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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, February 4 2017
Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, February 5, 2017
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am*



*Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

February 5, 2017

*Light shines through the
darkness for the upright.*

— Psalm 112:4



Mass Intentions

February 6– February 12



Monday: Walton Smith *by the Brazzolottos*
Tuesday: Walton Smith Family *by the Legion of Mary*
Wednesday: Frederick Frey *by Terri & Lloyd Brown †*
Thursday: Frederica Hoffert *by Terri & Lloyd Brown †*
Friday: Lillie McBrayer *by Frank Troncalli †*
Saturday: Trudi & Andy McClay *by the Zielinskis †*
Sunday: Paul Boyle *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, Jeanie Reid.*

**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 ~ Feb. 6—Feb. 12

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28,

Today's Readings



First Reading — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you. (Isaiah 58:7-10)

Psalm — The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright. (Psalm 112)

Second Reading — My message to you, says Paul, was not clever words of wisdom but the proclamation of Christ crucified. (1 Corinthians 2:1-5)

Gospel — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. In your good deeds your light shines before others, leading them to glorify God. (Matthew 5:13-16)

Pastor's Message

"You are the salt of the earth and you are the light of the world". This is how Jesus describes the role of a Christian in the world.

Imagine a world without salt and without light. It would be dull and dark, insipid, uninteresting and lifeless. How often we take for granted these simple gifts of salt and light. They are images that help us reflect on the meaning of discipleship.

For the people of Jesus' time, salt was a priceless possession in a world without refrigeration. Its most delightful quality though, is its ability to enhance the flavor of foods—not to give them a different taste but to bring out the taste that is already there.

A light is first and foremost something to be seen. Likewise there can be no such thing as secret discipleship. Just as salt without flavor is useless, so a light must be seen by all or it has no meaning.

These images of salt and light are part of the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel. They are the central images in today's Gospel Reading. We are to be the light that shines in the darkness. We are the salt that gives new life to the world. This is the meaning of our baptism.

Albert Camus, the French writer said: "The world today needs Christians who remain Christians—who live with faith each day, who do not compromise with an unbelieving world, whose lives are rooted in Christ".

Pope Paul VI once said: "The world today will respond to witnesses more than teachers; and if it responds to teachers it is because they are first of all witnesses".

In the national debate about fasting that developed in the post-exile community of Israel and that forms the background to the First Reading today (Is 58:7-10), Isaiah agrees that there must be prayer and there must be worship but religion cannot be just a Church affair. Something more is needed.

"Share your bread with the hungry; shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked. Do not turn your back on your own. Remove from your midst oppression, false accusations, malicious speech—then your light shall break forth like the dawn. Your wound shall quickly be healed. Then you shall call and the Lord will answer you. You shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am". This is faith in action, faith that moves the world.

Small Faith Sharing Groups: Groups are being formed now. If you would like to host such a group or be a group leader let us know. The discussion book called Signs and Wonders will be our guide. Thanks.

Thought for the Week: "Holiness does not consist in one exercise or another, but is a disposition of the heart, which renders us little and humble in the hands of God and confident in His goodness". (St. Therese of Lisieux).

Peace and Blessings,
Fr. Sexton

February 5 ~ February 12

Sunday-Feb. 5

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*PSR 9:45 am

*Youth Mass 11:15 am

Monday-Feb. 6

Mass 9 am

*Legion of Mary

*Bridge

Tuesday-Feb. 7

Mass 9 am

Wednesday-Feb. 8

Mass 7:00 pm

Thursday-Feb. 9

Mass 9 am

Friday-Feb. 10

Mass 9 am

Saturday-Feb. 11

Mass 5:00 pm

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

* Fr. Joel, O.S.B. Appeal

Sunday-Feb. 12

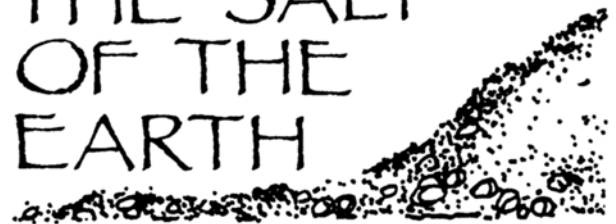
Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*PSR 9:45 am

*Pro Life Rosary/English

*Fr. Joel, O.S.B. Appeal

YOU ARE
THE SALT
OF THE
EARTH



FINANCE NEWS
July 2015-June 2016

Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ 4704.43	\$ 5653.85

Year-to-date

*Offertory:	\$ 200,158.31	\$ 175,269.35
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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.



