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**Deacon Terrence Rumore**

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Parish Secretary

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Kathy Bryant

### **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 18, 2015*

*Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, April 19, 2015*

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

*Third Sunday of Easter  
April 19, 2015*

*You alone, O LORD,  
bring security to my dwelling.*

*— Psalm 4:9*



*Mass Intentions  
April 20– April 26*



**Monday:** Anne Forister by The Brazzolottos  
**Tuesday:** Mike Smith by Gene & Walton Smith  
**Wednesday:** Marjorie Frey by The Crapet Family †  
**Thursday:** Tom Zopfi by The Brazzolottos †  
**Friday:** David Macon by Parma & Paul Boyle †  
**Saturday:** Tommie Wilson by Parma & Paul Boyle †  
**Sunday:** Marlene Catalino by Sam Catalino †

*Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:*

*Dianna Markevich, 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 20– April 26*

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

**Sunday:** Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18



## *Pastor's Message*

We are deep in the heart of this joyful and hope-filled Easter Season. This is the time when we think of First Communion and Confirmations and Weddings and Graduations. Grandparents across the country will be covering the miles by road and air to be present for these cherished family celebrations. Hope springs up in unexpected places.

Here too we can take a hint from nature. As one writer has said: "In the wild violets that carpet an abandoned lot, in the arrival of the lilacs and tulips, and daffodils and Easter lilies...in the beauty of the azaleas and the dogwoods...here is God's silent but eloquent message to us that we are right to hope and to trust and to believe. If seeds in the black earth can become beautiful roses what might not the human heart become in its long journey to God?"

We come this Sunday to the account in Luke's Gospel of Jesus' final self-manifestation before the account of the ascension of the Lord Jesus. These appearance stories from Matthew, Luke and John have fleshed out the meaning of Easter and helped to nourish Easter faith.

The two disciples from Emmaus had recounted to the community in Jerusalem what had taken place on the "way" and "how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread". "The breaking of the Bread" was the early Church's name for the Eucharist. "The Way" was an early designation for the Christian Life. Had Jesus not said in the Gospel: "I am the way and the truth and the life."?

Notice how Luke uses the phrase, "In the Bread". The Breaking of the Bread connotes participation and active involvement. Here there is action involved and not merely an object, a thing.

The stranger on the road to Emmaus who caught up with the two downcast disciples on the first Easter evening, turned out to be the Risen Christ. Surprise of surprises.

An old Irish poem captures this Easter message.

**I saw a stranger yestreen,  
I put food in the eating place,  
Drink in the drinking place,  
Music in the listening place.**

**And in the blessed name of the Triune God,  
He blessed myself and my house,  
My cattle and my dear ones.**

**And the lark said in her song,  
Often, often, often.  
Goes the Christ in the strangers guise.  
Often, often, often,  
Goes the Christ in the strangers guise.**

Peace and Blessings,

*Fr. Sexton*

## *Calendar of Events April 19 - April 26*

### **Sunday-April 19**

\* RE

### **Monday-April 20**

**Mass 9 am**

\* Bridge

\* Legion of Mary

### **Tuesday-April 21**

**Mass 9 am**

### **Wednesday-April 22**

**Mass 7 pm**

\* Parish Council after Mass

### **Thursday-April 23**

**Mass 9 am**

### **Friday-April 24**

**Mass 9 am**

### **Saturday-April 25**

**Mass 5 pm**

### **Sunday-April 26**

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

\* RE

\* Communion Practice 9:45 am

\* Confirmation Service Hours Due

\* Adult Ed 9:45 am

\* Special Collection: Catholic Home  
Mission Appeal

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

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>*Offertory:</b>	<b>\$ 6634.31</b>	<b>\$ 5481.00</b>

Year-to-date

<b>*Offertory:</b>	<b>\$ 276,911.49</b>	<b>\$ 235,683.00</b>
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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 - 230 cans.**



*Many Thanks!*

*Thank you to everyone who graciously volunteered their time to make the RCIA Reception so special! 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?**

*Liturgy*

Enhance liturgies and help our Pastor plan for special seasons. Oversee the duties of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Altar Servers, Greeters, Ushers, Environment and Music.

**For more information please contact:**  
**Micky Zielinski @ 205-913-1440**



**Knights of Columbus**  
**Council 12270**

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**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.



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**June 10, 11, 12 & 13.**

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## Announcements



**WITH GOD THERE IS GROWTH:  
"It Is Good To Have A Partner  
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for Relationship.**

On your wedding day, you lovingly planted the seeds of a lifelong relationship. Does gardening still give you a sense of wonder and fulfillment? Continue to hone your growth skills on a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** Weekend and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and growing. 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**.



### Charmaine Welch

Our own Charmaine, was recently recognized and honored at the 2015 Alabama Knights of Columbus annual convention as the longest serving Music Director in our Diocese, 42 1/2 years! Thank you, Charmaine for your dedicated service and for enriching our worship with beautiful music! You are truly a blessing at Our Lady of the Lake!



## Assignment List April 22– April 26

**WEDNESDAY MASS** **4/22/2015**  
**7:00 PM**

Altar Servers  
Lectors Charmaine Welch

**SATURDAY MASS** **4/25/2015**  
**5:00 pm**

Altar Servers Mike Gagliano, Larry Reese  
Greeters Lance/Janice Stella, Karen Hand  
Lectors Micky & Ron Zielinski  
Ministers Deacon, David Springer, Sara Reese  
Ushers Jerry Noto, Jim Dale, Jim Gorman, Bob Nicholas

**SUNDAY MASS** **4/26/2015**  
**8:30 AM**

Altar Servers Anthony Emerick, Michael Emerick, Matt Frey, Carson Falkner  
Greeters Laura Headley, Mike/Kitty Gordon  
Lectors Teri Gagliano, Joe Stanley  
Ministers Deacon, Brenda Rochford, Tiffany Rochford, Yolie Roy, Terri Brown  
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Chris Gallegly, Belia Solis, Edith Pavez

**11:15 AM**

Altar Servers Monica Liverman, Paul Boyle, Payton Forman, Troy Rosato  
Greeters Grace Troncalli, Jay/Enid Willi  
Lectors Jim & Marcia Morteck  
Ministers Deacon, Tommie Ann Johnson, Martha Hayes, Maria Jimenez, Stephen Poteracki  
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.

