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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 15, 2017

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, July 16, 2017

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16, 2017

*You have crowned the year
with your bounty,
and your paths overflow
with a rich harvest.*

— Psalm 65:12



Mass Intentions

July 17– July 23



Monday: Joe Yester by Brenda & Jerry Kern †
Tuesday: Rita Martens by Rita & Terry Rumore
Wednesday: Yogi Caterinichia by Brenda & Jerry Kern †
Thursday: Walter Zielinski by the Zielinskis †
Friday: Jim Hopper by Rita & Terry Rumore †
Saturday: Gail Layton by Rita & Terry Rumore
Sunday: John Rogers by Gloria Raynor †

****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, 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 17–July 23

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

Today's Readings



First Reading — My word will achieve the end for which it was sent. (Isaiah 55:10-11)

Psalm — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. (Psalm 65)

Second Reading — We, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies. (Romans 8:18-23)

Gospel — Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit. (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9])

Pastor's Message

The images in today's Scriptures are from an agrarian society. It was a simple, pre-scientific time when people lived close to the land and found parables and lessons in abundance.

Farmers don't sow the seed by hand any longer. It is done by high powered machines. But farmers still recognize that you can't guarantee the harvest. God and the weather factor in.

On the other hand, the fertility of the earth is astonishing. Gardeners as well as farmers know that. The life that comes from the seed and the soil sustains us all and begins with the Creator, the source and giver of all life.

The prophet, Isaiah, speaks in praise of rain and snow that water the earth, making it fertile and fruitful. Jesus likewise, speaks in admiration of the farmer who plants the seed in the springtime and waits for the harvest. He knows that, even though there will be losses, the eventual harvest will be amazing.

The seed spoken of in today's Scriptures is a metaphor for the Word of God, written in the Scriptures and in our hearts. It has the power to change us and to change the world.

In St. Paul's Cathedral in London there is buried an Anglican priest, Samuel Barnett, who worked faithfully for many years in the slums of east London. The results were small and disappointing; at least the visible results.

On his memorial stone is carved a figure of the sower in Jesus' parable, walking down the field and scattering seed freely. Underneath the carving are these words: "Fear not to sow on account of the birds".

St. Justin, Martyr, in the second century said the parable of the sower was meant as encouragement to Christians in their labors. In spite of all the frustrations and failures, God's rule advances and the harvest exceeds all expectations.

The Dutch painter, Vincent Van Gogh (1853-90), in the last year of his life painted a famous painting which he titled "The Sower", based on today's Gospel. He used a local peasant farmer as his model. The painting conveys power and light and joy. As the farmer scatters the seed there is a glorious sunrise in the background emitting golden light.

He said he wanted to convey the idea that there is meaning in the mundane details of daily life—watering a plant, sowing seed in spring, feeding an animal. There is a quiet dignity in human work, always more than meets the eye. The ripples of our good deeds will go on and on. The harvest, though long in coming, will surely surprise us.



July 16~ July 23

Sunday-July 16

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*Holy Hour 7:00 pm

*Sr. Youth Social 5:30 pm

Monday-July 17

Mass 9:00 am

*Legion of Mary

*Bridge

Tuesday-July 18

Mass 9 am

Wednesday-July 19

Mass 7:00 pm

*Surfsiders 10:00 am

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

*Parish Council after Mass

Thursday-July 20

Mass 9:00 am

Friday-July 21

Mass 9:00 am

Saturday-July 22

Mass 5:00 pm

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

Sunday-July 23

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Pastor's Message Cont.

A Grief Observed: Our hearts are saddened at the quiet passing of Jim Hopper after a long and trying illness. He was tall in stature and gentle in his ways. He loved his faith and his church and gave unfailing witness even in his illness. May he inhabit the halls of heaven and may we hold his memory dear.

Thought For the Week: "Be yourself: Everyone else is already taken". (Oscar Wilde, poet)

Peace and Blessings,
Fr. Sexton

FINANCE NEWS
July 2017-June 2018

Last week

***Offertory:** \$ 6104.83 \$ not available

Year-to-date

***Offertory:** \$ 12,693.67 \$ not available

*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 – 153 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)	



Adult Ed

Adult Ed resumes on **Sept. 10th, at 9:45 a.m.**, in the Parish Hall. The speaker will be Deacon Serge Brazzotto. Light refreshments will be available.

