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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, October 7, 2017  
Mass 9:00 am & 5:00 pm*

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

*Twenty-seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
October 8, 2017*



*Have no anxiety at all, but in  
everything, by prayer and petition,  
with thanksgiving,  
make your requests known to God.*

*— Philippians 4:6*



*Mass Intentions*

October 9– October 15



**Monday:** Arthur Raynor *by James & Gloria Raynor* †  
**Tuesday:** Parishioners *by Betty Huetteman & Yolie Roy*  
**Wednesday:** Andy & Trudi McClay *by the Brazzolottos* †  
**Thursday:** Evelyn McGuire *by Kathy Bryant* †  
**Friday:** Yogi Caterinichia *by the Rumores* †  
**Saturday:** Andy & Trudi McClay *by the Zielinskis* †  
**Sunday:** Kitty Gordon *by Brenda & Jerry Kern* †

**\*\*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. 9—Oct. 15*

**Monday:** Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon  
2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-  
4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday:** Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6,  
9-10; Lk 11:1-4

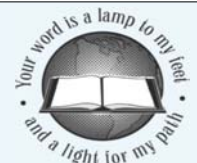
**Thursday:** Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4,  
6; Lk 11:5-13

**Friday:** Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps  
9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9;  
Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday:** Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5  
-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28

**Sunday:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6;  
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20;  
Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

*Today's Readings*



**First Reading** — The vineyard of the LORD is  
the house of Israel. (Isaiah 5:1-7)

**Psalm** — The vineyard of the Lord is the house  
of Israel. (Psalm 80)

**Second Reading** — God's peace will guard  
your hearts and minds. (Philippians 4:6-9)

**Gospel** — The kingdom of God will be given to  
those who will produce its fruit. (Matthew 21:33-  
43)

**Vines and Vineyards and a Loving God.**

Today's Scripture Readings introduce us to the world of vines and vineyards; a world of lost opportunity and things that have gone terribly wrong.

The Reading from Isaiah (5:1-7), in the form of a lament, speaks of the frustration that came to the hard-working industrious farmer who was the victim of a bad harvest, a quirk of nature, circumstances beyond his control.

Wild grapes are sour and useless and good for nothing. Life is like that sometimes. It often yields wild grapes. People who work hard and have little to show for it. People who build their dream home only to have it destroyed in a tornado or a hurricane. Those who work so hard to build a career and give of their best to a company only to have the company go bankrupt or phased out.

Success is an elusive thing. In the end, life is not in the results but in the effort. Did I do my best? Did I work with integrity and honesty?

St. Paul suggests living without anxiety, living with trust in God and experiencing peace even in an uncertain world. "Brothers and Sisters, have no anxiety, but in everything, by prayer and petition make your requests known to God".

The Gospel Reading (Matthew 21:33-43) is in the form of a parable. Tenant farmers rented a vineyard and then forgot they were only tenants and not the owner. The parable speaks of greed and evil intent. Deliberate choices to act unjustly. This led to violence and more violence and in the end the loss of the vineyard when the owner took it back.

The tenants forgot who they were. Their greed led to violence and disorder. When the right order of things is upset, chaos follows.

We are not the owners of our life. We hold it in trust from God, as tenants who are to give back a portion of our yield to the God from whom all good comes.

**Stewardship Response:** A special thanks to all who responded to the invitation to share time and talent in the service of the Parish for the coming year. In giving you will receive.

**Catholic Charities Appeal:** Remember to return you Pledge Card so we can complete the Appeal. Thanks for your gifts.

**A Night of Terror:** We can scarcely believe the extent and the horror of the killing spree unleashed by a lone gunman in Las Vegas last Sunday night. It comes in the aftermath of a summer of devastating hurricanes and floods to remind us again of how fragile life is. This is evil at its worst. Innocent life snuffed out or maimed. To seek to understand what is irrational is futile. Our hearts go out in prayer and sympathy to those who lost loved ones and with hopes for recovery for the injured. How noble is the response of police officers and hospital workers and neighbors in this hour of darkness. Goodness always has the final word.

