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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, April 11, 2015

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 12, 2015

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



*Second Sunday of Easter  
(or of Divine Mercy)  
April 12, 2015*

Who indeed is the victor over the  
World but the one who believes  
that Jesus is the Son of God?

— 1 John 5:5



*Mass Intentions*  
April 13– April 19



**Monday:** Mike Smith by Gene & Walton Smith  
**Tuesday:** Gene & Walton Smith by The Brazzolottos  
**Wednesday:** Anne Forister by The Rumores  
**Thursday:** Dianna Markevitch by The Rumores  
**Friday:** Special Intentions  
**Saturday:** Trudi & Andy McClay by The Zielinskis †  
**Sunday:** James Gregg by KOC 12270 †

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

*Dianna Markevitch, Anne Forister, Alice Reid,  
Lexie Smith, Gene & Walton Smith, Daniel Centil-  
li, 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 April 13– April 19

**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3,  
4-9; Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-  
2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-  
9; Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2,  
9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

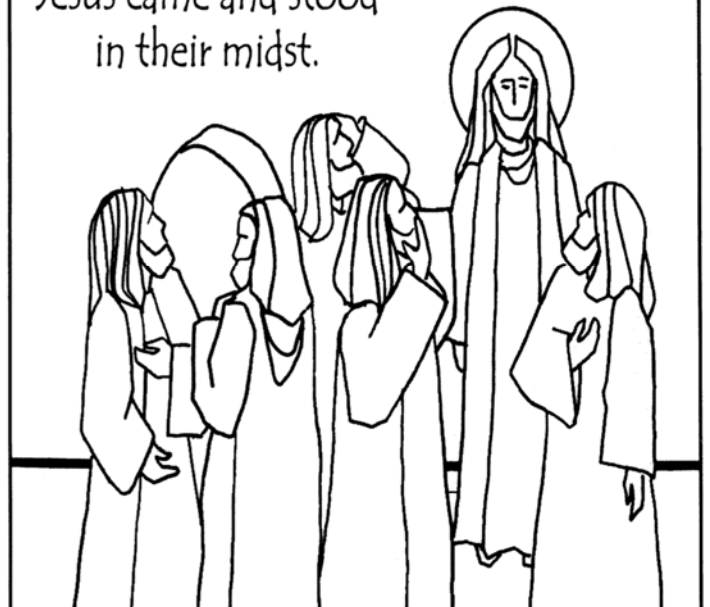
**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1,  
4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2,  
4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

**Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19;  
Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-  
5a; Lk 24:35-48

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Jesus came and stood  
in their midst.



## Pastor's Message

Easter is not just one day. It is a Liturgical season of fifty days that will bring us to the feast of Pentecost on May 24th. The Easter season is also a time for celebrating the Sacraments, especially First Communion and Confirmation.

In recent years this Sunday is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. By a nice coincidence the Opening Prayer of our Mass today begins with the words: "O God of everlasting Mercy".

Many churches, including Our Lady of the Lake, will have a special afternoon service for Divine Mercy devotions. The service will begin at 3:00 pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered from 2:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We thank Chris Frey and his family for coordinating this annual service in our Parish with help from the Knights of Columbus.

The Gospel selection for this Sunday is taken from John's Gospel (20:19-31). This account of a double apparition of the Risen Lord to the Apostles in Jerusalem is unique to John. The mission of the Apostles will be to offer the gift of reconciliation and forgiveness of sin to the world and to be witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus.

We have all heard the phrase: "Don't be a doubting Thomas". It comes out of today's Gospel reading. Thomas is often seen as the relentless unbeliever, skeptical and unwilling to take the risk of faith. Instead, he embodies our own doubts and fears and in the end comes to a position of deep faith. His Profession of Faith in the words: "My Lord and my God" is one of the high points of the whole Gospel. I believe, Lord, help my unbelief!

**Heartfelt Thanks and Appreciation**— To all the wonderful people of our Parish who worked so hard to make Holy Week at Our Lady of the Lake a truly special time. Many gifts and talents were placed at the service of the Liturgy to create prayer experiences that were heartfelt and moving. To Lectors, Special Ministers of Holy Communion, Choir Members, Musicians, Ushers, Sacristans, Altar Servers, those who cleaned and decorated the Church, and Church grounds, the preparers of the new Easter fire, the reception for our new members. Thanks and thanks again for your generous hearts. To Deacon Terry and Deacon Serge for your leadership and service—a big "Thank You".

