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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, April 1, 2017

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 2, 2017

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 2, 2017

Out of the depths I cry to you,

O LORD;

LORD, hear my voice!



—Psalm 130:1



Mass Intentions

April 3– April 9



Monday: Shay McNamee by Rita & Terry Rumore †
Tuesday: Dcn. Jerry Raispis by Terry & Rita Rumore †
Wednesday: Parishioners by Betty Huetteman & Yolie Roy
Thursday: Bill & Bernadine Rollo by Tom Graffo †
Friday: Fr. Kieran Neilson by Rita & Terry Rumore
Saturday: Trudi & Andy McClay by the Zielinskis †
Sunday: Palm Sunday

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 ~ April 3–April 9

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66

Today's Readings



First Reading — Thus says the LORD GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. (Ezekiel 37:12-14)

Psalm — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. (Psalm 130)

Second Reading — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin. (Romans 8:8-11)

Gospel — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name. Many of those who had seen what had happened began to believe in Jesus. (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45])

Pastor's Message

On the threshold of Holy Week!

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday marking the beginning of Holy Week, that most solemn week of the whole liturgical year. The great Lenten season draws to a close.

"A taste of Resurrection" might be an apt summary of today's Scriptures as we approach Easter. Resurrection is a central tenet of the Christian faith. The resurrection of Jesus is the basis for our belief that we too shall overcome death and rise again.

In the First Reading (Ezekiel 37:12-14) God speaks through the prophets and says: "I will open your graves and have you rise from them and bring you back to the land of Israel". At the time, the people were in exile in Babylon. They longed to return home where they could live again as they did of old in the shadow of the Temple.

In due time, the exile came to an end when Cyrus permitted the Israelites to return. It was a kind of "resurrection" for the exiles and the nation.

Today we can speak of "resurrections" that take place following natural disasters when cities and communities come back to life with a new spirit of hope. I saw such a "resurrection" in a parish in Huntsville in 1990 following a devastating tornado that caused extensive damage to the Church, the School, the Parish Hall and the Rectory. People found new energy and new resolve to rebuild.

We have seen individuals too who seemed defeated and broken by addictions or loss of health, or loss of a job and have come back to life in a kind of resurrection. The human spirit is endlessly resilient and capable of many miracles of life.

The Gospel story (John 11:1-45) of the raising of Lazarus from the grave is a foretaste of the resurrection which will come for Jesus on Easter Sunday and remains a hope for all of us in the hour of death.

In this dramatic Gospel account everyone seemed to say the same thing. The people said: "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?". And Martha said: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would never have died".

And we say so often: "If we could have gotten him to the hospital sooner". Or we say: "If we could have gotten Uncle Fred to give up smoking, or to watch his diet, or follow the doctor's orders—he would not have died".

But the answer is always the same. No. Lazarus died. Jesus died. The truth is: we shall die. Physical death is inevitable. Life on earth will end but the human person will live forever with God. The death from which Jesus saves us is everlasting death. We call this Good News.

A Grief Observed: We extend our sympathy and prayers to Ken Carley on the untimely death of his dear wife, Christine Carley. Our prayers are with Rachel Carley too; her young life left now without a mother. This good family has suffered so much loss; a son, Tim, two years ago and now Christine, a beloved wife and mother. Christine had a big and generous heart. She took in



April 2 ~ April 9

Sunday-April 2

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*PSR 9:45 am

*PSR Confessions

*Youth Mass 11:15 am

Monday-April 3

Mass 9 am

*Legion of Mary

*Bridge

Tuesday-April 4

Mass 9 am

Wednesday-April 5

Mass 9 am

*Reconciliation Service 7:00 pm

Thursday-April 6

Mass 9 am

*Choir Practice 7:00 pm

Friday-April 7

Mass 9 am

*First Friday Adoration 9:30-12:30 pm

*Fish Fry 5-6:30 pm

*Stations of the Cross 7 pm

Saturday-April 8

Mass 5:00 pm

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

Sunday-April 9

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Holy Week

Palm Sunday

*PSR 9:45 am

*Pro Life Rosary/English

*Happy Birthday Deacon Lee!

*Living Stations

Pastor's Message Cont.

people who had nowhere to stay. She baked delicious breads and cakes to sell but gave many of them away. May she find a warm welcome at Heaven's gate and sing God's praises forever.

Peace and Blessings,
Fr. Sexton

FINANCE NEWS
July 2015-June 2016

Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ 3560.86	\$ 5653.85

Year-to-date

*Offertory:	\$ 249,624.47	\$ 220,500.15
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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.

Community Holy Week Service
Donations Needed



Our Lady of the Lake will be responsible for providing **250 sandwiches** for the Community Holy Week Services to be held at Pell City United Methodist Church on **Wednesday, April 12th.**

If you are able to **donate a loaf of white and/or wheat bread (regular size bread only please)**, you may bring it to the Church kitchen on Tuesday, April 11.

Volunteers are also needed to prepare the sandwiches on **Wednesday morning, April 12th.**

We must deliver the sandwiches to the church by 10:30 am on the 12th.

Thanks to Karen Hand for leading this project!
For additional info please contact Karen:
205.405.1049.



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 – 84 cans

Parish Council

Chair: Sonia Dale:
 wmksdale2000@gmail.com

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 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.

