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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.

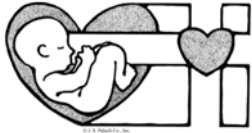
Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, February 25, 2017

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, February 26, 2017

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



*Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
February 26, 2017*

*Can a mother forget her infant,
be without tenderness
for the child of her womb?
Even should she forget,
I will never forget you.*

— Isaiah 49:15



Mass Intentions

February 27– March 5



Monday: Rachel Elliott *by* Laura Headley †
Tuesday: Sr. Patricia Seward *by* Jennie Haynes †
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday
Thursday: Buddy Haynes *by* Jennie Haynes †
Friday: Frank Connell *by* KOC12270 †
Saturday: Frank Connell *by* the Brazzolottos †
Sunday: Victor Rumore *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, 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.**

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. 27—March 5

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2,
5-7; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8,
14, 23; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-
6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4,
6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-
6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6;
Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps
51:3-6, 12-13, 17;
Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-
19]; Mt 4:1-11

Today's Readings



First Reading — God will never forget you.
(Isaiah 49:14-15)

Psalm — Rest in God alone, my soul.
(Psalm 62)

Second Reading — Make no judgments; the
Lord will judge. (1 Corinthians 4:1-5)

Gospel — God feeds the bird and clothes the
flowers. Do not be anxious; God knows all
your needs. (Matthew 6:24-34)

Pastor's Message

On the eve of Lent we have two reassuring insights in today's Scriptures. Isaiah poses a haunting question in the First Reading (Is. 49:14-15). "Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you".

In the Gospel Reading (Mt. 6:24), Jesus reminds us: "No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other; or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon".

The Aramaic word "mammon" means property, or material possessions. Within the Aramaic word is the root word for trust. So the meaning seems to be that material possessions, wealth and worldly things easily become the objects of our trust.

A sign in the coffee shop, next to the cash register, read: "In God we trust—all others pay cash". In what or whom do we place our ultimate trust?

The Gospel is not a call to see material things as evil, nor to advocate passivity or indifference. There are the worries and cares that occupy a normal place in a healthy life. One has to provide life's essentials for oneself, one's dependents and family. To seek is an active verb. Seek God's Kingdom first and all these things will be given to you besides.

St. Robert Bellarmine was right when he told us: "Be wise my soul and trust God alone, cling to God and cast your cares on him".

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**Small Groups for Lenten Reflection** are taking shape. Thanks to all who have signed up for a group and thanks to all who have agreed to serve as group leaders and hosts. John Opsteegh is generously helping to coordinate the Small Groups. Thank you John.

**The Season of Lent—A Graced Time!** "The annual observance of Lent is the special season for the ascent to the Holy Mountain of Easter. It has a twofold theme: Repentance and Preparation to renew our baptismal promises at Easter. We are to be more attentive to the Word of God in Lent; we should also focus more on prayer and helping our neighbor in need.

It is the Church's Annual Retreat, a journey of the Christian community to Easter, supporting those who are preparing for baptism at Easter. Pray for them and encourage them.

It all begins this week on Ash Wednesday when we acknowledge our mortality and turn back to the Gospel.

Peace and Blessings,  
*Fr. Sexton*

## February 26~ March 5

### **Sunday-Feb. 26**

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

\*PSR 9:45 am

### **Monday-Feb. 27**

**Mass 9 am**

\*Legion of Mary

\*Bridge

### **Tuesday-Feb. 28**

**Mass 9 am**

### **Wednesday-March 1**

**Mass 9:00 am & 7:00 pm**



Ash  
Wednesday  
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### **Thursday-March 2**

**Mass 9 am**

### **Friday-March 3**

**Mass 9 am**

\*First Friday Adoration 9:30a-12:30p

\*Fish Fry 5-6:30 pm

\*Stations of the Cross 7 pm

### **Saturday-March 4**

**Mass 5:00 pm**

\*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

\*Usher Training 9:00 am-12:00 pm

### **Sunday-March 5**

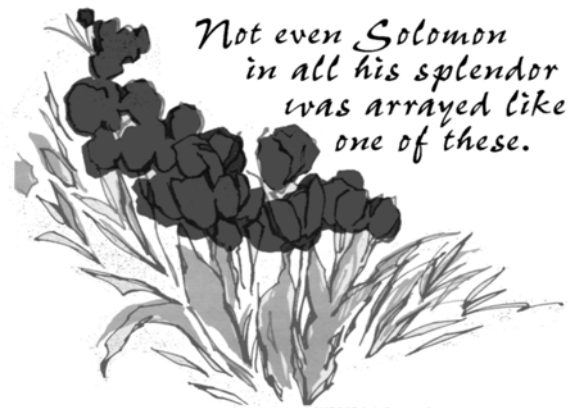
**Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am**

\*PSR 9:45 am

\*PSR Lenten Confessions

\*Youth Mass 11:15 am

\*Rite of Election-St. Paul's 4:00 pm



**FINANCE NEWS**  
July 2015-June 2016

Last week

|             | <b>Actual</b> | <b>Budget</b> |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| *Offertory: | \$ 4207.71    | \$ 5653.85    |

Year-to-date

|             |               |               |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| *Offertory: | \$ 216,145.35 | \$ 192,230.90 |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|

\*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 – 39 cans**

**Our Lady of the Lake**  
KOC Council 12270

## Lenten Fish Fries



**March 3 - April 7**  
**5:00 to 6:30 p.m.**

**2-piece dinner (2 sides) \$8.00**

**1-piece dinner (2 sides) \$6.00**

**Child's plate (cheese pizza, 1 side) \$3.00**

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring Lenten fish fries each Friday evening during Lent. **Serving will be from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross.** The menu will consist of fried fish, baked fish, hush puppies, steamed vegetables, fries, macaroni & cheese and coleslaw.

