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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 21, 2017

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 22, 2017

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



*Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

January 22, 2017

*Wait for the LORD with courage;
be stouthearted,
and wait for the LORD.*

— Psalm 27:14



Mass Intentions

January 23– January 29



Monday: Gene Smith *by Brenda Kern* †
Tuesday: Walton Smith Family *by Frank Troncalli*
Wednesday: Col. Bill Jurczyn *by Jay & Enid Willi* †
Thursday: Marlene Catalino *by Sam Catalino* †
Friday: Dcn. Larry Sisterman *by Terry & Rita Rumore*
Saturday: Gene Smith *by Brenda Kern* †
Sunday: Mike & Kitty Gordon *by Terry & Rita Rumore*

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.

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 prayer list for 30 days and then are removed unless the Church Office is notified.

Weekly Readings ~ Jan. 23—Jan. 29

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30, *or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer*

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-35

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

Today's Readings



First Reading — The burdens that were once laid upon the people have been vanquished. (Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3)

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Psalm 27)

Second Reading — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you. (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17)

Gospel — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee teaching, proclaiming the gospel, and curing the people. (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17])

Pastor's Message

Light overcoming darkness and unity overcoming divisions!

Much of today's First Reading (Isaiah 8:23-9:3) was proclaimed during the Christmas Mass at midnight. Early in Ordinary Time, the theme of light overcoming darkness remains. The lengthening days in the northern hemisphere remind us too of more light and less darkness.

This passage from Isaiah was originally a hymn holding out hope for the coming of a Prince of Peace after the disastrous reign of King Ahaz. Christians believe that Jesus is the Prince of Peace. He smashed the yoke that burdened people, so that they will never again be loaded down with it.

Psalms 27 is the Responsorial Psalm in today's Mass. The Lord is our light and our salvation. Our journey through the Liturgical year leads us closer to the one thing the psalmist requests: "To dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life". We wait for the Lord with courage.

Many divisions exist among the Corinthians who are addressed in the Second Reading. The community includes rich and poor, male and female, Jew and Gentile, those who follow ritual purity laws and those who do not. Paul exhorts the Corinthians to agree in their speech and to create unity among themselves. Christ is one and so also should they be. Paul preaches the Gospel of Christ and holds out his cross for believers to embrace should they choose to follow.

Matthew's account of the call of the first disciples serves as today's Gospel Reading. (Matthew 4:12-23). Fr. John Meir in his commentary on Matthew's Gospel writes: "Jesus is consciously taking up John's fallen banner and continuing in the face of opposition. The choice of Galilee is significant. The place was scandalous for its lax observance of Jewish Law and its high percentage of Gentile residents. It was a place too where rebellions were fomented. Good Jews would expect salvation to come from Jerusalem or perhaps a desert, but not from Galilee, a place of gloom and darkness. But the choice made by Jesus is not an accident. In his plan the outsiders will be included from the start".

The message was simple and direct: "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand". The Kingdom is not a geographic indication. It is God's rule and reign, marked by forgiveness, healing, and well being. The Kingdom of Heaven in Jesus is at hand, it has arrived and drawn near.

The response of the first disciples, Peter and Andrew, James and John jumps off the page even after all these centuries. The creative Word of God simply meets these men in their everyday world, lays hold of them and changes their lives forever. This unmerited and unexpected grace is startling. Our response is more gradual, over a life time. It can be startling too.

Prayer For This Week: "Lord, you call us to change our lives: help us to answer 'Yes'. You call us to ministry as once you called Simon and Andrew, James and John; Help us to answer 'Yes'. Help us to be Good News to those we meet; to witness to your transforming love". Amen.

Peace and Blessings,
Fr. Sexton

January 22~ January 29

Sunday-Jan. 22

New Year's Day

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*PSR 9:45 am

*Blood Drive 9:00-1:30 pm

*Baby Bottle Drive

Monday-Jan. 23

Mass 9 am

*Legion of Mary

*Bridge

Tuesday-Jan. 24

Mass 9 am

Wednesday-Jan. 25

Mass 7:00 pm

***Ultreya after Mass**

Thursday-Jan. 26

Mass 9 am

Friday-Jan. 27

Mass 9 am

Saturday-Jan. 28

Mass 5:00 pm

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

Sunday-Jan. 29

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*PSR 9:45 am



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FINANCE NEWS
July 2015-June 2016

Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ 7724.23	\$ 5653.85

Year-to-date

*Offertory:	\$ 189,568.88	\$ 163,961.65
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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 – 50 cans

Breakfast with the Knights

Sunday, January 29
City Market, Pell City

KOC Council 12270 invites all parishioners who are interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus and The Ladies Auxiliary to be our guests for breakfast at City Market Buffet, 200 Vaughn Lane, **Sunday January 29 at 10:00 a.m.** following the 8:30 a.m. Knight's Mass.

