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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 26, 2017
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, August 27, 2017
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Twenty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time

August 27, 2017



*“Whatever you bind on earth
shall be bound in heaven;
and whatever you loose on earth
shall be loosed in heaven.”*

— *Matthew 16:19*



Mass Intentions

August 28– September 3



Monday: Joseph Brazzolotto by the Brazzolottos †

Tuesday: Paul & Parma Boyle by the Brazzolottos

Wednesday: Kitty Gordon by the Brazzolottos †

Thursday: John Michael by KOC 12270 †

Friday: Gene Smith by Susan Moseley †

Saturday: Trudi McClay by the Zielinskis †

Sunday: Karen & Bob Hand 39th Wedding Anniv.

****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 28—Sept. 3

Monday:	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1- 6; Mk 6:17-29
Wednesday:	1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27- 32
Thursday:	1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3- 5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday:	Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8 -9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Today's Readings



First Reading — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem. (Isaiah 22:19-23)

Psalm — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. (Psalm 138)

Second Reading — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36)

Gospel — Jesus asked the disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” (Matthew 16:13-20)

Who Has the Keys?

The symbolism of keys is highly significant in today's Reading from the Old Testament (Is. 22:19-23) and in the Gospel (Mt. 16:13-20). Keys can indicate status or security or freedom (think of car keys). Like so much else in our changing world, keys may be soon obsolete. Instead, we may simply have to swipe a plastic card, or punch in a code or type in a P.I.N. Still, the symbolism of access and authority and a certain power will endure. There used to be a devotional prayer book in my distant past called *A Key to Heaven*. That key will hardly become obsolete.

In the First Reading today we are told that Shebna held a position of influence, like that of a chief-of-staff in the reign of King Hezekiah. He is being removed from office for an abuse of power. He is told that he will be "Thrust from his office" and "Pulled down from his position".

Shebna will be replaced by a new chief-of-staff, named Eliakim. "I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut; when he shuts, no one will open". That sounds like real power.

But why is Shebna being replaced? We are not told in the present text. In an earlier verse (19:16) we are given a clue. Shebna had ordered an ostentatious and elaborate tomb carved out of rock on a high place for his future monument. The action was vain and arrogant and a misuse of power and money. The king was not happy and dismissed him. A cautionary tale here. Kings or presidents do not like to be upstaged. Where have we heard that one recently?

In the Gospel from Matthew, Simon confesses that Jesus is the Messiah and Son of God. In return for such faith, Jesus gives him a new name. He will be called Peter, which means, "Rock" and on the rock of that faith and the faith of the other Apostles, Jesus promises to "build his church" and gives Peter the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

Pope John Paul II in his book, *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, wrote:

"Lofty titles are of little importance. What is important originates in the death and resurrection of Christ. What is important is that which comes from the power of the Holy Spirit. For example, Peter, together with the other Apostles and Paul, became authentic witnesses of Christ, faithful until the shedding of their own blood" - - - In the Church built on the rock that is Christ, Peter, the Apostles and their successors are witnesses of God, crucified and risen in Christ. They are witnesses of the life that is stronger than death".



Sunday-August 27

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*RE 9:45-11:00 am

Monday-August 28

Mass 9:00 am

*Legion of Mary

*Bridge

Tuesday-August 29

Mass 9 am

Wednesday-August 30

Mass 7:00 pm

*Ultreya after Mass

Thursday-August 31

Mass 9:00 am

Friday-September 1

Mass 9:00 am

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

Saturday-September 2

Mass 9:00 am & 5:00 pm

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

Sunday-September 3

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*NO RE

*Youth Mass 11:15 am

*Soup Drive cont.

R.C.I.A.—Begins September 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. The group will meet every Tuesday to explore the riches of the Catholic faith. Topics will be presented by experienced presenters. Discussion and prayer will also be included. Have you contacted someone to invite them? There is still time.

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Sexton

FINANCE NEWS
July 2017-June 2018

Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ 5370.32	\$ 5702.00

Year-to-date

*Offertory:	\$ 44,510.27	\$ 45,616.00
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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 – 84 cans



Mark your calendars!

Annual Parish Picnic

September 17th
1:30 pm-3:30 pm
Lakeside Park

Fun for all ages! Bring a dish to share.
Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided by the Knights of Columbus.
Sign up sheets located in the foyers.

For additional info, please contact Karen Hand: 205.338.9737 or wmkhand@yahoo.com.

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.

