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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 28, 2017

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 29, 2017

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



*Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

January 29, 2017

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.”*

— Matthew 5:3



Mass Intentions

January 30– February 5



Monday: Yolie Roy by Terry & Rita Rumore

Tuesday: Susan Moseley by Terry & Rita Rumore

Wednesday: Gene Smith by the Crapet Family †

Thursday: Special Intentions

Friday: Tony Hollis by Terry & Rita Rumore

Saturday: Gene Smith by the Brazzolottos †

Sunday: Tommy Zopfi by Terri & Lloyd Brown †

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, Jeanie Reid,
Yogi Caterinichia.*

**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. 30—Feb. 5

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

Today's Readings



First Reading — You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection. (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13)

Psalm — Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Psalm 146)

Second Reading — God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should boast in the Lord. (1 Corinthians 1:26-31)

Gospel — Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit. (Matthew 5:1-12a)

Pastor's Message

Beatitude People– Challenging the Prevailing Culture.

The Beatitudes of Matthew's Gospel are at the heart of the Christian life. They are the Gospel in miniature.

Here we encounter one of the most beautiful, most familiar, and least understood passages of the Christian Scriptures. The Beatitudes are difficult for us to understand for two reasons. First, they contradict our common-sense approach to life. Second, they often contradict the values of our culture.

Some of our most cherished values such as wealth, power, success, independence, freedom from pain and suffering are challenged by this teaching of Jesus.

The compilers of our present Lectionary could find no more appropriate passage for the Feast of All Saints than this selection on the Beatitudes. They are a blueprint for the Christian life. They are the charter by which life in God's Kingdom is defined.

When St. Dominic founded a new religious community in the thirteenth century, he prayed for the special help of the Holy Spirit so that he and his brothers might find in their joy and delight to live in the spirit of the Beatitudes.

Joachim Jeremias, the renowned Scripture scholar says that the statements contained in the Beatitudes are symptoms and signs and examples of what it means when the Kingdom of God breaks into the world. They are the kinds of things people do as they are gradually gripped by the grace of the Kingdom. They say, in effect, that when the Kingdom takes over a person, that person is changed, is made new.

The Beatitudes offer us another way; an alternative to the illusions of power and success. A way of life that is free of the need for more and more things because we have come to know that God is the source of our strength and he provides for all our needs.

If we are lucky we have met Beatitude people along the road of life. They are in our midst even now. And we are "blessed" for knowing them.

Coming in Lent: We hope to have a number of small groups organized for weekly prayer and reflection as we did last year. We will be using a simple book called Signs and Wonders to guide our weekly get together. If you would like to participate as a group member or a group leader, please contact the office.

Travel to Washington-The March for Life: We were well represented in Washington D.C. this week for the annual Pro Life Mass and March. Nine of our High School youth made the trip with Chris Frey as leader. Thanks to those special people for their witness and their commitment.

Something to Celebrate: "There is a new freshness in the Church, a new joyfulness, a new charisma which speaks to people, and that is something beautiful". This is the remarkable assessment of the papacy of Pope Francis by his predecessor. Pope Emeritus Benedict.

Peace and Blessings,
Fr. Sexton

January 29~ February 5

Sunday-Jan. 29

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*PSR 9:45 am

Monday-Jan. 30

Mass 9 am

*Legion of Mary

*Bridge

Tuesday-Jan. 31

Mass 9 am

Wednesday-Feb. 1

Mass 7:00 pm

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

Thursday-Feb. 2

Mass 9 am

Friday-Feb. 3

Mass 9 am

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

Saturday-Feb. 4

Mass 5:00 pm

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

Sunday-Feb. 5

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*PSR 9:45 am

*Youth Mass 11:15 am



FINANCE NEWS
July 2015-June 2016

Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ 5885.00	\$ 5653.85

Year-to-date

*Offertory:	\$ 195,453.88	\$ 169,615.50
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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 – 119 cans

Thank You!

Having the opportunity to share the message about Catholic Radio with all the families of Our Lady of the Lake parish was an amazing experience. 100 families filled out pledge cards for a total of \$10,210! When you add the \$5,000 matching pledge that brings the total gift to The Guadalupe Radio Network to \$15,210!!! I can't even begin to tell you how much your gift means to us and the work we are involved in. From all of us at The Guadalupe Radio Network, Thank you!

David Vacheresse,
Executive Director of Guadalupe Radio
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Come and See Weekend

Are you a single male between the ages of 16 and 45?

Are you open to God's Call for your life?

Do you have questions about your vocation?

Do you think God might be calling you to be a Priest?

**Come and See Weekend at Casa Maria,
February 17-19, 2017.**

-led by Father Paul Check, Rector of St. John Fisher Seminary Diocese of Bridgeport.

