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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, March 18, 2017
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 19, 2017
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Third Sunday of Lent
March 19, 2017



While we were still sinners
Christ died for us.

— Romans 5:8



Mass Intentions

March 20– March 26



Monday: J.W. Hand by Karen & Bob Hand †
Tuesday: Special Intentions by Gisela Scruggs
Wednesday: Pete Battaglia by Parma & Paul Boyle †
Thursday: Frances Hand by Karen & Bob Hand †
Friday: Jackie Rodgers by Karen & Bob Hand †
Saturday: Trudi & Andy McClay by the Zielinskis †
Sunday: Marlene Catalino by Sam Catalino †

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Paul Boyle, Crystal Welford, Cecil Rodgers, Jacky Johnson, , Jim Hopper, Anne & Cary Forister, Rita Martens, Jeanie Reid, Richard & Ann Marston, Gail Layton.

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 ~ March 20—March 26

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

Today's Readings



First Reading — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the LORD heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink. (Exodus 17:3-7)

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Psalm 95)

Second Reading — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8)

Gospel — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again. (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42])

Pastor's Message

Jesus said to the woman at the well in today's Gospel: "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water that I will give will never be thirsty".

A tired and thirsty Jesus stops at a well about noon and asks a Samaritan woman for a drink of water. For John the Evangelist it foreshadows another noon-time at the Cross on Calvary when Jesus will cry out: "I thirst".

Water is one of the essentials of life. All life came from the sea. Our bodies are composed of water in the amount of sixty-five percent. We cannot live long without water, only a few days. Food, we can live without for a few weeks. In the Bible thirst is a metaphor for our thirst for God. Our deepest need is for God. He is our very life.

St. Augustine said the woman at the well discovered a God who thirsts for us, even in our sins. He connected the Gospel story with the story of Jesus at the Cross. In John 19:28, we read: "After this when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said: I am thirsty".

It was Jesus who asked the confused and searching woman for a drink of water. It was he who reached out to her. He is the one who waits for us to satisfy our desert thirst. He is the one who waits for us at the crossroads and wells of the world to satisfy our deepest thirst.

When we grasp the full meaning of Lent and Easter we realize that it is God's eternal thirst for us, for our faith, our trust, our love.

The woman at the well who is unnamed is everyone who is longing for meaning and purpose in life. All who are thirsty for wholeness and goodness and healing. Sometimes the longing is blunted by life's tragedies and disappointments, by broken relationships and broken promises.

It only needs someone who takes us seriously, who respects us and listens to our hearts to restore that longing for salvation and wholeness, for the living water of life.

The woman at the well did not need one more man to tell her she was of no account; that she was disposable. She needed to hear a graceful word, a promise of life. She needed to hear that she was better than she dared to believe. So are we all!

Confession in Lent: Penance Service Coming Soon!

On April 5, we will have a parish-wide celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, also known as Confession. Our hearts are drawn to this great Sacrament, especially in Lent.

Fr. James Martin, S.J., recently wrote this in American Magazine: "I like the way I feel after I go to Confession, as if God had given me another chance—which of course, God has. And no matter if I'm hearing confessions or going to Confession, I always think of what my Theology teacher once told our class: "Confession isn't about how bad you are, but how good God is".

A Grief Remembered: Our Parish mourns the loss of a remarkable and amazing Parishioner, Kitty Gordon. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to her dear husband, Mike Gordon. We know your heart is broken with unspeakable grief. You shared a remarkable



March 19 ~ March 26

Sunday-March 19

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*PSR 9:45 am

*PSR Lenten Confessions

*Sr. Youth Social 5:00 pm

*Praise & Worship 6:30 pm

*Holy Hour 7:00 pm

Monday-March 20

Mass 9 am & 7 pm

*Legion of Mary

*Bridge

***Mass 7:00 pm Feast of St. Joseph -
reception to follow Mass**

Tuesday-March 21

Mass 9 am

Wednesday-March 22

Mass 9:00 am

*Ultreya after Mass

Thursday-March 23

Mass 9 am

*Choir Practice 7:00 pm

Friday-March 24

Mass 9 am

St. Patrick's Day

*Fish Fry 5-6:30 pm

*Stations of the Cross 7 pm

Saturday-March 25

Mass 5:00 pm

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

Sunday-March 26

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*NO PSR-Spring Break

*Special Collection Catholic Relief Services

Pastor's Message Cont.

marriage for nearly seventy years. It was a true love story and touched us all. Kitty was gifted with a rock-like faith, a genuine human touch and a wild sense of humor. May she rest among the Holy Ones in Heaven's halls.

Peace and Blessings,
Fr. Sexton

FINANCE NEWS
July 2015-June 2016

Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ 7116.00	\$ 5653.85

Year-to-date

*Offertory:	\$ 238,911.36	\$ 209,192.45
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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 – 138 cans

Our Lady of the Lake
KOC Council 12270

Lenten Fish Fries



March 3 - April 7
5:00 to 6:30 p.m.
Each Friday of Lent

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.

Parish Council

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



Scholarship Award

The Knights of Columbus are now accepting applications for their annual K of C Scholarship awards of \$1000 and \$500 to be given On senior Sunday, May 21st.

Applications can be obtained by email from Jay Willi at jwilli@coosahs.net.

