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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 28, 2015

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, November 29, 2015

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



First Sunday of
Advent
November 29, 2015

*I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right and
just in the land.*

— *Jeremiah 33:15*



Mass Intentions

Nov. 30– Dec. 6



Monday: Sara & Larry Reese in celebration of
50th Anniversary by Joseph Giangrosso
Tuesday: Edward Smallwood by Karen & Bob Hand †
Wednesday: Roy Rogers by Jim & Marcia Morteck †
Thursday: Frances & JW Hand by Karen & Bob Hand †
Friday: Sharon Henderson by KOC 12770 †
Saturday: Trudi & Andy McClay by the Zielinskis †
Sunday: Tom Zopfi by the Zopfi Family †

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 30– December 6

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Today's Readings



First Reading — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah. (Jeremiah 33:14-16)

Psalms — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. (Psalm 25)

Second Reading — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God. (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2)

Gospel — There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant. (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36)

Pastor's Message

Another liturgical year opens before us as we enter the season of Advent.

Advent asks us to look forward (to the end times), back (to the Bethlehem journey), and within (to our hearts) to discover in all three one thing; God is with us. Emmanuel. The Roman Missal gives a nice understanding of Advent when it says: "Advent has a two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas, in which the first coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's second coming at the end of time. For these reasons, Advent is a time of devout and expectant delight".

In earlier Church history Advent had a more penitential character. It was a time of fasting with emphasis on the Sacrament of Confession. Some of this aspect of the Advent season remains today. The purple vestments (as in Lent), the absence of the Gloria from the Advent Masses, and increased availability of the Sacrament of Confession.

For many the Advent wreath has become a symbol of Advent. The wreath with its purple candles and ever-greens touches people by its simplicity. Families or individuals will come forward at each weekend Mass to light a candle on the Advent wreath. A simple gesture with a world of meaning. In this season we light candles of hope to brighten a darkened world. In a dangerous world, peppered with threats of violence and terrorism, we can all do with candles of hope and the assurance that God, Emmanuel, is with us.

The Gospel selection from Luke (Ch. 21:25-28, 34-36) uses apocalyptic images. They are Biblical codes that refer to the end time and final judgement. The cosmic upheaval, a sort of reversal of creation, indicates a theophany, a divine intervention of God in human time and affairs. But this is not intended to strike fear into people but rather a sense of heightened anticipation.

The event that is foretold will not be one of destruction but of redemption and transformation. Still, there is the risk that we become complacent or "burdened by the anxieties of daily life". We are to pray that we be sober and vigilant. The directive to pray is a special Lukan concern. Jesus in Luke's Gospel is known to be steeped in prayer. Can I find more time to pray this Advent?

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**Mercy Upon Mercy:** Pope Francis has designated this new liturgical year as an extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. A Holy Year centered on the experience of God's mercy. We hope to offer a number of special events and reflections on the theme of God's mercy. More on this later.

**Pope Francis Says:** "Mercy is not something God does, but who he is. The Church is commissioned to announce the mercy of God, the beating heart of the Gospel". (M.V. 12)

Peace and Blessings,

*Fr. Sexton*

## Calendar of Events Nov. 29- Dec. 6



### 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

#### **Monday-Nov. 30**

**Masses 9 am**

- \* Bridge
- \* Legion of Mary

#### **Tuesday-Dec. 1**

**Mass 9 am**

- \* RCIA

#### **Wednesday-Dec. 2**

**Mass 7 pm**

- \* SR Youth 5:30 pm

#### **Thursday-Dec. 3**

**Mass 9 am**

- \* Choir Practice 7 pm

#### **Friday-Dec. 4**

**Mass 9 am**

- \* First Friday Adoration 9:30-12:30

#### **Saturday-Dec. 5**

**Mass 5 pm**

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



### 2nd Sunday of Advent

#### **Sunday-Dec. 6**

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

- \* RE 9:45 am
- \* NO Youth Mass today
- \* Adult Ed 9:45 am
- \* Shoebox Project begins
- \* Reconciliation 6, 7 & 8



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

Last week

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

Year-to-date

|                    |                      |                      |
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| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 106,034.52</b> | <b>\$ 121,170.00</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 – 27 cans**

*Saints and Special Observances*

*Sunday: First Sunday of Advent*

*Monday: St. Andrew*

*Tuesday: World AIDS Day*

*Thursday: St. Francis Xavier*

*Friday: St. John of Damascus; First Friday*

*Saturday: First Saturday*



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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 - Name

