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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 14, 2015

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, November 15, 2015

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Thirty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
November 15, 2015



Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.

— Mark 13:31



Mass Intentions

Nov. 16– Nov.22



Monday: Sharon Henderson by Sam Catalino †
Tuesday: Kathleen Redmond by the Brazzolottos †
Wednesday: Sara & Larry Reese in celebration of
50th Anniversary by Patricia & Frank Norris
Thursday: John Hoffert by Jim & Marcia Morteck †
Friday: Muriel Parr by Jim & Marcia Morteck †
Saturday: Sara & Larry Reese in celebration of
50th Anniversary by Joseph Giangrosso
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

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 16– November 22

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43,
54-57, 62-63;
Ps 119:53, 61, 134,
150, 155, 158;
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7;
Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps
17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15;
Lk 19:11-28 or (for the
memorial of the
Dedication) Acts 28:11-
16, 30-31;
Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b
-2, 5-6, 14-15;
Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1
Chr 29:10bcd,
11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4,
6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2,
5; Rv 1:5-8;
Jn 18:33b-37

Today's Readings



First Reading — Those who lead the many to
justice shall be like the stars forever. (Daniel
12:1-3)

Psalm — You are my inheritance, O Lord!
(Psalm 16)

Second Reading — Where there is for-
giveness, there is no longer offering for sin.
(Hebrews 10:11-14, 18)

Gospel — Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away. (Mark 13:24-
32)

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Pastor's Message

As the Church nears the end of the Liturgical year, the Scripture texts take on a more ominous tone. Each of the readings speaks of a future time when there will be judgment and a reckoning before God.

Biblical scholars refer to such passages as apocalyptic literature. The tone of the text is foreboding and the imagery includes cosmic upheaval. Such language is metaphorical and not to be taken literally.

The outcome will see good triumph over evil and new life will overcome the sting of death. The reign of God will be victorious. In the meantime there is great hope.

The first reading (Daniel 12:1-3) describes a vision of the prophet Daniel. The book of Daniel was written around 160 B.C. in a time of intense persecution. It offers hope for faithful Jews and gives evidence of a beginning belief in life after death.

Here is a vision of hope in a difficult time. Those who remained faithful to God would "Be like the stars forever". The description of the end times that we see in today's passage from Mark's Gospel (13:24-32) is typical of apocalyptic literature. At work here is the belief that in the original creation of the world, chaos gave way to order. The world was seen as a place of fixed times and seasons. Jesus speaks of a new heaven and a new earth that will result from the turmoil of earth and heavens in the final days.

The curious advice in the middle of today's Gospel reading: "Learn a lesson from the fig tree". What could this possibly mean? The fig tree was one of the most valuable trees of the ancient Near East. A symbol of peace and abundance. It was regarded by the Egyptians as the Tree of Life. It was an important source of food.

Unlike most of the trees of Palestine which are evergreens, the fig tree lost its leaves and became dormant in winter. With the advent of spring it would revive and once again become a wondrous spreading tree, providing both fruit and shade.

Jesus cautions his followers: keep your eye on the fig tree. Look out for the signs of God's presence. See his care and providence at work in an uncertain world. Do not be led into fear or fright. Hear the music of God's presence even when God seems to be silent.

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**A Grief Observed:** We offer our deepest sympathy to Margo Curran of our Parish on the death of her stepfather, Oliver Browder in Georgia. Our prayers are with the Curran family, Margo and Brian, in this time of grief.

**Thought of the Week:** "The world is charged with the grandeur of God. It will flame out, like shining from shook foil" (Gerard Manley Hopkins, Jesuit Priest and poet).

Peace and Blessings,

*Fr. Sexton*

## Calendar of Events Nov. 15- Nov. 22

### 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

### Monday-Nov. 16

**Masses 9 am**

- \* Bridge
- \* Legion of Mary

### Tuesday-Nov. 17

**Mass 9 am**

- \* RCIA 7 pm

### Wednesday-Nov. 18

**Mass 7 pm**

- \* Surfsiders 10 am
- \* SR Youth 5:30 pm
- \* Parish Council after Mass

### Thursday-Nov. 19

**Mass 9 am**

- \* Choir Practice 7 pm

### Friday-Nov. 20

**Mass 9 am**

- \* Bible Study 10am

### Saturday-Nov. 21

**Mass 5 pm**

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

### Sunday-Nov. 22

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

**Christ the King**

- \* RE 9:45 am
- \* Special Collection-Beacons of Hope
- \* Distribution of Thanksgiving boxes after 11:15 Mass



**FINANCE NEWS**  
July 2015-June 2016

Last week

|             | <b>Actual</b> | <b>Budget</b> |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| *Offertory: | \$ 7414.77    | \$ 5770.00    |

Year-to-date

|             |               |               |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| *Offertory: | \$ 113,449.29 | \$ 109,630.00 |
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**ANNUAL  
THANKSGIVING  
FOOD DRIVE**

Please drop off all donations of food no later than **Saturday, November 21st.**

The Thanksgiving boxes will be distributed **Sunday, Nov. 22nd after 11:15 Mass.** If you would like to help, please come to the hall.

