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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, June 24, 2017*

*Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, June 25, 2017*

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



*Twelfth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*

*June 25, 2017*

*Sing to the LORD,  
praise the LORD,  
for he has rescued the  
life of the poor.*

*— Jeremiaħ 20:13*



*Mass Intentions*

June 26– July 2



**Monday: Special Intentions**

**Tuesday: Joseph & Laretta Brodecky** by *Stice Family* †

**Wednesday: Gene Smith** by *Walton Smith* †

**Thursday: Michael Smith** by *Walton Smith* †

**Friday: Richard Smith** by *Walton Smith*

**Saturday: Trudi & Andy McClay** the *Zielinskis* †

**Sunday: Parishioners** by *Betty Huetteman & Yolie Roy*

**\*\*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 Forister, Rita Martens, Jeanie  
Reid, Richard & Ann Marston, Gail Lay-  
ton, 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](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 ~ June 26—July 2*

<b>Monday:</b>	Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22; Mt 7:1-5
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2- 4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mt 7:15- 20
<b>Thursday:</b>	<u>Vigil:</u> Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19 <u>Day:</u> Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17- 18; Mt 16:13-19
<b>Friday:</b>	Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 8:1-4
<b>Saturday:</b>	Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-50, 53-55; Mt 8:5-17
<b>Sunday:</b>	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

*Today's Readings*



**First Reading** — The LORD has rescued the  
poor from the clutches of the wicked. (Jeremiah  
20:10-13)

**Psalm** — Lord, in your great love, answer me.  
(Psalm 69)

**Second Reading** — The grace of God over-  
flows for all. (Romans 5:12-15)

**Gospel** — All who acknowledge Jesus before  
others will likewise be acknowledged by Jesus  
before the Father. (Matthew 10:26-33)

## Pastor's Message

"The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed". These words from Psalm 28 are also the opening words of today's Liturgy on the twelfth Sunday of the year. The courage to face life's struggles and difficulties comes from God's loving care.

In the reading from Jeremiah (20:10-13), the prophet complains against God for tricking him into becoming a prophet and bringing disgrace upon him. He tries to remain silent, he says, but he cannot contain God's Word.

The message of Jeremiah incites the people's anger. He is in danger of being put to death. Yet, the prophet is full of hope. He sees God as a mighty warrior who stands at his side to vindicate him before his enemies.

In the Gospel selection from Matthew (10:26-33) we find the last part of Jesus' instructions to his disciples before he sends them on a mission. He has just told them that because of their message they will be beaten and dragged before civil authorities. Yet, They need not fear because the Holy Spirit will give them words to speak. Although their situation may be dire, they should be full of hope because God knows even the number of hairs on their head.

Paul reminds the Romans (Second Reading) that Adam brought sin into the world and everyone suffered its effects, but Christ brought grace into the world and it overflowed for everyone. He is the reason for our hope.

When life serves up disappointments for us can we trust in the Lord to be our champion? When we are troubled and anxious do we pray that we will be able to put fear aside and trust that our life is in God's hands?

**Behind the Scenes Without Fanfare:** So many parishioners render invaluable service to our Parish by sharing their time and talents with great generosity and without recognition. A special "Thank You" today to Rodney Martin, Mike Aiello and Jay Benson who have given a huge amount of hours of hard work recently in tending to drainage and ventilation problems in the Parish Hall. They represent the best in self-giving and never seek a word of recognition. What a blessing they are for all of us.

**Vacation Bible School:** A special thanks to Matthew Brazzotto for volunteering to coordinate our Vacation Bible School at the end of July. We need many helpers to make Bible School a ➡

June 25~ July 2

### Sunday-June 25

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

\*Special Collection: Mission Co-Op

### Monday-June 26

Mass 9:00 am

\*Legion of Mary

\*Bridge

### Tuesday-June 27

Mass 9 am

### Wednesday-June 28

Mass 7:00 pm

\*Ultreya after Mass

### Thursday-June 29

Mass 9:00 am

### Friday-June 30

Mass 9:00 am

### Saturday-July 1

Mass 5:00 pm

\*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

### Sunday-July 2

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

\*Youth Mass 11:15 am

## Pastor's Message Cont.

special time for the children. **Can you volunteer today?**

**Thought for the Week:** "Even if a unity of faith is not possible, a unity of love is". (Hans Von Balthasar)

Peace and Blessings,  
*Fr. Sexton*



**FINANCE NEWS**  
July 2016-June 2017

Last week

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>*Offertory:</b>	<b>\$ 8736.70</b>	<b>\$ 5653.85</b>

Year-to-date

<b>*Offertory:</b>	<b>\$ 335,107.18</b>	<b>\$ 288,346.35</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 – 81 cans**



### Saints and Special Observances

**Sunday:** Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Tuesday:** St. Cyril of Alexandria

**Wednesday:** St. Irenaeus

**Thursday:** Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles

**Friday:** The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

**Saturday:** St. Junipero Serra; Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday; Canada Day



### June-July School Supply Drive

*Sponsored by Social Concerns Committee*

School starts the first week in August, and we will be collecting supplies from June 18 to July 22. If your child needs supplies, please bring your child's name and supply list to the office, or give to Mari Culver, I will be making about 100 bags this year.

