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**Kathy Bryant**

## **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, May 6, 2017*

*Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, May 7, 2017*

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

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*May 7, 2017*

*He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.*



*—1 Peter 2:24a*



*Mass Intentions*

May 8– May 14



**Monday: All Parishioners** by Betty Huetteman/Yolie Roy

**Tuesday: James Brady** by OLL Ultreya †

**Wednesday: Joe Yester** by Mary Esther Krantz †

**Thursday: Betty Brown** by Jeanie Reid †

**Friday: Kay Bungert** by the Zielinskis †

**Saturday: Judy Marston** by Sam Marston †

**Sunday: Marie Battaglia** by Parma & Paul Boyle †

**\*\*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, Daniel Centilli, Joe Stanley.*

**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 ~ May 8—May 14*

**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18

**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday:** Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50

**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

**Sunday:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

*Today's Readings*



**First Reading** — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized. (Acts 2:14a, 36-41)

**Psalm** — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Psalm 23)

**Second Reading** — Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian. (1 Peter 2:20b-25)

**Gospel** — The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life. (John 10:1-10)

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## Pastor's Message

This Sunday is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. The earliest pictures of Christ are not the splendid mosaics in Byzantine Basilicas or the stained-glass masterpieces in Gothic Cathedrals.

The most ancient portraits of the Risen Christ are found in the catacombs—the underground caves surrounding the city of Rome. They were created by first century Christians who believed in Easter in the face of persecution and death.

Not surprisingly these early Christians pictured Jesus as the Good Shepherd. A fourth century statue in Rome's Lateran museum depicts Jesus as a young shepherd with a lamb on his shoulders. The image of God as a shepherd dated back to Nomadic times before the Israelites became an agricultural people. The shepherd was one who provided protection and led the sheep to green pastures. Shepherds were also known to be willing to die to save the sheep from wild animals.

In today's Gospel reading from John (10:1-10) Jesus claims the ancient title for God: the Shepherd. The image is pastoral and warm; it speaks of nurture and life.

Jesus is not only the Good Shepherd but he is also the gate that leads to the sheepfold. The gate had a critical function—to keep out wild animals and sheep stealers at night. The oriental shepherd sometimes slept in the narrow entrance to the sheepfold to act as a protection against intruders and a security for sheep who might be inclined to leave the sheepfold.

The care and concern of the shepherd could mean the difference between life and death for the flock. The mission of the shepherd and of Jesus is the same: that we might have abundant life.

The second Vatican Council document on the Church states: "The Church is a sheepfold whose one and indispensable door is Christ. It is a flock of which God himself foretold. He would be the shepherd, and whose sheep, although ruled by human shepherds, are nevertheless continuously led and nourished by Christ himself, the Good Shepherd, who gave his life for the sheep". (Paragraph 6: Lumen Gentium)

**Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation:** Today at St. Paul's Cathedral in Birmingham. Seven young people from our Parish will join others from several parishes to be confirmed by Bishop Baker. Congratulations to all and thanks to Stephen Reese who served as Catechist for our youth.

**Parish Census:** We need to update our Parish Census so that it accurately reflects the number of households we serve. You will be asked today at the end of Mass to complete a simple card that will help us a lot. Thanks for belonging to Our Lady of the Lake Parish. In your faith and in your gifts you make this a special parish.

