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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, May 2, 2015

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, May 3, 2015

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 3, 2015

*Let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.*



— 1 John 3:18



Mass Intentions May 4– May 10



Monday: Dianna Markevich by *The Rumores*
Tuesday: Rick Fulgham by *The Brazzolottos* †
Wednesday: Jim & Vivian Kern by *Jerry & Brenda Kern* †
Thursday: All Members of OLL by *Betty Huetteman*
Friday: Gerry Layton by *Jerry & Brenda Kern* †
Saturday: Judy Diane Marston by *Sam Marston* †
Sunday: Maria Battaglia by *Paul & Parma Boyle*

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

Please note that names remain on the prayer list for 30 days and then are removed unless the Church Office is notified.

Weekly Readings May 4– May 10

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

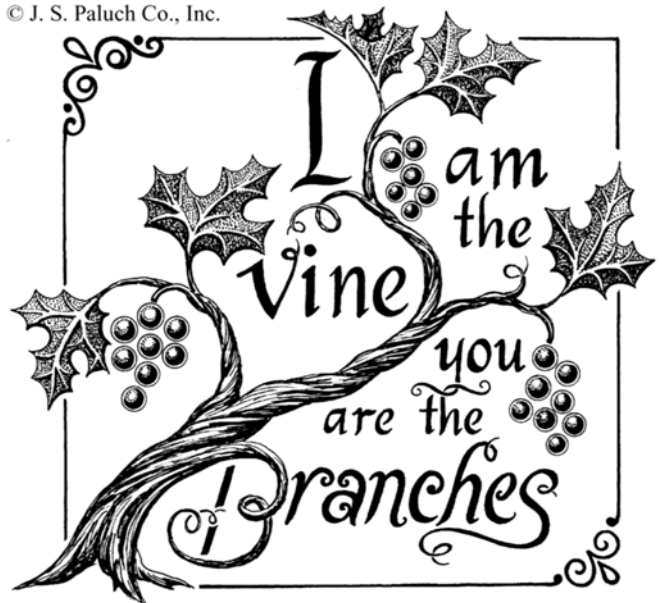
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

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Pastor's Message

The lovely month of May when celebrations abound. In Parishes, First Communions (as we have this Sunday). Graduations too from Universities and Colleges and High Schools, and yes, these days even from Kindergarten – complete with cap and gown and the strains of Elgar's Pomp & Circumstance.

A time when hearts are gladdened and pride of achievement wells up in even the most cynical. A Grace, if you will, that washes over our blessed days.

In sports too. Talladega time and raw emotions and the thrill of speed and death defying stunts that summon up some primal urge to transcend limits and push the envelope yet once more.

And into all of this comes the world of faith, the arena of religion. To feed the soul and connect us to a higher way – to summon forth a goodness and contemplation. Our weekly (and daily) participation in the Liturgy touches the edge of mystery. We are embraced by the Holy and transformed too if we are but open to the offer of Grace.

Luke in the Acts of the Apostles reading this Sunday (Acts 9:26-31) recalls the first visit of the converted Saul to the Christian community in Jerusalem. He notes: "When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the Disciples, but they were all afraid of him". Can you blame them? But a short while ago Saul was rounding up Christians to arrest and imprison them. He thought this new religion had to be blotted out. In his eyes it was dangerous to your health.

The Gospel Reading takes up one of the favorite themes in John's Gospel (Jn 15:1-8), that of indwelling or "remaining". "Remain in me, as I remain in you" Jesus bids us. It is a mystical notion of friendship and union. Later we would call it "Sanctifying Grace"- being in God's friendship.

A nineteenth century Carmelite Nun in Dijon, France put it this way: "Remain in me". It is the Word of God who gives this order, expresses this wish. Remain in me, not for a few moments, a few hours which must pass away, but remain, permanently, habitually. Remain in me, pray in me, adore in me, love in me, suffer in me, work and act in me. Remain in me so that you may be able to encounter anyone or anything. Amen

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**First Communion:** Congratulations to the ten children who are making their First Communion today. Is there ever anything like it? So luminous, so moving, so joyful! Congratulations to the parents and the Catechists, Carl Rochford and Julie Smith for handing on the Faith to these little ones. Thanks to Parma Boyle, our Director of Religious Education for coordinating and preparing this special day. As one writer has it: "We abide in the Holy and the Holy in us. We are a Holy Communion".

**A Grief Observed:** We offer our sympathy and prayers to Jay Willi on the death of his brother, Samuel Willi. So hard to say farewell to those we love. May he rest in peace.

