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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 8, 2017

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, July 9, 2017

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

July 9, 2017

*“Come to me, all you who
labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.”*

— Matthew 11:28



Mass Intentions

July 10– July 16



Monday: Antoinette Bruno by Brenda Kern †

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Wednesday: Jeanie Reid by Rita & Terry Rumore

Thursday: Matthew Thomas by the Stice Family †

Friday: Joe Yester by Brenda Kern †

Saturday: Timothy Smith by Walton Smith

Sunday: Kitty Gordon 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 Layton, Daniel Centilli., Victor
Rumore.*

**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 10—July 16

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]

Today's Readings



First Reading — Rejoice heartily, O Jerusalem! For see, your savior comes. (Zechariah 9:9-10)

Psalms — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (Psalm 145)

Second Reading — The one who raised Christ from death will give life to your mortal bodies also. (Romans 8:9, 11-13)

Gospel — Come, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:25-30)

Pastor's Message

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest". These words of Jesus in today's Gospel give comfort and re-assurance to many a weary soul. St. Augustine said he had read the great philosophers of Greek and Roman tradition but he never found a promise like this.

In our times of weariness and need, we can try to find some respite in our support system of close friends and family, in T.V. shows, shopping or social media. But we may discover that the people and material comforts we depend on cannot truly fill our emptiness and relieve our suffering.

God alone has the endless love, mercy and compassion to help us find inner peace and the strength to bear the crosses of life.

Though we cannot escape suffering, Jesus assures us that we are not alone in carrying our burdens if we take his yoke and learn from him.

The metaphor of the yoke is puzzling. It is likely that it refers to a wooden crosspiece used on the necks of two animals as a means of pulling the plough or cart together. In this sense, Jesus will carry our crosses with us, side by side, when we cannot bear the load alone.

This Gospel Reading (Mt. 11:25-30) turns upside-down all our common understanding of God and his son, Jesus. This gracious God, Jesus says, hides his wisdom from those who claim to be wise and reveals it to the little ones. The "little ones" can be the infants or the uneducated. This is not to downplay education and intellectual achievement. It is to say that we must come to God with a humble spirit, open to the truth that surpasses human knowledge.

The Church has room for a child-like soul like St. Therese of Lisieux and a towering mind like a St. Thomas Aquinas.

Vacation Time and the Soul's Rest: At this time of year families try to find some time for vacation. The grind of daily life can wear us down. It is good to change the pace, to step aside from work and duties to enjoy the gifts of nature and the beauty of creation that surrounds us. A time too to re-discover God in simple things and in friendships renewed.

Prayer for the Week: "Blessed Stanley Rother, may your prayers and example help us to defend the poor and to share Christ's love with those around us. Pray for us". (Fr. Stanley Rother died as a martyr for the faith in Guatemala in 1981).

Peace and Blessings,
Fr. Sexton

July 9~ July 16

Sunday-July 9

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Monday-July 10

Mass 9:00 am

*Legion of Mary

*Bridge

Tuesday-July 11

Mass 9 am

Wednesday-July 12

Mass 7:00 pm

*Exposition & Adoration 7:30 pm– 9 pm
(Spanish)

Thursday-July 13

Mass 9:00 am

Friday-July 14

Mass 9:00 am

Saturday-July 15

Mass 5:00 pm

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

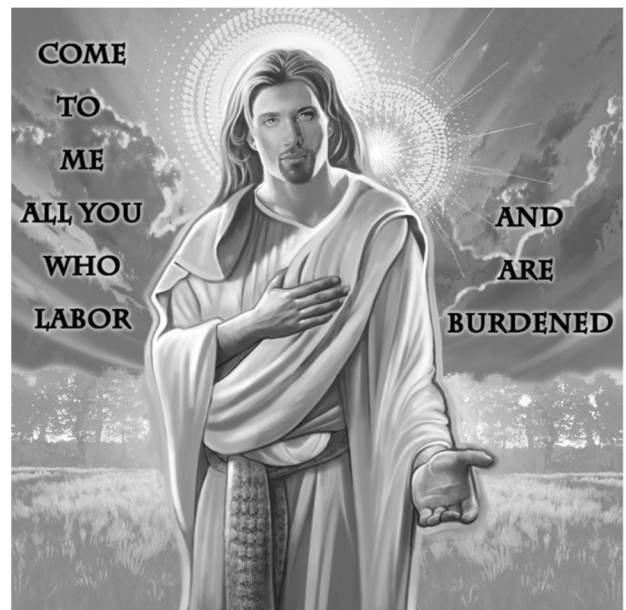
*Jr. Youth Retreat 9:30 am– 5:00 pm

Sunday-July 16

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*Holy Hour 7:00 pm

*Sr. Youth Social 5:30 pm



FINANCE NEWS
July 2016-June 2017

Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ not available	\$ 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 – 50 cans

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.



