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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 30, 2017  
Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, October 1, 2017  
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am*



*Twenty-sixth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

*October 1, 2017*

*Have in you the same attitude  
that is also in Christ Jesus.*

*— Philippians 2:5*



*Mass Intentions*

October 2– October 8



**Monday: Annette Smith** by the Brazzolottos  
**Tuesday: Victor Rumore** by Office Staff †  
**Wednesday: Ron Stasko** by the Brazzolottos †  
**Thursday: Kitty Gordon** by JR & Ann Reddy †  
**Friday: Harry Scruggs** by the Brazzolottos †  
**Saturday: Cecil Rogers** by the Brazzolottos  
**Sunday: Charles Manning** 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, Gail Layton,  
Nicki Brasfield, Cary Forister.*

**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 ~ Oct. 2—Oct. 8*

**Monday:** Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;  
Mt 18:1-5, 10

**Tuesday:** Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7;  
Lk 9:51-56

**Wednesday:** Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6;  
Lk 9:57-62

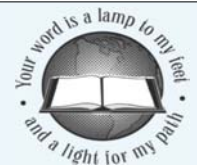
**Thursday:** Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12;  
Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12

**Friday:** Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9;  
Lk 10:13-16

**Saturday:** Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37;  
Lk 10:17-24

**Sunday:** Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20;  
Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

*Today's Readings*



**First Reading** — When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live. (Ezekiel 18:25-28)

**Psalm** — Remember your mercies, O Lord. (Psalm 25)

**Second Reading** — Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. (Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5])

**Gospel** — Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. (Matthew 21:28-32)

## Pastor's Message

**Another intriguing parable from Matthew's Gospel!** We have been treated to rich fare in recent weeks as the parables told by Jesus tease us and challenge us.

Today's parable of the two sons and the father who counted on them seems to pose the question: when does "Yes" mean yes and "No" mean no. Are deeds more important than words at the end of the day?

In the novel, *The Brothers Karamazov*, Dostoevsky tells the story of an elderly woman, Madam Holakov who makes a confession to the monk, Fr. Zossima. The old woman doubting her destiny in the face of death, presumes here crisis is one of faith. Fr. Zossima, the wise monk, sees the problem as one of love.

When he advises Madam Holakov to work at loving her neighbor in helpful ways as a way of dispelling her worries, she realizes he is uncovering the truth. There is no doubt, she thinks, that she loves humanity, but the actual doing of it, the living out of it in concrete acts of kindness gives her pause. She begins to see the truth! Love in word versus love in deeds. Her "Yes" was not as genuine as she thought it was.

St. Paul, in the Second Reading today (Philippians 2:1-11), reminds us that the "Yes" of Jesus to his Father was total and never revoked. "He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross". Paul goes on to encourage us "To do nothing out of selfishness but rather to regard others as more important than yourselves".

**Catholic Charities Annual Appeal** is going on now in all our Parishes. We encourage you to return your pledge card as soon as possible. You can mail it to the Church office or place it with the Sunday collection. If you did not receive a Pledge card, there are extra cards in the foyers. Thanks for your response and your faith.

**Marian Year:** Anniversary of Fatima and the Virgin Mary's request to pray the Rosary daily for peace. We will have a special praying of the Rosary at the Grotto after Mass on October 8th. Please join us in praying for peace.

**Sympathy to Deacon Terry and Rita:** We offer them our heartfelt sympathy and renewed prayers on the death of Victor Rumore, a dear brother, who went home to God in death recently. In his short battle with cancer he won a bigger battle, a surrender of his life to God in faith. We pray for all the Rumore family at this time. May Victor share the victory of eternal life. Amen.

**Thought For the Week:** "We are not called to serve merely in order to receive a reward, but rather to imitate God". Pope Francis

Peace and Blessings,

*Fr. Sexton*

October 1~ October 8

### **Sunday-October 1**

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

\*RE 9:45-11:00 am

\*Youth Mass 11:15 am

\*Stewardship Sunday

\*Soup Drive ends

### **Monday-October 2**

**Mass 9:00 am**

\*Legion of Mary

\*Bridge

### **Tuesday-October 3**

**Mass 9:00 am**

\*RCIA 7:00 pm

### **Wednesday-October 4**

**Mass 7:00 pm**

### **Thursday-October 5**

**Mass 9:00 am**

### **Friday-October 6**

**Mass 9:00 am**

### **Saturday-October 7**

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

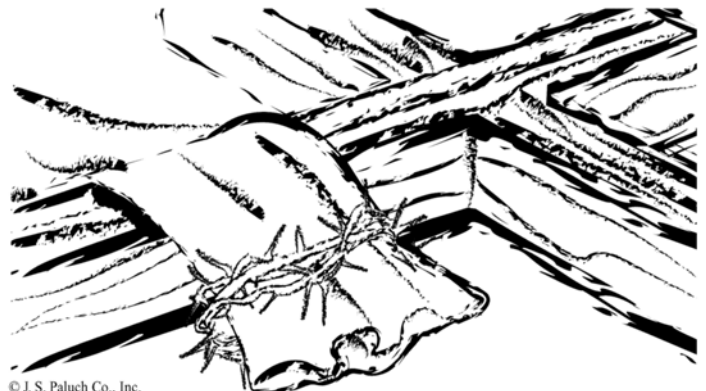
\*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

