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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 21, 2015

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, November 22, 2015

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Our Lord Jesus Christ
the King
November 22, 2015



Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead
and ruler of the kings
of the earth.

— Revelation 1:5



Mass Intentions

Nov. 23– Nov.29



Monday: Marlene Catalino by Sam Catalino †

Tuesday: Sara & Larry Reese in celebration of
50th Anniversary by Joseph Giangrosso

Wednesday: Teresa Ross by Gene & Walton Smith

Thursday: Our Lady's Intentions

Friday: Special Intentions

Saturday: Jim Conrad by Jim & Marcia Morteck †

Sunday: Deceased Knights of Columbus †

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 23– November 29

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28
Thanksgiving Day, Sug-
gested: Sir 50:22-24;
Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Today's Readings



First Reading — One like a Son of man re-
ceived dominion, glory, and kingship. (Daniel
7:13-14)

Psalm — The Lord is king; he is robed in maj-
esty. (Psalm 93)

Second Reading — Jesus Christ is the faithful
witness, the firstborn of the dead. (Revelation
1:5-8)

Gospel — For this I came into the world, to tes-
tify to the truth. (John 18:33b-37)

Pastor's Message

Fit For a King!

In 1925 when dark clouds were encircling Europe, the lights of civilization were going out. Salvation was being promised by new ideologies that demanded absolute loyalty to the power of the state. Nazism and fascism drove fear and panic into the hearts of everyday people.

Pope Pius XI established the Feast of Christ the King to counteract these dangers. The feast day was to provide an annual occasion for people to publically profess their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord. In our Church calendar now this feast day also marks the close of the liturgical year. All is gathered up in praise and worship of the cosmic Christ who rules forever.

We've had our share of trouble with the notion of kings and kingship, living as we do in a democratic society. It is said that, when George Washington was at the height of his power after his brilliant military victories, there was a move by some citizens to crown him as king. Washington would have none of it and settled for the title of President.

The Abbot of St. John's Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota, shares these thoughts on this feast day:

- 1) This Feast of Christ the King is a parable of reversal. It undermines the common understanding of king as authoritarian ruler. Jesus embodies the king envisioned by the prophet Isaiah: A humble servant whose reign is marked by justice, peace, and love. (Isaiah 11).
- 2) Jesus is a humble king because he overcomes the power of evil and chaos, not through force of arms but by emptying himself of all divine privilege, and enduring bitter suffering and a shameful death.
- 3) Jesus is a servant king because he rules through service of others rather than through domination and fear.
- 4) Jesus is a just king because the reign of God for which he is giving his life is grounded in truth, not lies and manipulation. For Jesus' kingship is embodied in truth, the truth he knew and witnessed as God's only Son sent into the world. (End of quote).

In the Gospel selection for today's feast (John 18:33-37) Jesus is on trial before Pilate who represents Roman power. Ironically, it is Pilate who ends up being judged. He cynically asks: "What is truth?" Pilate will find out soon enough.

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**Thanksgiving Day:** Next Thursday the nation pauses to give thanks for the abundant blessings we have received. We invite you to join us for Mass on Thanksgiving morning at 9:00 am. If you are traveling for the holiday may you have safe travel.

**Tragedy in Paris:** The scenes of death and mayhem played out a thousand times on T.V. are hard to watch. In times like this we feel a common humanity and a shared vulnerability. Somehow all of us were on the streets of Paris on Friday night, November 13. The cruel deaths of innocent bystanders in the wrong place at the wrong time

## Calendar of Events Nov. 22- Nov. 29

### 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

### Monday-Nov. 23

**Masses 9 am**

\* Bridge

\* Legion of Mary

\* KOC Mtg. 7 pm

### Tuesday-Nov. 24

**Mass 9 am**

\* NO RCIA

### Wednesday-Nov. 25

**Mass 7 pm**

### Thursday-Nov. 26

**Mass 9 am**

Thanksgiving Day

### Friday-Nov. 27

**Mass 9 am**

### Saturday-Nov. 28

**Mass 5 pm**

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



*1st Sunday of Advent*

### Sunday-Nov. 29

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

\* NO RE

\* KOC Mass 8:30 am

\* RCIA Intros 11:15 am

\* Reconciliation 3, 4, & 5

## Pastor's Message Cont.

mock our sense of decency. The injuries, horrific and some permanent, cause us to weep. The world is a dangerous place now. Still, we cannot refuse to hope and pray for a different world.

