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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, July 1, 2017

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, July 2, 2017

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*Thirteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

July 2, 2017



*Think of yourselves as
dead to sin and living
for God in Christ Jesus.*

— Romans 6:11



Mass Intentions

July 3– July 9



Monday: Susan Cantor *by Walton Smith*

Tuesday: Kitty Gordon *by Mike Gordon* †

Wednesday: Alice Mitchell *by Walton Smith*

Thursday: Lena Lucia *by Rita & Terry Rumore* †

Friday: Mary Helen Zaden *by Rita & Terry Rumore* †

Saturday: Phyllis Ross *by Rita & Terry Rumore*

Sunday: Paul Boyle *by Rita & Terry Rumore*

****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.**

Please note that names remain on the prayer
list for 30 days and then are removed unless
the Church Office is notified.

Weekly Readings ~ July 3—July 9

Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps
117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-
3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27;
or, for Independence
Day, any readings
from the Mass "For the
Country or a City,"
nos. 882-886, or "For
Peace and Justice,"
nos. 887-891

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7
-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-
6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8,
62-67; Ps 106:1b-5;
Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps
135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17;

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2,
8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9,
11-13; Mt 11:25-30

Today's Readings



First Reading — Elisha promises a baby son to
the hospitable woman. (2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a)

Psalm — For ever I will sing the goodness of
the Lord. (Psalm 89)

Second Reading — We shall live in newness of
life as Christ was raised from the dead.
(Romans 6:3-4, 8-11)

Gospel — Whoever gives but a cup of cold wa-
ter to another will surely be rewarded. (Matthew
10:37-42)

Pastor's Message

One of the great values enshrined in the Judeo-Christian tradition is hospitality, the art of welcoming the guest or the stranger. Great blessings are seen to flow from this basic act of kindness and decency.

The prophet Elisha (in the First Reading) received hospitality from an unknown couple when he stopped in the town of Shunem in his travels. He had a standing invitation to stay with the couple whenever he passed that way. They even dedicated a special room for him on the roof of their home.

The couple had been childless—a great sadness to endure in that ancient culture. As a reward for their hospitality, Elisha promised them that God would give them a son within the year.

The gift of hospitality in the Bible brings blessings. Guests bear precious gifts, life-affirming gifts. Abraham and Sara entertained three strangers in the book of Genesis and discovered that God visited them as they welcomed the strangers. Sara was rewarded with the promise of a son.

The widow of Zarephath in the book of Kings offered food and shelter to the prophet Elijah in a time of famine. She was rewarded with an abundance of food and oil during the famine and her dead son was restored to life.

The two disciples on the road to Emmaus invited the stranger who had walked along with them to stay with them in their home for the night. In the course of the meal he revealed himself to them as the Eucharistic Lord, risen from the dead.

In the Gospel selection today (Mt. 10:37-42) not even the cup of cold water offered to the stranger in the heat of the day will go unrewarded.

St. Benedict reminded his monks to welcome the guest to the monastery as they would welcome Christ. Benedictine monasteries to this day are famous for their hospitality.

In the Eucharist we experience the very hospitality of God. He comes invisible, under the signs of bread and wine and in receiving him we are nourished beyond imagining.

Happy Birthday: On July Fourth we celebrate the birthday of our nation. It has been one of the most remarkable experiences in all of



July 2 ~ July 9

Sunday-July 2

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*Youth Mass 11:15 am

*Pro Life Rosary

Monday-July 3

Mass 9:00 am

*Legion of Mary

*Bridge

Tuesday-July 4

Mass 9 am

Wednesday-July 5

Mass 7:00 pm

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

Thursday-July 6

Mass 9:00 am

Friday-July 7

Mass 9:00 am

*First Friday Adoration 9:30-11:00 am

Saturday-July 8

Mass 5:00 pm

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

Sunday-July 9

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Pastor's Message Cont.

history. People around the world still look to us as their last best hope. We have been so blessed and we have been a hospitable people. We give thanks for all the blessings our nation has yielded up. May we continue to be hospitable in sharing our abundance and welcoming the tired, the hungry and the homeless of Emma Lazarus' famous poem inscribed in the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor.