**Contact the office or Mari Culver: 205-525-0071.**

**Supply suggestions:**

Backpacks, (need 80-100)	Eraser Packs (80)
Pencils, wood, packs (need 80-100)	Computer Paper
Pencil Sharpener, hand, with Shavings saver (80)	Notebook Composition Style (200)
Pencil Pouch zippered, 3 ring (80)	Notebook, Spiral (300)
Pencils, Colored (80)	Paper, Lined (100)
Markers, All types (80)	Page Protectors/Tab Sheets
Crayons (100)	Binders, 1" (160)
Folders, Plastic with brads all colors, (about 300)	Binders, 2 1/2 inch (15)
Scissors, Metal Fiscars (100)	Watercolors (20)
Glue, Sticks (100 packs)	Kleenex Tissue (50)
Paper, Graph (20)	Jump Drive (5)
Scientific Calculator (5)	





### **A Note from Fr. Sexton:**

The Synod of Bishops will convene in Rome in October, 2018 to discuss the topic: "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment". This will be the first Synod of Bishops to focus on youth.

In preparation for the Synod, Pope Francis has invited young people (ages 16-29) to tell him about their hopes and struggles and even their criticisms. For this purpose a special survey has been prepared. Catechists, Youth Ministers and the young people themselves are invited to participate in the survey by visiting the Diocesan website: [www.bhmdiocese.org](http://www.bhmdiocese.org) to find the link to the survey and answer the questions.

We encourage you to participate in this important survey in preparation for the Synod.

Thanks.

### **R.C.I.A.**

**R.C.I.A. to resume on  
September 5th.**



**Are you** interested in learning about the Catholic Church with the possibility of becoming a Catholic?

**Do you** know someone in your family or at work who might be interested?

**Can you** pass the word along and offer encouragement?

The weekly sessions will explore the teachings and practices of the Church, the role of faith, and the life of prayer and worship.

**For more information, please call the  
Church Office: 205-525-5161.**

### *Assignments—June 28~ July 2*

**WEDNESDAY** 6/28/2017  
**7:00 PM**

Altar Servers  
Lector Teri Gagliano

**SATURDAY MASS** 7/1/2017  
**5:00 PM**

Altar Servers \*\*  
Greeters \*\*  
Lectors \*\*  
Ministers Deacon, \*\*  
Ushers Karen Hand, Bob Hand, Jim Dale, Sam Marston

**SUNDAY MASS** 7/2/2017  
**8:30 AM**

Altar Servers \*\*  
Greeters \*\*  
Lectors \*\*  
Ministers Deacon, \*\*  
Ushers Lance Stella, Bit Thomaston, Phillip Thomaston, Paul Emerick

**11:15 PM** **Youth Mass**

Altar Servers \*\*  
Greeters Youth  
Lectors Matti Osborne, Gannon Osborne  
Ministers Deacon, Sophie Poteracki, Sawyer Stice  
Ushers Don Frederick, Chris Gallegly, Youth

\*\*schedule not available

**If you cannot keep your assignment**

**PLEASE find a substitute.**

Called to *Serve*



**M.Y.C.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Don't Forget!**



**Print off forms from  
church website and**

**bring them,**

**July 9— Last registration  
for VBS and RE.**

**VBS**

**July 24 –28**

**6:00—8:30 PM**

**Come Join the  
fun!**



**Supplies need to be  
ordered!**



**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

1st & 3rd Wednesdays— Sr. Youth Meetings & Every 3rd Sunday—Social Night  
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## From the Office of the Bishop...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is time for our special collection for the Mission Cooperative Appeal. The collection will be taken up on the weekend of June 24th and 25th. We count on your generosity once again.

In the story of the Last Judgement, Jesus reminds us to care for those in need. If we ignore those who are hungry, thirsty, ill, without clothes, prisoners, or strangers, we turn Christ away. When we act with compassion, generosity, and commitment to justice for the "least among us", we act as his true disciples.

This year the funds received from this collection will directly help support the following participating groups:

- Diocese of Warangal, India
- Sisters of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Diocese of Buea, Cameroon, Africa
- Diocese of Irinjalakuda, India
- Diocese of Timor-Leste
- Diocese of Damascus, Syria

These mission projects will benefit equally from the collection taken up in the parishes. This is our way of showing our care and support for the foreign missions.

Blessings to you and your families.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

**+** Robert J. Baker

Most Reverend Robert J. Baker, S.T.D.  
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