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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.-11:00 a.m.

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION:

Third Sunday of every month at 7:00 p.m.
Exposición del Santísimo el segundo Miércoles
de cada mes @ 7:30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

August through May. Ages 3 yrs. through
High School.

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

*Saturday, May 20, 2017
Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, May 21, 2017
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am*

*Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 21, 2017*

*“I will ask the Father,
and he will give you . . .
the Spirit of truth.”*



— John 14:16-17



Mass Intentions

May 22– May 28



Monday: Yogi Caterinichia by Smeraglia Family †
Tuesday: Joe Stanley by KOC & Ladies Aux. †
Wednesday: Yogi Caterinichia by Smeraglia Family †
Thursday: Joe Yester by Mari Culver †
Friday: Marlene Catalino by Sam Catalino †
Saturday: Andy McClay by Karen & Bob Hand †
Sunday: Russell Banks by Margaret Banks †

****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.*

**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 ~ May 22—May 28

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps
149:1b-6a, 9b;
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3,
7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1;
Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3,
6-9; Eph 1:17-23;
Mt 28:16-20 (for
Ascension); otherwise
Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4;
Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7;
Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3,
8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1,
4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16;
Jn 17:1-11a; or (for
Ascension)
Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3,
6-9; Eph 1:17-23;
Mt 28:16-20

Today's Readings



First Reading — The people of Samaria
accepted the word of God preached by Philip;
they received the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17)

Psalm — Let all the earth cry out to God with
joy. (Psalm 66)

Second Reading — Act with gentleness and
reverence toward all, so that when you are ma-
ligned those who defame you will be the ones
put to shame. (1 Peter 3:15-18 or 1 Peter 4:13-16)

Gospel — I will not leave you orphans, but will
come to you. (John 14:15-21 or John 17:1-11a)

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Pastor's Message

Not surprisingly, the Gospel Reading for this Sunday begins to make reference to the Holy Spirit. The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated next Sunday, and the following Sunday is Pentecost Sunday.

The Advocate, the Spirit of Truth, promised in today's Gospel selection, has been given to us in Baptism and Confirmation and is abiding with us, inclining our hearts to make the right choices, to choose the path of life and to do good.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church notes that the Holy Spirit "Is the first to awaken faith in us" and "educates us in spiritual freedom", and "Is the master of prayer". The Holy Spirit also "Makes present the mystery of Christ in the Eucharist". (Paragraphs 684, 1742, 741)

Jesus promised he would not leave us orphans; he abides in us through the Holy Spirit.

We can follow the exhortation of Psalm 66: "Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, sing praise to the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise". Amen to that.

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**America** is the name of a national Catholic journal of opinion. In a recent survey readers were asked: What is the greatest obstacle to forming stable families? Answers included, the demands of work (both parents)—19 per cent; Lack of affordable housing—9 per cent; poor education—13 per cent. The most common response (32 per cent) said the re-definition of marriage by the culture was to blame. "Once marriage is re-defined as a personal institution instead of a social institution, then commitment makes less sense. Emotions rather than principles become the measure of whether a couple stays together". Where does the role of faith and prayer come in?  
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Congratulations to members of our Parish who are graduating from Graduate School, College and High School. We wish you the best. These words from Archbishop Oscar Romero, martyred in 1980 may be helpful:

Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying
That the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.

No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the Church's mission.

This is what we are about- - -

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of
Liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and do it very well.

We may never see the end results, but that is the
Difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers not
messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

Peace and Blessings,
Fr. Sexton

May 21~ May 28

Sunday-May 21

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*Last PSR 9:45 am

*Senior Sunday 8:30 am

*Holy Hour 7:00 pm

*Happy Birthday Deacon Serge!

Monday-May 22

Mass 9:00 am

*Legion of Mary

*Bridge

Tuesday-May 23

Mass 9 am

Wednesday-May 24

Mass 7:00 pm

*Ultreya after Mass

Thursday-May 25

Mass 9:00 am

Friday-May 26

Mass 9:00 am

Saturday-May 27

Mass 5:00 pm

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

Sunday-May 28

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Ascension Sunday

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FINANCE NEWS
July 2016-June 2017

Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ 6186.06	\$ 5653.85

Year-to-date

*Offertory:	\$ 303,282.72	\$ 260,077.10
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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 – 90 cans

Parish Council

Chair: Sonia Dale:
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Council meetings are open to all parishioners, and are typically on the third Wed. of the month after Mass.



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Teaching Position

Saint Rose Academy in Birmingham, AL, is seeking an elementary school teacher for the upcoming school year.

Please send resumes to the principal, Sister Mary Elizabeth, O.P. Her email is: smelizabeth@saintroseacademyop.com.



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Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday:** *Sixth Sunday of Easter*
- Monday:** *St. Rita of Cascia; Victoria Day (Canada)*
- Thursday:** *The Ascension of the Lord (unless transferred to Sunday)
Julian Calendar Ascension*
- Friday:** *St. Philip Neri*
- Saturday:** *St. Augustine of Canterbury*

Memorial Day Barbecue Sale Our Lady of the Lake



The Knights of Columbus Council 12270 will be selling barbeque for the Memorial Day holiday.

Boston Butts: \$35

Pork Ribs: \$25

Whole Chicken: \$10

All meat will be freshly smoked with KOC "special dry rub".

Sales begin Friday, May 26, at 8:00 a.m. and continue through Saturday, May 27.

All proceeds will be used to fund the numerous charitable activities KOC Council 12270 supports.

