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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 8, 2017

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 9, 2017

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 9, 2017



God greatly exalted [Christ]
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name.

— *Philippians 2:9*



Mass Intentions

April 10– April 16



Monday: Richard Ogle by Rita & Terry Rumore †
Tuesday: Joe & Helen Graffo by Tom Graffo †
Wednesday: Pat & Frank Dickinson by Tom Graffo †
Thursday: Fred Guarino by Rita & Terry Rumore †
Friday: Good Friday
Saturday: Holy Saturday
Sunday: Easter 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 10—April 16

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;
b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;
c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;
f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;
g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mt 28:1-10

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

Today's Readings



Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. (Matthew 21:1-11)

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame. (Isaiah 50:4-7)

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22)

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation. (Philippians 2:6-11)

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew. (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54])

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Pastor's Message

Today we enter that most sacred and most solemn week of the year: Holy Week. In this Holy Week we pause again before the mystery of evil, sin, and death. It is innocence trampled; it is power corrupted; it is love rejected; it is shameless betrayal. Yet, through it all is a love stronger than death. It is God who saves and vindicates his faithful ones.

Holy Week is the great Liturgical re-enactment of the story of our salvation. It is to be experienced as a total event—the incredible story of how God saved us in Christ—and saves us even now.

To celebrate Holy Week well is to experience transformation, to be touched deeply by God's saving grace. It is to let the timeless, saving actions of God shed light and hope on our sometimes troubled and darkened world.

It is to be lifted up from our own betrayals and blindness, our own brokenness and feeble attempts to save ourselves and experience the power of the Cross and the Alleluia of Easter.

One of the remarkable features of the Passion narratives, quite distinct from the Jewish martyr accounts from the same period, is that there is very little concentration on the physical sufferings of Jesus. There is a kind of mystical quality in the account.

The mockeries, the scourging, even the Crucifixion itself are related in surprising understatement. It was not biography but theology that determined the choice of events to be narrated. The Gospel writers were trying to explain the rich theological meaning of the actions of Jesus.

Jesus is presented as the faithful believer. He is the just man who cries out to God in the midst of agony and defeat. He trusts that not even death can nullify God's promise.

His true identity is revealed from the Cross after he breathed his last. The acknowledgement came, ironically, not from believers but from a Roman centurion (in Matthew's Gospel) who confessed: "Truly, this was the Son of God".

I hope that every family in our Parish will make every effort to participate in as many of the Holy Week services as possible. Elsewhere in this bulletin is a detailed schedule of all the Holy Week Services.

To participate in these Liturgies with a lively faith will surely transform us and bring us to the great day of Easter with renewed faith. The Introduction to the Liturgy of Palm Sunday expresses it well: "United with Christ in his suffering on the Cross, may we share in resurrection and new life".

Thought For the Week: "Passion of Christ my comfort be; Oh good Jesus, listen to me; in thy wounds I feign would hide; ne'er to be parted from thy side".
(Translated by Blessed Cardinal Newman).

Peace and Blessings,
Fr. Sexton

April 9 ~ April 16

Sunday-April 9

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Palm Sunday

Holy Week

*PSR 9:45 am

*Pro Life Rosary/English

*Happy Birthday Deacon Lee!

*Living Stations



Monday-April 10

Mass 9:00 am

*Legion of Mary

*Bridge

*Reconciliation 9:30-10:30 am

Tuesday-April 11

Mass 9 am

Wednesday-April 12

Mass 7:00 pm

*Reconciliation 9:30-10:30 am

Thursday-April 13

Holy Thursday

*The Lord's Supper ,
Institution of the Eucharist &
Washing of Feet 7 pm

*Adoration till midnight



Friday-April 14

Good Friday



*Stations of the Cross 2:00 pm

*Reconciliation 3:00-4:00 pm

*Veneration of the Cross &
Holy Communion 7:00 pm

Saturday-April 15

Mass 8:00 pm

Easter Vigil

*Reconciliation 3:00-5:00 pm

*Blessing of the Easter Food 12:00 noon

Sunday-April 16

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Easter Sunday

*NO PSR

*Egg Hunt between Masses



FINANCE NEWS
July 2015-June 2016

Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ pending	\$ 5653.85

Year-to-date

*Offertory:	\$ 249,624.40	\$ 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.