Please join your Parish family for this time of fellowship and a beneficial message from Deacon Serge!

A Note from Fr. Sexton:

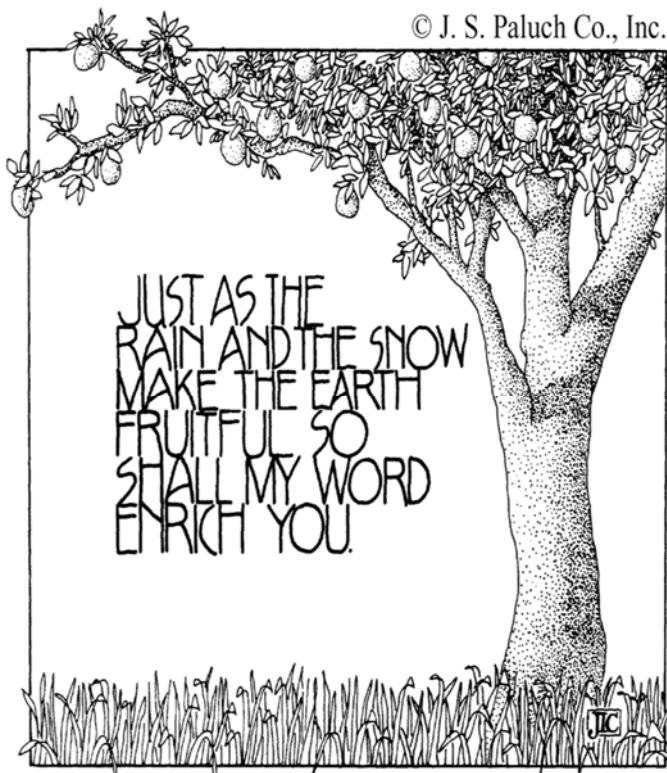
The Synod of Bishops will convene in Rome in October, 2018 to discuss the topic: "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment". This will be the first Synod of Bishops to focus on youth.

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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Assignments—July 19 ~ July 23

WEDNESDAY 7/19/2017
7:00 PM

Altar Servers
Lector Charmaine Welch

SATURDAY MASS 7/22/2017
5:00 PM

Altar Servers Chris Gallegly, John Opsteegh
Greeters Gloria/Jim Albright, Karen Hand
Lectors Sara Reese, Kathy Bryant
Ministers Deacon, Jim Dale, Sonia Dale
Ushers Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Mike DeCastr, Mark McRae

SUNDAY MASS 7/23/2017
8:30 AM

Altar Servers
Greeters Crapet/Landman/Freeman
Lectors Bernie Funderburg, Teri Gagliano
Ministers Deacon, Tom Graffo, Brenda Rochford, Stephen Reese, Matthew Reese
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Dennis Veigl, Jim Gorman, Paul Rochford

11:15 PM

Altar Servers
Greeters Lydia Jimenez, Mattie Osborne
Lectors Gloria Raynor, Mary Adams
Ministers Deacon, Ronnie & Jennifer Sellers, Chris Gallegly, Sarah Brazzolotto
Ushers Don Frederick, Jennifer Sellers, Ron Sellers, William Ngambou

If you cannot keep your assignment

PLEASE find a substitute.

Called to *Serve*

M.Y.C.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

If you have not registered for RE, you can print off forms from church website and return them in boxes in the foyers.

VBS

July 24 –28

6:00—8:30 PM

Come Join the
fun!

Aug. 1—RE Teacher meeting 6:30pm

Aug. 6— Youth Mass

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

Ready for a Great Year!

**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

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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.

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers will hold its next meeting on Thursday, July 13th, at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Confessions will begin at 6pm, followed by Holy Mass at 7pm. After Mass, we will meet in the first-floor room of the Cathedral Life Center. This month we welcome Fr. Leonard Mary of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word. His topic will be **Enthroning Your Home to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**. 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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