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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 22, 2017

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, July 23, 2017

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



*Sixteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

July 23, 2017

*Those who are just
must be kind.*

— Wisdom 12:19



Mass Intentions

July 24– July 30



Monday: Yogi Caterinichia by Brenda & Jerry Kern †

Tuesday: Don Naman by KOC 12270 †

Wednesday: Marlene Catalino by Sam Catalino †

Thursday: Matthew Thomas by the Stice Family †

Friday: James Lucas Jones by Walton Smith

Saturday: Angela Brazzolotto by the Brazzolottos †

Sunday: Albert Lampton by KOC 12270 †

****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 Lay-
ton, 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 24—July 30

Monday:	Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Wednesday:	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday:	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17
Friday:	Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	Ex 24:3-8; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Sunday:	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

Today's Readings



First Reading — You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind. (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19)

Psalm — Lord, you are good and forgiving. (Psalm 86)

Second Reading — The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness. (Romans 8:26-27)

Gospel — Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God. (Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30])

Pastor's Message

"You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in kindness and fidelity". (Psalm 86)

I was surprised to notice recently in a local restaurant that also has a store attached that all the merchandise for Halloween is now in full display. The masks and exotic costumes and the candy—all on prominent display. And if Halloween has arrived, I thought, can Christmas be far behind?

But why was I surprised? I'm sure all of this is sound business practice backed up by current research and validated by business surveys. I was reminded of the Scriptural saying of Jesus to the effect that the children of this world are wiser in their ways than are the children of light. That would be us—the children of light—the believers. If we could only muster the same zeal and enterprising spirit as the merchants, the Kingdom of God would be much more alive and flourishing.

We are being treated to a rich fare of Gospel parables at this time in the Sunday readings. They are Wisdom sayings that often turn worldly wisdom on its head. They are timeless stories taken from daily life and they teach valuable lessons. They are like riddles with a surprising twist, an unexpected ending. There are parables all around us if we have but eyes to see.

Today's Gospel Reading from Matthew (Chapter 13) has three parables. The dilemma of the farmer who plants good seed in his garden and discovers the uninvited weeds. What should he do? What would I do? How about: nothing? Another parable honors the tiny mustard seed, overlooked and insignificant. It grows to a surprising size and provides shelter for the birds. So is it with the Kingdom of God.

And the woman baking bread is a parable too. The yeast mixed with the flour seems unimportant, but without it we have no bread. It has a hidden influence. The Kingdom of God in our midst can be hidden but it influences the world around us—taming it and humanizing it and pushing back the tides of evil.

Vacation Bible School: Welcome to all who are participating this week. Thanks to Matthew Brazzolotto and all the volunteers for revealing the Kingdom of God to the little ones.

Prayers and How we Pray: St. Paul tells us in the Second Reading today we cannot pray unless the Holy Spirit helps us. Consider this: "Christian prayer is not about appeasing an angry God. It is centered on a person, Jesus, and through him we are invited into a loving and saving relationship with the Father, Son, and Spirit that has consequences for how we live in this world and the next. We are invited where we are, as we are, to grow and become even more". (Fr. Richard Leonard, S.J.)

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Sexton

July 23~ July 30

Sunday-July 23

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Monday-July 24

Mass 9:00 am

*Legion of Mary

*Bridge

***VBS 6-8:30 pm**

Tuesday-July 25

Mass 9 am

***VBS 6-8:30 pm**

Wednesday-July 26

Mass 7:00 pm

*Ultreya after Mass

***VBS 6-8:30 pm**

Thursday-July 27

Mass 9:00 am

***VBS 6-8:30 pm**

Friday-July 28

Mass 9:00 am

***VBS 6-8:30 pm**

Saturday-July 29

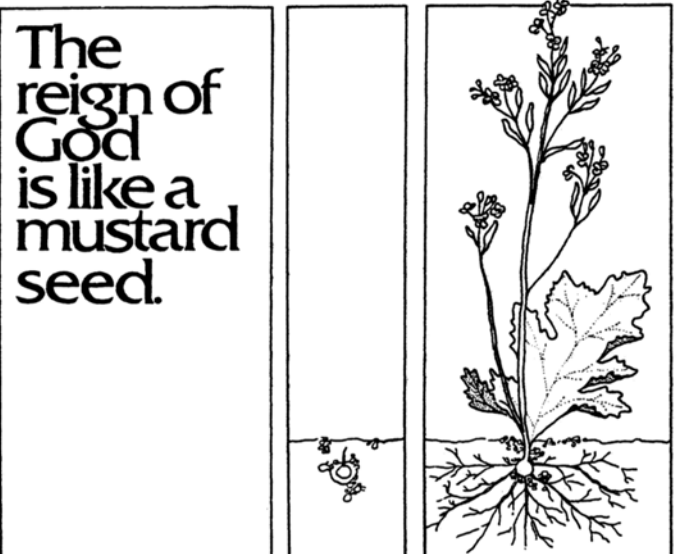
Mass 5:00 pm

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

Sunday-July 30

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

***KOC Mass 8:30 am**



FINANCE NEWS
July 2017-June 2018

Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ 3742.26	\$ 5702.00

Year-to-date

*Offertory:	\$ 16,435.93	\$ 17,106.00
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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 – 48 cans



Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Sharbel Makhluf
Tuesday: St. James
Wednesday: Ss. Joachim and Anne
Saturday: St. Martha

All Catholic Homeschoolers from the Diocese of Birmingham are invited to a Beginning of the Year Mass at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Birmingham. Mark your calendars for the Mass to be celebrated on **Friday, September 8th at 10:00 AM.**



Reception to follow; please bring a dish to share. Come join other Catholic homeschoolers to begin the school year in prayer and fellowship!

