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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 29, 2017

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, July 30, 2017

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



*Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

July 30, 2017

*All things work for good
for those who love God.*

— Romans 8:28a



Mass Intentions

July 31– August 6



Monday: Andy Brennan *by Rita & Terry Rumore* †
Tuesday: Crystal Welford *by Rita & Terry Rumore*
Wednesday: Dcn. Mark Squires *by Rita & Terry Rumore* †
Thursday: Frances Perryman *by Parma & Paul Boyle* †
Friday: Mary Laura Raynor *by Parma & Paul Boyle* †
Saturday: Trudi & Andy McClay *by the Zielinskis* †
Sunday: Kitty Gordon *by Beth & Rodney Martin* †

****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, 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 31—August 6

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34;
Ps 106:19-23;
Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9,
28; Ps 103:6-13;
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7,
9; Jn 11:19-27 or
Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps
84:3-6a, 8a, 11;
Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16,
27, 34b-37;
Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab;
Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-
3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps
97:1-2, 5-6, 9;
2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Today's Readings



First Reading — Solomon prays for an under-
standing heart. (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12)

Psalm — Lord, I love your commands. (Psalm
119)

Second Reading — All things work for good for
those who love God. (Romans 8:28-30)

Gospel — The one who knows of the kingdom
of heaven brings new and old from the store-
room. (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46])

Pastor's Message

In classic Greek mythology, a king was given a choice by the gods to ask for whatever he wanted. His name was King Midas (not of the car muffler fame). Midas asked that "Whatever I touch might turn to gold". The gods granted him his request. But there was a problem. His clothing, his food, the water he drank, all turned to gold. He had a problem. He could not eat.

So King Midas had to go back to the gods to be released from his greed. There was an old saying that when the gods wanted to punish people, they answered their prayers. So, be careful what you ask for.

And I wonder too, what I would ask for if I were given this choice. A million dollars, a trip around the world, a body that never ached, an escape from "fake" news, a food voucher that never ran out? What would you ask for?

When King Solomon in the Bible was given a choice he asked for "an understanding heart", a wisdom to be a good ruler. He wanted to be a good leader and to follow God's will. A few of our rulers today could use the gift of wisdom which seems to be in short supply.

The Gospel has two delightful little parables—twin parables some people call them. Something common to both parables is the joy of discovery. There is also a decision in both parables to sell all to obtain the discovered treasure. No hesitation here. The choice was clear and compelling.

By way of difference in the twin parables we can note this. The treasure in the field was discovered by a farm hand, a laborer. The pearl of great price was discovered by a wealthy merchant.

Joachim Jeremias, the famous Scripture scholar, said the twin parables teach the lesson that the Kingdom of God is for all, rich and poor, and no one is excluded. He concludes: "The reign of God is beyond price, and requires of each person who seeks it—whether rich or poor—the gift of all he is and all he has".

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**Vacation Bible School:** Thanks again to all who volunteered their time and talent to make Vacation Bible School a delightful and grace-filled event for the little ones. We are deeply grateful to Matthew Brazzolotto who coordinated the Bible school and imparted a special spirit of prayer and faith to all the events. Thanks too to Sonya Lewis, our Director of Religious Education, for her leadership and guidance. To parents and children who came every evening, we hope it was a memorable time for you too.

**Moving On:** Matthew Brazzolotto of our Parish, who has served as Youth Director this summer, is leaving this week to begin graduate studies in Theology at Boston College. We will miss his joyful spirit and deep faith which have enriched us all. We wish him the best of blessings in his studies as we thank him for all he has done for our Parish. Prayers and good wishes!

Peace and Blessings,

*Fr. Sexton*

## July 30~ August 6

### **Sunday-July 30**

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

\*KOC Mass 8:30 am

### **Monday-July 31**

**Mass 9:00 am**

\*Legion of Mary

\*Bridge

### **Tuesday-August 1**

**Mass 9 am**

\*RE Teachers Meeting 6:30 pm

### **Wednesday-August 2**

**Mass 7:00 pm**

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

### **Thursday-August 3**

**Mass 9:00 am**

### **Friday-August 4**

**Mass 9:00 am**

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

### **Saturday-August 5**

**Mass 9:00 am & 5:00 pm**

\*First Saturday Mass 9:00 am

\*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

### **Sunday-August 6**

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

\*Youth Mass 11:15 am



**FINANCE NEWS**  
July 2017-June 2018

Last week

|             | Actual     | Budget     |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| *Offertory: | \$ 6012.32 | \$ 5702.00 |

Year-to-date

|             |              |              |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| *Offertory: | \$ 22,448.25 | \$ 22,808.00 |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|

\*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 – 110 cans**



### Saints and Special Observances

*Sunday:*                      *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