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)	



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.

Assignments—July 12 ~ July 16

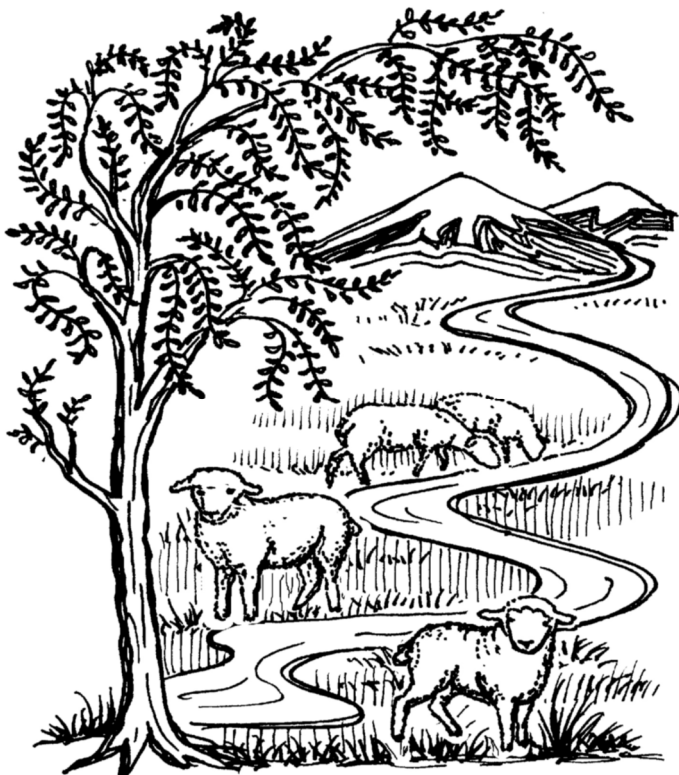
A Note from Fr. Sexton:

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.



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WEDNESDAY 7/12/2017
7:00 PM

Altar Servers
Lector Bernie Funderburg

SATURDAY MASS 7/15/2017
5:00 PM

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

SUNDAY MASS 7/16/2017
8:30 AM

Altar Servers Amelia Reese, Natalie Newcomb, Bailey Nail, Jacob Wiley
Greeters Phillip/Bit Thomaston, Alexis Allor
Lectors Karen Reese, Carl Rochford
Ministers Deacon, Anna Emerick, Brenda Rochford, Stephen Reese, Matthew Reese
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Rosemary Mateer, Jimillia Sayles, Isabel Loera

11:15 PM

Altar Servers Will Pittman, Brooks Boyle, Peyton Foreman
Greeters Peter/Amber Boyle, John Himmler
Lectors John Stice, Tony Hollis
Ministers Deacon, Chris Gallegly, Maria Jimenez, Tommie Ann Johnson, Lee Walser
Ushers Don Frederick, Ron Markevich, Jacky Johnson, Tyler Johnson

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**

July 24-28 - VBS

**Aug. 1 - RE Teacher
meeting 6:30pm**

**Aug. 13 -Welcome Back RE
Breakfast, Parent Meeting
and first day of RE!**

VBS

July 24 –28

6:00—8:30 PM

**Come Join the
fun!**

**KEEP
CALM
AND
WELCOME
BACK!!!!**



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!



Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday:** Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday:** St. Benedict
- Thursday:** St. Henry
- Friday:** St. Kateri Tekakwitha
- Saturday:** St. Bonaventure



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The next weekend in the diocese is scheduled in Cullman, **October 13-15** at St. Bernard Abbey.

You can get more information or register online at www.ALFL-wwme.org or by calling Bob & Joy Hernandez at **678-985-0125**.

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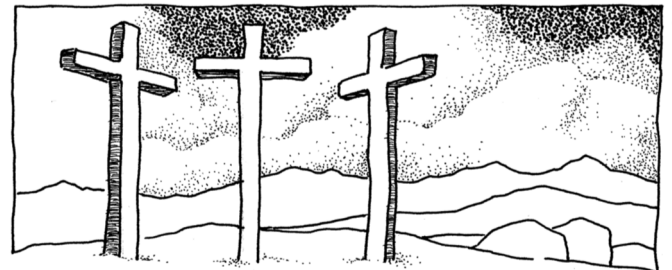
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Congratulations to our new Council members:
Matthew Allor, Bart Perry & Jennifer Rosato.

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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