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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, March 21, 2015

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 22, 2015

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2015

I will place my law within them  
and write it upon their hearts;  
I will be their God,  
and they shall be my people.

— Jeremiah 31:33



### Mass Intentions March 23– March 29



**Monday:** Joseph Brazzolotto by *The Brazzolottos* †  
**Tuesday:** Andrew Centilli by *Jim & Marcia Morteck* †  
**Wednesday:** Mr/Mrs Walton Smith by *Terry & Rita Rumore*  
**Thursday:** Marlene Catalino by *Sam Catalino* †  
**Friday:** Art Smith by *The Brazzolottos*  
**Saturday:** John Landman by *Jim & Marcia Morteck* †  
**Sunday:** Deceased KOC by *KOC Council #12270* †

#### 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. Mars-  
ton*

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 pray-  
er list for 30 days and then are removed un-  
less the Church Office is notified.

## Weekly Readings March 23 – March 29

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday:** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]



## Pastor's Message

The great Lenten season is coming to a close. When we gather in the Church next Sunday it will be Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. There are always regrets that Lent passes so quickly, that our Lenten Resolutions fell flat and that we are still struggling with the same demons and haven't made that much progress in our spiritual life.

Still, we must not despair or give in to feelings of disappointment. Whatever shortcomings we may be aware of at this stage in Lent, there is the reality of graces received in this season of grace. We are in a different place now than when we started on Ash Wednesday. We have reached out to the poor and followed the Way of the Cross Friday after Friday. It is what God has done in us more than our results that matter.

The reading from the prophet Jeremiah in today's Liturgy reminds us that the movement from a relationship based on keeping external rules out of fear of punishment to one founded on unconditional love is a lifelong process. Happily, this journey is a grace-filled one that does not depend so much on our willpower as our willingness to listen, learn, and respond to the love of Christ that lives in our hearts.

The promise of God goes further; God will forgive all evil and no longer remember the sin of the people. If anyone knew of the sins of his people it was Jeremiah. He saw some of the worst of the worst. And yet, he could write the closing words of today's first reading: "I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more". What a merciful God we have!

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**Welcome to Fr. Bede**, a monk of St. Bernard Abby, Cullman, Alabama, who is visiting in our Parish this weekend and will be inviting us to attend and support the St. Bernard Annual Bloomin' Festival to be held April 18 and 19, 2015. One easy way to help is by purchasing tickets for the festival raffle. The first prize of a 2015 Jeep Patriot would be a welcome gift in your driveway! We welcome Fr. Bede, a young and dedicated Monk who has many ministries at the prep school and the Abbey.

### **Spring Break:**

Our local schools will be enjoying a well deserved Spring Break this week to enjoy some rest and leisure with family and friends. We hope you come back refreshed and renewed and ready to celebrate Holy Week.

### **Prayer for Dreamers:**

God of our waking and our sleeping, in every age you have spoken to your prophets in dreams and visions and have promised that our sons and daughters shall prophesy through your spirit.... Make us all dreamers who tirelessly pursue the vision of your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Peace and Blessings,

*Fr. Sexton*

## Calendar of Events March 22 - March 29

### **Sunday—March 22**

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

- \* KOC Mass 8:30 am
- \* RE/Lenten Penny Bong
- \* Reconciliation High School
- \* Adult Ed w/Deacon Terry 9:45 am

### **Monday—March 23**

**Mass 9 am**

- \* Bridge
- \* Legion of Mary
- \* KOC Mtg. 7 pm
- \* Ladies Aux. Mtg. 7 pm

### **Tuesday—March 24**

**Mass 9 am**

- \* RCIA 7 pm

### **Wednesday—March 25**

**Mass 7 pm**

- \* Parish Council Mtg. after Mass

### **Thursday—March 26**

**Mass 9 am**

### **Friday—March 27**

**Mass 9 am**

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

### **Saturday—March 28**

**Mass 5 pm**

- \* Church Cleaning 10 am
- \* Confessions 3:30-5:00 pm

### **Sunday—March 29**

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

- \* **PALM SUNDAY**
- \* RE/Lenten Penny Bong Ends
- \* Living Stations 7:30 pm

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

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|                    | <b>Actual</b>     | <b>Budget</b>     |
| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 5859.37</b> | <b>\$ 5481.00</b> |

Year-to-date

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| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 250,329.63</b> | <b>\$ 213,759.00</b> |
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**Attention All Parishioners**



**New Pictorial Directory!**

Sign up will begin in May.  
 Photography will take place:  
**June 10, 11, 12 & 13.**

Each family photographed will receive a free 8X10 and a free directory.



