father, brother, son, son-in-law, or other male relative or neighbor to attend. The conference features Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, a popular speaker.

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. 18 – Feb. 22

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS 2/18/2015

9:00 AM

Altar Servers	Janice/Lance Stella, Susan Moseley
Greeters	Yolie Roy, Betty Huetteman
Lectors	Deacon, Parma Boyle, Chris Gallegly
Ministers	Chris Gallegly, Laura Headley
Ushers	

5:00 PM

Altar Servers	Andrew Thomaston, Will Thomaston, James Lewis, Jimillia Sayles
Greeters	Tammy McRae, Karen Hand
Lectors	Bernie Funderburg, John Stice
Ministers	Deacon, Rosemary Mateer, Stephen Reese
Ushers	Herb Kuntz, Rosemary Mateer

SATURDAY MASS 2/21/2015

Altar Servers	Bernie Funderburg, Cory Funderburg
Greeters	Gisella Scruggs, Frank Troncalli
Lectors	Sonia Dale, Marguerite Gorman
Ministers	Deacon, Gloria Albright, Connie Hertrich
Ushers	Cecil Rodgers, Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Jerry Noto

SUNDAY MASS 2/22/2015

8:30 AM

Altar Servers	Anthony Emerick, Michael Emerick, Ronni Gagliano, Danielle McKinney
Greeters	Julie Paulitzki, Dennis Veigl
Lectors	Gail Perry, Bart Perry
Ministers	Deacon, Anna Emerick, Rosemary Mateer, Jim Mortek, Marcia Mortek
Ushers	Michael Gagliano, Rosemary Mateer, Mike Gordon, Isabel Loera

11:15 AM

Altar Servers	Paul Boyle, Sawyer Stice, Jimillia Sayles, Brennan Cardenas
Greeters	Frank Troncalli, Jay/Enid Willi
Lectors	Chere Lowery, Dennis Veigl
Ministers	Deacon, Sarah Brazzolotto, Lee Walser, Martha Hayes, Maria Jimenez
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.

Sixth Sun in Ordinary Time: February 15, 2015

Theme: Jesus wants to make us whole.

Question for Youth: How has Jesus touched your life? How are you changed because of that touch?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: ¿De qué maneras Jesús ha tocado tu vida? ¿Cómo has cambiado a causa de eso?

Question for Adults: Name a time when you experienced Jesus' healing touch.

Pregunta para los adultos: Mencione un momento en que experimentó la caricia sanadora de Jesús.

Religious Education 2014-2015

Every Sunday at 9:45 am.

Grs PreK4 thru 12



COMING UP * MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

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

Fish Fry 5-6:45pm

Stations of the Cross 7pm

Feb 22 1st Sunday of Lent

RE Penny Bong begins

Rite of Sending 11:15am & Rite of Elect 4:00pm

Feb 26 Thur Confirmation Sponsor/Candidate Mtg
6pm.

Nursing Home
Ministry



I can't praise our 8th & 9th Grade Classes enough. I wish you all could have seen these teens in action as we visited Rosewood Manor Nursing Home. They mingled, presented Surprise Valentine Gift Bags to all. They even got residents to come out of their room as they sang, danced and prayed, with them. It truly was the fruits of the Spirit that touched the hearts of all. A wonderful way for this Confirmation class to use the Gifts they received from the Holy Spirit. The same gifts that will be sealed within them in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thanks to Paul Boyle Jr for a safe ride!
JOB WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS.



JOIN US AT OUR YOUTH GROUPS

[LITTLE ONES IN CHRIST](#) Grs PreK-Gr 2

[Next Mtg: MAR 8 12:30-2:30pm](#)

Contact Joanna Murphree 473-1444.

[JR YOUTH](#) Grs 3-6 [Next Mtg: MAR 8 * 5-7pm](#)

Contact Sonya Lewis 863-7305.

[SR YOUTH](#) Grs 7-12 Meets every 1st & 3rd Wed++

[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



CONFIRMATION

[SPONSOR/CANDIDATE MTG.](#)

Thur., Feb 26 * 6pm in the hall

DATES AND INFORMATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Feb 26 Sponsor Candidate Meeting 6pm in the hall

Mar 1 Saint Reports are Due during RE.

Mar 7 Confirmation Retreat 7am-6:30pm

Mar 14 Presentation of Saint Report and Lunch

10am in the hall for the Women at the Well.

Mar 22 Reconciliation during RE. A PRIORITY!

April 26 Service Hours Due

May 6 & 7 Personal Interviews with Fr Sexton.
4-6:30pm

May 11 Dinner with Bishop Baker 4:45pm
Candidates only.

Sacrament of Confirmation Mass 7pm

!!!SAVE THE DATES!!!

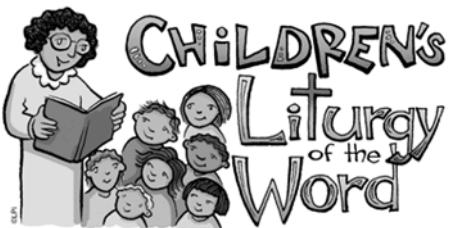
MARCH 9, 10, 11 * 7pm



**LENTE
MISSION**

More exciting info to follow...

!!!SAVE THE DATES!!!



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 ☺

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WONDERING WHAT TO DO FOR LENT?

Try one of the following:

PRAY for our RCIA members.

Arlivia Adderhold, Armando Arellano, Renee Bentel, Meleah Boyle, Corey Dunn, Jody & Tiffany Harkins, Jatoiya Pattom, Jerome & Anna Schell, Toni Smith, David Vines, Jennifer White

Pictures will be both foyers. Please introduce yourself, pray and encourage these candidates as they continue their RCIA Journey through Holy Saturday. A wonderful way to share your faith, build new friendships and build the Kingdom of God.

FAMILY CHALLENGES:

FISH FRY'S 5-6:45pm Every Fri in Lent

Gather the Family and keep the Fast!
Dine with the K of C



Following the Fish Fry *PRAY with us

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7 pm.



Pick up your cross and follow me. Pray the Passion of our Lord as a family. Jesus asks, "Won't you spend 1 hour with me?"

What Else can I Give Up for Lent?

Chocolate? - Ice Cream? - Soda? Many of us try to be more disciplined for Lent and give up something that we really like. That's great! Fasting has always been an important tradition of Lent. This year however, let us also consider other things that we can give up.

Give up complaining—Focus on gratitude

Give up bitterness—Turn to forgiveness

Give up worry—Trust in God

Give up discouragement—Be full of hope

Give up hatred—Return good for evil

Give up anger—Be more patient

Give up gossiping—Control your tongue

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