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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 11, 2017

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, February 12, 2017

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2017

*What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love [God], this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.*

— 1 Corinthians 2:9-10



### Mass Intentions

February 13– February 19



**Monday: Salvador Monistere** by Parma & Paul Boyle †

**Tuesday: Betty Huetteman** by Terry & Rita Rumore

**Wednesday: Gene Smith** by Parma & Paul Boyle †

**Thursday: All Parishioners** by Betty Huetteman/Yolie Roy

**Friday: Ramsey Funderburg** by Parma & Paul Boyle †

**Saturday: Frank Connell** by the Brazzolottos †

**Sunday: Gene Smith** by Brenda & Jerry Kern †

### 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: [sharonstice46@gmail.com](mailto:sharonstice46@gmail.com).**

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. 13—Feb. 19

**Monday:** Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday:** Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26

**Thursday:** Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33

**Friday:** Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1

**Saturday:** Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

**Sunday:** Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

### Today's Readings



**First Reading** — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness. (Sirach 15:15-20)

**Psalm** — Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119)

**Second Reading** — God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden. (1 Corinthians 2:6-10)

**Gospel** — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets. (Matthew 5:17-37)

## Pastor's Message

Are we “a wisdom people” or do we just reflect the latest polls or our favorite talk show host? Paul speaks of “A certain wisdom which we express among the spiritually mature—it is not a wisdom of this age—no, what we utter is God’s wisdom”.

In Matthew’s Gospel Jesus is presented as a teacher of wisdom for a wisdom community, a graced community.

One could argue that Shakespeare had it wrong when he divided a person’s life into seven stages. There are not seven but three.

The first stage is infancy when everything is done for you. The second is childhood when you learn to do things for yourself. Those great milestones of putting on your shoes, and learning to tie a shoelace.

The third stage (which some never achieve at any age) is learning to do things for others. It is seeing the other with radical respect, unwilling to hurt the other. It is living with integrity when yes means “yes” and no means “no”. When vengeful anger is never tolerated; when reconciliation with the other is always urgent.

This is when relationships are lived in deep commitment; when wedding vows are lived in utmost fidelity. This is when love demands not less than everything. When we move from observing laws to living lives of love. It is when we become “wisdom people” though not with the “wisdom of this age”.

It is then that we have come to what Paul calls “a Spiritual maturity”. We have come to suspect and to believe that we live out of a love such that eye has not seen, nor has ear heard, nor has it so much dawned on us what God has prepared for those who love him.

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**Valentine’s Day Letter:** “Happy forth Valentine, Jeremiah Andrew Ross. . . .Wish that we could be with you today. We know that it will be a happy day because you are such a happy little one. You are such a blessing to all of us. Your Granddaddy and I love you so much! How much? It can’t be measured but until you are old enough to realize how much, we will say—to the end of the world and back a trillion times. We hope for you love and happiness. Together, we thank God every night that he shared you with all of us who love you so much. Lots and lots of bear hugs. Granddaddy and Grandma!”

Will Jeremiah be impressed we wonder! Let’s hope so.

**Welcome to Fr. Joel Martin O.S.B.,** President of St. Bernard Prep School at St. Bernard Abbey, Cullman, who is preaching at all the Masses this weekend and making an appeal for the Blooming’ Festival in April. We are delighted to have Fr. Joel with us. I know you will support the Festival as you always do.

Peace and Blessings,  
*Fr. Sexton*

## February 12 ~ February 19

### **Sunday-Feb. 12**

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

\*PSR 9:45 am

\*Pro Life Rosary/English

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

### **Monday-Feb. 13**

**Mass 9 am**

\*Legion of Mary

\*Bridge

### **Tuesday-Feb. 14**

**Mass 9 am**

### **Wednesday-Feb. 15**

**Mass 7:00 pm**

\*Surfsiders 10 am

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

\*Parish Council after Mass

### **Thursday-Feb. 16**

**Mass 9 am**

### **Friday-Feb. 17**

**Mass 9 am**

### **Saturday-Feb. 18**

**Mass 5:00 pm**

\*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

### **Sunday-Feb. 19**

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

\*PSR 9:45 am

\*Senior Youth Social 5:00 pm

\*Praise & Worship 6:30 pm

\*Holy Hour 7:00 pm

\*Shower of Blessings between Masses

### **Keep Your Personal Belongings Safe...**

If you don't, they could fall into the wrong hands. Don't leave a purse or other valuables unattended in the pews when moving around the church. If you leave valuables locked in your vehicle, they should be secured in the trunk, where they will not be a temptation to thieves. **Be safe! Be proactive!**

**FINANCE NEWS**  
July 2015-June 2016

Last week

|             | Actual     | Budget     |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| *Offertory: | \$ 6257.89 | \$ 5653.85 |

Year-to-date

|             |               |               |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| *Offertory: | \$ 206,416.20 | \$ 180,923.20 |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|

\*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 – 74 cans**

### 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](mailto:smelizabeth@saintroseacademyop.com).

### 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.**



### WHY SETTLE FOR A “GOOD” MARRIAGE...

When You Can Have A  
“GREAT” Marriage?

You can make the leap from just “good” to “GREAT” on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend! The weekend is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, the internet & 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**.



### 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:** *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day*

**Tuesday:** *Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day*

**Friday:** *The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites*

**Saturday:** *Blessed Virgin Mary*

## Assignments—Feb. 15— Feb. 19

**WEDNESDAY** **2/15/2017**  
**7:00 PM**

Altar Servers  
Lector Susan Moseley

**SATURDAY MASS** **2/18/2017**  
**5:00 PM**

Altar Servers Bernie Funderburg, Cory Funderburg  
Greeters Connie Hertrich, Janice Stella  
Lectors Sara Reese, Martha Hayes  
Ministers Deacon, Larry Reese, Susan Moseley  
Ushers Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Sam Marston

**SUNDAY MASS** **2/19/2017**  
**8:30 AM**

Altar Servers Anthony Emerick, Danielle McKinney, Jimillia Sayles, Matt Frey  
Greeters Natalie Newcomb, Jay/Enid Willi  
Lectors Gail Perry, Bart Perry  
Ministers Deacon, Tom Graffo, Chris Gallegly, Teri Gagliano, Tommie Ann Johnson  
Ushers Herb Kuntz, Cristy McKinney, Belia Solis, Edith Pavez

**11:15 PM**

Altar Servers Paul Boyle, John Himmler, Katie Boyle, Troy Rosato  
Greeters Johnny/Marsha Armstrong, Shirley/Diana Skeivelas  
Lectors Mary Adams, Larry Foltz  
Ministers Deacon, Chere Lowery, Lee Walsler, Brenda Rochford, Maria Jimenez  
Ushers Don Frederick, Larry Foltz, Wayne Lowery, Jeanne Macon

**If you cannot keep your assignment**

**PLEASE find a substitute.**



EYE HAS NOT SEE  
NOR EAR HEARD  
NEITHER HAVE ENTERED INTO THE  
HEART OF MAN  
THE THINGS WHICH  
GOD HAS PREPARED  
FOR THOSE THAT  
**LOVE HIM**



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**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR**

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|-------------|----------------|
| February 12 | PSR at 9:45 am |
| February 19 | PSR at 9:45 am |
| February 26 | 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!**

## Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama Seminarian Contact Information 2016-17:

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