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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 16, 2015

Mass 5:00 pm

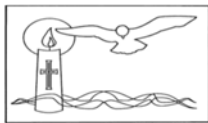
Sunday, May 17, 2015

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

The Ascension of the Lord May 17, 2015

Whoever believes and is baptized
will be saved.

— Mark 16:16



Mass Intentions May 18– May 24



Monday: Betsy Spencer by The Brazzolottos †

Tuesday: Special Intentions

Wednesday: Winston Thornton by Gisela Scruggs †

Thursday: Gerry Layton by Brenda & Jerry Kern †

Friday: Alice Smith by Gene & Walton Smith

Saturday: Toni James by Brenda & Jerry Kern

Sunday: Deacon Mike Branch by The Brazzolottos †

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, Elise Goldman

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

Weekly Readings

May 18– May 24

Monday:	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10- 11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29- 30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20- 26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1- 2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15- 19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday:	<u>Vigil:</u> Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3- 8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 <u>Day:</u> Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15



Pastor's Message

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. In some Dioceses in the United States this Feast is celebrated on the Thursday following the sixth Sunday of Easter.

So important is this Feast of the Ascension of the Lord that St. Luke tells the story twice; at the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles (our first Reading today) and at the end of his Gospel.

The Ascension is a kind of hinge moment, a moment of connection between heaven and earth that marks both an end and a beginning. It is the beginning of a new life for the Disciples as they await the gift of the Holy Spirit which will empower them to move in a new direction. At the same time it marks the end of those familiar and beloved stories of the many post-Easter appearances of the Risen Christ.

An ancient Roman Christian carving shows Mary and three other women in front of a large tomb with a Roman guard sleeping nearby. In the upper right hand corner the Risen Christ is ascending into heaven while two Apostles watch in amazement--one looking up and the other burying his head in fear. Christ seems pulled up the mountain by a hand extending from the cloud in the corner. It is clear from the picture that the power of God is at work.

Luke in his account of the Ascension in Acts (1;1-11) uses the imagery of a cloud. "He was lifted up and a cloud took him from their sight." In the Bible a cloud is a sign of God's presence and also a veil that conceals God's presence.

Luke is also clear that the Ascension of Jesus is not a prelude to the restoration of Israel (nationalism) but a prelude to a new era, that of the Mission of the Church, which will be inaugurated by the sending of the Holy Spirit.

It is a Feast of Hope for all of us and a key to the meaning of our own existence. As the Catechism puts it so nicely: "Jesus, as head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom, so that we, the members of his Body, may live in the hope of one day being with him forever. Where he has gone, there we hope to follow."

Congratulations: To the thirteen young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday evening. Thanks to Stephen Reese, the catechist who prepared them for the special occasion. We look to our newly confirmed to be "Missionary Disciples" who will spread the leaven of the Gospel.

Congratulations Too: To students graduating from college and high school this month. We rejoice in your achievement and wish you blessings on the road of life. Let it be said that the world will be a better place because of your positive and joyful presence.

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Sexton

Calendar of Events May 17- May 24

Sunday-May 17

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Senior Sunday

* RE

* Senior Sunday 8:30 am-reception to follow Mass

* SR Youth Social/Dinner 5 pm

* Holy Hour 7 pm

Monday-May 18

Mass 9 am

* Bridge

* Legion of Mary

Tuesday-May 19

Mass 9 am

Wednesday-May 20

Mass 7 pm

* SR Youth 5:30 pm

* Parish Council after Mass

Thursday-May 21

Mass 9 am

Friday-May 22

Mass 9 am

* Bible Study 10 am

Saturday-May 23

Mass 5 pm

Reconciliation 3:30- 5:00 pm

Sunday-May 24

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Pentecost

* RE Year End Brunch after 8:30 Mass

* Registration 2015-2016

* VBS Registration

FINANCE NEWS
July 2014-June 2015
Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ 5901.82	\$ 5481.00

Year-to-date

*Offertory:	\$ 303,277.30	\$ 257,607.00
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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.