**Knights of Columbus  
 Council 12270**

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**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.**

*Scholarship  
 Awards*



The Knights of Columbus Council #12270 are now accepting applications for their annual scholarship(s) to be given on Senior Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. **The application forms may be requested by sending an email to:**  
[jwilli@coosahs.net](mailto:jwilli@coosahs.net).

The scholarship is available to all high school seniors that are OLL members.



**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 - 60 cans.**

*Ministry Spotlight*



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

**Extraordinary Ministers of  
 Holy Communion**

This is an appointed ministry to help Father distribute Holy Communion. Applicants must have Pastoral approval. Training sessions are held periodically throughout the year. Servers are scheduled quarterly.

**For more information please contact:  
 Teri Brown @ 205-903-4572**



**Pro Life Corner**

**YARD SALE**



**Saturday, April 11, 2015**

**Benefitting Ann's New Life Center**

Donations are now being accepted during normal business hours: Tue./Thur. 9:00-4:00, or **call ANLC 205-338-4580 to schedule your drop off.**

## Announcements



### Help Needed! Church Cleaning



Saturday March 28th  
10:00 AM

Please join your fellow parishioners  
as we ready our sanctuary to  
celebrate Easter.



### EASTER BASKET PROJECT

A PROJECT OF THE  
HISPANIC COMMITTEE

#### ASSEMBLY OF EASTER BASKETS

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

#### DISTRIBUTION OF EASTER BASKETS:

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

We will be knocking on doors in Hispanic neighborhoods, and  
inviting them to our church.

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

### CANASTAS DE EASTER

UN PROYECTO DEL COMMITTEE HISPANO

#### RECOLLECCIÓN Y ARMADA DE CANASTAS DE RESURRECCIÓN

**QUÉ?** en recolectar dulces y juguetes para niños y armar ca-  
nastas 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 fa-  
vor comunicarse con Gloria Rodgers o Mari Culver.*

## ASSIGNMENT LIST FOR March 25 – March 29

**WEDNESDAY MASS** 3/25/2015  
7:00 PM

Lectors Charmaine Welch  
Ministers

**SATURDAY MASS** 3/28/2015  
5:00 PM

Altar Servers Chris Gallegly, Marty Poteracki  
Greeters Gloria/Red Albright, Kathy Shivers  
Lectors Micky & Ron Zielenski  
Ministers Deacon, David Springer, Jim Dale,  
Sonia Dale

Ushers Jerry Noto, Jim Dale, Jim Gorman, Bob  
Nicholas

**SUNDAY MASS** 3/29/2015  
8:30 AM **PALM SUNDAY**

Altar Servers Stephen Poteracki, Sophie Poteracki,  
Jimillia Sayles, Carson Falkner  
Greeters Francie Poteracki, Jennifer Euler  
Lectors Yolie Roy, Betty Huetteman  
Ministers Deacon, Anna Emerick, Joe Stanley,  
Ruth Stanley, Janice Stella  
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Chris Gallegly,  
Joaquina Reyes, Joe Yester

**11:15 AM**

Altar Servers Paul Boyle, Tiffany Rochford, John  
Himmler, Troy Rosato  
Greeters Ashley Castenada, Shirley Skeivelas  
Lectors  
Ministers Deacon,  
Ushers Don Frederick, Brian Young, Scott  
Fuller, Shane Fuller

**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.

**Fifth Sunday of Lent \* March 22, 2015**

**Theme:** Death and New Life

**Question for Children:** Name one thing you can do or stop doing that will help you have a better friendship with Jesus.

**Question for Youth:** Sometimes one thing needs to die in order for something new to be born. When have you experienced this in your own life? What do you need to let go of now for something new to grow?

**Question for Adults:** Name one area in your life that you need to let go of, to die to, in order to rise with new life.

**Pregunta para los jóvenes:** A veces algo tiene que morir para que nazca otra cosa nueva. ¿En qué momentos has experimentado esto en tu propia vida? ¿Qué necesitas dejar ir ahora para que crezca algo nuevo?

