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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 15, 2017*

*Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, April 16, 2017*

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

*Easter Sunday*

*April 16, 2017*



*When Christ your life appears,  
then you too will appear  
with him in glory.*

*— Colossians 3:4*



*Mass Intentions*

April 17– April 23



**Monday: Jim Gregg** by Tom Graffo †  
**Tuesday: Gene Smith** by Mary Ester Krantz †  
**Wednesday: James Gregg** by KOC 12270 †  
**Thursday: Andrew Centilli** by Mary Esther Krantz †  
**Friday: Jean Brown** by Rita & Terry Rumore  
**Saturday: Andy Brennan** by Rita & Terry Rumore  
**Sunday: Reginald Centilli** by Mary Esther Krantz †

*\*\*Sunday's Mass Intentions are offered  
at the 11:15 am Mass\*\**

*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](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 ~ April 17—April 23*

**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps  
16:1-2, 5, 7-11;  
Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5,  
18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4,  
6-9; Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-  
9; Lk 24:35-48

**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2,  
4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1,  
14-21; Mk 16:9-15

**Sunday:** Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-  
4, 13-15, 22-24;  
1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

*Today's Readings*



**First Reading** — Peter is an eyewitness: The  
Lord is risen. (Acts 10:34a, 37-43)

**Psalm** — This is the day the Lord has made; let  
us rejoice and be glad. (Psalm 118)

**(1) Second Reading** — All who are baptized,  
set your hearts in heaven. (Colossians 3:1-4) **or**

**(2) Second Reading** — Christ our Passover is  
sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate. (1 Co-  
rinthians 5:6b-8)

**Gospel** — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and  
John; each responds to the empty tomb. (John  
20:1-9) **or** Matthew 28:1-10 (**or, at an afternoon  
or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35**)

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## Pastor's Message

"This is the day the Lord has made: Let us rejoice and be glad". This joyful refrain—part of the Responsorial Psalm for the Mass of Easter—captures well the meaning of this Easter Sunday. Christ is risen. Death has died. Life can be lived with hope and meaning.

In Rome on this Easter Sunday the 400 bells of the city ring out repeatedly to announce the joy of the Resurrection. May the bells of Easter ring in your heart at Easter time, with its message so unbelievable and yet so wonderful to believe.

In the Gospel Reading of Easter Sunday (John 20:1-9) we see the beginning of Easter faith. It is tentative at first but grows with time.

Mary Magdalene ran from the sight of the empty tomb to tell Simon Peter and John, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him". That's a long way from: "He is risen", but it is a beginning.

Simon Peter and John the beloved disciple, ran to the tomb to see for themselves. Peter "went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there". While Peter was attentive to details and saw everything, in another sense he saw nothing. He had not yet come to faith.

John "also went in and saw and believed". Faith came easily to John, for love makes faith possible. Peter was still hurting and it's hard to believe when your heart is hurting.

We need the message of Easter now more than ever. Easter must work its way into our hearts and ignite fresh hope. The growing spiritual hunger and dislocation of our age will not be satisfied by false promises and quick fixes.

Plastic eggs hidden in the front lawn will hardly serve as a substitute for what ails us. (Easter eggs and the Easter bunny come from a pagan Roman era).

Nor will we be satisfied with celebrities or personalities who claim our allegiance but cannot bear the weight of our hopes. Only the transforming power of Easter can do that.

Easter needs a community of witnesses. The risen Lord lives in the witness of faith-filled people who can testify to the hope that fills their lives. Easter is not a private possession.

Easter means there is hope even in the bleakest and saddest of days. Yes, even when death robs us of loved ones, or when cancer ravages our frail bodies, or when relationships crumble, or when our wells run dry, even then and especially then, there is ultimate victory. Easter has changed everything.

### An Easter Prayer

Father, we come to you this Easter day,  
From the passion of our lives.  
We come and proclaim the Resurrection.  
We shout with all our hearts  
"Christ is Risen".

For this Resurrection hope,  
For this Good News that rings like Easter bells,  
Over the cries of sorrow and the din of strife.  
We give you thanks through Christ our Lord.

A blessed and joy-filled Easter to you and yours.

*Fr. Sexton*

April 16~ April 23

### Sunday-April 16

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

### Easter Sunday

\*NO PSR

\*Egg Hunt between Masses



### Monday-April 17

Mass 9:00 am

\*Legion of Mary

\*Bridge

### Tuesday-April 18

Mass 9 am

### Wednesday-April 19

Mass 7:00 pm

\*Surfsiders 10 am

\*Sr. Youth 5:30-8:00 pm

\*Parish Council meets after Mass

### Thursday-April 20

Mass 9:00 am

### Friday-April 21

Mass 9:00 am

### Saturday-April 22

Mass 5:00 pm

\*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

\*Freeman Wedding

### Sunday-April 23

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

### Divine Mercy Sunday

\*PSR 9:45 am

\*Memorial Mass Kitty Gordon 1:00 pm

\*Prayers 3:00 pm



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**FINANCE NEWS**  
July 2015-June 2016

Last week

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
*Offertory:	\$ 9533.26	\$ 5653.85

Year-to-date

*Offertory:	\$ 259,157.73	\$ 226,154.00
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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 – 60 cans**

## Memorial Mass for Kitty Gordon

**Sunday, April 23rd  
at 1:00 pm.**



*A special memorial Mass for Kitty Gordon, followed by a reception in the Parish hall. All are invited as we remember a treasured and faithful member who inspired us all.*



## 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 21<sup>st</sup>.

Applications can be obtained by email from Jay Willi at [jwilli@coosahs.net](mailto:jwilli@coosahs.net).