To our faithful community of churches:

On behalf of the Christian Unity Committee of the First United Methodist Church we gratefully acknowledge and thank you for your participation and hospitality during community Holy Week lunches. The week was a blessing as we joined in fellowship and worship as one community of believers. The attendance was great and your contribution helped to make this ministry a success.

Blessings,
 Dianne Fisher & Melissa Kennedy



Ministry Spotlight

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

Surfsiders

This is a ministry of fun! Meetings have been held on the third Wednesday of each month for fun and games at 10:00 am. Lunch at 11:30 (potluck). **We need a dedicated individuals willing to keep up the great work that Larry and Rita Martens have done, as they are stepping down as coordinators.** Please call the church office if you are interested in volunteering!

**For more information please contact:
 Parish Office: 205-525-5161**

**Memorial Day
 Barbecue Sale**
**Our Lady of the Lake
 Pell City**



Knights of Columbus Council 12270 will be selling barbeque for the Memorial Day holiday. **Boston butts will be sold for \$35; \$20 for pork ribs; \$10 for a whole chicken.** All meat will be freshly smoked with KOC "special dry rub". **Sales begin Friday May 22 at 8:00 a.m. and continue through Saturday May 23.** All proceeds will be

used to fund the numerous charitable activities KOC Council 12270 supports.



Pro Life Corner



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



Thank you very much to everyone who signed up to pray for an unborn baby in danger of abortion. Special thanks to Loretta Frost, Cristy McKinney, Rosemary Mateer, Yalile Deal, & Sharon Stice.

This year we have 90 babies for whom we are praying:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg of you, please spare the lives of the unborn babies we have spiritually adopted. Amen.

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.

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

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.

**For Ads: Ashley @J.S. Paluch, Inc.
1-800-438-8931 or popea@jspaluch.com**

Assignment List May 20– May 24

WEDNESDAY MASS 5/20/2015 7:00 PM

Altar Servers
Lectors Bernie Funderburg

SATURDAY MASS 5/23/2015 5:00 pm

Altar Servers Michael Gagliano, Marty Poteracki
Greeters Gisella Scruggs, Tammy McRae
Lectors Marguerite Gorman, Larry Foltz
Ministers Deacon, Jim & Sonia Dale, Tom Graffo
Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Jerry Noto

SUNDAY MASS 5/24/2015 8:30 AM

Altar Servers Sophie Poteracki, Andrew Thomaston, Will Thomaston, Natalie Newcomb
Greeters Dennis Veigl, Frank Troncalli
Lectors Meagan Freeman, Larry Foltz
Ministers Deacon, Jim Morteck, Marcia Morteck, Joe Stanley, Ruth Stanley
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Dennis Veigl, Cristy McKinney, Joe Pittman

11:15 AM

Altar Servers Sawyer Stice, Jimillia Sayles, Brennan Cardenas, Payton Forman
Greeters Jay/Enid Willi, Grace Troncalli
Lectors Tony Hollis, Mary Adams
Ministers Deacon, Lee Walser, Tommie Ann Johnson, Chris Gallegly, Terri Brown
Ushers Don Frederick, Ron Markevich, Johnny Armstrong, Jimmy Pittman

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.

Seventh Sunday of Easter * May 17, 2015

Theme: We must love one another.

Question for Youth: How would you describe the kind of love that Jesus modeled?

Question for Adults: Share about one person in your life with whom the command to love has become a reality, a parent, spouse, friend, or colleague – or even a stranger.

Pregunta para los jóvenes: ¿Cómo describirían el tipo de amor que Jesús nos mostró?

Pregunta para los adultos: Comente acerca de una persona en su vida con quien el mandato de amar se ha hecho realidad: un padre, un esposo, un amigo o colega, o incluso un extraño.