Prayer for the Week: "O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day. Amen. (St. Richard of Chichester)

Peace and Blessings,
Fr. Sexton

FINANCE NEWS
July 2016-June 2017

Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ 5919.96	\$ 5653.85

Year-to-date

*Offertory:	\$ 341,027.14	\$ 294,000.20
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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

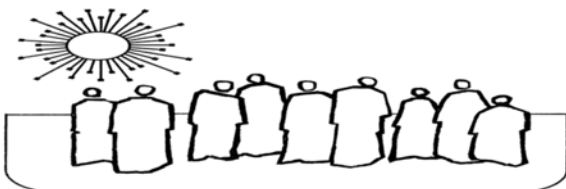
A Note from Fr. Sexton:

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 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.



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)	

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?

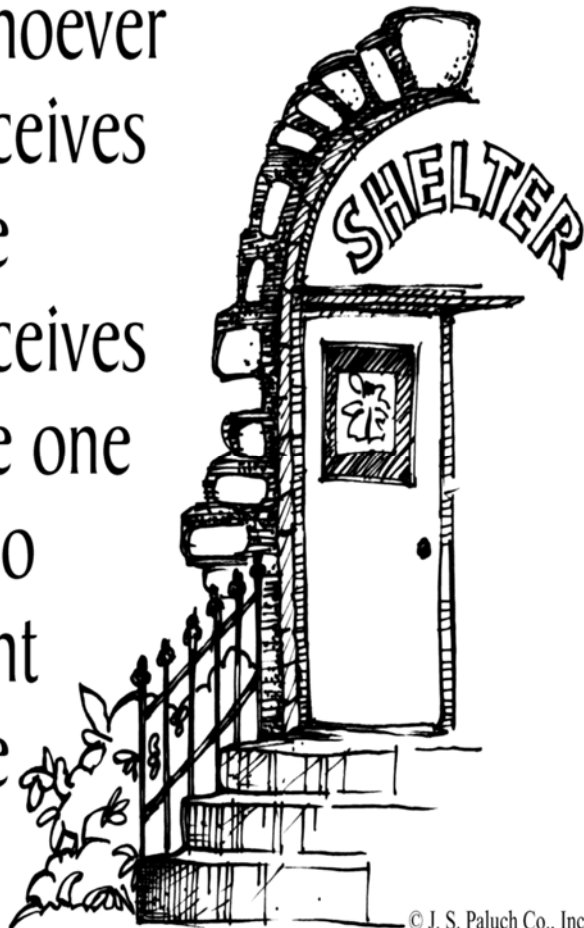
Do you know someone in your family or at work who might be interested?

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.

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Assignments—July 5 ~ July 9

WEDNESDAY 7/5/2017
7:00 PM

Altar Servers
Lector Bernie Funderburg

SATURDAY MASS 7/8/2017
5:00 PM

Altar Servers **
Greeters Janice Stella, Gloria/Jim Albright
Lectors Sonia Dale, Sara Reese
Ministers Deacon, Allen Ross, Phyllis Ross
Ushers Karen Hand, Bob Hand, Bob Nicholas, Clayton Martin

SUNDAY MASS 7/9/2017
8:30 AM

Altar Servers Andrew Thomaston, Will Thomaston, Brennan Cardenas, Amy Cardenas
Greeters Debra/Julius Beavers, Bob/LouElla Menefee
Lectors Carey Monistere, Dennis Veigl
Ministers Deacon, Michael & Teri Gagliano, Carly Gagliano, Ronni Gagliano
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Laura Headley, Cristy McKinney, Joaquina Reyes

11:15 PM

Altar Servers James Lewis, John Himmler, Destiny Markevich
Greeters Shirley/Diana Skeivelas, Grace Troncalli
Lectors Robert Lewis, Chere Lowery
Ministers Deacon, Ronnie Sellers, Jennifer Sellers, Wayne Adams, Mary Adams
Ushers Don Frederick, Chris Gallegly, Brian Young

** 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,

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
Food, Fun, and Faith!



Hearing the Lord's Call:

A special day of reflection and prayer sponsored by the Office of Vocations for young men in grades 9-12. To be held at Camp Tekawitha, **July 15, 2017.**

To register call 205-838-2184 or email: ksessions@bhmdiocese.org.



Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday:** *Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
- Monday:** *St. Thomas*
- Tuesday:** *Independence Day*
- Wednesday:** *St. Anthony Zaccaria; St. Elizabeth of Portugal*
- Thursday:** *St. Maria Goretti*
- Friday:** *First Friday*
- Saturday:** *Blessed Virgin Mary*

Parish Council

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Congratulations to our new Council members:

*Matthew Allor, Bart Perry & Jennifer Rosato.
Also joining the Council are
Marguerite Gorman & Johnny Kay, filling the
positions held by Joe Stanley & Sonya Lewis.*

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



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