Our Lady of the Lake
KOC Council 12270

Lenten Fish Fries

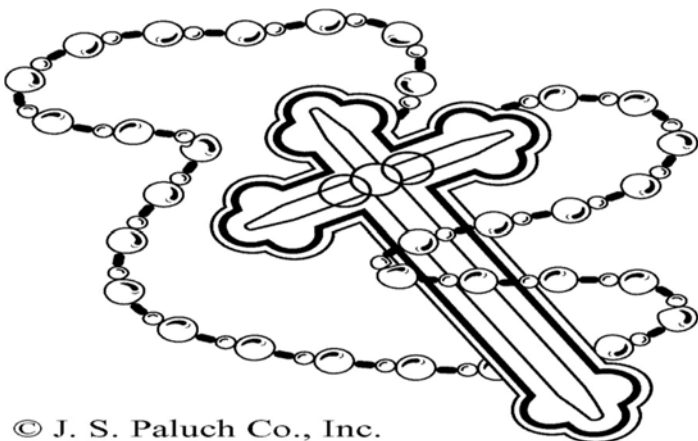


5:00 to 6:30 p.m.
Each Friday of Lent

2-piece dinner (2 sides) \$8.00

1-piece dinner (2 sides) \$6.00

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





Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: St. Isidore

Wednesday: St. Vincent Ferrer

Friday: St. John Baptist de la Salle; Abstinence;

Saturday: First Saturday



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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.

Assignments—April 5— April 9

WEDNESDAY 4/5/2017
7:00 PM

Altar Servers
Lector Teri Gagliano

FRIDAY 4/7/2017
7:00 PM **Stations of the Cross**

Altar Servers Andrew Thomaston, Will Thomaston, Matthew Frey

SATURDAY MASS 4/8/2017
5:00 PM

Altar Servers Larry Reese, Stephen Reese
Greeters Janice Stella, Gloria/Jim Albright
Lectors **Larry Foltz**, Marguerite Gorman
Ministers Deacon, Jim Dale, Sonia Dale
Ushers Jim Dale, Bob Nicholas, Jerry Kern, Brenda Kern

SUNDAY MASS 4/9/2017
8:30 AM **Palm Sunday**

Altar Servers Sawyer Stice, Amelia Reese, Carson Falkner, Natalie Newcomb
Greeters Debra/Julius Beavers, Bob/LouElla Menefee
Lectors **Joe Stanley**, Karen Reese
Ministers Deacon, Brenda Rochford, Joe Hoffert, Stephen Reese, Matthew Reese
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Cristy McKinney, Belia Solis, Edith Pavez

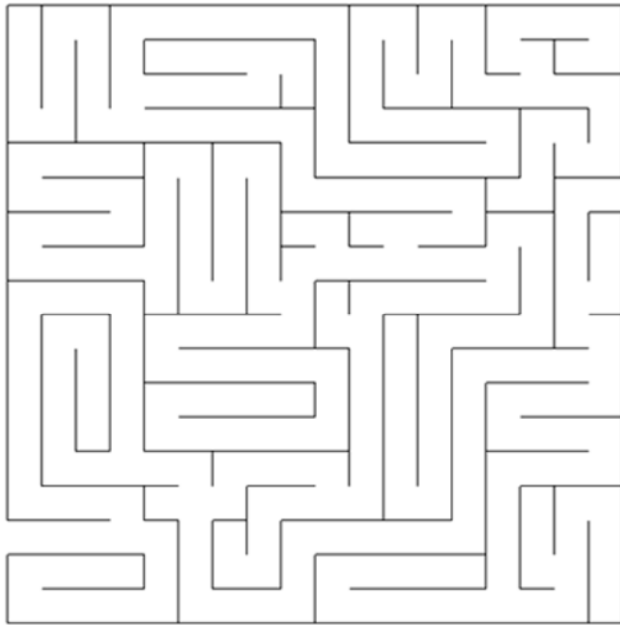
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Altar Servers James Lewis, Will Pittman, Erin Barker, Travis Cooley
Greeters Shirley/Diana Skeivelas, Grace Troncalli
Lectors **Bernie Funderburg**, Mary Adams
Ministers Deacon, Chere Lowery, Maria Jimenez, Ronnie Sellers, Jennifer Sellers
Ushers Don Frederick, Larry Foltz, Wayne Lowery, Jeanne Macon

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IN TODAY'S GOSPEL:

Jesus calls Lazarus from the dead... *we all know the story.*

Today, maybe we should take some time to meditate on this miracle Jesus preformed.

What is it the Lord is wanting us to see and hear? Is there a message HE is trying to get to us?

ARE WE (You and I) TRULY LIVING and ALIVE IN CHRIST JESUS?

Or are we dead? Are we *in a place* in our lives **"where Jesus is not?"**

Take some time to pray and listen closely with your heart; Is Jesus calling **you** just as HE called Lazarus?

"COME OUT!"

M.Y.C.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

April 5 (Wednesday)

Parish Reconciliation Service

April 8 Confirmation Retreat

April 9 **Palm Sunday**



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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the Son of God*



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13th Annual Carrollights Celebration
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Parents, Alumni and Friends are welcome to join in the Celebration of John Carroll Catholic High School
Saturday, April 22, at 6 pm, at the Our Lady of Valley Social Hall.

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For more information please visit our web site at www.carrollights.org or contact Michelle Scholtz, 2017 Chair at carrollights2017@gmail.com

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