Religious Education 2014-2015

Every Sunday at 9:45 am

Grs PreK thru 12

COMING UP * MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

May 17 Ascension of our Lord

RE 9:45am * SR SUNDAY 8:30am Mass
with reception & display tables to follow
SR YOUTH SOCIAL HOUR 5pm with Dinner
PRAISE & WORSHIP 6:30pm
HOLY HOUR 7pm

May 21 Happy Birthday Deacon Serge!!

May 22 Bible Study 10am Women of the NT

May 24 Pentecost Sun Happy birthday Church!
RE Year End Brunch 10am Last day of RE
RE Registration for 2015-16
VBS Registration



**Registration for
Religious Education
2015-16**

Next Sunday, May 24 we will REGISTER in the hall at our **RE Year End Celebration**. Forms are also available in the foyers and on our Web Page at www.ollpellcity.com under the Education link.

Return forms to Parma or place them in the collection basket labeled "Attention Parma".

Help us pass on the Faith. Register NOW!

JOIN THE FUN * MAKE NEW FRIENDS

Be a part of our **YOUTH GROUPS**

LITTLE ONES IN CHRIST Grs PreK-Gr 2

LAST Mtg. before Summer Break:

JUNE 7 * 12:30-2:30pm

Contact Joanna Murphree 473-1444



JR YOUTH Grs 3-6 on **Summer Break and under Construction!** Look for new and exciting adventures coming up!

For JUNE join us for **VBS** as we climb Mount Everest and conquer challenges with God's mighty power! More info to follow!

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

Next Mtgs THIS SUN MAY 17 SOCIAL HR

5pm

PRAISE & WORSHIP 6:30pm

HOLY HOUR 7pm

MAY 20 * Meeting held at Ann's New Life. Dinner served at Ann's at 5:30pm

Bring a friend and share the faith! Meals served at all youth groups.

MAY 30 * We welcome our 6th graders to join us as we make a **Pilgrimage to the Grotto/Shrine in Hanceville AL.** Contact Peter Boyle 613-5435



Mark your Calendars & Join the fun for the

**RE YEAR END BRUNCH
SUNDAY, MAY 24 ***

10am in the hall

ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

CLASSES are invited

DON'T FORGET!!!

REGISTER for RELIGIOUS ED 2015-16 & VBS

Check out our photos at ollpellcity.com

Under the Information Link



SENIOR SUNDAY JOIN US as

We celebrate our

Graduating High School Seniors

**This Sunday May 17th at the 8:30 am Mass
Reception and Display tables to follow.**

We pray for Samantha Brown, Justin Chaves, Shae Falkner, Donald Frey, Ronni Gagliano, Monica Liverman, Ryan Monistere, Sailor Reeves, Stephen Poteracki & Tiffany Rochford

**May you always be armed with
the Armor of God! Eph 6:10-17**



Thanks to all who helped make our May Crowning so beautiful! A big thanks to our choir voices and Julian for set up.

Dear Mother Mary, spread your mantle of love over our church family and keep us always close to your son, Jesus! O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us!

May Challenge!

Pray the rosary with your family!



Pictorial Directory

We would like all members of our Parish to sign up for their free portrait to be included in the directory. Don't be left out! Sign up today on the Church website- www.ollpellcity.com. Click "Lifetouch" on the menu bar and follow the directives. Thank you to Brenda Rochford for coordinating this project.

If you need additional info you may call Brenda at 423-242-5029 or the Church office .

Special Collection

St. John Vianney Residence for Priests From Bishop Baker

Dear Friends in Christ,

St. John Vianney Residence for Priests needs your support to continue to care for our priests who have served the Diocese so well. A second collection for the benefit of St. John Vianney Residence will be the weekend of **May 16th and 17th.**

I encourage all families in the Diocese to share in the responsibility of providing support for the Residence. Your contribution will enable us to continue to meet current expenses in this important effort.

Even with these difficult economic times, I am continually amazed at your great generosity to our dedicated priests. Please give generously so our priests can continue to live with pride and dignity.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and your prayers for our priests.

Very gratefully yours in Christ,

† *Robert J. Baker*

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Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama

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