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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.**

#### **CONFESIONS:**

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, September 19, 2015*

*Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, September 20, 2015*

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



## *Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*September 20, 2015*

*The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.*

*—James 3:18*



## *Mass Intentions*

*Sept. 21 – Sept. 27*



**Monday:** Marie Battaglia by the Boyles

**Tuesday:** Special Intentions

**Wednesday:** Msgr. Joseph Mercier on 60th Anniversary by Tammy Ingels

**Thursday:** Our Lady's Intentions

**Friday:** Marlene Catalino by Sam Catalino

**Saturday:** Tom Scruggs by Gisela Scruggs

**Sunday:** Sara & Larry Reese in celebration of 50th Anniversary by Patricia & Frank Norris

### 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, Bill Pendergast.

**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 prayer list for 30 days and then are removed unless the Church Office is notified.**

## *Weekly Readings*

*September 21- September- 27*

<b>Monday:</b>	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
<b>Thursday:</b>	Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
<b>Friday:</b>	Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
<b>Saturday:</b>	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
<b>Sunday:</b>	Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

## *Today's Readings*



**First Reading** — The wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test. (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20)

**Psalm** — The Lord upholds my life. (Psalm 54)

**Second Reading** — The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits. (James 3:16-4:3)

**Gospel** — Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me. (Mark 9:30-37)

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## Pastor's Message

I'm writing this on Sunday evening, September 13th having just come back from the Parish picnic at Lakeside Park. The weather was splendid—made for a picnic in the park.

There was a great spirit of friendship in that large crowd of parishioners and friends. Children relished the freedom to roam on the spacious grounds. Adults enjoyed the chance to visit and get to know new members. The lucky winners of "door prizes" seemed to relish the joy of winning. In a sense we were all winners on this sun-drenched afternoon, bonded together by a common faith and a shared community.

Special thanks to Karen Hand and Bobby Hand for planning and coordinating this annual event. Thanks too to the many volunteers who donated time in setting up the picnic and in the clean up later. Thanks to members of the Pastoral Council who were so generous with their time. Finally, a special thanks to James Raynor and the other members of the Knights of Columbus who cooked and served delicious food and to all who brought salads and desserts.

In the Gospel account for this Sunday (Mark 9:30-37), Jesus brought a child before the disciples. He put his arms around that child, insisting that we must all become like children if we would draw near to God in confidence and without fear. A child-like faith is what is required of us. Knowing our own limits and weaknesses we put our trust in. May the children in our midst be always welcomed and cherished and protected as they reveal God's face to us.

The Disciples in today's Gospel reading seem strangely reluctant to react to the teaching of Jesus on the law of suffering. "They did not understand the saying and they were afraid to question Him". Perhaps they were unwilling to know any further details or simply could not face the prospect of dealing with the future. Sometimes we too fall into silence when thinking about the future—our future. Is the prospect of aging too difficult to face? We avoid what seems too difficult.

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**Catholic Charity Appeal:** Throughout the Diocese today in every parish parishioners will be filling out their pledges to the Annual Appeal that will make such a difference. Please pray for the success of the Drive and do your part by making a pledge to this great cause.

**A Grief Observed:** One of our retired priests, Fr. Don Forsythe died last week at the age of 82. He practiced as a medical doctor for 36 years, was married and raised a family of nine children. After his wife's death he answered a call to become a priest and was ordained at age 71. Fr. Don was a gifted doctor and a beloved pastor. He was fiercely committed to the protection of the life of the unborn and never ceased to preach against the evil of abortion. He was witty and brilliant and a holy priest. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Peace and Blessings,  
Fr. Sexton

## Calendar of Events Sept. 20-Sept. 27

### Sunday-Sept. 20

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

- \* RE/ Soup Drive cont.
- \* SR Youth Social 5 pm
- \* Praise and Worship 6:30 pm
- \* Holy Hour 7 pm
- \* Catholic Charities Pledge

### Monday-Sept. 21

#### Communion Service 9 am

- \* Bridge
- \* Legion of Mary
- \* Knight's of Columbus 7 pm
- \* Ladies Auxiliary 7 pm

### Tuesday-Sept. 22

#### Communion Service 9 am

- \* RCIA 7 pm

### Wednesday-Sept. 23

#### Communion Service 7 pm

- \* Parish Council Mtg. after Mass

### Thursday-Sept. 24

#### Communion Service 9 am

### Friday-Sept. 25

#### Mass 9 am

- \*Bible Study 10am

### Saturday-Sept. 26

#### Mass 5 pm

#### Reconciliation 3:30– 5:00 pm

- \* Stewardship Fair after Mass

### Sunday-Sept. 27

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

- \* RE/ Soup Drive ends
- \* Stewardship Fair after both Masses



### Shindig For Life!

#### Ann's New Life Center Banquet

Thursday, October 8, 2015 @ 7 pm

New Hope Baptist Church

Please call 205.338.4580 for tickets.

## FINANCE NEWS July 2015-June 2016

### Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ 5352.25	\$ 5769.23

### Year-to-date

*Offertory:	\$ 62,971.03	\$ 60,291.00
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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 - 120 cans



## Stewardship Fair Our Lady of the Lake

September 26th & 27th

### STEWARDSHIP

#### EXAMPLES OF SOME HIGH IMPACT, MINIMAL-COMMITMENT WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE TO PARISH LIFE.

