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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, August 5, 2017  
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, August 6, 2017  
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

### The Transfiguration of the Lord August 6, 2017



*The heavens proclaim his justice;  
all peoples see his glory.*

— *Psalm 97:6*



### Mass Intentions

August 7– August 13



**Monday: Special Intentions**

**Tuesday: Jesus & Natalie Gonzalez** by Gloria Raynor †

**Wednesday: Elizabeth Vollman** by the Zielinskis †

**Thursday: Hugh Crowson** by KOC †

**Friday: Jenny Nell Rollings** by Karen & Bob Hand †

**Saturday: Kitty Gordon** by Parma & Paul Boyle †

**Sunday: Mary Laura Raynor** by the Stice Family †

**\*\*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](mailto: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 7—August 13

**Monday:** Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21

**Tuesday:** Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

**Wednesday:** Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28

**Thursday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

**Friday:** Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28

**Saturday:** Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

### Today's Readings



**First Reading** — I saw one like a Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven, (Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14)

**Psalm** — The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth. (Psalm 97)

**Second Reading** — Be attentive to the prophetic message, as to a lamp shining in a dark place. (2 Peter 1:16-19)

**Gospel** — Jesus was transfigured, and his clothes became white as light. (Matthew 17:1-9)

## Pastor's Message

"Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother John, and led them up to a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them".

This scene on the mountain invokes the divinity of Jesus. That which flesh, blood, and human observation could not perceive here shines through the face and frame of Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus is the Son of God.

This religious experience is technically called "a theophany" or a "Christophany", a pulling back of the veil to reveal the incredible splendor of God.

It is said that the face of Jesus "shone like the sun" and his clothes became "white as light". Bright light in the Bible is always a sign of divine presence.

The presence of Moses and Elijah, representing the law and the prophets, is meant to remind us that

Jesus fulfills the Old Testament in his person and in his words.

How lovely is the reaction of Peter. He said "How good it is to be here". We should all be able to say that every day. To be alive and aware of the sheer gift of each day. A day we have no claim to and for which we can only be grateful.

There comes a cloud over the scene and a voice from the cloud. In the Bible the cloud is a well known symbol for the presence of God. The symbol is ambiguous, for the cloud both reveals God and conceals God. The mystery remains.

A voice from the cloud is that of God the Father, assuring the disciples that Jesus is his beloved Son and they must obey him. The same voice was heard at the Baptism of Jesus. One might reasonably anticipate that the same confirming voice might come once more at the Cross. But it did not. Then there was only "the silence of God".

A strange admonition from Jesus at the end of the scene tells them to "tell the vision to no one" until after the resurrection.

Some experiences are so overwhelming that they may not be spoken in words. They must be pondered in the heart in holy silence. To speak of them too soon would diminish them.

St. Paul in a wonderful passage in Second Corinthians (Ch. 3, verse 18), speaks of us being transformed and "seeing the glory of the Lord as reflected in a mirror, and going from glory to glory". It is a stunning thought and changes everything. In our faith and goodness and our openness to God, it is good to be here. ➡

## August 6 ~ August 13

### **Sunday-August 6**

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

\*Youth Mass 11:15 am

### **Monday-August 7**

**Mass 9:00 am**

\*Legion of Mary

\*Bridge

### **Tuesday-August 8**

**Mass 9 am**

### **Wednesday-August 9**

**Mass 7:00 pm**

\*Exposition & Adoration (Spanish) 7:30-9 p

### **Thursday-August 10**

**Mass 9:00 am**

### **Friday-August 11**

**Mass 9:00 am**

### **Saturday-August 12**

**Mass 5:00 pm**

\*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

### **Sunday-August 13**

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

\*RE 9:45-11:00 am

\*RE Parent Meeting & Breakfast 9:45 am-  
in the Parish Hall

\*RE Soup Drive Begins

## Pastor's Message Cont.

**A Grief Observed:** We mourn the loss of one of our most beloved parishioners, Anne Forister, called home to God on July 24th. In her long and painful battle with illness she became an iconic figure, a Christ figure who touched us all. This was faith lived in the hard place and often in the dark place. Transfiguration was at work in her everyday and she radiated a God presence. Our prayers are with Cary and Christen and Cecil and Yolie. May she live in eternal splendor.

