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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, September 2, 2017

Mass 9:00 am & 5:00 pm

Sunday, September 3, 2017

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*Twenty-second Sunday
In Ordinary Time*

September 3, 2017



*Be transformed by the renewal of
your mind, that you may discern
what is the will of God, what is good
and pleasing and perfect.*

— Romans 12:2



Mass Intentions

September 4– September 10



* Sept. Intentions offered at St. Bernard Abbey. *

Monday: Special Intentions

Tuesday: Ernestina Amaya by Gloria Raynor †

Wednesday: Ethel Nunez by Susan Moseley †

Thursday: Jeanie Reid by Susan Moseley

Friday: Flor Gonzalez by Gloria Raynor †

Saturday: Trudi & Andy McClay by the Zielinskis †

Sunday: Paul Smith by Walton Smith †

****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 ~ Sept. 4—Sept. 10

- Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911
- Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday:** Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
- Friday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
- Saturday:** Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
- Sunday:** Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Today's Readings



First Reading — The name of the LORD has become like fire burning in Jeremiah's heart. (Jeremiah 20:7-9)

Psalm — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Psalm 63)

Second Reading — Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good. (Romans 12:1-2)

Gospel — Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them. (Matthew 16:21-27)

Redefining the Messiah.

"Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him. God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you". (Mt. 16:22)

Peter the Rock has become the stumbling block, seeking to deflect Jesus from his mission. Jesus recognized Peter's protest as a maneuver on the part of Satan and he rebuked him in the strongest language: "Get behind me Satan, you are an obstacle to me". Sometimes good intentions are not enough. Well-meaning people may be unconscious instruments of evil. Peter becomes an instrument of Satan and a temptation to Jesus.

Jesus goes on to instruct the disciples once again. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me....for whoever wishes to save his life will lose it and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it".

Specifically, Jesus teaches his willingness to suffer the consequences of proclaiming and living the Gospel. It is not a saying that encourages people who are victimized or suffering unjustly to simply bear it as their way of identifying with Christ.

As we know, in the Gospels, Jesus always healed and alleviated the sufferings of such persons. Here the teaching is about the disciples' choice to lose themselves entirely in Christ, to take on his way of life and mission.

Paul in the Second Reading today (Romans 12:1-2), is saying much the same as Jesus: "Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect".

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who died at 39 a couple of days before the liberation of Germany, wrote in his book, *The Cost of Discipleship*: "We prefer a church of success, grown by sales techniques, or a feel good church with an emotional appeal, or a cushion in place of a cross". Tis true! Tis true!

Celebrating Fifty Years of Married Life: Congratulations to Ron and Micky Zielinski who recently observed their golden wedding anniversary with their family and friends in a beautiful Mass of thanksgiving. This couple has provided a faithful and faith-filled witness to the Sacrament of Marriage through all these years, in good times and bad. Thank you, thank you for so great a gift.

A Grief Observed: We extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to Phyllis Barrett and her family on the death of her husband of sixty-seven years, Bob Barrett. A great love story indeed that began in 1950. Bob served our country in World War II by joining the U.S. Navy. A graduate of Notre Dame University, he had a distinguished career as an F.B.I. agent. He and Phyllis moved to Pell City twenty four years ago. He kept faith with God in good times and bad. May he Rest in Peace.



Sunday-September 3

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*NO RE

*Youth Mass 11:15 am

*Soup Drive cont.

Monday-September 4

Mass 9:00 am

*Legion of Mary

*Bridge

Tuesday-September 5

Communion Service 9:00 am

*RCIA 7:00 pm

Wednesday-September 6

Communion Service 7:00 pm

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

Thursday-September 7

Communion Service 9:00 am

Friday-September 8

Communion Service 9:00 am

Saturday-September 9

Mass 9:00 am & 5:00 pm

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

Sunday-September 10

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*RE 9:45-11:00 am

*Adult Ed—Deacon Serge 9:45 am

*Catechetical Sunday 11:15 am

*Jr. Youth 12:30-2:30 pm

*Soup Drive cont.

Pastor's Message Cont.

Vacation in Ireland: I will be away from the Parish until September 22, to visit family in Ireland. You will be in the good hands of our Deacons and the Parish Staff and Benedictine priests from Cullman on the weekends. Be well and be kind.

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Sexton

FINANCE NEWS
July 2017-June 2018

Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ 3875.82	\$ 5702.00

Year-to-date

*Offertory:	\$ 48,386.09	\$ 51,318.00
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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 – 65 cans

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.

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



*Kimberly Jaks
LeAnn & John Sorci
Jennifer & Matt Wilkes*

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



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.**

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

MY SOUL IS
THIRSTING FOR YOU,
O GOD



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Stewardship



As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

—I Peter 4:10

Holy Land Gifts- Olive Wood Carvings



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—Sept. 6~ Sept. 10

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM

9/6/2017

Altar Servers

Lector

Teri Gagliano

SATURDAY MASS

5:00 PM

9/9/2017

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors

Ministers

Ushers

John Stice, Sawyer Stice

Tammy McRae, Darlene Leonard

Marguerite Gorman, Sonia Dale

Deacon, Larry Reese, Sara Reese

Sam Marston, Bob Nicholas, Mike

DeCastr, sub

SUNDAY MASS

8:30 AM

9/10/2017

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors

Ministers

Ushers

Andrew Thomaston, Will Thomaston,
Matt Frey

Dennis/Sandy Veigl, Poteracki B/F/S

Bart Perry, Gail Perry

Deacon, Anna Emerick, Tommie Ann

Johnson, Brenda Rochford, Janice Stella

Michael Gagliano, Dennis Veigl, Jim

Gorman, sub

11:15 PM

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors

Ministers

Ushers

James Lewis, Matt Himmler, Erin Barker

Frank Troncalli, Shirley/Diana Skeivelas

Miranda Jacks, Robert Lewis

Deacon, Ronnie Sellers, Jennifer

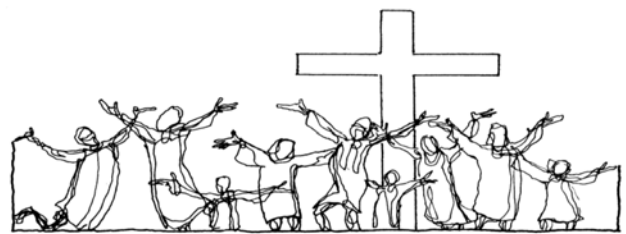
Sellers, Lee Walser, Chris Gallegly

Don Frederick, Chris Gallegly, sub,

William Ngambou

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

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 1:30-3:30

Sr. Youth—5:30

Holy Hour—7:00

Sept. 24—RE 9:45-11:00



National March for Life

Washington, DC

January 17-21, 2018

9th—12th grades

Contact Sonya 863-7305

or Chris Frey 473-4661



Bob Barrett †

On August 23, 2017 we lost a dear parishioner, Bob Barrett.

On behalf of all of us at Our Lady of the Lake, we offer our deepest condolences to his wife, Phyllis and their children. We share your sorrow and will remember him always.

*Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord
and let perpetual light
shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.
May his soul and the souls of
all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen.*



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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: *Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Monday: *Labor Day*

Friday: *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Saturday: *St. Peter Claver*

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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