Peace and Blessings,

*Fr. Sexton*

## Calendar of Events May 3 - May 10

### **Sunday-May 3**

- \* Youth Mass 11:15 am
- \* First Holy Communion 2 pm

### **Monday-May 4**

#### **Mass 9 am**

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

### **Tuesday-May 5**

#### **Mass 9 am**

### **Wednesday-May 6**

#### **Mass 7 pm**

### **Thursday-May 7**

#### **Mass 9 am**

### **Friday-May 8**

#### **Mass 9 am**

### **Saturday-May 9**

#### **Mass 5 pm**

- \* Women at the Well 10 am

### **Sunday-May 10**

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

- \* No RE
- \* Pro Life Rosary/Spanish
- \* May Crowning after 8:30 Mass
- \* No Youth Mtgs.

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

|                    |                   |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                    | <b>Actual</b>     | <b>Budget</b>     |
| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 9578.79</b> | <b>\$ 5481.00</b> |

**Year-to-date**

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| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 281,602.69</b> | <b>\$ 246,645.00</b> |
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**Parish Bulletin**

Currently the printing of our weekly bulletin is at no cost to our Parish. The cost is offset by the ads purchased and printed on the back of the bulletin. Please consider placing an ad for your business in our bulletin with J.S. Paluch, in support of their generosity to our Parish and for us to continue to receive our weekly bulletins.

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**Smoking on Church Grounds:**

The Parish Council, in response to concerns expressed by some parishioners, has been discussing the question of smoking on Church grounds and the impact this has on people's health.

In an effort to be considerate for all our Church members and visitors the Council has recommended the following which I fully endorse and support:

"In keeping with the smoking ordinance of the city of Pell City, we request that there be no smoking within 50 feet of all Church buildings including the Church, Parish Hall, Religious Education building, and Church offices. This is to protect the health of children and adults who are entering or exiting these buildings. We ask this as a sign of care and concern for our fellow Parishioners and visitors."

I know you will want to follow this directive in a spirit of mutual respect and care for one another. Thanks for your kind consideration.

*Fr. Michael Sexton*  
 Pastor



*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 - 50 cans.**

*Ministry Spotlight*



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

*Music/Choir*

To enrich the Parish community through the gifts of song and beautiful music is our mission and our desire, and to foster a spirit of love and thankfulness to God through our music. We offer adult and children's programs.

**For more information please contact:**  
**Charmaine Welch @ 205-913-4967.**



**Pro Life Corner**

**Our Lady of the Lake  
 Spiritual Adoption Program**



On May 2nd & 3rd the Pro-Life Committee will once again sponsor the Spiritual Adoption Program.

Please sign up and pray for a Baby in danger of abortion. Forms are available in both foyers.

**For more information please call Marcia Morteck at 205-873-2095.**



## Announcements



### Incoming Migrant Housewarming Project

A program of the Hispanic Committee

Collection will begin second week in May through the end of May. This is an evangelization project. Bibles, rosaries, and bible coloring books and church information will be added to the baskets.

Our goal is 40 baskets.

**You can donate early if you wish. Please place in either foyer, church hall or give to Mari Culver, 205-525-0071 Items will be distributed in June.**

#### Needed items:

**5 Double size Air Mattresses**, blue velveteen on one side, available at Walmart.

**5 Twin size Air Mattresses**, blue velveteen on one side, available at Walmart.

**40- \$3 to \$4 dollar laundry baskets**, must be large enough for 4 pound Laundry Detergent—do not get the flimsy baskets. A high quality basket available at Fred's in Lincoln or Ashville for \$3-4.00.

**40 small bags of food** with assorted items. 10-15 items approximately per bag.

**40 Bottles of \$1.00 Shampoo.**

**40 Bottles of \$1.00 Dish Detergent.**

**40 FOUR pound boxes of Dry Laundry Detergent.** Classic Xtra is \$3.00 a box, or \$1.00 Liquid Laundry Detergent, available at Dollar Tree

**80 dishwashing cloths.                      80 dish drying towels.**

**40 Bath Towels.                                40 Oven Mitts.**

**40 packs of 4 Toilet tissue double rolls** (no larger packs, wont fit in laundry basket)

**10 three pack bars of hand soap**, Dollar General, \$1.50 pack of 3.

**50 packs crayons** for the kids. **Bible coloring books.**



### Mark Your Calendars

For The Old Women at the Well  
Saturday, May 9, 2015  
10:00 am

This is the last meeting before our summer break!

We can't wait to see you there! **Bring a friend!!!**

**Don't forget to bring a dish to share for lunch.**

Should you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact Elizabeth (Bit) Thomaston at (205)338-1080 or email at [phillip050@centurytel.net](mailto:phillip050@centurytel.net).

