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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 22, 2017

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 23, 2017

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday of Divine Mercy*

April 23, 2017

*“Blessed are those who
have not seen
and have believed.”*



— John 20:29b



Mass Intentions

April 24– April 30



Monday: Gini Kerr by Loretta & Bill Frost †
Tuesday: Marlene Catalino by Sam Catalino †
Wednesday: Jim Abernathy by Loretta & Bill Frost †
Thursday: Marie Battaglia by Parma & Paul Boyle †
Friday: Katherine Nannenhorn by the Zielinskis †
Saturday: James Brady by the Stice Family †
Sunday: Deceased KOC by KOC 12270 †

***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.**

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 24–April 30

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9;
Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3,
6-7, 16-17;
Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-
9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2,
9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1,
4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4
-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps
16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-
35

Today's Readings



First Reading — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer. (Acts 2:42-47)

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Psalm 118)

Second Reading — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven. (1 Peter 1:3-9)

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts. (John 20:19-31)

Pastor's Message

Easter is not just one day. It is a Liturgical season of fifty days that will bring us to the Feast of Pentecost on June 4th. The Easter season is also remembered as a time for celebrating Sacraments, especially, First Communion, Confirmation and Weddings.

In recent years this Sunday is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Pope John Paul II gave this Feast as a legacy to the Church. The special Chaplet of Divine Mercy Prayers will be recited today at 3:00 p.m. in the Church.

The Gospel selection for this Sunday is repeated annually. It is taken from John's Gospel, Chapter 20. It presents two appearances of the risen Christ to the disciples on the first evening of Easter and again eight days later. It is best remembered for showing how Thomas, the Apostle crossed over from deepest doubt to deepest faith with his great affirmation: "My Lord and my God".

We can all relate to Thomas; indeed he is a symbol of our time when faith does not come easy for so many. In the end it is a gift and a grace. It is not a conclusion reached by reason alone.

We can all take comfort in the words of Jesus to Thomas at the end of today's Gospel: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed". It is the only beatitude in John's Gospel. We hope to be lucky enough to have this blessing applied to us.

Remembering Kitty Gordon: We will remember Kitty today in a special Memorial Mass at 1:00 p.m. in the Church. There will be a reception afterwards in the Hall. This faithful parishioner, who was an inspiration to us all by her bedrock faith and genuine goodness, continues to touch our lives, even in death. We continue to pray for Mike Gordon, beloved husband of Kitty for nearly seventy years, and now walking through the valley of grief.

Congratulations to Rodney & Beth Martin: Celebrating this week sixty years of faithful marriage. We thank them for the inspiring witness they continue to give us through a love that is genuine and lovely. They serve our Parish with incredible dedication and care. Blessings galore to you both!

Thanks for a Holy Week that was Special: Holy Week in our Parish was inspirational and moving thanks to so many people who pitched in to help and serve as Liturgical Ministers—Choir members, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Sacristans, Cantors, Altar Servers and Musicians. So many others volunteered to set up for the various Liturgies, to move and rearrange furnishings, to decorate with Easter Flowers, to clean and polish, to serve wherever needed. A big thanks to all. Your faith is wonderful.



April 23~ April 30

Sunday-April 23

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Divine Mercy Sunday

*PSR 9:45 am

***Memorial Mass Kitty Gordon 1pm**

*Divine Mercy Prayers 3:00 pm

Monday-April 24

Mass 9:00 am

*Legion of Mary

*Bridge

*Liturgy Meeting 6:00 pm

Tuesday-April 25

Mass 9 am

Wednesday-April 26

Mass 7:00 pm

*Ultreya after Mass

Thursday-April 27

Mass 9:00 am

Friday-April 28

Mass 9:00 am

Saturday-April 29

Mass 5:00 pm

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

*Confirmation Retreat

***Parish Census**

Sunday-April 30

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*PSR 9:45 am

*Knight's Mass 8:30 am

***First Holy Communion** 11:15 am with reception following in Parish Hall

Pastor's Message Cont.

