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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 28, 2015

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 1, 2015

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

### Second Sunday of Lent March 1, 2015

*If God is for us, who can be against us?*

— Romans 8:31b



### Mass Intentions March 2– March 8



**Monday:** Marjorie Frey by Paul & Parma Boyle †

**Tuesday:** Gene Smith by Walton Smith

**Wednesday:** J.W. Hand by Karen & Bob Hand †

**Thursday:** Andrew Centilli by Mary Esther Krantz †

**Friday:** The Sellers Family by The Legion of Mary

**Saturday:** Trudi McClay by The Zielinskis †

**Sunday:** Clarence Ramsey by The Brazzolottos †

#### 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](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 March 2 – March 8

- Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11,13; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9,16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
- Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday:** Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25 Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2,5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a,40-42]



Jesus was  
transfigured  
before them

## Pastor's Message

**TRANSFIGURATION.** This Sunday in Lent, the Scripture speaks of transfiguration or transformation, a theophany in which the glory of Jesus is revealed to Peter, James and John. The word "transfigured" is more than a change in appearance. It is more profound. It implies a changed state of being.

Mark notes (9:2-10) that this took place "six days" after Peter's confession of Jesus as the Messiah. Was Mark thinking of the six days of creation in Genesis before God's Sabbath rest? It foreshadows a new creation, an image of what God's final kingdom will be like. We will all "be changed and utterly changed" in the words of the Irish poet, W.B. Yeats.

Jesus took the three disciples "up a high mountain apart by themselves". Mark tells us they too were changed for a brief moment. This is a glimpse, an intimation of what is to come.

It is significant that Jesus is pictured conversing with the two greatest figures of Jewish tradition, Moses and Elijah, representatives of the Law and the Prophets. It is a timeless moment. Jesus is in a continuity with the figures of Jewish wisdom. Not only in continuity however, for this Jesus is "God's beloved Son".

Peter, James and John were also privileged to witness the raising to life of the little girl (Mark 5:37); they will also accompany Jesus into the Garden of Gethsemane (14:33). Peter's desire to build three tents on the mountain indicates a keen insight. In Jewish life there was an annual Feast of Tabernacles in which tents were constructed at the harvest time to foreshadow the end time of God's final kingdom.

Peter was right in saying: "Lord, it is good that we are here". It was a moment of awe and wonder. He is overwhelmed by the goodness of God's presence. It is a transfiguration moment, though ever so brief.

The vision of future glory fades abruptly. Soon the disciples were coming down from the mountain. Their descent is not only physical but spiritual. They return from a brief moment of insight and glory to their everyday lives of dulled understanding. The struggle to believe would continue.

What have been my transfiguration moments in life? How have they helped me to go on with life in the daily grind? Lent reminds us of our true calling - to be transformed, to share the glory of God. Oh, how good it is to be here!

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**Words of a Martyr:** "It's hard for me to accept the idea of a violent death, which in these circumstances is very possible...I place my entire life under the loving providence of God, and I accept death, no matter how difficult . . . It is enough for me to be happy and confident, knowing for sure that my life and my death are in His hands, and that in spite of my sins, I have placed my trust in Him. In this I can't be mistaken."  
Archbishop Oscar Romero, from El Salvador was assassinated thirty five years ago while celebrating Mass in the Chapel of the Cancer Hospital where he lived. Pope Francis declared him to be a martyr for the Faith in a recent decree. He will be canonized a Saint in the near future.

**Parish Mission Coming:** March 9-11. Fr. John Paul, M.F.V.A.

Peace and Blessings,

*Fr. Sexton*

## Calendar of Events March 1 - March 8

### Sunday—March 1

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

- \* RE
- \* Lenten Penny Bong
- \* Youth Mass 11:15 am
- \* Reconciliation Gr. 2 & 3
- \* No Adult Ed in March
- \* Confirmation Saint Reports Due

### Monday—March 2

**Mass 9 am**

- \* Bridge
- \* Legion of Mary
- \* Liturgy Mtg. 6:00 pm

### Tuesday—March 3

**Mass 9 am**

- \* RCIA 7:00 pm

### Wednesday—March 4

**Mass 7 pm**

- \* SR Youth 5:30 pm

### Thursday—March 5

**Mass 9 am**

### Friday—March 6

**Mass 9 am**

- \* First Friday Adoration 9:30–12:30 pm
- \* Bible Study 10 am
- \* KOC Fish Fry 5:00-6:45pm
- \* Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm

