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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 18, 2017*

*Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, February 19, 2017*

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

*Seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*



*February 19, 2017*

*Be holy, for I, the LORD,  
your God, am holy.*

*— Leviticus 19:26*



*Mass Intentions*

February 20– February 26



**Monday: Jacky Johnson** by Terry & Rita Rumore

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

**Wednesday: James Gutsell** by KOC 12270 †

**Thursday:** Special Intentions

**Friday:** Special Intentions

**Saturday: Gene Smith** by Brenda & Jerry Kerns †

**Sunday: Marlene Catalino** by Sam Catalino †

*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. 20—Feb. 26*

**Monday:** Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5;  
Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday:** Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4,  
18-19, 27-28,  
39-40; Mk 9:30-37

**Wednesday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a,  
4-6; Mt 16:13-19

**Thursday:** Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6;  
Mk 9:41-50

**Friday:** Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12,  
16, 18, 27, 34, 35;  
Mk 10:1-12

**Saturday:** Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-  
18; Mk 10:13-16

**Sunday:** Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3,  
6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5;  
Mt 6:24-34

*Today's Readings*



**First Reading** — Take no revenge and cherish  
no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself.  
(Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18)

**Psalm** — The Lord is kind and merciful. (Psalm  
103)

**Second Reading** — You are the temple of God,  
and holy. (1 Corinthians 3:16-23)

**Gospel** — Offer no resistance; love your ene-  
mies. (Matthew 5:38-48)

## Pastor's Message

It is well to remember when we hear the teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount as we have in today's Gospel (Mt. 5:38-48) that this is a way of being holy as God is holy. To be holy was the special vocation of Israel: "Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God am holy".

Here Jesus proposes an ideal. A higher way is placed before us. All this presumes a graced existence. Not on our own power but when transformed by grace can we live such high ethical demands. "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your heavenly father". Who can do this except with the help of God's grace?

These are strong Scriptures that are served up to us today. They are not for the faint of heart. They are a challenge to prevailing norms where force and retaliation rules. To follow the Sermon on the Mount is to be counter-cultural. We are called to heroic goodness not mediocrity.

In October, 2006, in the Amish community of Nickel Mines, Pennsylvania, five school children were killed by a crazed gunman who walked into their school in the middle of the day. The five girls were shot at random as they attended class.

The gunman was later arrested on the school grounds. The community was in shock that such a crime had happened in a peace-loving Amish community where people practice non-violence and value peace.

There was even more surprise a few days later when the leaders of the Amish community announced that the community had forgiven the murderer and set up a fund for his wife's support and that of her children. They invited the wife of the murderer to come to the children's funeral as a special guest.

Suddenly, a story about wanton violence and evil became a national story about forgiveness and reconciliation. The world needs stories such as this to reclaim what is best and most noble in the human spirit.

**Sign Up Today for Your Lenten Small Group!** You are encouraged to make a special commitment to participate in a small group for reflection and prayer in the season of Lent. The discussion-reflection book, Signs and Wonders, is based on six stories from the Gospel. Find out how these signs and wonders apply in your life today and be transformed by the power of God's grace. Thanks to those who have already committed to serve as group leaders and those who have offered to host a small group weekly session in their home. Thanks to John Opsteegh who has graciously agreed to serve as coordinator of this Lenten project.

**A Prayer for This Week:** "Gracious God, we ask your blessing on our lives. Let us be generous in the time and love we give to each other. Help us to do more than make money or spend time. Prompt us by your spirit to rise above ourselves and to be your peace in the world—seeking the way of holiness and compassion."

Peace and Blessings,  
*Fr. Sexton*

February 19 ~ February 26

### 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

### Monday-Feb. 20

**Mass 9 am**

- \*Legion of Mary
- \*Bridge

### Tuesday-Feb. 21

**Mass 9 am**

### Wednesday-Feb. 22

**Mass 7:00 pm**

- \*Ultreya after Mass

### Thursday-Feb. 23

**Communion Service 9 am**

### Friday-Feb. 24

**Communion Service 9 am**

### Saturday-Feb. 25

**Mass 5:00 pm**

- \*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

### Sunday-Feb. 26

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

- \*PSR 9:45 am



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**FINANCE NEWS**  
**July 2015-June 2016**

Last week

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>*Offertory:</b>	<b>\$ 5521.44</b>	<b>\$ 5653.85</b>

Year-to-date

<b>*Offertory:</b>	<b>\$ 211,937.64</b>	<b>\$ 186,577.05</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**

### 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!**

### Lenten Small Groups for Discussion and Reflection



This weekend is sign-up time for our Lenten Small Groups. Registration forms are available in the foyers. The Small Groups will meet six times during Lent for an hour and a half at each session. The Small Group will be led by a Group Leader. Groups may meet in a home or at the Church facilities. Be sure to sign up today or by Wednesday, February 22 at the latest.

**For more information call: Church Office  
205-525-5161 or John Opsteegh,  
Coordinator, Small Groups: 256-457-3810.**



### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

Celebrate this Valentine's Month with a gift for the person who loves you – your spouse. Make time for one another by focusing your attention on each other during the next Marriage Encounter weekend on **March 24-26** at St Bernard Abbey in Cullman. Step forward during this month of love to a renewed commitment to your spouse.