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.***



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 – 87 cans

Parish Council

Chair: Sonia Dale:

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Council meetings are open to all parishioners, and are typically on the third Wed. of the month after Mass.



Pro Life Corner

Spiritual Adoption Program

Month 9



I'm here!

Thanks for praying for me!
The Shower of Blessings will be held on Feb. 19th, between Masses.

Please join us!



Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday:** *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life; Boy Scouting Sunday*
- Monday:** *St. Paul Miki and Companions*
- Wednesday:** *St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita*
- Friday:** *St. Scholastica; Tu B'Shvat (the Jewish new year of trees) begins at sunset*
- Saturday:** *Our Lady of Lourdes; Blessed Virgin Mary; World Day of the Sick*

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



Henrietta & Bennie Goodman

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

- Romans 15:7

Job Opening

St. Rose Academy is seeking to fill the position of Librarian and Technology Director. Candidates should have a current teaching certificate and experience working in libraries with technology.

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to:

Sister Mary Elizabeth,
smelizabeth@saintroseacademyop.com.

Assignments—Feb. 8— Feb. 12

WEDNESDAY **2/8/2017**
7:00 PM

Altar Servers
 Lector Bernie Funderburg

SATURDAY MASS **2/11/2017**
5:00 PM

Altar Servers Mike Gagliano, Tom Graffo
 Greeters Darlene Leonard, Gisela Scruggs
 Lectors Sonia Dale, Marguerite Gorman
 Ministers Deacon, Jim Dale, Gloria Albright
 Ushers *

SUNDAY MASS **2/12/2017**
8:30 AM

Altar Servers Sawyer Stice, Amelia Reese, Carson Falkner, Jhon Paul Raynor
 Greeters Poteracki B/F/S, Amelia Reese
 Lectors Karen Reese, Carey Monistere
 Ministers Deacon, Stephen Reese, Matthew Reese, Janice Stella, Rosemary Mateer
 Ushers Michael Gagliano, *

11:15 PM

Altar Servers Peyton Foreman, Brooks Boyle, Erin Barker, Teresa Ray
 Greeters Patsy Lopez de Victoria, Lydia Jimenez
 Lectors Miranda Jacks, Tony Hollis
 Ministers Deacon, Sarah Brazzolotto, Mary Adams, Ronnie Sellers, Jennifer Sellers
 Ushers Don Frederick, *

*Schedule not available prior to bulletin submission.

If you cannot keep your assignment

PLEASE find a substitute.

Mercy:
 the bridge that connects
God and man,
 opening our hearts
 to the hope
 of being loved forever
despite
 our sinfulness. 
 -Pope Francis

SALT & LIGHT

Matthew 5:13-16

"Jesus did not come to die on a cross so that we might be cultural Catholics."

-ARCHBISHOP GOMEZ
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**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**

February 5 PSR at 9:45 am
& Youth Mass at 11:15 am

February 12 PSR at 9:45 am

February 19 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
Food, Fun, and Faith!



New Year's Resolutions Starting to Fade?

Start again now with a renewed commitment to your spouse. What better way to celebrate the gift of your unique love than to make time to focus on each other and your marriage? Consider making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to renew those feelings you had during your first few years together.

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 or by calling Bob & Joy Hernandez at **678-985-0125**.

Matthew Brazzolotto

Many of you have asked for contact info for Matthew in England. He would love to hear from all of you while he is on his Mission Trip.

Matthew Brazzolotto
52 Orrell Road
Bootle
L20 6DZ
United Kingdom



Care For Creation

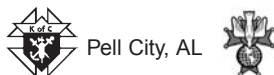
There has been a great response to our recycling effort! A big thank you to all!

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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