Peace and Blessings,  
*Fr. Sexton*

May 7 ~ May 14

### **Sunday-May 7**

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

\*PSR 9:45 am

\*Youth Mass 11:15 am

\*Confirmation-St. Paul's Cathedral 2:00 pm

\*Church Census

### **Monday-May 8**

**Mass 9:00 am**

\*Legion of Mary

\*Bridge

### **Tuesday-May 9**

**Mass 9 am**

### **Wednesday-May 10**

**Mass 7:00 pm**

\*Exposición del Santísimo 7:30 p-9:00 p  
(Exposition & Adoration)

### **Thursday-May 11**

**Mass 9:00 am**

### **Friday-May 12**

**Mass 9:00 am**

\*Church Yard Sale 8a-2p

### **Saturday-May 13**

**Mass 5:00 pm**

\*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

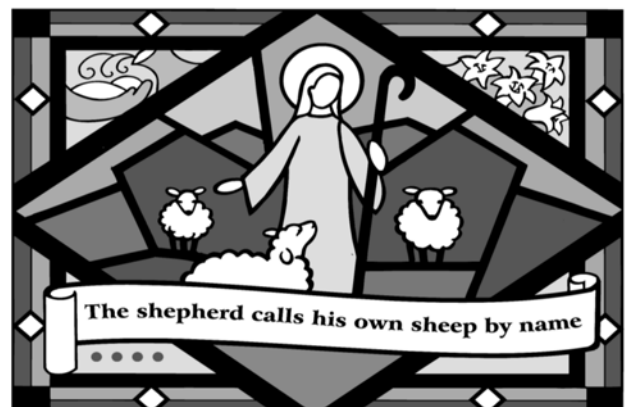
\*Church Yard Sale 8a-2p

### **Sunday-May 14**

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

\*No PSR

\*May Crowning between Masses



**FINANCE NEWS**  
**July 2016-June 2017**

**Last week**

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>*Offertory:</b>	<b>\$ 10,455.80</b>	<b>\$ 5653.85</b>

**Year-to-date**

<b>*Offertory:</b>	<b>\$ 290,107.14</b>	<b>\$ 248,769.40</b>
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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 – 107 cans**

## Church Yard Sale

**Friday, May 12 & Saturday, May 13**  
**8am-2pm - both days.**



**You may drop off your donations now,**  
**in the back of the Church Hall.**  
**(PLEASE, NO CLOTHING)**

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!**

## Parish Council

**Chair: Sonia Dale:**  
wmksdale2000@gmail.com

**Vice Chair: Mark McRae:**  
mmcrae237@yahoo.com

**Secretary: Karen Hand**  
wmkhand@yahoo.com

**Beth Brouillette:** beth\_brouillette@yahoo.com

**Sonya Lewis:** sonyalewis285@gmail.com

**Joanna Murphree:** Joannam1222@aol.com

**Gloria Raynor:** grodgers2010@gmail.com

**Carl Rochford:** rochfordc@bellsouth.net

**Joe Stanley:** roltyde1@aol.com

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

**Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama**  
**From the Office of the Bishop**

**May 1, 2017**

Dear Friends in Christ,

St. John Vianney Residence for Priests needs your support to continue to care for our priests who have served the Diocese so well. **A second collection for the benefit of St. John Vianney Residence will be the weekend of May 13-14.**

I encourage all families in the diocese to share in the responsibility of providing support for the Residence. Your contribution will enable us to continue to meet current expenses in this important effort.

I am extremely grateful and continually amazed at your great generosity to our dedicated priests. Please give generously so our priests can continue to live with pride and dignity.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and your continued prayers for all our priests.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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



## Saints and Special Observances

**Sunday:** *Fourth Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations*

**Wednesday:** *St. Damien de Veuster*

**Friday:** *Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras*

**Saturday:** *Our Lady of Fatima*

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### World Day of Prayer for Vocations

*Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd,  
May young people in our parish  
Hear your call and follow your voice  
As they discern their vocations.  
Lead your people to heaven  
Through the ministry of holy priests  
And consecrated men and women.  
Jesus, we trust in you! Amen*

*Pledge to pray for vocations at  
[www.invisiblemonastery.com](http://www.invisiblemonastery.com)*

### Exposición del Santísimo



*Exposición del Santísimo el segundo  
Miércoles de cada mes. Ven y comparte  
un tiempo especial con nuestro Señor.  
Todos son bienvenidos.*

