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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, November 7, 2015

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, November 8, 2015

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



### Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 8, 2015

*The LORD keeps faith forever,  
secures justice for the oppressed,  
gives food to the hungry.*

— *Psalms 146:7*



### Mass Intentions

Nov. 9– Nov.15



**Monday:** Allen McGuire by Kathy Bryant †  
**Tuesday:** Sara & Larry Reese in celebration of  
50th Anniversary by Joseph Giangrosso  
**Wednesday:** Mary Cole by Judy Dawley †  
**Thursday:** Sara & Larry Reese in celebration of  
50th Anniversary by Patricia & Frank Norris  
**Friday:** Sharon Henderson by KOC 12770 †  
**Saturday:** Trudi & Andy McClay by the Zielinskis †  
**Sunday:** Jeannie & Paul Reid in celebration of their  
41st Wedding Anniversary by the Reids

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

*Dianna Markevich, Anne Forister, Alice Reid,  
Lexie Smith, Gene & Walton Smith, Daniel  
Centilli, Hildie Bowman, Matt Joiner, Pat Rob-  
erts, Mary Adams, Jay Benson, Jerry Noto.*

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 November 9– November 15

**Monday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps  
46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;  
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17;  
Jn 2:13-22

**Tuesday:** Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps  
34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-  
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**Wednesday:** Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4,  
6-7; Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday:** Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps  
119:89-91, 130, 135,  
175; Lk 17:20-25

**Friday:** Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-  
5ab; Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday:** Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9;  
Ps 105:2-3, 36-37,  
42-43; Lk 18:1-8

**Sunday:** Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-  
11; Heb 10:11-14, 18;  
Mk 13:24-32

### Today's Readings



**First Reading** — The widow of Zarephath had only a handful of flour and a little oil, but made a little cake for Elijah. (1 Kings 17:10-16)

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146)

**Second Reading** — Christ will appear a second time to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him. (Hebrews 9:24-28)

**Gospel** — Beware of those who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces and places of honor at banquets. (Mark 12:38-44 [41-44])

## Pastor's Message

"There is only a handful of flour in my jar" (1 Kings 17:12). If we are to understand the widow of Zarephath, in the first reading today from the Book of Kings, we need to notice something about her that has probably not been part of our own experience: she is starving.

She and her son have come to the end of the road. They were probably rationing what little food they had left as the days became more ominous. The food was fast running out and no prospects for a fresh supply.

Meals must have become fewer and smaller. She and her son must have been wasting away long before they got to the last handful of flour.

Yet, when a stranger asked her for something to eat, she, to our great amazement did not say no. She offered the customary and expected hospitality to the prophet Elijah.

Elijah's greeting, "Do not be afraid," is reminiscent of the assurance a messenger of God gives when God's intervention is at hand. Remember the greetings of the angel to Mary and then to Joseph in the narrative of the Nativity.

Although the human elements of this story are touching, they point to a larger truth. The providence of God works in favor of those who are vulnerable and in need of strength for the journey of life.

The widow in this reading could very well be a model for us when we think we are down to our last bit of strength or feel our hope ebbing away. We all need to hear those marvelous words coming from Elijah: "The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry". God renews us each morning with a fresh supply of hope. The cups of our lives are replenished, against all odds.

We meet another widow in the Gospel (Mark 12:38-44). She too is generous to a fault. Jesus noticed her great faith. It is said she was a "poor widow". She must have been almost destitute. Her two small coins flung into the Temple treasury constituted "all she had". By way of contrast, the other donors gave from their surplus. They didn't even miss what they gave.

This story has given us a phrase in the English language. It is the "Widow's Mite". Something small but something that represents real sacrifice. Let us never underestimate our gifts or think what we give is too small. God notices even the smallest gift and rewards us beyond our imagining.

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**What's the Secret?:** "Pope Francis is calling for a Church that, to my mind, is much more in contact with the Gospel. Not just the articulation of the Gospel but the personal living out of it, and that seems to be what is the most attractive part of this Pope, why so many people find him inviting, why so many people follow him and why so many people are coming back to the practice of the Faith". (Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, a member of the recent Synod).