Assignments—May 24~ May 28

WEDNESDAY 5/24/2017
7:00 PM

Altar Servers
Lector Bernie Funderburg

SATURDAY MASS 5/27/2017
5:00 PM

Altar Servers Michael Gagliano, Tom Graffo
Greeters Susan Moseley, Kathy Shivers
Lectors Ron Zielinski, Micky Zielinski
Ministers Deacon, Susan Moseley, Parma Boyle
Ushers Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Mike DeCastra, Mark McRae

SUNDAY MASS 5/28/2017
8:30 AM

Altar Servers Jimillia Sayles, Natalie Newcomb, Bailey Nail, Jacob Wiley
Greeters Bob/Julie Paulitzky, Ruth Stanley
Lectors Teri Gagliano, Carey Monistere
Ministers Deacon, Anna Emerick, Brenda Rochford, Tommie Ann Johnson, Chris Gallegly
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Rosemary Mateer, Jimillia Sayles, Isabel Loera

11:15 PM

Altar Servers Brooks Boyle, Peyton Foreman, Paul Boyle, Katie Boyle
Greeters Frank Troncalli, Shirley/Diana Skeivelas
Lectors Martha Hayes, Mary Adams
Ministers Deacon, Ken Otto, Edie Otto, Maria Jimenez, Chere Lowery
Ushers Don Frederick, Chris Gallegly, Jacky Johnson, Tyler Johnson

If you cannot keep your assignment

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- Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



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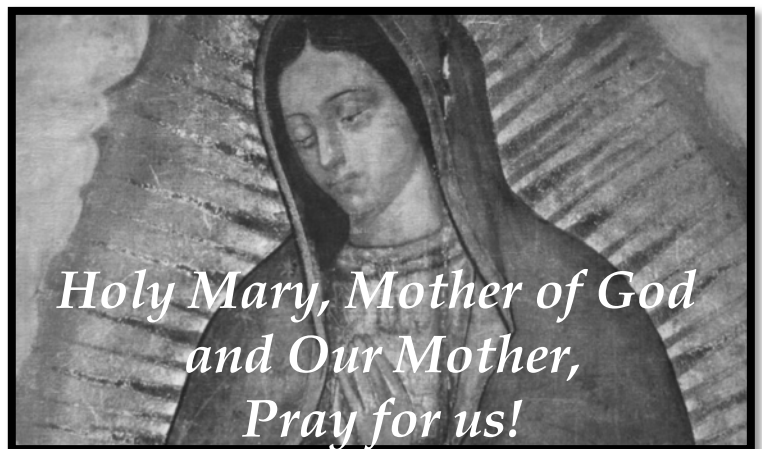
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*Holy Mary, Mother of God
and Our Mother,
Pray for us!*

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**

M.Y.C.

May 21 SENIOR SUNDAY

LAST DAY OF PSR



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 (205) 369-0871



Safety Issue:

It has been brought to the attention of the Pastoral Council that there is a major issue concerning the safety of our children. Many small children leave Mass to go to the restroom, without the supervision of a parent. **It is important that smaller children be escorted by parents to the restroom.** There is also a danger to our children when they play around in the church and hall parking lots unsupervised. Parents are to be cautioned concerning these issues.

Many of you have requested Rose Ballard's new address. She would enjoy hearing from each of you!

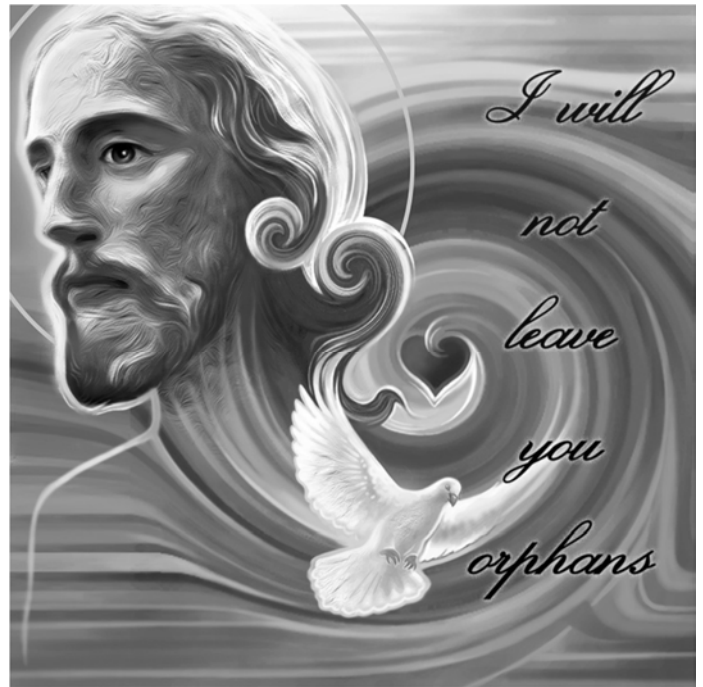
Mrs. Rose Ballard
3011 Hayden Road, Apt. 319
Columbus, OH 43235

Confraternity of Christian Mothers

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers will hold its next meeting on **Thursday, June 1st**, at the Cathedral of St. Paul. This will serve as our combined May/June meeting. Confessions will begin at 6pm, followed by Holy Mass at 7pm.

After Mass, we will meet in the first-floor room of the Family Life Center. Come meet the new officers, hear what we have planned for the year, see old friends and make new ones. Open to all Catholic women who are striving to grow in holiness and lead their families to Heaven!

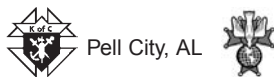
For more information, contact Lori Donellan at ccmbham07@gmail.com.



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