The deadline for receipt of the applications is May 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Divine Mercy Sunday

**Sunday, April 23  
at 3:00 pm.**

Public recitation of the Mercy Sunday Prayers in the Church. Sacrament of Reconciliation will not be available at this time.



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



*Robert & Alexis Dempsey  
& children, Catherine,  
Marissa & Natalie*

*Noelle Christine Bouchet*

*"Therefore welcome one another as Christ  
has welcomed you, for the glory of God."*

*—Romans 15:7*

## Assignments—April 19 - April 23

**WEDNESDAY** 4/19/2017  
**7:00 PM**

Altar Servers  
Lector Bernie Funderburg

**SATURDAY MASS** 4/22/2017  
**5:00 PM**

Altar Servers Peter Boyle, Tom Michaels  
Greeters Kathy Shivers, Allen & Phyllis Ross  
Lectors Ron & Micky Zielinski  
Ministers Deacon, Allen Ross, Phyllis Ross  
Ushers Jim Dale, Bob Nicholas, Jerry Kern,  
Brenda Kern

**SUNDAY MASS** 4/23/2017  
**8:30 AM**

Altar Servers Jimillia Sayles, Natalie Newcomb,  
Bailey Nail, Jacob Wiley  
Greeters Julie & Bob Paulitzky, Amelia Reese  
Lectors Gloria Raynor, Carl Rochford  
Ministers Deacon, Rosemary Mateer, Joe Stanley,  
Ruth Stanley, Brenda Rochford  
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Lance Stella, NEED 2

**11:15 PM**

Altar Servers Will Pittman, John Himmler,  
Travis Cooley, Jhon Paul Rogers  
Greeters Patsy LopezdeVictoria/Patrick Cowart,  
Lydia Jimenez  
Lectors John Stice, Martha Hayes  
Ministers Deacon, Sarah Brazzotto, Martha  
Hayes, Ronnie Sellers, Jennifer Sellers  
Ushers Don Frederick, Ron Markevich, Brian  
Young, John Smith

**If you cannot keep your assignment**

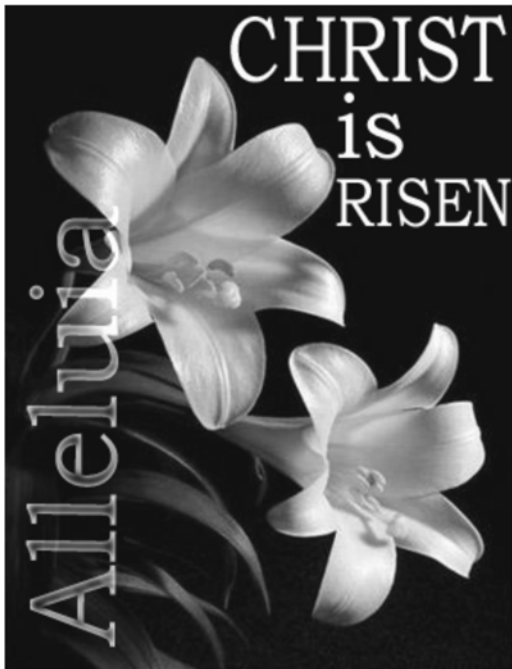
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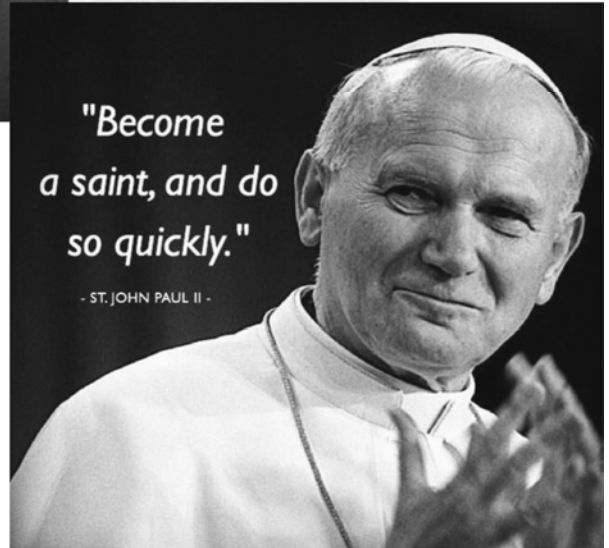
## Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday:** *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*
- Monday:** *Monday within the Octave of Easter;  
Income Tax Day*
- Tuesday:** *Tuesday within the Octave of Easter*
- Wednesday:** *Wednesday within the Octave of Easter*
- Thursday:** *Thursday within the Octave of Easter*
- Friday:** *Friday within the Octave of Easter*
- Saturday:** *Saturday within the Octave of Easter;  
Earth Day*





“DO NOT ABANDON YOURSELVES TO DESPAIR. WE ARE THE EASTER PEOPLE AND HALLELUJAH IS OUR SONG.”



"Become a saint, and do so quickly."

- ST. JOHN PAUL II -

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**April 16 EASTER SUNDAY  
OF THE RESURRECTION  
OF THE LORD**

**NO PSR (Religious Ed)**

**April 23 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

PSR (Religious Ed) at 9:45am

April 30 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**

1st & 3rd Wednesdays— Sr. Youth Meetings & Every 3rd Sunday—Social Night  
**Food, Fun, and Faith!**



**John Carroll  
Catholic High School  
13th Annual Carrollights  
Celebration**

**Saturday, April 22nd at 6:00 pm.**

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.

Tickets are \$60.00 per person and include dinner, live and silent auction along with music from Goodfellas.

**For more information please visit our web site at [www.carrollights.org](http://www.carrollights.org) or contact Michelle Scholtz, 2017 Chair, at [carrollights2017@gmail.com](mailto:carrollights2017@gmail.com).**



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**To purchase tickets or for additional info please contact:  
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