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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 19, 2017
Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, August 20, 2017
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am*

*Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 20, 2017*



*Observe what is right, do what
is just; for my salvation is about
to come, my justice, about
to be revealed.*

— Isaiah 56:1



Mass Intentions

August 21– August 27



Monday: Parishioners by Betty Huetteman & Yolie Roy

Tuesday: Lynn & Doris Wilkins by Susan Moseley †

Wednesday: Beth Ann Smith by Walton Smith

Thursday: Tony Nabors by Jennie Haynes †

Friday: Charline Bailey by Jennie Haynes †

Saturday: Marlene Catalino by Sam Catalino †

Sunday: Mike Gordon by the Brazzolottos

****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, Micki Brasfield.*

**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 ~ August 21—August 27

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Today's Readings



First Reading — Thus says the LORD: "Stand firm in justice; do what is right". (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7)

Psalm — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67)

Second Reading — The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked. (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32)

Gospel — Jesus told the Canaanite woman of great faith, "It shall be done as you wish". (Matthew 15:21-28)

Finding Faith in Unexpected Places!

A.J. Cronin was a well known novelist who lived in Wales. He was also a physician. As a young man stationed in the coal mining district of Wales he had no faith but was searching for faith.

There was a coal mining accident in the mines to which he was called as the only doctor in the area. As he remembered the incident later he wrote: "Never shall I forget that occasion, when at the coalmine, a heavy explosion of black, damp gas entombed fourteen miners. For five days the men remained buried while the village prayed.

Then as the rescuers hacked their way underground, they heard faintly, from deep in the collapsed workings, the strains of singing. It was the hymn, 'O God our help in ages past'. Thus did the entombed men choose to keep their courage high.

And when they were brought out, weak but unharmed, the great crowd gathered in the pit yard took up the hymn, which, sung by a thousand voices, echoed joyfully in the narrow valley and rose beyond the encircling hills.

As I came to the surface with the rescued miners, blinking in the stark daylight after the darkness of the pit, this great volume of sound caught me like a tidal wave. As a demonstration of faith, it was beyond words.

Although at that time I was conscious of no more than a momentary emotion; looking back now I know it left its mark on me".

A.J. Cronin later became a Catholic and developed into a great novelist and doctor. For him faith came bubbling up from the mouth of a coalmine.

In today's Gospel (Mt. 15:12-28) faith was found in another unlikely place. Jesus had withdrawn to Tyre and Sidon—pagan territory—and behold a Canaanite woman came and called out to him: "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David, my daughter is tormented by a demon". She was not expected to have faith as a pagan, an outsider.

To everyone's surprise she had a tenacious faith that would not take "no" for an answer. Jesus was surprised and paid her a great compliment: "O woman, great is your faith—let it be done for you as you wish".

Garrison Keillor of radio fame, said: "A little faith will see you through. What else will do except faith in such a cynical and corrupt time? Faith shines through in ordinary things like cooking and small talk.



Sunday-August 20

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*RE 9:45-11:00 am

*Holy Hour 7:00 pm

Monday-August 21

Mass 9:00 am

*Legion of Mary

*Bridge

Tuesday-August 22

Mass 9 am

Wednesday-August 23

Mass 7:00 pm

*Ultreya after Mass

Thursday-August 24

Mass 9:00 am

Friday-August 25

Mass 9:00 am

Saturday-August 26

Mass 5:00 pm

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

Sunday-August 27

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*RE 9:45-11:00 am

Through storytelling and loving and fishing and tending animals and sweet corn and flowers. Through sports and music and books and raising children and all the places where the gravy soaks in and grace shines through". Perhaps faith will break through tomorrow for the millions who will watch the eclipse of the sun and begin to see what eyes cannot see...but only the eyes of wonder.

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Sexton

FINANCE NEWS
July 2017-June 2018

Last week

| | Actual | Budget |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| *Offertory: | \$ 5914.00 | \$ 5702.00 |

Year-to-date

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| *Offertory: | \$ 39,139.95 | \$ 39,914.00 |
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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 – 50 cans



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.

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.

Labor Day Barbecue Sale

The Knights of Columbus Council 12270, will be selling barbeque for the Labor Day holiday.

Boston butts will be sold for \$35; \$25 for pork ribs; \$10 for a whole chicken.