**Look for ways** to help at a parish function that you plan to attend anyway. Be a lector, greeter or usher at Mass. Serve an hour during the parish picnic. Bring cookies to a meeting.

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#### QUESTIONS TO PRAY ABOUT AS YOU BEGIN TO THINK ABOUT YOUR CALLING TO PARISH SERVICE.

1. What am I passionate about?
2. What am I good at?
3. What do I think God is calling me to do?
4. Where and when do I truly feel most alive and part of the church?
5. What drives me to be a part of this parish community?
6. What does my parish need?
7. How can I be a better role model for my children and my fellow parishioners?



## RCIA

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

#### Come and See

#### WHO we are WHAT we Believe and WHY it Matters.

Classes meet on Tuesdays,  
at 7 pm in the Church hall.

For anyone who has an interest and questions about the Catholic Faith. If you know someone who has expressed that interest, now's the time to invite them!

More info: Call Tammy  
205-525-5161 or 678-848-9738.



## Pro Life Corner

#### Our Lady of the Lake Spiritual Adoption Program Month 4

Thank you for praying for me. I am bigger and stronger now. I am about 6 inches long and I weigh about 4 ounces.

When my mommy goes to the doctor, she can even listen to my heartbeat. I hope that one day I will run and play with friends like you.

#### A Reminder:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion

Please remember to pray daily for your Spiritual Adopted Baby and the baby's mother and father.



## *Announcements*



# Little Rock Bible Study

Our Little Rock Bible Study will resume on Friday mornings at **10 am** on **September 25th**. We will be studying : "Women of the Old Testament". Sign up sheets are in both foyers.

For additional info contact  
Micky Zielinski

## *Our Best—*

*The more the world is at its worst,  
the more we need the Church  
at its best.*

—Anonymous



If you know someone who  
has fallen away, please  
call the Church office:  
**205.525.5161.**

## *Assignment List*

*Sept. 23- Sept. 27*

**WEDNESDAY MASS**      **9/23/2015**  
**7:00 PM**

Altar Servers  
Lectors Sarah Brazzolotto

**SATURDAY MASS**      **9/26/2015**  
**5:00 pm**

Altar Servers	Bernie Funderburg, Cory Funderburg
Greeters	Janice/Lance Stella, Kathy Shivers
Lectors	Sonia Dale, David Springer
Ministers	Larry Reese, Sara Reese, Connie Hertrich
Ushers	Cecil Rodgers, Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Jerry Noto

**SUNDAY MASS**                    **9/27/2015**  
**8:30 AM**

Altar Servers	Andrew Thomaston, Will Thomaston, Matt Frey, Carson Falkner
Greeters	Francie Poteracki, Shirley Skeivelas
Lectors	Anna Emerick, Dennis Veigl
Ministers	Deacon, Joe Stanley, Ruth Stanley, Stephen Reese, Rosemary Mateer
Ushers	Michael Gagliano, Rosemary Mateer, Mike Gordon, Isabel Loera

11:15 AM

Altar Servers	Paul Boyle, Ryan Murphree, Travis Cooley, John Himmler
Greeters	Grace Troncalli, Ashley Castaneda
Lectors	Tony Hollis, Martha Hayes
Ministers	Deacon, Mary & Wayne Adams, Ken Otto, Edie Otto
Ushers	Don Frederick, Johnny Armstrong, James Pittman, Layne Monistere

## If you cannot keep your assignment PLEASE find a substitute.

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by learning and living our Catholic Faith.

"Put on Christ! in your life, and you will find a friend in whom you can always trust; 'put on Christ' and you will see the wings of hope spreading and letting you journey with joy towards the future; 'put on Christ' and your life will be full of His Love; it will be a fruitful life."

-Pope Francis

FROM THE  
WELCOMING CEREMONY  
AT WATERFRONT  
WORLD YOUTH DAY,  
RIO DE JANIERO, JULY 25, 2013



## M.Y.C. MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sept 20 R.E. 9:45 / SOUP DRIVE  
Sept 20 Sr. Youth Social at 5:00 p.m.  
Praise & Worship 6:30 p.m.  
Holy Hour 7:00p.m.  
Sept 27 R.E. 9:45 / SOUP DRIVE

*Help us help others!*  
Don't forget to support our Annual Religious Education Soup Drive!





Our annual Church Yard Sale will be held on Friday, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> & Saturday, Oct 24<sup>th</sup> from 8-2 both days.

Now is the time to start cleaning your closets and storage areas and donate your unwanted or unused household items to our sale.  
(Please no adult clothing).

You may drop off your donations beginning Monday, Sept 21st, at the Church Hall.

If you would like to volunteer to help price items or work the days of the sale please contact  
Sharon Stice 205-613-1053 or  
Brenda Rochford 423-242-5029.

All proceeds go to Social Concerns to help pay for items not donated for the Thanksgiving Food Baskets and the Giving Tree at Christmas.

**Thanks for all your support and donations!**



### ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

&

### CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



Applications available in the Church Office.

"What you do for the least of these my Brothers you do for Me."



## Marriage Encounter St. Bernard Abbey Cullman

**OCTOBER 16 – 18, 2015**

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Bob & Joy Hernandez: 678-985-0125  
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