**All proceeds will be used to fund the numerous charitable activities the KOC supports.**

## 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

**Secretary: Karen Hand**  
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**Joe Stanley:** rolytyde1@aol.com

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



## Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday:** *Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
- Monday:** *Julian Calendar Lent Begins*
- Wednesday:** *Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence*
- Friday:** *St. Katharine Drexel; Abstinence; First Friday; World Day of Prayer*
- Saturday:** *St. Casimir; First Saturday*



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## Assignments—March 1— March 5

**WEDNESDAY** **3/1/2017**  
**9:00 AM** **Ash Wednesday**

Altar Servers  
 Greeters Bob/Julie Paulitzky, Joe/Ruth Stanley  
 Lector Kathy Bryant, Mary Adams  
 Ministers Deacon, Susan Moseley, Chere Lowery, Larry Reese, Sara Reese

**7:00 PM**  
 Altar Servers Sawyer Stice, Sophie Poteracki, Will Thomaston, Erin Barker

Greeters Brenda/Carl Rochford, Parma Boyle  
 Lector Sarah Brazzolotto, Teri Gagliano  
 Ministers Deacon, Wayne Adams, Mary Adams, Rosemary Mateer, Maria Jimenez  
 Ushers Michael Gagliano, Chris Gallegly

**FRIDAY** **3/3/2017**  
**7:00 PM** **Stations of the Cross**

Altar Servers Troy Rosato, Jimillia Sayles, Will Pittman

**SATURDAY MASS** **3/4/2017**  
**5:00 PM**

Altar Servers Larry Reese, Stephen Reese  
 Greeters Bill/Loretta Frost, Allen & Phyllis Ross  
 Lectors Allen Ross, Phyllis Ross  
 Ministers Deacon, Gloria Albright, Karen Hand  
 Ushers Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Sam Marston

**SUNDAY MASS** **3/5/2017**  
**8:30 AM**

Altar Servers Sophie Poteracki, Amelia Reese, Carson Falkner, Matt Frey  
 Greeters Dennis/Sandy Veigl, Poteracki B/F/S  
 Lectors Meagan Freeman, Anna Emerick  
 Ministers Deacon, Michael & Teri Gagliano, Carly Gagliano, Ronni Gagliano  
 Ushers Herb Kuntz, Rosemary Mateer, Jamillia Sayles

**11:15 PM** **Youth Mass**

Altar Servers Paul Boyle, Katie Boyle, Erin Barker, Teresa Ray  
 Greeters Youth  
 Lectors Youth  
 Ministers Deacon, Ronnie Sellers, Jennifer Sellers, Youth  
 Ushers Don Frederick, Chris Gallegly, Youth

**If you cannot keep your assignment**

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**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR**

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

February 27 Monday at 6pm,

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

March 5 PSR (Religious Ed) 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  
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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**.

### Special Collection

#### The Black & Indian Mission Collection March 4-5, 2017

#### A message from Bishop Baker:

The Black & Indian Mission Collection has for the last 131 years, changed evangelization & education efforts for Native Americans, Alaskan Americans and African Americans throughout the U.S.

Education is fundamental in changing mores and morals of a society. Your monetary assistance provides opportunities for a solid Catholic education in our Black Catholic Mission Schools, allows the purchase of catechetical materials and bibles, to name just a couple of ways the collection supports evangelization. Together we build up the Church and announce the Good News of Jesus Christ.

## Lenten Regulations

The annual observance of Lent is the special season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter. Through its twofold theme of repentance and baptism, the season of Lent disposes both the catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. Catechumens are led to the Sacraments of Initiation by means of the Rite of Election, the scrutinies, and Catechesis. The faithful, listening more intently to the word of God and devoting themselves to prayer, are prepared through a spirit of repentance to renew their baptismal promises.

The Catholic Church, in an attempt to help Catholics do at least a minimum during Lent, asks all Catholics to fast and abstain from meat on certain days. **Fasting means** to limit food to one full meal a day with the possibility of two smaller meals (not adding up to a full meal) as needed. **Abstinence means** not eating meat, although fish is allowed. Catholics are asked to observe all days of fasting and abstinence which is one of the precepts of the Church.

**Catholics 14 years of age or older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.**

**Catholics between the ages of 14 and 59 are also to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If one's work or health make it inadvisable to fast or abstain from meat, they are not obligated to do so.**

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