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:* Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:* Presidents' Day
- Tuesday:* St. Peter Damian
- Wednesday:* The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle;  
Washington's Birthday
- Thursday:* St. Polycarp



**Be  
perfect,  
just as  
your  
heavenly  
Father  
is perfect**

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## Assignments—Feb. 22— Feb. 26

**WEDNESDAY** 2/22/2017  
**7:00 PM**

Altar Servers  
Lector Bernie Funderburg

**SATURDAY MASS** 2/25/2017  
**5:00 PM**

Altar Servers Marty Poteracki, Lance Stella  
Greeters Susan Moseley, Kathy Shivers  
Lectors Allen Ross, Phyllis Ross  
Ministers Deacon, Karen Hand, Parma Boyle  
Ushers Jim Dale, Bob Nicholas, Jerry Kern,  
Brenda Kern

**SUNDAY MASS** 2/26/2017  
**8:30 AM**

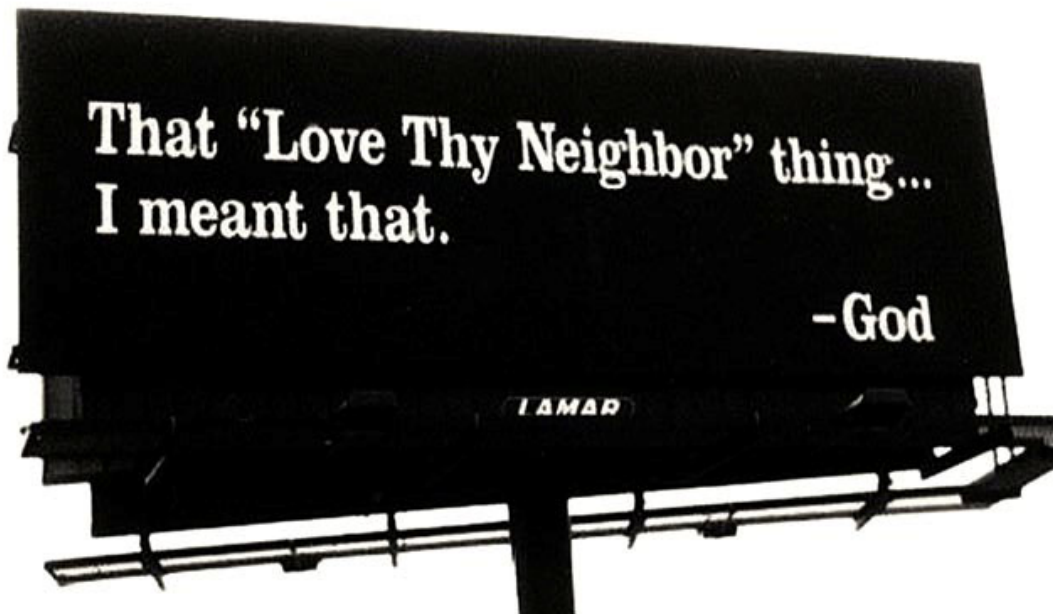
Altar Servers Andrew Thomaston, Will Thomaston,  
Brennan Cardenas, Amy Cardenas  
Greeters Laura Headley, Bob/LouElla Menefee  
Lectors Meagan Freeman, Gloria Raynor  
Ministers Deacon, Chris Gallegly, Janice Stella,  
Anna Emerick  
Ushers Lance Stella, Phillip Thomaston, Bit  
Thomaston, Chris Frey

**11:15 PM**

Altar Servers Peyton Foreman, Brooks Boyle, Erin  
Barker, Jhon Paul Raynor  
Greeters Rosemary Mateer/Jimillia Sayles, Aly  
Struzik  
Lectors Chere Lowery, Robert Lewis  
Ministers Deacon, Wayne Adams, Mary Adams,  
Martha Hayes, Sarah Brazzolotto  
Ushers Don Frederick, Chris Gallegly, William  
Ngambou, Alex Walser

**If you cannot keep your assignment**

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**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR**

February 19 PSR (Religious Ed) at 9:45 am

February 26 PSR (Religious Ed) at 9:45 am

February 27 Monday at 6pm, Sacrament of  
First Reconciliation



**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!**



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

*Madelyn Williams  
Michael Brayman &  
Cecelia & William Brayman*

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

*- Romans 15:7*

Source and Summit Events is presenting another great Catholic film at the Summit! Join us **Monday, March 13**, for **Ignacio De Loyola Soldier \* Sinner \* Saint**, a full length feature film about one of the greatest saints of the Church - Ignatius of Loyola.

The film follows his transformation from an impulsive youth forced to give up his dreams of knighthood to his pursuit of obedience to God - even unto death.

Summit Carmike, Monday March 13, 2017 6:30 pm. Cost: \$12. PG-13. Go to [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) and type Ignatius into the search bar for tickets. **No walk-ups night of show, so reserve your seats online!**

## Job Opening



St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Talladega is currently in need of an organist/pianist for the Sunday Mass, which is at 8:30 a.m. each week. The stipend for this music ministry is \$100 each week.

**If interested please contact Sammy Schillaci at 205- 541-3418, for additional information.**

## Parish Council

**Chair: Sonia Dale:**  
wmksdale2000@gmail.com

**Vice Chair: Mark McRae:**  
mmcrae237@yahoo.com

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wmkhand@yahoo.com

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

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