**Welcome to Father Brennan.** We are delighted to welcome Fr. Matthew Brennan back to the Parish for an extended visit. His influence and priestly care has left a deep imprint on countless people.

**Congratulations to a Special Couple.** We rejoice with Gloria Rodgers and James Raynor who were married here on Friday evening with a special Nuptial Mass. We are sure they will be outstanding witnesses to the grace and beauty of a truly Sacramental Marriage. We wish them every blessing.

**Welcome to the Eleven New Members** who joined the Church at the Easter Vigil and received the Sacrament of Confirmation and Holy Communion. We are so very proud of all of you!

Peace and Blessings,  
*Fr. Sexton*

## Calendar of Events April 12 - April 19

### Sunday-April 12

#### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

- \* RE
- \* Pro life Rosary/English
- \* Reconciliation 2 pm Divine Mercy
- \* Divine Mercy Chaplet 3 pm
- \* Little Ones in Christ PK3-GR3  
12:30-2:30 pm
- \* JR Youth GR3-6, 5:00-7:00 pm

### Monday-April 13

#### **Mass 9 am**

- \* Bridge
- \* Legion of Mary
- \* Parent Mtg. First Holy Communion  
7 pm

### Tuesday-April 14

#### **Mass 9 am**

### Wednesday-April 15

#### **Mass 7 pm**

- \* Surfsiders 10 am
- \* SR Youth 5:30 pm

### Thursday-April 16

#### **Mass 9 am**

### Friday-April 17

#### **Mass 9 am**

### Saturday-April 18

#### **Mass 5 pm**

### Sunday-April 19

- #### **Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am**
- \* RE

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

<b>*Offertory:</b>	<b>Actual</b> \$ 10,649.00	<b>Budget</b> \$ 5481.00
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Year-to-date

<b>*Offertory:</b>	\$ 270,277.18	\$ 230,202.00
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*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 - 55 cans.**



*Many Thanks!*

*Thank you to everyone who graciously volunteered their time to make the sandwiches for the Holy Week lunch at First United Methodist! Your willingness to serve others is inspirational and much appreciated!*

*Karen Hand*

*Ministry Spotlight*



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

*Grounds*

Responsible, year round, for the upkeep and beauty of the Parish grounds, Father's Rectory and the Grotto area.

**For more information please contact:**  
**Chris Frey @ 205-473-4661**



**Knights of Columbus**  
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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](http://www.ollkofc.com).**

**Next meeting April 27th, 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.



**Pro Life Corner**

**YARD SALE**



Thank you to everyone that donated, moved, sorted, worked and in anyway supported the yard sale for Ann's. Through your continued support we can do the important work God has called us to do in our community. A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus #12270, for cooking hot dogs and hamburgers & donating the proceeds! **May God bless you for your willingness to serve those that are unable to speak for themselves!**

**Ann's New Life Center Staff**

## Announcements



### MARRIED COUPLES: "How About Some Time Just For The Two Of You?"

How about a weekend that will focus on love, caring, and relationship? It will be the best gift you'll give each other this year. Plan to go on a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** Weekend and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of passion. The next weekend in the diocese is scheduled in Cullman, **June 19-21** at St. Bernard's Abbey.

You can register online today at website [www.ALFL-wwme.org](http://www.ALFL-wwme.org) or by calling Bob & Joy Hernandez at **678-985-0125**.



The Benedictine Sisters of Cullman invite you to join us on Saturday, **April 18, 2015**, as we celebrate the completion of the final phase of our Reflect Renew Rejoice renovation and construction project for the Monastery and Retreat Center. The celebration will begin at **1:00 PM** with the Blessing by Most Rev. Robert Baker, Bishop. Immediately following the Blessing, an Open House of the new Mary and St. Joseph Guest Houses, Subiaco and Retreat Center areas will occur until 4:00 PM. The event will be held on the grounds of Sacred Heart Monastery at 916 Convent Rd. in Cullman. Driving directions may be found on the monastery website: [www.shmon.org](http://www.shmon.org). For more information, please call (256) 734-4622. During this Year of Consecrated Life, this is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate with the Sisters their 113 years of monastic presence and ministry in our diocese. Please plan to join us for the festive occasion.