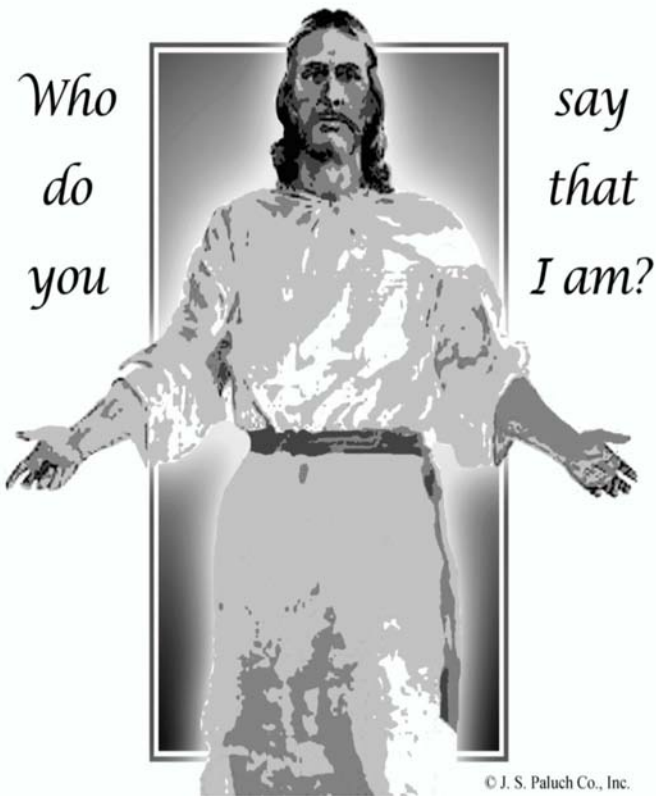
All meat will be freshly smoked with KOC "special dry rub".

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.

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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 30~ Sept. 3

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM

8/30/2017

Altar Servers
Lector Sarah Brazzolotto

SATURDAY MASS

9:00 AM

9/2/2017

Altar Servers
Lectors
Ministers Deacon,



5:00 PM

Altar Servers Peter Boyle, Tom Graffo
Greeters Tammy McRae, Darlene Leonard
Lectors Allen Ross, Phyllis Ross
Ministers Deacon, Gloria Albright, Karen Hand
Ushers Jim Dale, Bob Nicholas, Jerry Kern, Brenda Kern

SUNDAY MASS

8:30 AM

9/3/2017

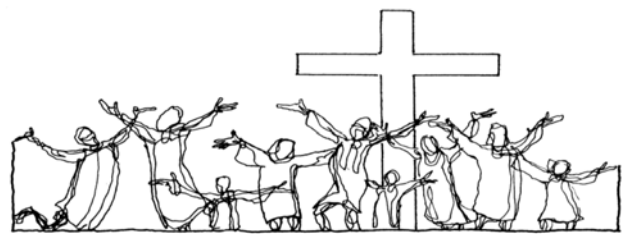
Altar Servers Anthony Emerick, Danielle McKinney, Carson Falkner
Greeters Brenda/Carl Rochford, Tommie/Jacky Johnson
Lectors Meagan Price, Anna Emerick
Ministers Deacon, Michael & Teri Gagliano, Carly Gagliano, Ronni Gagliano
Ushers Lance Stella, Bit Thomaston, Phillip Thomaston, Paul Emerick

11:15 PM

Altar Servers Paul Boyle, Katie Boyle, Destiny Markevich, Teresa Ray
Greeters Youth
Lectors Youth
Ministers Deacon, Wayne Adams, Mary Adams, Youth
Ushers Don Frederick, Chris Gallegly, Youth

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. 27—RE 9:45-11:00

**Sept. 3— No RE
11:15 Youth Mass**

Sept. 5—RICA 7:00

**Sept. 10— RE 9:45-11:00
9:45 Adult ED with Deacon
Serge**

**11:15 Catechetical Sunday
Mass**

**Jr. Youth—Grandparents day
12:30—2:30**

**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



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!



Chair: Sonia Dale:
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Jennifer Rosato: jrosato1972@gmail.com

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



Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday:** *Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*
- Monday:** *St. Augustine*
- Tuesday:** *The Passion of St. John the Baptist*
- Friday:** *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation; First Friday*
- Saturday:** *Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday*

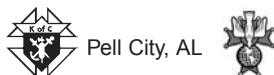
ANNUAL SEPTEMBER USED AND NEW BLANKET DRIVE



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!

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