### **Sunday-October 8**

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

\*RE 9:45-11:00 am

\*Living Rosary after 8:30 Mass



## Weekly Offertory

July 2017 — June 2018

|              | Actual*     | Budget      |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Last Week    | \$3236.03   | \$5702.00   |
| Year to Date | \$72,248.66 | \$74,126.00 |

\*Please note the actual total includes Burse Club, Building Fund & Special Collections which are not part of the general operating budget.

## R.C.I.A.

Each Tuesday night  
at 7:00 p.m.



Are you interested in learning about the Catholic Church with the possibility of becoming a Catholic?

The weekly sessions will explore the teachings and practices of the Church, the role of faith, and the life of prayer and worship.

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## 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 – 123 cans

He emptied himself,  
taking the form  
of a slave

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If you are in need of some help with Christmas gifts this year for your children or know someone who could use help, please stop by the church office and pick up an application for the Giving Tree. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or text Brenda Rochford 423-242-5029 anytime from 3:00-9:00pm. Please return all applications to the church office no later than Thursday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you and God Bless!



### Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday:** *Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday*
- Monday:** *The Holy Guardian Angels*
- Wednesday:** *St. Francis of Assisi; Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins at sunset*
- Thursday:** *Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos*
- Friday:** *St. Bruno; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher; First Friday*
- Saturday:** *Our Lady of the Rosary; First Saturday*

### ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



The food drive is now in progress through **Sunday, Nov. 19th.**

Flyers with a recommended food list, will be located in each foyer. Please purchase as many items as possible and return the items to the collection bins located in the Church Foyers or to the Parish Hall.

*“If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.”*

*~Saint Teresa of Calcutta*



**Social Concerns Committee**

### Assignments—Oct. 4 ~ Oct. 8

#### WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM

10/4/2017

Altar Servers  
Lector Charmaine Welch

#### SATURDAY MASS

5:00 PM

10/7/2017

Altar Servers John Stice, Sawyer Stice  
Greeters Janice Stella, Gloria/Jim Albright  
Lectors Marguerite Gorman, Kathy Bryant  
Ministers Deacon, Gloria Albright, Karen Hand  
Ushers Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Bob Nicholas, Jim Dale

#### SUNDAY MASS

8:30 AM

10/8/2017

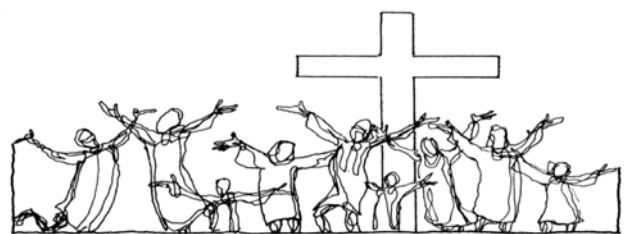
Altar Servers Anthony Emerick, Natalie Newcomb, Bailey Nail, Jacob Wiley  
Greeters Debra/Julius Beavers, Bob/LouElla Menefee  
Lectors Meagan Price, Karen Reese  
Ministers Deacon, Tom Graffo, Teri Gagliano, Carly Gagliano, Ronni Gagliano  
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Rosemary Mateer, Jimillia Sayles, Isabel Loera

11:15 PM

Altar Servers James Lewis, John Himmler, Erin Barker  
Greeters Shiley/Diana Skeivelas, Grace Troncalli  
Lectors Jennifer Sellers, Ronnie Sellers  
Ministers Deacon, Wayne Adams, Mary Adams, Tommie Ann Johnson, Chris Gallegly  
Ushers Don Frederick, Chris Gallegly, Brian Young

**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 Carly Gagliano (205) 837-8888.

**Changes for Sr. Youth starting Oct 1st meeting will be held 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month!**

***Food, Fun, and Faith!***

**Fall Festival**  
**Oct. 25th**  
**Wednesday night**  
**4:30—6:30**



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Religious Education**

**Oct. 1— RE 9:45-11:00**  
**Youth Mass 11:15**

**Oct. 8— Living Rosary after**  
**8:30 Mass**  
**RE after Living Rosary**

**Oct. 15—RE 9:45-11:00**  
**RE youth protection class**



**Adult Education**  
**9:45 in the parish hall**

**Oct. 15—Deacon Lee**  
**Handbook for Today's Catholic**

**Nov. 12 — Laura Headley**  
**Legion of Mary**



**WHICH OF THE TWO DID THE FATHER'S WILL?**



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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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*Please return completed Stewardship forms to an Usher or the Church Office.*

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