## Assignments—May 10 ~ May 14

**WEDNESDAY** 5/10/2017  
7:00 PM

Altar Servers  
Lector Charmaine Welch

**SATURDAY MASS** 5/13/2017  
5:00 PM

Altar Servers Bernie Funderburg, Cory Funderburg  
Greeters Darlene Leonard, Gisela Scruggs  
Lectors Sara Reese, Marguerite Gorman  
Ministers Deacon, Jim Dale, Sonia Dale  
Ushers Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Bob Nicholas, Clayton Martin

**SUNDAY MASS** 5/14/2017  
8:30 AM **Mother's Day**

Altar Servers Anthony Emerick, Amelia Reese, Brennan Cardenas, Amy Cardenas  
Greeters Natalie Newcomb, Jay/Enid Willi  
Lectors Karen Reese, Carl Rochford  
Ministers Deacon, Joe Hoffert, Brenda Rochford, Stephen Reese, Matthew Reese  
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Gregg Bechel, Chris Frey, Mike Gordon

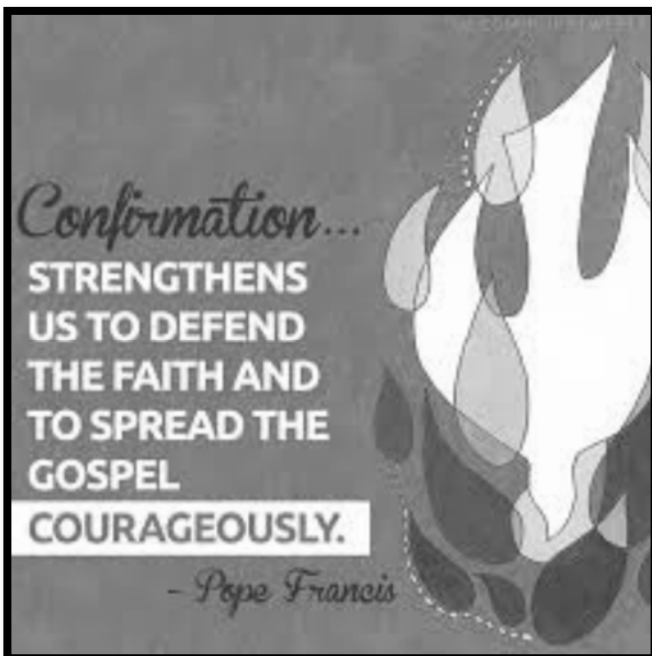
**11:15 PM**

Altar Servers Paul Boyle, Katie Boyle, Destiny Markevich, Jhon Paul Rogers  
Greeters Amelia Reese, Aly/Wendy Struzik  
Lectors Ronnie Sellers, Jennifer Sellers  
Ministers Deacon, Chere Lowery, Maria Jimenez, Wayne Adams, Mary Adams  
Ushers Don Frederick, Larry Foltz, Jeanne Macon, Wayne Lowery

If you cannot keep your assignment

PLEASE find a substitute.

Called to *Serve*



# Confirmation Mass

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL  
MAY 7TH, 2017  
2:00 PM

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SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION  
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**May 14 NO PSR (Religious Ed)**

**MAY CROWNING**

AT THE GROTTO  
AFTER THE 8:30 AM MASS  
**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

**May 21 SENIOR SUNDAY**

**LAST DAY OF PSR until the Fall**



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

## Parish Census

Every family is being asked to complete a Census form, in order for the Parish to update your contact information. You may use the one below, pick up a card in the foyer, or visit our website, [www.ollpellcity.com](http://www.ollpellcity.com), to fill one out online.

**Please complete the census before May 7th. Thank you & God bless!**

### Our Lady of the Lake Census - 2017

**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Married?** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Spouse's First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse's email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

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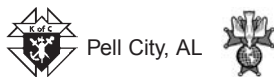
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**If known, what is your envelope number?** \_\_\_\_\_

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