*Faith                      Fellowship                      Friendship*

## Assignment List

May 6– May 10

### WEDNESDAY MASS

5/6/2015

7:00 PM

Altar Servers

Lectors

Terri Brown

### SATURDAY MASS

5/9/2015

5:00 pm

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors

Ministers

Ushers

KOC

Bill/Loretta Frost, Tammy McRae

Ron & Micky Zielinski

Deacon, David Springer, Parma Boyle,  
Connie Hertrich

### SUNDAY MASS

5/10/2015

8:30 AM

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors

Ministers

Ushers

11:15 AM

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors

Ministers

Ushers

Paul Boyle, Tiffany Rochford, Payton  
Forman, Troy Rosato

Ashley Castaneda, Shirley Skeivelas

Bernie Funderburg, John Stice

Deacon, Sarah Brazzolotto, Terri

Brown, Mary Adams, Wayne Adams

**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 Easter \* May 3, 2015**

**Theme:** I am the vine; you are the branches.

**Question for Youth:** Jesus is the vine – we are the branches, connected to Him as our life-source. When do you feel most connected to Jesus in your everyday life? How can you go there more often?

**Question for Adults:** How does your own connection to Christ, the vine, affect your daily life? What image from this reading helps you see the importance of this connection to Christ?

**Pregunta para los jóvenes:** Jesús es la vid y nosotros los sarmientos, conectados con Él como nuestra fuente de vida. ¿Cuándo te sientes más conectado con Jesús en tu vida diaria? ¿Cómo puedes hacerlo con mayor frecuencia?

**Pregunta para los adultos:** ¿En qué incide su propia conexión con Cristo, la vid, en su vida diaria? ¿Qué imagen de esta lectura lo ayuda a ver la importancia de esta conexión con Cristo?

**Religious Education 2014-2015**

**Every Sunday at 9:45am. Grs PreK4-12**



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

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 10am Women of the New Testament

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

May Crowning after 8:30am Mass

All Communion Children will process

5/11 Celebrating Sacrament of Confirmation

Dinner w/Bishop & Candidates 4:45pm Mass 7pm



**May Crowning of**

**Our Blessed Mother**

**Next Sunday MAY 10**

**following the 8:30 am Mass.**

All are invited to bring your fresh cut garden flowers to place at the feet of Mary.

**ALL COMMUNION**

**STUDENTS WILL PROCESS in the**  
**MAY CROWNING.**

**Please arrive by 8am**



**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 Mtgs: Wed May 6 5:30 pm**

**Sun May 17 Social Hour 5pm**

**Praise & Worship 6:30pm &**

**Holy Hour 7pm**

Bring a friend and share the faith!

Dinner served... Contact Peter Boyle 613-5435



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

**This Sunday \* MAY 3 at 2pm**

**All are invited.**

**Reception to follow Mass.**

**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.

Sponsors & Parents arrive at 6:30pm

**Sacrament of Confirmation Mass 7pm**

*Please pray for the following students who are preparing 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!*

**May is dedicated to Mary!**

**Attn all Graduating Seniors.** We will celebrate **Senior Sunday May 17h** at the **8:30am Mass.** Reception & Table Displays to follow. **Bios are due May 10th.** You may **Set up Achievement Tables Saturday May 16th** before and after the 5pm Mass.





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New Parish Directory



We will begin taking pictures during the month of May for our new Parish Directory starting Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> - Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 2-9pm & Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> 10-4. Sign-up sheets will be in both foyers on the weekends and on weekdays you can sign-up on line at the church website, [ollpellcity.com](http://ollpellcity.com). All parishioners who have their photo taken will receive a free 8 x 10. Additional photos are available for purchase. If you are able to bring in 2 cans of soup when you come for your photo appt., you will receive a \$5 off coupon from lifetouch to be used if you choose to order additional photos. All soup collected will be donated to the Christian Love Pantry. Please help us make this directory a success and sign up to have your picture taken. Remember the church directory is a great tool for new parishioners to get to know us here at the church. Also please be sure if you have moved within the last 4 years that the church office has your new address and phone number. If you have any questions please call Brenda Rochford 423-242-5029.



**The Padre Pio Prayer Group** of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church will hold its next Prayer meeting on **Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am at OLS**. All Catholics are welcome to join us in prayer! We will have Adoration, Benediction, the Rosary, Prayers to Padre Pio and Holy Mass! Come and Pray!!! **For more information contact Angela Kolar at 991-9554.**



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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 May 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm.  
Ladies Auxiliary Meets May 25<sup>th</sup>, 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).**

**Deadline for applications is May 4<sup>th</sup>!**

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