Peace and Blessings,  
*Fr. Sexton*

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

Last week

|                    |                   |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                    | <b>Actual</b>     | <b>Budget</b>     |
| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 3606.38</b> | <b>\$ 5770.00</b> |

Year-to-date

|                    |                      |                      |
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| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 117,055.67</b> | <b>\$ 115,400.00</b> |
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As we prepare our hearts for Advent, our thoughts and prayers go to those who struggle through Christmas. The Christmas Giving Trees will be placed in the foyers after Thanksgiving. If you would like to help a needy family this year, please choose an angel from the tree and purchase the item hoped for.

**All gifts need to be returned (unwrapped please) by December 13th.**

If you would like to help put up the trees, or sort the gifts, please call Martha Hayes: 205. 884.1913 or Sharon Stice: 205.338.0207. Distribution of gifts will be December 20th, following the 11:15 Mass.

**Church Calendars for 2016**  
**are available for pick**  
**up in both foyers,**  
**one per family please.**



**Annual Parish Christmas Dinner**  
**&**  
**Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
**Celebration**



**Date: December 13th**  
**Time: 4:00 pm**  
**Place: Celebrations**

Please join your Parish family for Faith, Food and Friendship as we celebrate the birth of Jesus!

Sign up sheets are in the foyers to bring a dish or assist with set up or clean up.

**For more info please call**  
**Karen Hand: 205-338-9737.**



*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**

*Saints and Special Observances*

- Sunday:** *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*
- Monday:** *Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time; St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro*
- Tuesday:** *St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions*
- Wednesday:** *St. Catherine of Alexandria*
- Thursday:** *Thanksgiving Day*
- Saturday:** *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

### Advent Wreath Candle Lighters



### First Sunday of Advent

**Saturday, November 28th**  
5 pm Mass - Needed

**Sunday, November 29th**  
8:30 am Mass - Needed  
11:15 am Mass - Needed

### Second Sunday of Advent

**Saturday, December 5th**  
5 pm Mass - [Lance & Janice Stella](#)

**Sunday, December 6th**  
8:30 am Mass - Needed  
11:15 am Mass - Needed

### Third Sunday of Advent

**Saturday, December 12th**  
5 pm Mass - Needed

**Sunday, December 13th**  
8:30 am Mass - Needed  
11:15 am Mass - Needed

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Saturday, December 19th**  
5 pm Mass - Needed

**Sunday, December 20th**  
8:30 am Mass - Needed  
11:15 am Mass - Needed

**\*Sign-up sheets are in the north foyer.\***

## Assignment List

Nov. 25 - Nov. 29

**WEDNESDAY MASS 11/25/2015**  
**7:00 PM**

Altar Servers \*

Lectors Sarah Brazzolotto

**SATURDAY MASS 11/28/2015**  
**5:00 pm**

Altar Servers Chris Gallegly, Tom Michaels  
Greeters Kathy Shivers, Allen/Phyllis Ross  
Lectors Marguerite Gorman, Larry Foltz  
Ministers Tom Graffo, Allen Ross, Phyllis Ross  
Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Jim Dale

### 1st Sunday of Advent

**SUNDAY MASS 11/29/2015**  
**8:30 AM**

Altar Servers Andrew Thomaston, Natalie Newcomb,  
Will Thomaston, Matt Frey  
Greeters Dennis/Sandy Veigl, Jay/Enid Willi  
Lectors KOC  
Ministers Deacon, KOC  
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Chris Gallegly,  
Joe Stanley, Ruth Stanley

**11:15 AM**

Altar Servers Jimillia Sayles, Ryan Murphree, John  
Himmler Troy Rosato  
Greeters Rosemary Mateer, Jimillia Sayles  
Lectors Robert Lewis, Tony Hollis  
Ministers Deacon, Jim Morteck, Marcia Morteck,  
Tommie Ann Johnson, Sarah  
Brazzolotto  
Ushers Don Frederick, Larry Foltz, Gloria  
Raynor, Jeanne Macon

**If you cannot keep your assignment**

**PLEASE find a substitute.**



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by learning and living our Catholic Faith.