Peace and Blessings,

*Fr. Sexton*

**FINANCE NEWS**  
July 2017-June 2018

Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ 3666.85	\$ 5702.00

Year-to-date

*Offertory:	\$ 26,116.10	\$ 28,510.00
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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 – 20 cans**



### Saints and Special Observances

<i>Sunday:</i>	<i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>
<i>Monday:</i>	<i>Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time; St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan</i>
<i>Tuesday:</i>	<i>St. Dominic</i>
<i>Wednesday:</i>	<i>St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)</i>
<i>Thursday:</i>	<i>St. Lawrence</i>
<i>Friday:</i>	<i>St. Clare</i>
<i>Saturday:</i>	<i>St. Jane Frances de Chantal; Blessed Virgin Mary</i>

## All peoples, nations, and languages serve him



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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.**

## Confraternity of Christian Mothers

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers will hold its next meeting on **Thursday, August 10th**, at the Cathedral of St. Paul.

Confessions and Adoration will begin at 6pm and Holy Mass is at 7pm. Following Mass, please join us in the Cathedral Life Center and hear current president, Lori Donellan, share on *The History of the Confraternity and the Importance of Being a Member*. 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](mailto:ccmbham07@gmail.com).**



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## Assignments—August 9 ~ August 13

**WEDNESDAY** 8/9/2017  
7:00 PM

Altar Servers  
Lector Teri Gagliano

**SATURDAY MASS** 8/12/2017  
5:00 PM

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

**SUNDAY MASS** 8/13/2017  
8:30 AM

Altar Servers Amelia Reese, Danielle McKinney, Matt Frey, Carson Falkner  
Greeters Natalie Newcomb, Jay/Enid Willi  
Lectors Joe Hoffert, Karen Reese  
Ministers Deacon, Tommie Ann Johnson, Janice Stella, Stephen Reese, Matthew Reese  
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Gregg Bechel, Chris Frey, Mike Gordon

**11:15 PM**

Altar Servers Paul Boyle, Katie Boyle, Jhon Paul Rogers, Destiny Markevich  
Greeters Mattie Osborne, Shirley/Diana Skeivelas  
Lectors Larry Foltz, Robert Lewis  
Ministers Deacon, Chere Lowey, Maria Jimenez  
Ronnie Sellers, Jennifer Sellers  
Ushers Don Frederick, Larry Foltz, Jeanne Macon, Wayne Lowery

**If you cannot keep your assignment**

**PLEASE find a substitute.**

Called to *Serve*



**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 Sonya Lewis (205)863-7305

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Every 3rd Sunday—Social Night 5:30

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

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

**Aug. 13— 9:45 Welcome Back RE Breakfast, Parent Meeting and first day of RE!**

**Soup Drive Begins!**



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**Aug 16—Sr. Youth 5:30**

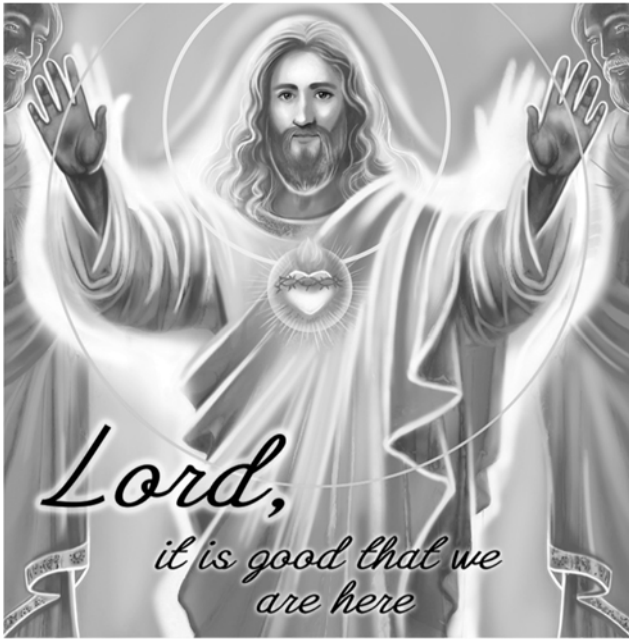
**Aug. 20— Re 9:45—11:00**  
**5:30 Sr. Youth social hour**  
**7:00 Holy Hour**



**Eucharistic Youth Congress**

(8th grade—12th grade)

Sept.23 10:00a-7:00p at Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville. Contact Sonya Lewis 205-863-7305



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



### Opportunity for Service

**Our Parish has need of a new coordinator for Funeral receptions in our Parish hall.**

Joe and Ruth Stanley did a wonderful job leading this group over the last few years, so much of the framework is already in place.

Responsibilities include initiating the calling tree for food donations, arranging purchasing of any additional food and drink items needed, and the set up and clean up of the Parish hall.

**If you are looking for a way to serve your church through service to others and would be willing to chair this committee, please call the Church office: 205-525-5161.**

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