### Saturday—March 7

**Mass 5 pm**

- \* Confessions 3:30-5:00 pm
- \*\*Turn clocks ahead tonight!\*\***

### Sunday—March 8

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

- \* RE/Lenten Penny Bong
- \* 1st Scrutiny 8:30 am
- \* Reconciliation Gr. 4 & 5
- \* Pro Life Rosary/Spanish
- \* Little Ones in Christ PK3-GR3 12:30-2:30 pm
- \* JR Youth GR 3-6 5:00-7:00 pm

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

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>*Offertory:</b>	<b>\$ 7063.09</b>	<b>\$ 5481.00</b>
	<u><b>Year-to-date</b></u>	
<b>*Offertory:</b>	<b>\$ 230,105.70</b>	<b>\$ 197,316.00</b>



**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 - 77 cans.**

**Ecumenical Taizé Service to Take Place at Our Lady of Lourdes**

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will host an ecumenical Taizé prayer service on Sunday, March 1, at 3:00 p.m. The simple and reverent music of Taizé, along with the inclusion of Scripture, intercessory prayer, and time set aside for silent reflection, helps to provide a very meditative and personal liturgical experience for all who participate. The theme for the hour of prayer will be *Rest Now in Me*.

The Taizé service will take place in the church. Our Lady of Lourdes is located at 980 Huffman Rd.

**For further information, call  
(205)836-2274.**

*Ministry Spotlight*



All ministries need volunteers to help in many ways. Are you involved in the life of our Parish?

**Altar Society**

Volunteers are assigned on a rotating schedule to clean, dust, and polish items for the Sanctuary and commons area. They also launder linens and return them for the following weekend. There are no meetings. You must be a member of Our Lady of the Lake and at least 18 years old.

**For more information please contact:  
Chris Gallegly 205-405-7446 or  
Susan Moseley 205-884-0585**



**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 **March 23, 7:00 pm.****



**Pro Life Corner**

**Ann's New Life Center is in need of a children's table and chairs set. If you would like to donate these items, please call 205-338-4580. Thank you for your continued support of Ann's New Life Center through prayer and your donations. Together we can make a difference!**

## Announcements



### **EASTER BASKET PROJECT**

A PROJECT OF THE  
HISPANIC COMMITTEE

#### **COLLECTION OF ITEMS & ASSEMBLY OF EASTER BASKETS**

**WHERE:** Parish Hall, or give Candy/Toys to Mari Culver.

**WHEN:** After the 8:30 Mass on Palm Sunday, March 29.

**DETAILS:** Easter Baskets, BIBLE Coloring Books only, Crayons, Chocolate Rabbits, Assorted Easter Candy, small toys, ribbon, and Celophane Wrap. Rosaries and church information will be added to the baskets. We will be knocking on doors in Hispanic neighborhoods, and inviting them to our church.

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF EASTER BASKETS:**

**WHERE:** Carpooling of cars after 11:15 mass on Easter Sunday, April 5 to Hispanic trailer parks.

**CONTACTS:** Mari Culver: 205-525-0071, 205-405-8130; Gloria Rodgers 256-487-1966

### **CANASTAS DE EASTER**

UN PROYECTO DEL COMMITTEE HISPANO

#### **RECOLECCIÓN Y ARMADA DE CANASTAS DE RESURRECCIÓN**

**QUÉ?** en recolectar dulces y juguetes para niños y armar canastas para ser distribuidas a la comunidad hispana de nuestra área.

**DONDE?** Las donaciones se pueden dejar en el salón comunal (Parish Hall) despues Marzo 29 o entregar a Mari Culver (205-525-0071).

**DETALLES:** El comité hispano está recolectando dulces de Easter, juguetes pequeños, y cosas para decorar las canastas de Easter. El comité armará las canastas en el salón comunal de la iglesia (Parish Hall) el domingo Marzo 29 después de la misa de 8:30 am. Si tienes una canasta extra que quieres donar la puedes traer y dejar el salón comunal.