# Feast of CHRIST the King

How much do you know about this feast day in the Church? Well, let's see.

**Who established this feast day? When was it established?**

Pope Pius XI established the Feast of Christ the King in 1925.

### What was/is the reason for this feast day?

The purpose of this feast day was/is to combat the disturbing growth of secularism in this world.

During this time in history many rulers and elites in various countries had fallen dangerously prey to the notion that mankind could manage just fine without God.

Secularism is alive and well today, don't you think? When we kick God out of our lives our world becomes more turbulent and dangerous, not less, while at the same time we wind up worshipping the false Gods of money, power, and fame instead.

Pope Pius XI pointed out in his encyclical *Quas Primas*, in which he established the Feast of Christ the King, that our Lord is the author of happiness. He wrote "Oh, what happiness would be ours if all men, individuals, families, and nations, would but let themselves be governed by Christ!"

### Is CHRIST the KING of your life?

O Jesus Christ, I acknowledge You as Universal King. All that has been made has been created for You. Exercise all Your rights over me. I renew my Baptismal Vows. I renounce Satan, his pomps and his works; I promise to live as a good Christian. And, in particular do I pledge myself to labor, to the best of my ability, for the triumph of the rights of God and of Your Church. Divine Heart of Jesus, to You do I offer my poor services, laboring that all hearts may acknowledge Your sacred kingship, and that thus the reign of Your peace be established throughout the whole universe. Amen.

## M.Y.C. MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 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

Resumes Sept. 13th,

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

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Contact Peter Boyle 613-5435

*Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration & Christmas Party*



**Luncheon served at 4:00 pm  
Celebrations  
3005 Martin Street S  
(Hwy 231S)  
Cropwell, AL 35054**

**Celebrando a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe  
Sunday, Dec. 13th, 11:15 am  
Domingo 13 de diciembre, 11:15 am**

**Novenario empieza Dic. 4@ 6:00 pm**

**Our Lady of the Lake Church  
Highway 231 S, Pell City, Alabama**

**Habr  comida para todos despu s  
de la Misa a Celebrations.**

**Please sign up to help or bring a dish.  
Informes con: Mari: 525-0071.**

**Special Collection: Beacons of Hope**

The Beacons of Hope program was established in 2010 to preserve the vitality of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Birmingham by promoting authentic Catholic witness, financial stability and community support.

The mission of Beacons of Hope is to ensure that all students receive a quality education in a nurturing environment. We believe in sustaining the gifted tradition of Catholic education to enlighten the minds and hearts of our students for a future of unending possibilities.

*Beacons of Hope* offers a variety of services which support our schools and help to keep them strong. With the passage of the *Alabama Accountability Act of 2013*, scholarships funded by state tax credits have helped increase enrollments in all of our *Beacons of Hope* schools. The Diocese of Birmingham needs to continue to do its part, however, in providing the highest quality education possible for those students who attend our *Beacons* schools. *Beacons of Hope* provides central accounting services for our schools as well as support for grass-roots fundraising efforts in the schools. ***Beacons of Hope* needs your support to provide this important assistance!** Please prayerfully consider making a contribution to the Beacons of Hope collection that will take place November 21-22, 2015.

I thank you in advance for your generosity in helping the Diocese of Birmingham provide a beacon of hope for some of the neediest children in our system.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

*Robert J. Baker*

Most Reverend Robert J. Baker, S.T.D.  
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama

Knights of Columbus  
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