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

Thank You from the Social Concerns Committee

**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 – 74 cans**

*Saints and Special Observances*

*Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Monday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude*

*Tuesday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary*

*Wednesday: Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne*

*Saturday: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*



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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



### 20th Anniversary Luncheon

Mary, Women of Faith Chapter

**February 6, 2016**

11:30 am—2:30 pm

**Speaker, Bishop Emeritus David E. Foley**  
Diocese of Birmingham  
Magnificat Spiritual Advisor

#### Our Lady of the Valley, Social Hall

5514 Double Oak Lane  
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**For more information please contact:**

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

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

## Assignment List

*Nov. 18 - Nov. 22*

**WEDNESDAY MASS 11/18/2015**  
**7:00 PM**

Altar Servers \*

Lectors Charmaine Booker

**SATURDAY MASS 11/21/2015**  
**5:00 pm**

Altar Servers James Raynor, Stephen Reese  
Greeters Darlene Leonard, Gisela Scruggs  
Lectors Martha Hayes, Sonia Dale  
Ministers Gloria Albright, Allen Ross, Phyllis Ross

Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Jim Dale, Jim Gorman, Bob Nicholas

**SUNDAY MASS 11/22/2015**  
**8:30 AM**

Altar Servers Michael Emerick, Anthony Emerick,  
Danielle McKinney, Brennan Cardenas  
Greeters Brenda/Carl Rochford, Joe/Ruth Stanley  
Lectors Meagan Freeman, Teri Gagliano  
Ministers Deacon, Jim Morteck, Marcia Morteck,  
Joe Stanley, Ruth Stanley  
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Dennis Veigl,  
Cristy McKinney, Jacky Johnson

**11:15 AM**

Altar Servers Paul Boyle, Sawyer Stice, Will Pittman,  
Travis Cooley  
Greeters Grace Troncalli, Brittany Washburn  
Lectors Bernie Funderburg, Mary Adams  
Ministers Deacon, Brenda Rochford, Chris Gallegly,  
Maria Jimenez, Lee Walser  
Ushers Don Frederick, Brian Young, Ron Sellers,  
Jennifer Sellers

**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**

In last week's reflection we discussed an attitude of the heart; a deep sense of knowing we need God and our very being depends upon God's constant, infinite, unlimited, unconditional love for each of us.

In this week's reading, God in His Mercy is calling each of us to be ready for when our call comes. If we are being called to BE READY, shouldn't we prepare?

Preparation: How do we, as fellow Alabamians (*if that's a word*), prepare for an Alabama or an Auburn Football Game?

Do we rearrange our schedules during football season to make sure we don't miss a game?

Do we, on game day, change the order of our day to accommodate either an early game or a late game? All the while paying attention to what time it is and when we need to be ready for everything to start.

Do we make sure we have our jerseys and our team T-shirts washed and ready to wear? Showing team spirit is a must, especially here!

Do we make sure to get our game snacks ready and drinks iced down?

Are we vigilant about not only knowing, but keeping up with the team? The standings, who's injured, the coach, his comments, etc.

And the big game: Alabama vs. Auburn. Do we not make special preparation each and every year for this game? (*Prior to moving here, I had no idea how big a game this was!*)

Think about it... No, this is not football. This is our eternal salvation. How much attention and preparation should we give it? How much focus should we put on God and His Love for us?

**ARE YOU READY?**

**EVERYONE'S SAYING**  
*Only God Can Judge Me,*  
**FORGETTING THAT**  
**ONE DAY HE WILL!**

**M.Y.C. MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- November 15 9:45am CCD / Religious Ed.
- November 15 Sr. Youth Social Hour followed by Praise & Worship at 6:30pm
- November 15 7:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- November 22 9:45am CCD/ Religious Ed.
- November 29 NO CCD/ Religious Ed.
- November 29 First Sunday of Advent



**Little Ones in Christ**

**Grades Pre K—Grade 2**

12:30-2:30pm  
Joanna Murphree at 473-1444.

**Junior Youth**

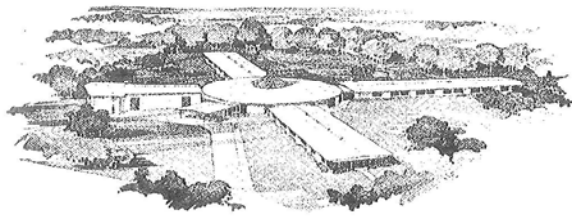
**Grades 3-6**

Every 2nd Sunday from 5-7pm  
Contact Isabel at 753-9820.

**Senior Youth**

**Grades 7-12**

1st & 3rd Wednesdays—Sr. Youth Meetings & Every 3rd Sunday—Social Night  
**Food, Fun, and Faith!**  
Contact Peter Boyle 613-5435



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*November 30 - December 4, 2015*

**You are invited to make a private or directed Advent Retreat on any or all of the dates above. You are welcome to join our Community for prayer and Mass times while you are here at Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat. This will allow some quiet time in order to prepare for Christmas.**

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