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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.

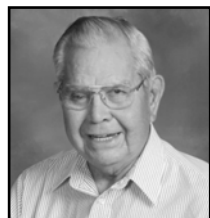


Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday:** *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*
- Monday:** *Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children; St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope*
- Tuesday:** *St. Francis de Sales*
- Wednesday:** *The Conversion of St. Paul; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends*
- Thursday:** *Ss. Timothy and Titus*
- Friday:** *St. Angela Merici*
- Saturday:** *St. Thomas Aquinas; Chinese New Year 4715*



Joseph Morley Pender died December 9, 2016, at his residence in Franklin, TN, after a brief illness. The Pender family was a member of St. Barnabas Catholic Church while living in Birmingham. Joe and Ann also had residences in Pell City and Ashville, Alabama, where they belonged to Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church. May he rest in peace.



Joseph Yester, Jr., died January 11, 2017, at the age of 89. He served in the Army for 26 years, 10 months. An active member of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, he faithfully served and visited shut-ins. He was also a member of the Legion of Mary, Knights of Columbus and the Elks Lodge. He was well known for his cooking, and he loved dancing, fishing and lake life. He was preceded in death by his first wife of 19 years Katie Davidson Yester; second wife of 12 years Jewell Smith Yester; and his sisters Virginia and Marie. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

Assignments—Jan. 25— Jan. 29

WEDNESDAY 1/25/2017
7:00 PM

Altar Servers
Lector *Needed

SATURDAY MASS 1/28/2017
5:00 PM

Altar Servers Peter Boyle, James Raynor
Greeters Gloria & Jim Albright
Lectors Ron & Micky Zielinski
Ministers Deacon, Gloria Albright, Karen Hand
Ushers Jim Dale, Jim Gorman, Bob Nicholas

SUNDAY MASS 1/29/2017
8:30 AM **Knight's Mass**

Altar Servers Andrew Thomaston, Will Thomaston, Brennan Cardenas, Amy Cardenas
Greeters Gagliano Family
Lectors Joe Stanley, Larry Reese
Ministers Deacon, Michael Gagliano, Chris Gallegly, Stephen Reese, David Springer
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston, Phillip Thomaston, Chris Frey

11:15 PM

Altar Servers James Lewis, Will Pittman, Destiny Markevich, Jhon Paul Raynor
Greeters Frank Troncalli, Grace Troncalli
Lectors Larry Foltz, Martha Hayes
Ministers Deacon, Paulie Boyle, Chere Lowery, Wayne Adams, Mary Adams
Ushers Don Frederick, Ron Markevich, Brian Young, John Smith

If you cannot keep your assignment

PLEASE find a substitute.

ULTREYA

DON'T MISS OUT, PLAN TO ATTEND OUR MONTHLY ULTREYA MEETING.

WEDNESDAY, JAN 25TH AFTER THE 7PM MASS. SEE YOU THERE!!!



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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? We are blessed here at Our Lady of the Lake to have the **FORMED program available** to our entire parish **free of charge**. All you have to do is register and begin using it.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 22	PSR at 9:45 am
January 29	PSR at 9:45 am
February 5	PSR at 9:45 am



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Contact Joanna Murphree (205) 473-1444.

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

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Office of the Bishop

Share YOUR Faith

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

January 10, 2017

For over 50 years, the Collection for the Church in Latin America has been a sign of the solidarity of the Church in the United States with the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean. For people living in these regions, barriers to practicing the faith include lack of resources, shortages of pastoral agents, and poor infrastructures that make relatively simple things like participating in weekly Mass difficult. Your support of the collection helps to share the faith with those who long to experience God's mercy within strong faith communities.

For example, in northern Peru, great distances and deteriorated roads mean that church agents must often travel by foot or mule to rural communities. As a result, some communities are visited by pastoral agents and ministers only once per month, others sometimes just twice per year. The Collection for the Church in Latin America was able to help fund training for 65 pastoral ministers for the communities in this region. Because of your support, these new leaders continue to reach out and serve the rural communities, ensuring that all feel included in our family of faith.

Our diocese takes up this collection the weekend of **January 28-29**. Please be generous in this collection, and take this opportunity to share your faith with families in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support will truly make a difference. In fact, in a letter to Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz and the entire Catholic community in the United States, Pope Francis commended the work of the collection, saying, "Through your support, many lives have been touched by the Good News of Christ's merciful love, especially for the poor." Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Baker, S.T.D.
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