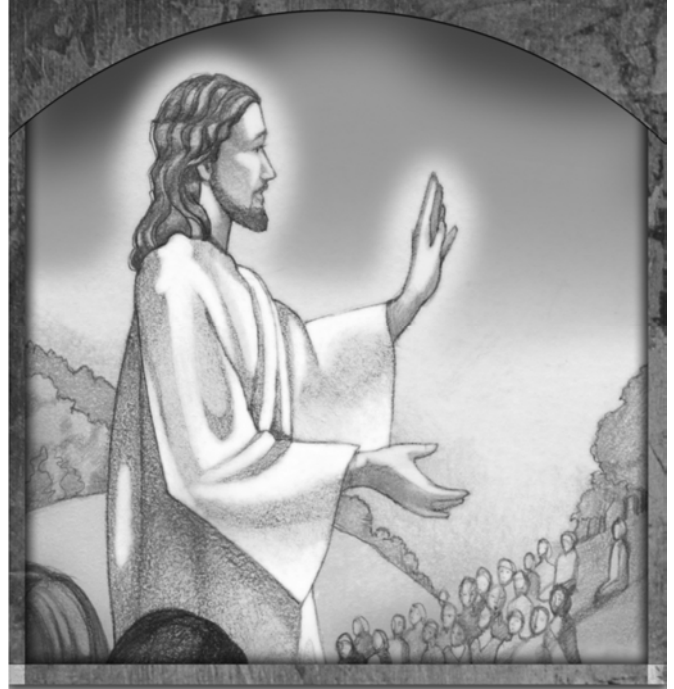
For more information, please contact Susan Fay at staabhm@gmail.com.

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.

Jesus spoke to the crowd in parables





Adult Ed

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

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

R.C.I.A.

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



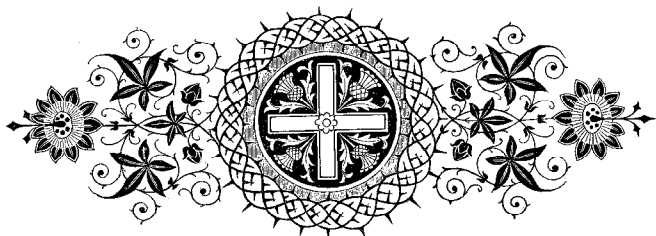
Are you interested in learning about the Catholic Church with the possibility of becoming a Catholic?

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—July 26 ~ July 30

WEDNESDAY **7/26/2017**
7:00 PM

Altar Servers
Lector Sarah Brazzolotto

SATURDAY MASS **7/29/2017**
5:00 PM

Altar Servers Michael Gagliano, James Raynor
Greeters Kathy Shivers, Allen/Phyllis Ross
Lectors Allen Ross, Phyllis Ross
Ministers Deacon, Susan Moseley, Parma Boyle
Ushers Karen Hand, Bob Hand, Jim Dale, Sam Marston

SUNDAY MASS **7/30/2017**
8:30 AM **KOC Mass**

Altar Servers Anthony Emerick, Danielle McKinney, Brennan Cardenas, Amy Cardenas
Greeters Julie/Bob Paulitzky, Amelia Reese
Lectors John Stice, Larry Reese
Ministers Deacon, Michael Gagliano, Chris Gallegly, Tom Graffo, Stephen Reese
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Tommie Ann Johnson, Belia Solis, sub

11:15 PM

Altar Servers Will Pittman, John Himmler, Erin Barker
Greeters Patsy LopezdeVictoria/Patrick Cowart, Lydia Jimenez
Lectors Larry Foltz, Miranda Jacks
Ministers Deacon, Tommie Ann Johnson, Lee Walser, Maris Jimenez, Chere Lowery
Ushers Don Frederick, Chris Gallegly, Paulie Boyle, John Smith

If you cannot keep your assignment

PLEASE find a substitute.

Called to *Serve*



A special thanks to
Matthew Brazzolotto

For serving as Senior Youth Group
leader and director of VBS!

Thank you for a great summer!
We will miss you and be praying for
you while you are at school!



To celebrate the Year of Mary have
dinner and a decade!



M.Y.C.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

If you have not registered for
RE, you can print off forms
from church website and re-
turn them in boxes in the foy-
ers.

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!

OLL School Supply Drive

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School starts the first week in August, 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.

Donation 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)	

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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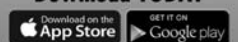
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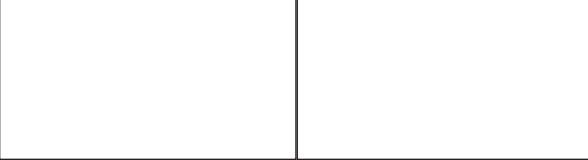
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