Peace and Blessings,

*Fr. Sexton*

## Calendar of Events Nov. 8- Nov. 15

### Sunday-Nov. 8

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

- \* RE/ Fill a Bag cont.
- \* Pro Life Rosary/Spanish
- \* Little Ones in Christ PK3-Gr3 12:30-2:30 pm

### Monday-Nov. 9

**Masses 9 am**

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

### Tuesday-Nov. 10

**Mass 9 am**

- \* RCIA 7 pm

### Wednesday-Nov. 11

**Mass 7 pm**

### Thursday-Nov. 12

**Mass 9 am**

- \* Choir Practice 7 pm

### Friday-Nov. 13

**Mass 9 am**

- \* Bible Study 10am

### Saturday-Nov. 14

**Mass 5 pm**

**Reconciliation 3:30- 5:00 pm**

### Sunday-Nov. 15

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

- \* RE/Fill a Bag ends
- \* SR Youth Social Hour 5 pm
- \* Praise & Worship 6:30 pm
- \* Holy Hour 7 pm



*This  
poor widow  
put in more  
than all  
the others*

**FINANCE NEWS**  
**July 2015-June 2016**

Last week

|                    |                   |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                    | <b>Actual</b>     | <b>Budget</b>     |
| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 8120.37</b> | <b>\$ 5770.00</b> |

Year-to-date

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| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 106,034.52</b> | <b>\$ 103,860.00</b> |
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**Campus Ministry Retreat**  
**Alabama Awakening II**

Alabama Awakening II will be the **weekend of November 13-15** at the Springville Retreat Center. Awakening retreats have been changing lives and challenging students to engage in their faith at campuses all over the country. At an Awakening, students grow closer to Christ, closer to His Church, and develop deep bonds of friendship. If you are a college student, you need to experience this retreat. If you are the parent of a college student, you need to let them know about this retreat.

For more information, or to register, go to: [www.alabamaawakening.org](http://www.alabamaawakening.org). The cost is only \$45 for the entire weekend. Space is limited so sign up sooner rather than later.

**ATTENTION ALL 8TH GRADERS:**

John Carroll Catholic High School is now accepting applications for the Class of 2020. The High School Placement Test will take place at John Carroll on **Saturday, December 5, 2015 from 7:45AM until 11:30AM**. There will be a breakfast reception for parents beginning at 7:45AM, followed by a presentation in the Auditorium by the Administration at 8:30AM.

To register, please complete the online application: <http://www.jcchs.org/Admissions/AdmissionsProcess.aspx>

*\*\*Students are also encouraged to come to John Carroll for a Shadow Day to get the full high school experience! Please call the Admissions Office (205) 940-2400 ext. 233 for more details.*



*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 – 40 cans**

*Saints and Special Observances*

|                   |                                               |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <i>Sunday:</i>    | <i>Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>  |
| <i>Monday:</i>    | <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i> |
| <i>Tuesday:</i>   | <i>St. Leo the Great</i>                      |
| <i>Wednesday:</i> | <i>St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day</i>      |
| <i>Thursday:</i>  | <i>St. Josaphat</i>                           |
| <i>Friday:</i>    | <i>St. Frances Xavier Cabrini</i>             |
| <i>Saturday:</i>  | <i>Blessed Virgin Mary</i>                    |



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**Pro Life Corner**

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

**Month 6**

**I'm 6 months old now. I just opened my eyes. Before today they were sealed shut for protection. I wonder what you look like? I can hear sounds too! It's great to have someone praying for me.**

**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



### ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The food drive continues through **Sunday, Nov. 22nd** Please return your filled bag, with as many items as possible, to the Church foyers or the table in the back of the parish hall.

**“What you do for the least  
of these my Brothers you do for Me.”**

Thank You from the Social Concerns Committee



**Share  
God's Love  
Invite a  
Friend to  
Church.**

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

## Assignment List Nov. 11 - Nov. 15

**WEDNESDAY MASS 11/11/2015  
7:00 PM**

Altar Servers \*

Lectors Bernie Funderburg

**SATURDAY MASS 11/14/2015  
5:00 pm**

Altar Servers Michael Gagliano, Jim Gorman  
Greeters Susan Mosely, Nancy Ross  
Lectors Marguerite Gorman, Sonia Dale  
Ministers Deacon, Parma Boyle, Tiffany  
Rochford  
Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Bob Hand, Karen  
Hand, Jim Gorman

**SUNDAY MASS 11/15/2015  
8:30 AM**

Altar Servers Jimillia Sayles, Matthew Reese, Anthony  
Emerick, Carson Falkner  
Greeters Brian/Francie Poteracki, Amelia  
Reese  
Lectors Karen Reese, Dennis Veigl  
Ministers Deacon, Stephen Reese, Andrew  
Reese, Rosemary Mateer, Tom  
Graffo  
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Chris Gallegly,  
Joaquina Reyes, Joe Yester

