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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.-12:30 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, January 14, 2017*

*Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, January 15, 2017*

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

*Second Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
January 15, 2017*



*I will make you a light to the  
nations, that my salvation may  
reach to the ends of the earth.*

*— Isaiah 49:6b*



*Mass Intentions*

January 16– January 22



**Monday: Earl Brown** by Terry & Lloyd Brown †

**Tuesday: Col. Bill Jurczyn** by Jay & Enid Willi †

**Wednesday: Walton Smith Family** by Frank Troncalli

**Thursday: Joe Yester** by KOC, Ladies Auxiliary & LOM

**Friday: Gene Smith** by Brenda Kern †

**Saturday: Trudi & Andy McClay** by the Zielinskis †

**Sunday: Frederick Frey** by the Crapet Family †

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

*Paul Boyle, Crystal Welford, Cecil  
Rodgers, Jacky Johnson, Kitty Gordon,  
Jim Hopper, Anne & Cary Forister,  
Rita Martens, Gail Layton, Joe Yester.*

**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 ~ Jan. 16—Jan. 22*

**Monday:** Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4;  
Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-  
2, 4-5, 9, 10c;  
Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17;  
Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps  
40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10  
-14; Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps  
47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21

**Sunday:** Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1,  
4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-  
13, 17; Mt 4:12-23  
[12-17]

*Today's Readings*



**First Reading** — The glory of the Lord shows  
through Israel, a light to all nations, that salva-  
tion may reach to the ends of the earth. (Isaiah  
49:3, 5-6)

**Psalms** — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your  
will. (Psalm 40)

**Second Reading** — All those who call upon the  
name of the Lord are called to be holy. (1 Corin-  
thians 1:1-3)

**Gospel** — John the Baptist testifies: The one  
who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes  
down and remains, is the Son of God. (John  
1:29-34)

## Pastor's Message

This week we have entered into what is known as "Ordinary Time" in the Church calendar. This will continue until February 28, when we enter the season of Lent.

"Besides the time of year that have their own distinctive character, there remains in the yearly cycle of thirty-three or thirty-four weeks in which no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ itself is honored in its fullness, especially on Sundays". (Universal Norms of the Liturgy)

The words of the prophet Isaiah continue to resound in our sanctuaries on the early Sundays of Ordinary Time as we transition from the Christmas season.

The First Reading today (Is. 49:3, 5-6) presents Israel's mission. The Lord has made Israel "A light to the nations", for the special purpose of extending the gift of the Lord's salvation to "the ends of the earth". Israel was not chosen for its own sake. It was to be a vessel to bring God's salvation to all nations.

Our mission remains the same today. God chooses his Church to be a light to the nations in the twenty-first century. We are to go out into the world and be the salt of the earth, to bring the Good News of the Gospel.

The Gospel Reading (John 1:29-34) shows John the Baptist presenting Jesus as "The Lamb of God". He is the innocent one who will give his life for others as a sacrifice. John the Baptist confesses that he almost missed Jesus when he came to the River Jordan. Although John had been sent to prepare the way for Jesus, he admits he almost failed to recognize him. "I did not know him", John says twice. John was assisted by the Holy Spirit to finally acknowledge the presence of Jesus as Messiah in the events surrounding his baptism at the Jordan.

How easily we miss Christ in his coming to us through people and events. In the book of Job there is the haunting expression: "God was passing by and I did not know him". May we be attentive in the new year to the Lord's coming to us.

### A Heartfelt Thanks for a Beautiful Christmas Season:

We were blessed with a beautiful Christmas season in our Parish thanks to the hard work and dedication of so many people. The following parishioners went out of their way to help in so many ways. Charmaine Welch and the Choir members and song leaders; Terri Brown and all the Lectors and Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion; Herbert Kuntz and his faithful ushers; Stephen Reese and all the Altar Servers; Susan Moseley and Chris Gallegly and Sacristan helpers; Rodney Martin, Mike Aiello, Jay Benson, Tom Graffo, Bob Nicholas and Tom Michaels for the outdoor Christmas Creche; Paul Hopper for decorating the Church; Tammy Bunt and Catechists who prepared the children's pageant; the group of parishioners who spent a Saturday morning cleaning the Church for Christmas; Kathy Bryant, our Parish secretary for coordinating and guiding events behind the scene; parishioners who saw to it that needy children had a good Christmas; Deacon Terry, Deacon Serge and Deacon Lee who led us in Liturgy. May God reward such generous and kind hearts.

Peace and Blessings,  
*Fr. Sexton*

## January 15~ January 22

### Sunday-Jan. 15

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

\*NO PSR

\*Sr. Youth Social 5:00 pm

\*Praise and Worship 6:30 pm

\*Holy Hour 7:00 pm

### Monday-Jan. 16

**Mass 9 am**

\*Legion of Mary

\*Bridge

\*Liturgy 6:00 pm

### Tuesday-Jan. 17

**Mass 9 am**

### Wednesday-Jan. 18

**Mass 7:00 pm**

\*Sr. Youth 5:30-8:00 pm

\*Surfsiders 10:00 am

\*Ultreya after Mass

\*Parish Council after Mass

### Thursday-Jan. 19

**Mass 9 am**

\*Choir Practice 7:00 pm

### Friday-Jan. 20

**Mass 9 am**

### Saturday-Jan. 21

**Mass 5:00 pm**

\*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

### Sunday-Jan. 22

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

\*PSR 9:45 am

\*Blood Drive 9:00-1:30 pm

\*Baby Bottle Drive

\*Holy Hour 7:00 pm



**FINANCE NEWS**  
July 2015-June 2016

Last week

|                    | <b>Actual</b>     | <b>Budget</b>     |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 9941.00</b> | <b>\$ 5653.85</b> |

Year-to-date

|                    |                      |                      |
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| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 181,844.65</b> | <b>\$ 158,307.80</b> |
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\*Please note the actual total includes Burse Club, Building Fund & Special Collections which are not part of the general operating budget.