REGISTER EARLY - SPACE IS LIMITED

**To register, contact the Office of Vocations
(205)838-2184 or vocations@bhmdiocese.org.**

**There is no cost to attend,
but registration is required.**

Parish Council

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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: *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week*

Tuesday: *St. John Bosco*

Thursday: *The Presentation of the Lord; Groundhog Day*

Friday: *St. Blase; St. Ansgar; First Friday; Blessing of throats*

Saturday: *Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday*

Assignments—Feb. 1— Feb. 5

WEDNESDAY 2/1/2017

7:00 PM

Altar Servers
Lector *

SATURDAY MASS 2/4/2017

5:00 PM

Altar Servers John Stice, Sawyer Stice
Greeters Bill/Loretta Frost, Tammy McRae
Lectors *
Ministers Deacon, *
Ushers *

SUNDAY MASS 2/5/2017

8:30 AM

Youth Mass

Altar Servers Sophie Poteracki, Natalie Newcomb, Bailey Nail, Jacob Wiley
Greeters Youth
Lectors Youth
Ministers Deacon, Youth
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Youth

11:15 PM

Altar Servers Paul Boyle, Will Pittman, Destiny Markevich, Katie Boyle
Greeters Darlene Leonard, Gisela Scruggs
Lectors *
Ministers Deacon, *
Ushers Don Frederick, *

*Schedule not available prior to bulletin submission.

If you cannot keep your assignment

PLEASE find a substitute.



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Care For Creation

There has been a great response to our recycling effort! A big thank you to all!

For those who did not know, Pope Francis proposed that *Care for Creation* be a new work of mercy, added to the traditional sets of corporal and spiritual works. It is our responsibility to care for our Common Home. There are many simple things we can do that are almost effortless. Thanks to all who are doing your part !

**Contact Marguerite if you have questions, or to request literature:
205-746-4912 or margog55@gmail.com.**



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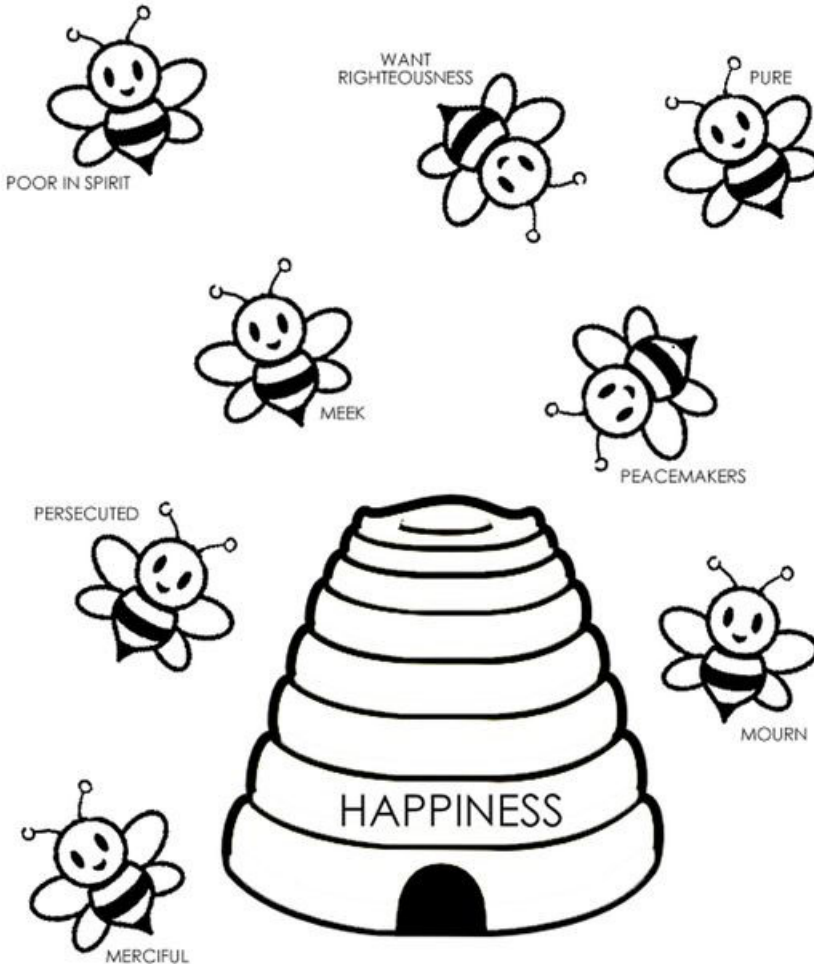
January 29

PSR at 9:45 am

February 5

PSR at 9:45 am

& Youth Mass at 11:15 am



THE BEATITUDES TEACH US HOW TO BE HAPPY.



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

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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.
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama

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