Wedding Bells: Congratulations to Meagan Freeman and Dr. Michael Price who exchanged wedding vows on Saturday, April 22nd in our Church. We wish you the best of blessings and a life filled with loving service.

Peace & Blessings,
Fr. Sexton

FINANCE NEWS
July 2015-June 2016

Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ 8835.00	\$ 5653.85

Year-to-date

*Offertory:	\$ 274,171.59	\$ 237,461.70
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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 – 50 cans



Church Yard Sale

Friday, May 12th & Saturday, May 13th

8am-2pm - both days.

Now is the time to start cleaning your closets and storage areas and donate your unwanted or unused household items to our sale. **(PLEASE, NO CLOTHING).**

You may drop off your donations now, in the back of the Church Hall.

If you would like to **volunteer** to help price items or work the days of the sale please contact:

Sharon Stice 205-613-1053 or

Brenda Rochford 423-242-5029.

All proceeds go to Social Concerns to help pay for items not donated for the Thanksgiving Food Baskets and the Giving Tree at Christmas.

Thanks for all your support and donations!

Fundraising Event

Feeding Frenzy BBQ

Feeding Seniors in St. Clair County



You can help us feed over 300 seniors in St. Clair Co. in need of delivered meals!

Thursday, May 11th from 11:30 am—1:00 pm

Lunch Plates—\$15.00

The Center for Education & Performing Arts

25 Williamson Drive Pell City

To purchase tickets or for additional info please contact:

Joe & Ruth Stanley @ 205-516-1718.

Assignments—April 26- April 30

WEDNESDAY **4/26/2017**
7:00 PM

Altar Servers
 Lector Sarah Brazzolotto

SATURDAY MASS **4/29/2017**
5:00 PM

Altar Servers Chris Gallegly, Marty Poteracki
 Greeters Gloria/Jim Albright, Karen Hand
 Lectors Allen Ross, Phyllis Ross
 Ministers Deacon, Susan Moseley, Gloria Albright
 Ushers Bob & Karen Hand, Sam Marston, subs

SUNDAY MASS **4/30/2017**
8:30 AM **Knight's Mass**

Altar Servers Anthony Emerick, Andrew Thomaston,
 Will Thomaston, Matthew Frey
 Greeters Gagliano Family
 Lectors Robert Lewis, David Springer
 Ministers Deacon, Wayne Adams, Michael
 Gagliano, Tom Graffo, Larry Reese
 Ushers Herb Kuntz, Dennis Veigl, Joaquina
 Reyes, subs

11:15 PM **First Holy Communion**

Altar Servers Paul Boyle, James Lewis, Katie Boyle,
 Erin Barker
 Greeters Mattie Osborne, Shirley/Diana Skeivelas
 Lectors Ronnie Sellers, Jennifer Sellers
 Ministers Deacon, Wayne Adams, Mary Adams,
 Martha Hayes, Lee Walser
 Ushers Don Frederick, Ronnie Sellers, Jennifer
 Sellers, Alex Walser

If you cannot keep your assignment

PLEASE find a substitute.

Pro Life Updates



The Baby Bottle Drive for, Ann's New Life Pregnancy Medical Center brought in \$1,983.46. Thank You So Much for Your Support! **Many Thanks** to the KOC, that were instrumental in getting the new ultrasound machine. Parents lives have already been changed forever after seeing their infants for the for first time on sonogram. **Great News**, Ann's New Life Center is growing! A satellite center will be opening soon in Leeds, AL across from the High School. Please continue to pray for the success of Ann's New Life Center and for all of the centers like it that strive to save lives every day.



Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter
 (or of Divine Mercy)

Monday: Yom Ha-Shoa
 (Holocaust Remembrance Day)

Tuesday: St. Mark

Wednesday: Administrative
 Professionals Day

Friday: St. Peter Chanel;
 St. Louis Grignion de
 Montfort; Arbor Day

Saturday: St. Catherine of Siena

To My Parish Family,

Thanks for all the prayers, cards, visits, & Masses for me since my tragic accident. Your love & support sustained me during this very difficult time. I am at home & will be receiving therapy for several more weeks so I ask for your continued prayers. Visits welcomed.

*Love,
 Jeanie*

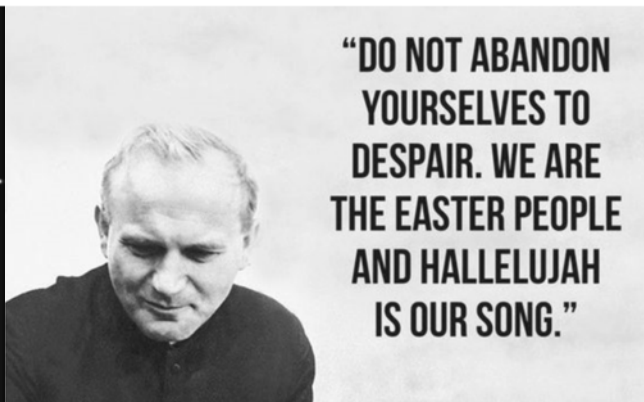
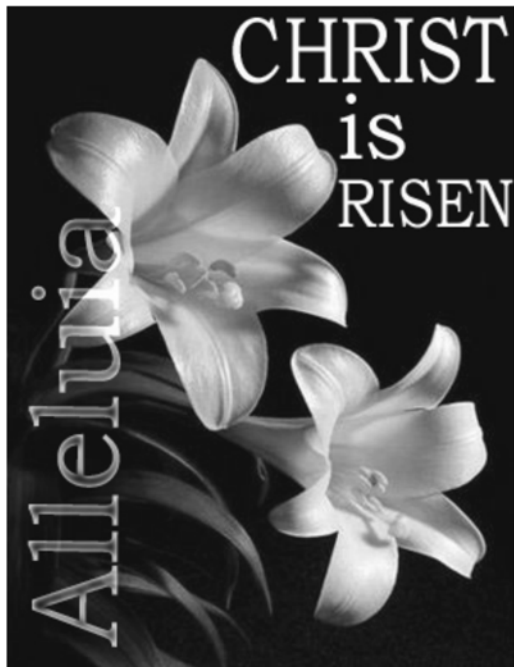


Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 23
at 3:00 pm.



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



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NO PSR (Religious Ed)

April 23 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

PSR (Religious Ed) at 9:45am
First Communion Practice

April 30 PSR (Religious Ed) at 9:45am

April 30 11:15 am Mass

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



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 Matthew Brazzolotto

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Office of the Bishop

STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME

April 10, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocese will be taking up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA) April 22-23, and I ask that you prayerfully consider participating. This appeal supports the dioceses here in our own country that struggle to make ends meet and to serve all the needs of their parishioners. It is through your generosity that many churches are able to keep their doors open and provide essential pastoral services.

The Diocese of Laredo is located in southern Texas, along the Texas-Mexico border. Many in this diocese live on the margins of society, either as immigrants or as people living in poverty, and it is a challenge for the diocese to keep up with the needs of its people. With your contributions to the CHMA, the diocese reaches out to some of the most marginalized people—those in prison. Many detainees are returning to the Catholic faith and are in need of God’s mercy. Your gifts provide liturgical and educational supplies, help priests offer the Eucharist and other sacraments, and support volunteers’ and ministers’ outreach to over 10,000 men and women in detention facilities. Your generosity brings Christ’s message of love, compassion, and reconciliation to this often forgotten population.

Your support of this appeal makes a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters right here in the United States, including our own diocese. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the appeal this year. To learn more about the appeal and those who benefit from it, visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

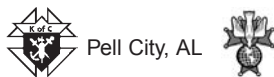
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Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Baker, S.T.D.
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama

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