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

Community Holy Week Service Donations Needed



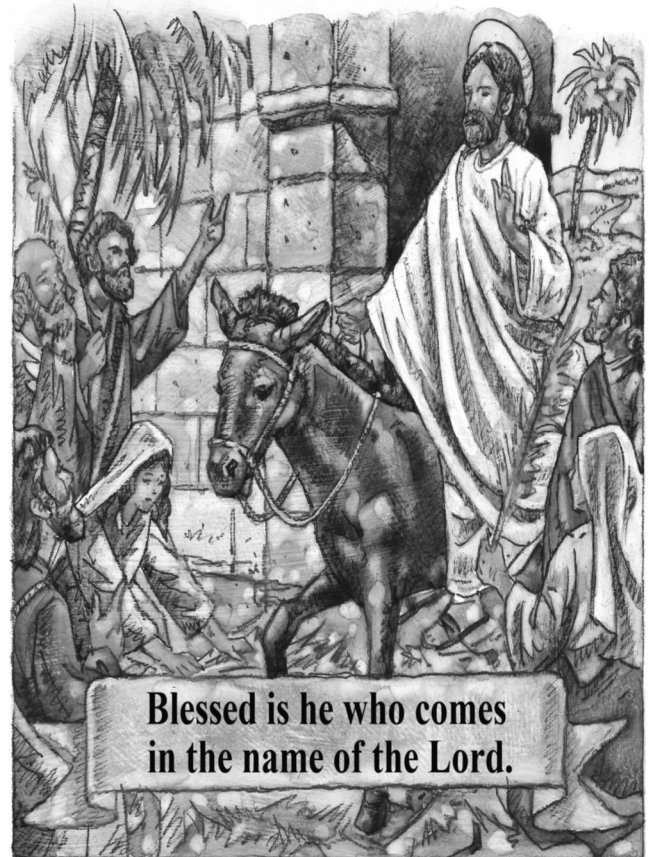
Our Lady of the Lake will be responsible for providing **250 sandwiches** for the Community Holy Week Services to be held at Pell City United Methodist Church on **Wednesday, April 12th.**

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.

For additional info please contact Karen:
205.405.1049.



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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 12 - April 16

WEDNESDAY **4/12/2017**
7:00 PM

Altar Servers
 Lector Charmaine Welch

THURSDAY **4/13/2017**
7:00 PM **Holy Thursday**

Altar Servers Sophie Poteracki, Sawyer Stice, Anthony Emerick, James Lewis, Andrew Thomaston
 Greeters Darlene Leonard, Gisela Scruggs
 Lectors Robert Lewis, Sarah Brazzolotto
 Ministers Deacon, Larry Reese, Sara Reese, Jim Dale, Sonia Dale
 Ushers Michael Gagliano, Herb Kuntz

FRIDAY **4/14/2017**
Good Friday
2:00 PM **Stations of the Cross**

Altar Servers Sophie Poteracki, Amelia Reese, Jimillia Sayles

7:00 PM

Altar Servers Andrew Thomaston, Will Thomaston
 Greeters Phillip/Bit Thomaston, Alexis Allor
 Lectors **Tony Hollis**, Dennis Veigl
 Ministers Deacon
 Ushers Lance Stella, Chris Gallegly

SATURDAY MASS **4/15/2017**
8:00 PM **Holy Saturday**

Altar Servers Sophie Poteracki, Sawyer Stice, Paul Boyle, Danielle McKinney, Matthew Frey
 Greeters Peter/Amber Boyle, John Himmler
 Lectors Sara Reese, Sonia Dale, Mary Adams Joe Hoffert
 Ministers Deacon, Wayne Adams, Larry Reese, Stephen Reese, Chere Lowery
 Ushers Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Sam Marston

SUNDAY MASS **4/16/2017**
8:30 AM **Easter Sunday**

Altar Servers Anthony Emerick, Andrew Thomaston, Will Thomaston, Carson Falkner
 Greeters Crapet/Landman/Freeman
 Lectors Bart Perry, Gail Perry
 Ministers Deacon, Tom Graffo, Anna Emerick, Rosemary Mateer, Tommie A. Johnson
 Ushers Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston, Bit Thomaston, Chris Frey



Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Julian Calendar Palm Sunday*

Monday: *Monday of Holy Week; Passover (Jewish celebration) begins at sunset*

Tuesday: *Tuesday of Holy Week*

Wednesday: *Wednesday of Holy Week*

Thursday: *Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum*

Friday: *Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday); Julian Calendar Good Friday; Fast and Abstinence*

Saturday: *Holy Saturday; The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night*

Assignments—April 12 - April 16

SUNDAY MASS— cont. **Easter Sunday**
11:15 PM

Altar Servers Brooks Boyle, Peyton Foreman, Destiny Markevich, Erin Barker
 Greeters Lydia Jimenez, Mattie Osborne
 Lectors Dennis Veigl, Chere Lowery
 Ministers Deacon, Lee Walser, Janice Stella, Maria Jimenez, Chris Gallegly
 Ushers Don Frederick, Chris Gallegly, William Ngambou

If you cannot keep your assignment

PLEASE find a substitute.



HOLY WEEK

REMEMBER

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**HOLIEST WEEK
OF THE YEAR!***

*Let's try and live
it that way.*

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 9

Palm Sunday

of the Passion of the Lord

PSR (Religious Ed) at 9:45am

April 15 HOLY SATURDAY

April 16 EASTER SUNDAY

**OF THE RESURRECTION
OF THE LORD**



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!



Holy week