*Si tu hijo/hija necesita una canasta de Easter por favor comunicarse con Gloria Rodgers o Mari Culver.*

## ASSIGNMENT LIST FOR March 4 – March 8

### **WEDNESDAY MASS 3/4/2015 5:00 PM**

Altar Servers  
Lectors Sarah Brazzolotto  
Ministers

### **SATURDAY MASS 3/7/2015 5:00 PM**

Altar Servers KOC  
Greeters Karen Hand, Gisela Scruggs  
Lectors David Springer, Martha Hayes  
Ministers Deacon, Gloria Albright, Mary Smith, Connie Hertrich  
Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Jerry Noto

### **SUNDAY MASS 3/8/2015 8:30 AM**

Altar Servers Anthony Emerick, Michael Emerick, Andrew Thomaston, Will Thomaston  
Greeters Anna Emerick, Frank Troncalli  
Lectors Meagan Freeman, Chere Lowery  
Ministers Deacon, Barbara McGowin, Anna Emerick, Jim Morteck, Marcia Morteck  
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Chris Gallegly, Joe Stanley, Ruth Stanley

### **11:15 AM**

Altar Servers Tiffany Rochford, Ryan Murphree, Troy Rosato, Brennan Cardenas  
Greeters Patrick Cowart, Patsy LopezdeVictoria  
Lectors Blair Boyle, Robert Lewis  
Ministers Deacon, Mary Adams, Wayne Adams, Sarah Brazzolotto, John Smith  
Ushers Don Frederick, Ron Sellers, Jennifer Sellers

**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.

Second Sunday of Lent \* March 1, 2015

Theme: Seeing Jesus

**Question for Adults:** In what ways does Jesus speak today, ways in which you can truly "listen to him?"

**Pregunta para los adultos:** ¿De qué maneras habla Jesús hoy, en las que verdaderamente puede "escucharlo"?

**Question for Youth:** The disciples had a very intense experience of Jesus on the mountain. Have you ever had a "mountain top" experience? What was it like for you?

**Pregunta para los jóvenes:** Los discípulos experimentaron muy intensamente la presencia de Jesús en el cerro. ¿Alguna vez tuviste una experiencia como la de la cima del cerro? ¿Cómo fue para ti?



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: MAR 4 \* 5:30pm PLUS**

**No meeting MAR 18**

**Next Mtg: SAT MAR 21** the viewing of the

Mel Gibson Movie **THE PASSION.**

The whole Parish is invited, however,

**parental discretion is advised.**

Join us after the 5pm Mass for

**POT LUCK SOUP, BREAD & BLESSINGS**

**A NIGHT OF REFLECTION**

**PLEASE RSVP TO** Peter Boyle 613-5435

Religious Education 2014-2015

Every Sunday at 9:45 am.

Grs PreK4 thru 12



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

Mar 1 2nd Sunday of Lent

RE/Penny Bong continues

RE class Reconciliation Grs 2 & 3

Confirmation Saint reports due

Youth Mass 11:15am

Mar 6 First Fri Mass 9am Adoration following til 12:30

Bible Study 10am

Fish Fry 5-6:45pm

Stations of the Cross 7pm

Mar 7 Sat Confirmation Retreat 7am-6:30pm

Mar 8 3rd Sunday of Lent

RE/Penny Bong continues

RE class Reconciliation Grs 4 & 5

Little Ones in Christ Grs PK-Gr 2

12:30-2:30pm Lunch Served

JR YOUTH Grs 3-6 \* 5-7pm Dinner Served

Mar 9,10,11 LENTEN MISSION w/Fr John Paul from

EWTN, Topic: God is searching for you!

Begins each night at 7pm

Mar 13 Fri Bible Study 10am

Fish Fry 5-6:45pm

Stations of the Cross 7pm

Mar 14 Sat Women at the Well \* 10am Presentation of Saint Reports by Confirmation Students.

## DATES AND INFORMATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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!!**

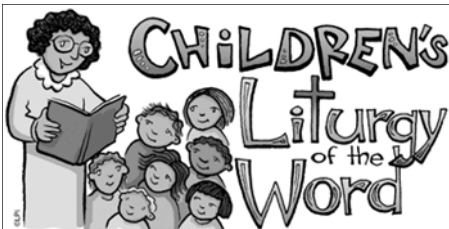
**MARCH 9, 10, 11 \* 7pm**



LENTEN  
MISSION

**February is dedicated to  
The Passion of Our Lord**

**Join Fr. John Paul from EWTN  
Topic: God is searching for you!**



**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 Opening Prayer (the Collect) 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 ☺

Thank You!

I have lived in many parishes, but Our Lady of the Lake community holds the "Blue Ribbon Trophy" for the BEST group of thoughtful, kind, caring, and faithful friends anyone would hope for! May our loving Father in heaven reward you generously! Please keep up your prayers for me.

-- Betty Huettelman

**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 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**
- Here's to a HAPPY HOLY LENTEN SEASON!**

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