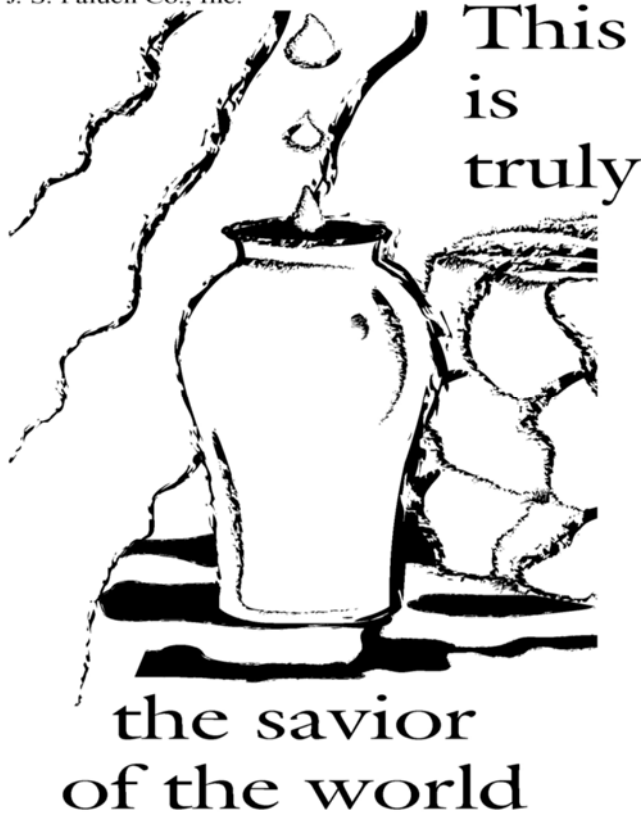
The deadline for receipt of the applications is May 6th.



Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: *Third Sunday of Lent*
Monday: *St. Joseph; Spring begins*
Thursday: *St. Toribio de Mogrovejo*
Friday: *Abstinence*
Saturday: *The Annunciation of the Lord*

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The Gordon Family wishes to express our heartfelt gratitude to our wonderful parish for the many prayers, cards and visits, especially during the last few months of Kitty's struggle to survive. She has now reached her goal—pain free and lovely as ever.

Yours in Christ, Mike

Assignments—March 20— March 26

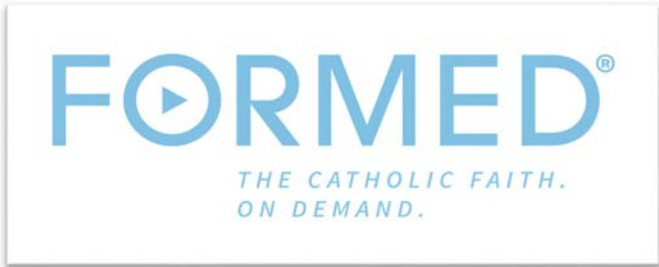
MONDAY 7:00 PM		3/20/2017
Altar Servers	*	
Greeters	*	
Lectors	Tony Hollis, Miranda Jacks	
Ministers	Deacon, Gloria Albright, Brenda Rochford, Karen Hand, Rosemary Mateer	
Ushers	Lance Stella, Herb Kuntz	
WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM		3/22/2017
Altar Servers		
Lector	Sarah Brazzolotto	
FRIDAY 7:00 PM		3/24/2017 Stations of the Cross
Altar Servers	Anthony Emerick, Matt Frey, Amelia Reese	
SATURDAY MASS 5:00 PM		3/25/2017
Altar Servers	Bernie Funderburg, Cory Funderburg	
Greeters	Susan Moseley, Kathy Shivers	
Lectors	Ron Zielinski, Micky Zielinski	
Ministers	Deacon, Allen Ross, Phyllis Ross	
Ushers	Jim Dale, Bob Nicholas, Jerry Kern, Brenda Kern	
SUNDAY MASS 8:30 AM		3/26/2017
Altar Servers	Jimillia Sayles, Matt Frey, Andrew Thomaston, Will Thomaston	
Greeters	Laura Headley, Bob/LouElla Menefee	
Lectors	Bart Perry, Gail Perry	
Ministers	Deacon, Joe Hoffert, Anna Emerick, Joe Stanley, Ruth Stanley	
Ushers	Michael Gagliano, Gregg Bechel, Jim Gorman, Herb Kuntz	
11:15 PM		
Altar Servers	Peyton Foreman, Brooks Boyle, Jhon Paul Raynor, Troy Rosato	
Greeters	Rosemary Mateer/Jamillia Sayles, Aly Struzik	
Lectors	Martha Hayes, John Stice	
Ministers	Deacon, Sarah Brazzolotto, Wayne Adams, Mary Adams, Lee Walser	
Ushers	Don Frederick, Ron Sellers, Jennifer Sellers, Alex Walser	

If you cannot keep your assignment

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

Lenten Confessions

March 26 ****NO PSR ** SPRING BREAK****

April 2 PSR (Religious Ed) at 9:45am



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:*

*Richard & Dianne Kelley
Patrick & Stacey Rouss*

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

- Romans 15:7



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Friday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 19 at 2:30 *
Monday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets will be sold at the door. Catholic feeder school students and John Carroll students get in free with either their activity pass, or student ID. Tickets for additional students are \$7, and Adults \$10.

For more information, visit www.jcchs.org or John Carroll Theatre's Website: www.jcchs.org/john-carroll-theatre/.

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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