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

### Second Sunday of Advent

**Saturday, December 5th**  
5 pm Mass - Lance & Janice Stella

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

### Third Sunday of Advent

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

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

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

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

## Assignment List Dec. 2 - Dec. 6

**WEDNESDAY MASS 12/2/2015**  
**7:00 PM**

Altar Servers \*

Lectors Terri Brown

**SATURDAY MASS 12/5/2015**  
**5:00 pm**

Altar Servers Mike Gagliano, Marty Poteracki  
Greeters Gloria/Jim Albright, Karen Hand  
Lectors Marguerite Gorman, Terri Brown  
Ministers Deacon, Jim Dale, Sonia Dale  
Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Jim Dale, Jim Gorman, Bob Nicholas

### 2nd Sunday of Advent

**SUNDAY MASS 12/6/2015**  
**8:30 AM**

Altar Servers \*

Greeters Crapet/Freeman, Anna Emerick  
Lectors Bernie Funderburg, Carey Monistere  
Ministers Deacon, Michael & Teri Gagliano, Ronni Gagliano, Carly Gagliano  
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Gregg Becnel, Chris Frey, Laura Headley

**11:15 AM**

Altar Servers \*

Greeters Lydia Jimenez, Mattie Osborne  
Lectors \*

Ministers Deacon, \*

Ushers Don Frederick, Chris Gallegly

\* schedule not available

**If you cannot keep your assignment**

**PLEASE find a substitute.**

# RELIGIOUS Education

## ADVENT: A SEASON OF HOPE



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

The Church centers its attention these days on a season we call

"Advent," a season of preparation and hope. We are summoned in the first week of Advent to be on guard, to be ready and prepared for the coming of the Lord.

Unfortunately, this holy season gets lost in the shuffle of preparations for Christmas, already begun in our secular society. A maze of glitter and frivolity highlights the material aspects of a feast that is long off, and misses the true spiritual meaning of that event.

So we need the Advent season to help us focus our attention on a spiritual preparation for the celebration of this greatest event of history, the birth of Christ. All too quickly Christmas Day will be here. It will have much more meaning for us if we have prepared for that day spiritually.

I invite you to take out a moment each day to reflect with me on our reasons for hope this Advent season. Our spiritual guides will be the psalmist, the writers of other books of Sacred Scripture, various saints, theologians, authors, and recent popes.

Take out a little time to enter into the season with hope in your heart, awaiting this coming feast as the people of Israel did ... as Simeon and Anna did ... as John the Baptist did ... as Joseph and Mary did.

You will find as they did, that God comes in a special way to the people who steadfastly hope for His coming.

### Question for Reflection/Action/Commitment

How have I celebrated Advent in the past? How will I celebrate this Advent?

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"In this time that leads up to the feast of Jesus' birth, teach us how to go against the current."

- Pope Francis,  
In a prayer to Mary on  
the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

## M.Y.C. MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- November 29 NO CCD/ Religious Ed.
- November 29 First Sunday of Advent
- December 2 SR. YOUTH at 5:30pm
- December 4 First Friday ADORATION  
9:30am– 12:30pm
- December 6 Shoebox Project begins
- December 6 NO YOUTH MASS
- December 6 ADULT ED at 9:45
- December 6 Reconciliation 6th,7th,&8th
- December 7 Parent Meeting for  
1st Reconciliation Prep
- December 8 *Feast of the  
Immaculate Conception  
& The Jubilee Year of Mercy begins*



### 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 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



*Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration & Christmas Party*

**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

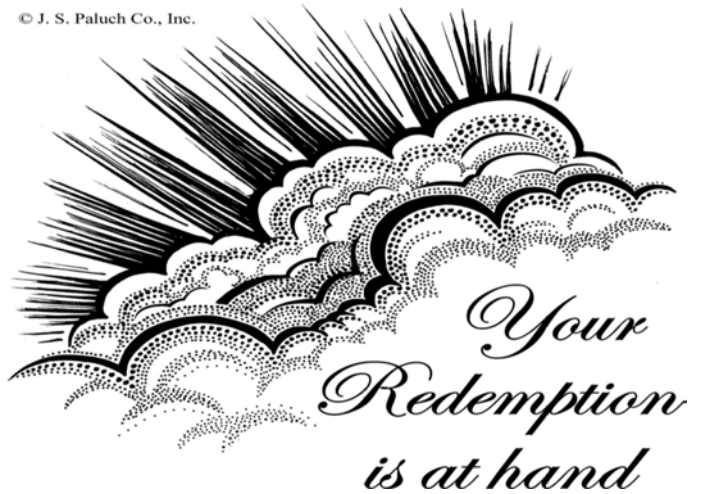
**Luncheon served at 4:00 pm**  
**Celebrations**  
**3005 Martin Street S**  
**(Hwy 231S)**  
**Cropwell, AL 35054**



Congratulations to **Francis Crapet**, a member of our Parish and Athletic Director at

John Carroll High School who was recently inducted into the Alabama High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. Frances is the daughter of John & Virginia Crapet, also of our Parish.

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