**Pregunta para los adultos:** Mencione un área de su vida de la que necesita desprenderse, o tiene que dejar morir, para tener una nueva vida.

## Religious Education 2014-2015

Every Sunday at 9:45 am.

Grs PreK4 thru 12



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

Mar 22 5th Sun of Lent \* RE 9:45am

Reconciliation Grs 9-12

Adult Ed 9:45 with Deacon Terry

TOPIC: "Does your mind wander when you pray? Advice from St Thomas Aquinas."

Mar 24 Tues RCIA 7pm

Mar 27 Fri LAST FISH FRY 5-6:45pm followed by Stations of the Cross 7pm

Mar 29 Palm Sunday \* RE 9:45am \* Penny Bong Ends LIVING STATIONS 7:30pm Music 7pm

HOLY WEEK BEGINS:

3/30 Mon Mass 9am Reconciliation 9:30-10:30am

3/31 Tue Mass 9am

CHRISM MASS 11am at St. Paul's Cathedral RCIA 7pm

4/1 Wed Reconciliation 9:30-10:30am \* Mass 7pm

Altar Server Practice for Holy Thur. after Mass

4/2 Holy Thur. Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

Washing of Feet \* Adoration until 12M

4/3 Good Fri Stations of the Cross 2pm

Reconciliation 3-4pm

Veneration of the Cross 7pm

4/4 Holy Sat Altar Server Practice for Holy Sat 10am

Reconciliation 3-5pm

Mass 8pm with the Rite of Initiation RCIA



JOIN THE FUN \* MAKE NEW FRIENDS

Be apart of our YOUTH GROUPS

**LITTLE ONES IN CHRIST** Grs PreK-Gr 2

JOIN US AT OUR YOUTH GROUPS

**LITTLE ONES IN CHRIST** Grs PreK-Gr 2

**Next Mtg: APRIL 12 12:30-2:30pm**

Contact Joanna Murphree 473-1444

**JR YOUTH** Grs 3-6 **LAST MTG: APRIL 12\* 5-7pm**

**WE CAN USE YOUR HELP...** If you would

like to help prepare next years Youth Meetings please Contact Sonya Lewis 863-7305.

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

**Next Mtg: APRIL 1 \* 5:30pm Dinner served**

Contact Peter Boyle 613 5435

## DATES AND INFORMATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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**



**ATTN!!!**  
**DATE CHANGE FOR PARENT MEETING THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT MEETING Will be Monday April 13th \* 7pm Communion Banners are due!**



**NEXT WEEK is the LAST Lenten Children's Liturgy** at 8:30am Mass. While our Pilot Program has been successful, **we still need helping hands** to lead the class. In order for

the program to continue thru the school year, (Aug thru May) we will need at least 5 leaders to step up to the plate.

**Calling ages 18 thru Grandmas!!** Interested in helping, please contact **Parma 405 0948**. Peace and Prayers ☺

**COMING SOON \* MARCH 29 \*7:30pm**  
**ALL ARE INVITED TO**  
 begin your Holy Week with the  
**LIVING STATIONS 7:30 pm**  
**Contemporary Music begins at 7 pm**



Join our Youth as they perform **THE PASSION, DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD. BRING THE FAMILY,**

**BRING A FRIEND and share the faith!**



**A HUGE THANKS TO FR. JOHN PAUL MARY** from EWTN for a wonderful Lenten Mission! We have been blessed because of you! We pray, God never gets bored of "SEARCHING FOR US". We want to be His servants!" Continue to pray Fr. John Paul as he continues doing God's work!



**WONDERING WHAT TO DO FOR LENT?**

**FAMILY CHALLENGES:**

**MORE HAVE BEEN ADDED!!**

**PRAY for our RCIA members.**

*Armando Arellano, Renee Bentel, Meleah Boyle, Jody & Tiffany Harkins, Jatoya Pattom, Jerome & Anna Schell, Toni Smith, & Jennifer White*  
 Pictures are in 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.

**FISH FRY 5-6:45pm LAST FISH FRY**  
**MARCH 27th**

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



**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?"

**WANT TO HELP?**

**Great opportunity for Stewardship or Confirmation Service Hrs.**

**CLEANING THE CHURCH**

**for Easter**

**Sat \* March 28 at 10am.**



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