**Third Sunday of Easter \* April 19, 2015**

**Theme:** Being able to see the Risen Christ.

**Question for Youth:** What are some ways that you know that God is with you? Who are the people, where are the places, and what are the occasions when you feel closest to God?

**Question for Adults:** When have you had an "Aha" moment, when you suddenly realized that God was with you?

**Pregunta para los jóvenes:** Menciona algunas maneras en las que sabes que Dios está contigo. ¿Quiénes son las personas, cuáles son los lugares y cuáles son las ocasiones en las que te sientes más cerca de Dios?

**Pregunta para los adultos:** ¿Cuándo ha tenido un momento de reflexión, en el que de pronto se dio cuenta de que Dios estaba con usted?

**Religious Education 2014-2015**  
**Every Sunday at 9:45am. Grs PreK4-12**



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

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

SR YOUTH Grs 7-12 Join the NEW SOCIAL HR  
with Food, Games Music and more. 5pm  
Praise & Worship 6:30pm Holy Hour 7pm

4/24 Bible Study Women of the New Testament 10am

4/26 4th Sun of Easter \* RE 9:45am

First Communion Practice 9:45am

Adult Ed w/Deacon Terry 9:45am w/Donuts

5/1 First Friday Adoration after 9am Mass till 12:30pm

Bible Study Women of the New Testament 10am

5/3 5th Sun of Easter RE 9:45am

Youth Mass 11:15am

LOIC Mtg Grs PK-Gr2 \* 12:30-2:30pm

First Holy Communion Mass 2pm

5/6 Confirmation Practice after 7pm Mass

5/6 & 7 Confirmation Interviews 4-6:30pm

5/8 Bible Study Women of the New Testament 10am

5/10 6th Sun of Easter NO RE HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

May Crowning after 8:30am Mass

5/15 Bible Study Women of the New Testament 10am

5/17 Ascension of our Lord RE 9:45am

Senior Sunday Recognition 8:30am Mass

Senior Tables and Reception following Mass

SR YOUTH Social Hour 5pm

Praise & Worship 6:30pm Holy Hour 7pm

5/22 Bible Study Women of the New Testament 10am

5/24 Pentecost Sunday

RE Year End Brunch after 8:30am Mass.

RE Registration for 2016-2017

VBS Registration



JOIN THE FUN \* MAKE NEW FRIENDS  
Be apart of our YOUTH GROUPS

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

**Next Mtg: MAY 3 12:30-2:30pm**

Contact Joanna Murphree 473-1444

**JR YOUTH** Grs 3-6 will break until fall!

**WE NEED YOUR HELP...** If you would like to lead JR Youth Meetings please Contact Parma at 405-0948 or Sonya Lewis 863-7305.

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

**Next Mtg: Sun \*APRIL 19\* 5pm NEW Social Hour**



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Food, games, Music and More.  
Ping Pong, Football, Basketball,  
Ultimate Frisbee Take your pick.

We will end with  
Praise & Worship 6:30pm &  
Holy Hour 7pm

Bring a friend and share the faith!  
Join the faith, fun and community.  
Contact Peter Boyle 613-5435



Please pray for the following students  
who are preparing for

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

**MAY 3 at 2pm** Tristen Cooley, Mat-  
thew Emerick, Elizabeth Frederick, Jhon

Paul Rodgers, Jesus Rosas, Hannah Smith, Raul  
Torres, Arturo & Angel Villanueva, Brooks Forman.

**May the Eucharist be the center of your lives!**



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

**May 6 Confirmation Practice 7:45pm** after 7pm Mass

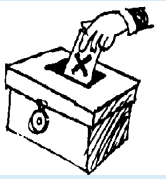
**May 6 & 7 Personal Interviews** with Fr Sexton  
4-6:30pm in the conference room

**May 11 Dinner with Bishop Baker**

4:45pm Candidates only.

**Sacrament of Confirmation Mass 7pm**

*Please pray for the following student who are pre-  
paring for the SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION.*  
Paul Boyle, Brock Falkner, John Peter Halog,  
Catherine Lewis, Amanda Manuel,  
Danielle McKinney, Jose Mendez, Andrea Nicastro,  
Brooke Robinson, Andrew Thomaston,  
Max Toohey, Davis Torres. **Come Holy Spirit!**



## 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>.**

### Martyrdom

*It is not the suffering but the cause that makes the martyr.*

—English proverb

### Special Collection

## Catholic Home Mission Appeal

*From Bishop Baker*

During the weekend of **April 25 & 26**, the bishops are inviting Catholics across the country to contribute to the Catholic Home Mission Appeal.

Over the years, this annual Appeal has helped to support programs in religious education, evangelization, youth ministry, seminarian education and ministry training in mission diocese, including the Diocese of Birmingham. Without the **Home Mission Appeal**, these essential ministries would not be possible in many dioceses of the United States. This national collection has been a powerful and successful expression of your stewardship and generosity.

I ask you to be generous in this year's appeal to strengthen the Church at home. As we continue to recover from economic downturn, it is important to remember our Catholic brothers and sisters whose dioceses need our support. Thank you for your parish's life of stewardship and faith.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

† *Robert J. Baker*

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

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