**11:15 AM**

Altar Servers Ryan Murphree, James Lewis, Payton  
Forman, Erin Barker  
Greeters Lydia Jimenez, Mattie Osborne  
Lectors Jim Morteck, Marcia Morteck  
Ministers Deacon, Ken Otto, Edie Otto, Terri  
Brown, Martha Hayes  
Ushers Don Frederick, Ron Markevich,  
Johnny Armstrong, Jimmy Pittman

**If you cannot keep your assignment**

**PLEASE find a substitute.**



Radiating HIS Love  
by learning and living our Catholic Faith.

Reflecting  
On Today's Readings

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blessings come in many shapes and sizes, wouldn't you agree? The beatitudes, (last week's Gospel), are the blessings that really proclaim the way of Jesus. The readings today took me back to last week's Gospel:

*Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

MT 5:3

This, if you think about it, is the foundation for all of the beatitudes and for the whole value system of Jesus.

When Jesus is talking about "Blessed are the poor," he's talking more about an attitude, a way of knowing one's need for God, a disposition of the heart and not simply an economic state.



This "attitude" is an awareness that allows us to be more dependent on HIM. Poor in spirit means that we understand a profound truth about ourselves --

the truth that none of us is responsible for our own existence as well as our continuing existence.

This is a true call to conversion. A call to break away from the attitudes of the world.

There's so much that will change in our thinking and in our way of acting once we have that deep sense of knowing we need God and our very being depends upon God's constant, infinite, unlimited, unconditional love for each one of us.

*Lord, send out Your Spirit  
and renew the face of the earth.*

O Holy Spirit, descend  
plentifully into my heart.  
Enlighten the dark corners  
of this neglected dwelling  
and scatter there Thy  
cheerful beams.

Saint Augustine  
Doctor of the Church  
354 AD - 430 AD

M.Y.C. MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR

November 8 9:45 Religious Education  
& Fill-a-Bag continues

November 15 9:45 Religious Education  
& Fill-a-Bag Ends

November 22 9:45 Religious Education

November 29 NO Religious Education

November 29 First Sunday of Advent



Little Ones in Christ

Grades Pre K—Grade 2  
Joanna Murphree at 473-1444.

Junior Youth

Grades 3-6  
Every 2nd Sunday from 5-7pm  
Contact Isabel Cooley at 753-9820.

Senior Youth

Grades 7-12  
1st & 3rd Wednesdays—Sr. Youth Meetings  
& Every 3rd Sunday—Social Night  
Contact Peter Boyle 613-5435.

# SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND



Newly-ordained Deacons Jim Handerhan and Wyman Vintson with Bishop Baker, Bishop Foley, and Father Rick Chenault.

The Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama currently has ten men studying for the priesthood. This is both a blessing from God and a sign of a maturing diocese. However, with this blessing comes the financial responsibility and obligation to educate, form and support these men who have made many sacrifices by entering the seminary. The average cost per student per year is \$35,000 which includes tuition, room and board. One of the best ways to financially support our seminarians is to make a tax-deductible donation to the Seminarian Education Fund for the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama. Income produced through this endowment fund is utilized to meet the rising costs of education and forming the future priests of our diocese.

The Seminarian Education Fund began as the Diocesan Burse Club. It is a permanent fund set aside to provide income for the education of seminarians that Catholic Charities and grants do not cover. Donations made to the fund will continue to support our Vocations program every year, as long as the Diocese exists.

A successful vocation program must be built upon a foundation of prayer. Your generosity will help make the fruit of that prayer a reality. Please pray daily for our priests and seminarians.

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Mail gift to: Seminarian Education Fund—PO Box 12047—Birmingham, AL 35202  
 Online giving is also available at [www.birminghamvocations.org](http://www.birminghamvocations.org).

All donations are tax deductible under the law.

### ESTATE PLANNING AND STOCK DONATIONS

Please prayerfully consider a donation from your estate to the Seminarian Education Fund. Donations of stock are greatly appreciated. Please contact Bob Sellers (205) 838-8322 to speak about this opportunity to share your treasure for the Glory of God.

For more information on our vocation program, please visit [www.birminghamvocations.com](http://www.birminghamvocations.com)

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