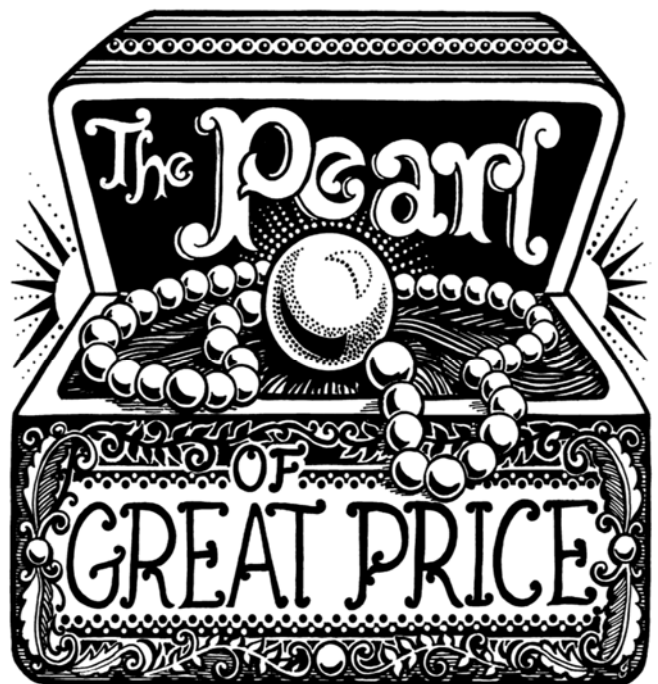
*Monday:*                     *St. Ignatius of Loyola*

*Tuesday:*                    *St. Alphonsus Liguori*

*Wednesday:*                *St. Eusebius of Vercelli;*  
*St. Peter Julian Eymard*

*Friday:*                      *St. John Vianney;*  
*First Friday*

*Saturday:*                    *The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major; First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary*



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### 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.**

### Anne Forister

On July 24, 2017 we lost a dear parishioner that was a friend to many, and co-founder of Ann's New Life Center for Women. On behalf of all of us at Our Lady of the Lake, we offer our deepest condolences to her husband, Cary, daughter Kristen, and her father, Cecil Rodgers. We share your sorrow and will never forget Anne.



*Eternal rest, grant unto her O Lord  
and let perpetual light  
shine upon her.*

*May she rest in peace. Amen.  
May her soul and the souls of  
all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace. Amen.*



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## Assignments—August 2 ~ August 6

**WEDNESDAY** 8/2/2017  
7:00 PM

Altar Servers  
Lector Bernie Funderburg

**SATURDAY MASS** 8/5/2017  
5:00 PM

Altar Servers Tom Graffo, Marty Poteracki  
Greeters Bill/Loretta Frost, Tammy McRae  
Lectors Allen Ross, Kathy Bryant  
Ministers Deacon, Gloria Albright, Karen Hand  
Ushers Karen Hand, Bob Hand, Jim Dale, Sam Marston

**SUNDAY MASS** 8/6/2017  
8:30 AM

Altar Servers Andrew Thomaston, Will Thomaston,  
Brennan Cardenas, Amy Cardenas  
Greeters Ronni/Carly Gagliano  
Lectors Meagan Freeman, Anna Emerick  
Ministers Deacon, Michael & Teri Gagliano, Carly Gagliano, Ronni Gagliano  
Ushers Lance Stella, Tommie Ann Johnson, Phillip Thomaston, Paul Emerick

**11:15 PM**

Altar Servers James Lewis, John Himmler, Erin Barker  
Greeters Katie Boyle, Katie Luter  
Lectors Paul Boyle, Amanda Manuel  
Ministers Deacon, Martha Hayes, Chere Lowery, Youth  
Ushers Don Frederick, Chris Gallegly, Youth

**If you cannot keep your assignment**

**PLEASE find a substitute.**

Called to *Serve*



To everyone that volunteered to help with VBS!



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



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Aug. 1**—RE Teacher meeting 6:30pm

**Aug. 2**— Sr. Youth 5:30

**Aug. 6**— Youth Mass

**Aug. 10**— Youth Protection Class 6:00-8:00p This class is for anyone that is involved with any youth events.

**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!

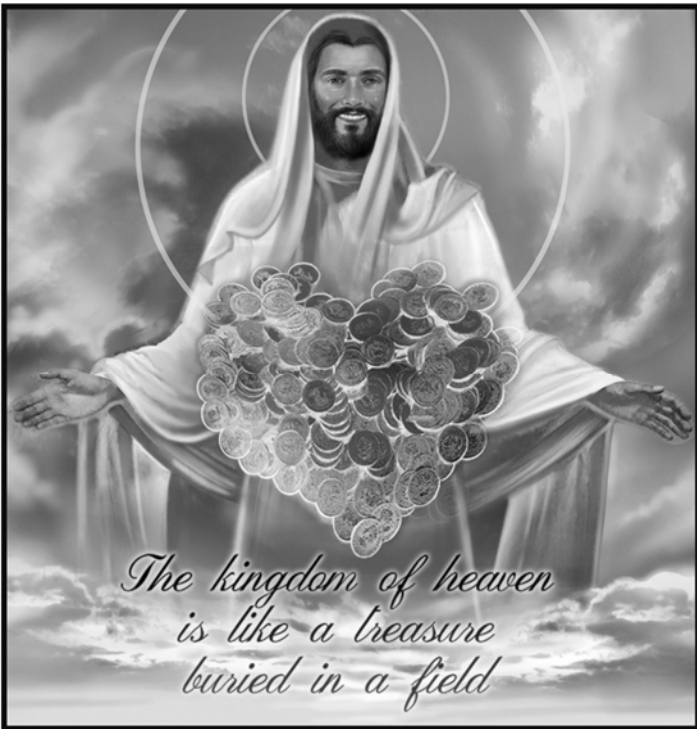


*Our Lady of the Lake  
Welcomes the following  
New Members to our  
Church Family:*

*Cathy Lomax*

*Betty Castleberry*

*"Therefore welcome one another as Christ  
has welcomed you, for the glory of God."  
—Romans 15:7*



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## Parish Council

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

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