## 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.

## Assignment List April 15– April 19

### WEDNESDAY MASS 4/15/2015 7:00 PM

Altar Servers  
Lectors Bernie Funderburg

### SATURDAY MASS 4/18/2015 5:00 pm

Altar Servers Jim Gorman, Marty Poteracki  
Greeters Susan Moseley, Kathy Shivers  
Lectors David Springer, Marguerite Gorman  
Ministers Deacon, Sue Poteracki, Connie Hertrich  
Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Jerry Noto

### SUNDAY MASS 4/19/2015 8:30 AM

Altar Servers Stephen Poteracki, Sophie Poteracki, Ronni Gagliano, Natalie Newcomb  
Greeters Brenda Rochford, Julie Paulitzky  
Lectors Betty Huetteman, Yolie Roy  
Ministers Deacon, Joe Stanley, Ruth Stanley, Janice Stella, Rosemary Mateer  
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Gregg Bechel, Chris Frey, Laura Headley

### 11:15 AM

Altar Servers Ryan Murphree, James Lewis, Will Pittman  
Greeters Marsha Armstrong, Shirley Skeivelas  
Lectors Blair Boyle, Mary Adams  
Ministers Deacon, Chris Gallegly, Lee Walsler, Ken Otto, Edie Otto  
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 Easter 4/12/15

**Theme:** Do not persist in your unbelief, but believe!

**Question for Youth:** Jesus' words of greeting were "Peace be with you," followed by the invitation to forgive sins. How does forgiveness bring peace to you? How does it change the world?

**Question for Adults:** What strengthens your faith? Why do you believe in Jesus?

**Pregunta para los jóvenes:** El saludo de Jesús era "La paz esté con ustedes", seguido de la invitación a perdonar los pecados. ¿De qué manera te da paz el perdón? ¿Cómo cambia esto el mundo?

**Pregunta para los adultos:** ¿Qué fortalece su fe? ¿Por qué cree en Jesús?

Religious Education 2014-2015

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Grs PreK4 thru 12



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

4/12 RE 9:45am

Divine Mercy Sunday Confessions 2pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet 3pm

LITTLE ONES IN CHRIST Grs PK-Gr2

12:30-2:30pm Lunch Served

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

4/15 SR YOUTH Grs 7-12 5pm Dinner Served

4/17 Bible Study

4/19 3rd Sun of Easter RE 9:45



JOIN THE FUN \* MAKE NEW FRIENDS

Be a part of 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 15 \* 5:30pm **Dinner served**

Contact Peter Boyle 613 5435



**THIS SUNDAY APRIL 12TH**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Confessions beginning at 2pm with The Divine Chaplet prayed at 3 pm. Don't miss this family devotion to gain the graces our Lord so longs to give.

*Eternal Father, I offer you the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

While we didn't make our Goal of \$500, our RE students DID A GREAT JOB! *WHAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR THE LEAST OF MY BROTHERS THAT YOU HAVE DONE UNTO ME.* Mt 25:40

**PENNY BONG \*RICE BOWL PROJECT TOTALS**

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Gr 3 30.92	-6.37	24.55	
Gr 4 82.04	-7.44	74.60	
Gr 5 62.85	-6.60	56.25	
Gr 6 45.78	-11.48	34.30	
Gr 7 17.30	-5.95	11.35	
Gr 8 23.78	-2.63	21.25	
Gr 9 30.27	-4.57	25.70	
HS 10.91	-5.06	5.85	

**\$366.37** pennies bonged take away from the winning class total!

**THANK YOU \* THANK YOU \* THANK YOU!!**  
*Anyone still willing to contribute to the St Rita's Orphanage in India can contact Parma or the Church Office.*



**ATTN!!! PARENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION STUDENTS**

**THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT MEETING**

**Will be Monday \* April 13th \* 7pm**

**Communion Banners are due!**



**DATES AND INFORMATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

May 6 & 7 **Personal Interviews** with Fr Sexton 4-6:30pm in the conference room.

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

**Sacrament of Confirmation Mass 7pm**

**OLL has been blessed because of YOU!**  
**Welcome to our Church Family:** Toni Smith, Jerome & Anna Schell, Meleah Boyle, Tiffany & Jody Harkins, Renee Bentel, Arlivia Adderhold, Jennifer White, Jatoya Patton & Armando Arellano. *May we always be to you what Christ would have us be!*



## Pastoral Council Elections Coming Soon

Do you know of someone that has a desire to help the parish as a ministry and by making a commitment to prayer and action? They also have the ability to work with others, compromise, and adapt to new challenges presented by the priest. This person may be a wonderful candidate for our Pastoral Council. Please contact Jim Dale at 205-525-0097 with any nominations you may have. The nominee must be at least 18 years of age and a registered member of our parish. Pastoral Council elections will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>.



### CHRIST IS HERE

*Christ departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find him. For he departed, and behold, he is here.*

—St. Augustine

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