## The Love Pantry

The Love Pantry has requested that we bring cans of soup each week to help meet the needs of our Community.

**Goal -100 cans/week.**

**Total cans last week – 86 cans**

**2017 Offertory envelopes are available for pickup in the North Foyer of the Church. If yours is not there please call the office:205.525.5161.**



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### Parish Council

**Chair: Sonia Dale:**  
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### Pro Life Corner

#### Spiritual Adoption Program



**Month 8**

Thank you for praying for me. I am 8 months old now. I've got long fingernails and I'm busy getting ready for my birthday. I can't wait to see my Mom and Dad. Thanks to you & your prayers, I will see them very soon!

#### Prayer

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.



## Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday:** *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*
- Monday:** *Martin Luther King Jr. Day*
- Tuesday:** *St. Anthony*
- Wednesday:** *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins*
- Thursday:** *Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)*
- Friday:** *St. Fabian; St. Sebastian*
- Saturday:** *St. Agnes*



## La Guadalupana Mission Needs:

Used Electric stove and/or used washer.  
For a needy elderly lady moving into an old trailer from rental property.

If you have these items to donate please call:  
**Mari @ 205-525-0071,**  
to arrange for pick up.

*"Blessed is he who considers the poor; The Lord will deliver him in time of trouble."  
Psalm 41:1*

## Assignments—Jan. 18— Jan. 22

**WEDNESDAY** **1/18/2017**  
**7:00 PM**

Altar Servers  
Lector Bernie Funderburg

**SATURDAY MASS** **1/21/2017**  
**5:00 PM**

Altar Servers Larry Reese, Stephen Reese  
Greeters Kathy Shivers, Allen/Phyllis Ross  
Lectors Sonia Dale, Sara Reese  
Ministers Deacon, Allen Ross, Phyllis Ross  
Ushers Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Sam Marston

**SUNDAY MASS** **1/22/2017**  
**8:30 AM**

Altar Servers Anthony Emerick, Danielle McKinney, Jimillia Sayles, Matt Frey  
Greeters Crapet/Landmen/Freeman  
Lectors Teri Gagliano, Karen Reese  
Ministers Deacon, Ronnie Sellers, Jennifer Sellers, Stephen Reese, Matthew Reese  
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Cristy McKinney, Belia Solis, Edith Pavez

**11:15 PM**

Altar Servers Paul Boyle, John Himmler, Katie Boyle, Troy Rosato  
Greeters Lydia Jimenez, Mattie Osborne  
Lectors Mary Adams, Chere Lowery  
Ministers Deacon, Susan Moseley, Martha Hayes, Chris Gallegly, Brenda Rochford  
Ushers Don Frederick, Chris Gallegly, William Ngambou

**If you cannot keep your assignment**

**PLEASE find a substitute.**



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HAPPY NEW YEAR! Yes, 2017 has started, but is it too late for us to make a **Parish New Year's Resolution?** Or accept a **Parish-wide Challenge?**

**ARE YOU UP FOR A CHALLENGE?**

Rather than focusing only on the physical, (our weight, our appearance, etc.), why not use this year to truly focus on our personal and parish wide spiritual health and fitness?

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

January 15      NO PSR

*In keeping with School Schedules*

January 22      PSR at 9:45 am



**Little Ones in Christ Grades Pre K—Grade 2**

Contact Joanna Murphree (205) 473-1444.

**Junior Youth Grades 3– Grade 6**      Contact Jordan Murphree (205) 863-5787

**Senior Youth Grades 7-12**      Contact Peter Boyle (205) 613-5435

1st & 3rd Wednesdays— Sr. Youth Meetings & Every 3rd Sunday—Social Night  
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## Bishop Baker To Bless Marriage Anniversaries

Bishop Robert J. Baker, S.T.D., has invited all Catholic couples in the diocese who are celebrating major anniversaries of their marriage this year to the **11:00 a.m. Mass** at the Cathedral of St. Paul on **Sunday, February 12**, for a special blessing.

Bishop Baker will use this opportunity to bless couples **celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>** and beyond anniversaries to convey his personal message of support for all Catholic efforts to strengthen marriages and the contributions of Catholic family life for the common good of society. **Couples planning to attend are asked to contact Michele Cooper of the Family Life Commission, chaired by John Martignoni, Director of the New Evangelization and Stewardship, by calling 205-776-7179 no later than February 7 and provide their names and anniversary year.**

World Marriage Day is sponsored annually by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, the Catholic ministry that supports marriages through sponsored weekends for couples. Couples interested in attending an Encounter Weekend can register online at [www.ALFL-wwme.org](http://www.ALFL-wwme.org).



*Our Lady of the Lake Welcomes the following New Members to our Church Family:*

*Joseph & Deborah Farella*

*Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.*

*- Romans 15:7*



## WANT TO GET CLOSER TO EACH OTHER AND GOD?

Find out how on a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** Weekend! Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus attention on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth and enrichment in your relationship you'll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can offer. The next weekend in the diocese is scheduled in Cullman, **March 24-26** at St. Bernard Abbey.

You can get more information or register online at [www.ALFL-wwme.org](http://www.ALFL-wwme.org) or by calling Bob & Joy Hernandez at **678-985-0125**.

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