All meat will be freshly smoked with KOC "special dry rub".



Sales begin Friday, September 1st at 8:00 a.m. and continue through Saturday, September 2nd.

All proceeds will be used to fund the numerous charitable activities KOC Council 12270 supports.

Thank you for your generous support.



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Holy Land Gifts- Olive Wood Carvings

For sale after Masses



Saida & George Rashmawi, who are volunteer members from the Roman Catholic Church in Bethlehem in the Holy Land, will be visiting our parish the weekend of **September 2nd & 3rd**. They will speak to us about the Christian struggle in the Holy Land. They will also have some beautiful Olive Wood carvings which are all handmade by the Christian people in Bethlehem, for sale after all the Masses this weekend.

The purpose of this visit is to help maintain the existence of the Catholic people in the Holy Land. Catholic Christians were once the majority in that land but the percentage has now dropped to less than 1.5%. Please take time to look at the carvings, make a purchase and help this church maintain a presence in the very land where our Lord was born, where he preached the Good News and where his Kingdom was first established. These carvings make great sacramental gifts that have an added special significance given where and why they were made.

Holy Land Gifts

Assignments—August 23~ August 27

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM

8/23/2017

Altar Servers

Lector

Charmaine Welch

SATURDAY MASS

5:00 PM

8/26/2017

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors

Ministers

Ushers

Tom Michaels, John Opsteegh

Susan Moseley, Kathy Shivers

Kathy Bryant, Sara Reese

Deacon, Allen Ross, Phyllis Ross

Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Mike DeCastra, Mark McRae

SUNDAY MASS

8:30 AM

8/27/2017

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors

Ministers

Ushers

Amelia Reese, Natalie Newcomb, Bailey Nail, Jacob Wiley

Bob & Julie Paulitzky, Ruth Stanley

Dennis Veigl, Bernie Funderburg

Deacon, Brenda Rochford, Janice Stella,

Joe Hoffert, Stephen Reese

Michael Gagliano, Rosemary Mateer,

Jimilia Sayles, Isabel Loera

11:15 PM

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors

Ministers

Ushers

Paul Boyle, Katie Boyle, Troy Rosato

Johnny/Marsha Armstrong, John Himmler

John Stice, Chere Lowery

Deacon, Wayne Adams, Mary Adams,

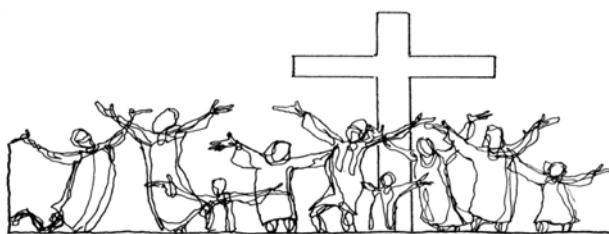
Lee Walser, Maria Jimenez

Don Frederick, Chris Gallegly, Jacky

Johnson, Tyler Johnson

If you cannot keep your assignment

PLEASE find a substitute.



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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

1st & 3rd Wednesdays night 5:30

Every 3rd Sunday—Social Night 5:30

Food, Fun, and Faith!

Soup Drive!!!!

August 13—September 24th

RE soup drive, the class with the most cans donated will get to have a class party! Bring on the cans!



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Aug. 20— RE 9:45—11:00

5:30 Sr. Youth social hour

7:00 Holy Hour

Aug. 27—RE 9:45-11:00

Sept. 3— No RE

11:15 Youth Mass

Sept. 10— RE 9:45-11:00

9:45 Adult ED with Deacon

Serge

11:15 Catechetical Sunday Mass

Sept. 17—RE 9:45—11:00

Parish picnic



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

Deadline to sign up Aug. 27

SAVE THE DATE

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



Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Pius X


Tuesday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Rose of Lima

Thursday: St. Bartholomew

Friday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz

ANNUAL SEPTEMBER USED AND NEW BLANKET DRIVE



The weather will turn cold soon, and we need used and new blankets for our annual blanket distribution to those in need. Last year we passed out over 100 blankets!

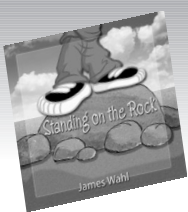

Please place used or new blankets and air mattresses in the containers provided in the vestibules, or call **Mari Culver, 205-525-0071** for pickup.

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