Peace and Blessings,

*Fr. Sexton*

**Sunday-October 8**

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

\*RE 9:45-11:00 am

\*Living Rosary after 8:30 Mass

**Monday-October 9**

**Mass 9:00 am**

\*Legion of Mary

\*Bridge

**Tuesday-October 10**

**Mass 9:00 am**

\*RCIA 7:00 pm

**Wednesday-October 11**

**Mass 7:00 pm**

\*Exposition and Adoration (Spanish) 7:30-9:00 pm

**Thursday-October 12**

**Mass 9:00 am**

**Friday-October 13**

**Mass 9:00 am**

**Saturday-October 14**

**Mass 5:00 pm**

\*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

**Sunday-October 15**

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

\*RE 9:45-11:00 am-YPC

\*Holy Hour 7:00 pm

\*Adult Ed-Deacon Lee 9:45 am

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



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## Weekly Offertory

July 2017 — June 2018

	Actual*	Budget
Last Week	\$7442.50	\$5702.00
Year to Date	\$79,691.16	\$79,828.00

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

### To Our Parish Family:

Rita and I would like to thank everyone for the calls, letters, emails, cards, Masses and prayers at the death of my brother, Victor Rumore. Your out-pouring of love and concern strengthened us during this difficult time.

It has been such a comfort to know that you were thinking of us, and praying for us while we were saying goodbye to our wonderful Brother.

God Bless,  
Deacon Terry & Rita



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

*Mary & Billy Burns  
Carey Kennedy, Jr.*

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



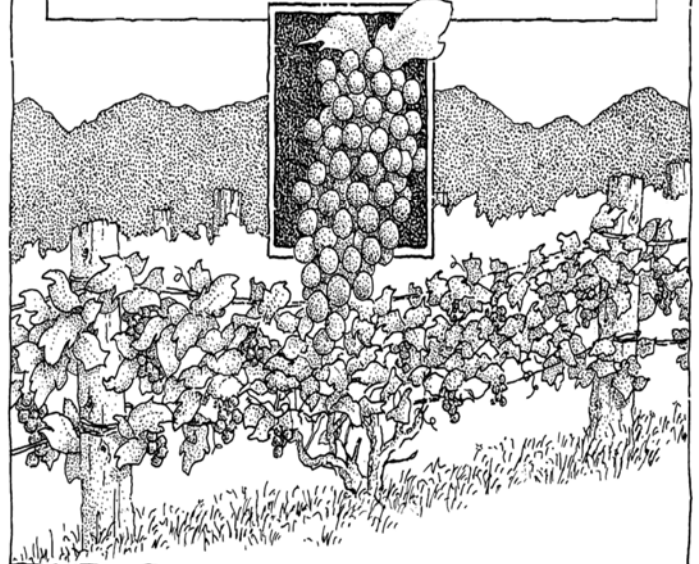
## The Love Pantry

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 – 100 cans**

The vineyard of the Lord  
is the house of Israel



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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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*
- Monday:** *St. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi; Columbus Day; Canadian Thanksgiving Day*
- Wednesday:** *Saint John XXIII*
- Saturday:** *St. Callistus I; Blessed Virgin Mary*

### 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. 11 ~ Oct. 15

#### WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM

10/11/2017

Altar Servers  
Lector Bernie Funderburg

#### SATURDAY MASS

5:00 PM

10/14/2017

Altar Servers Larry Reese, Stephen Reese  
Greeters Karen Hand, Gisela Scruggs  
Lectors Sonia Dale, Sara Reese  
Ministers Deacon, Allen Ross, Phyllis Ross  
Ushers Karen Hand, Bob Hand, Bob Nicholas, Jim Dale

#### SUNDAY MASS

8:30 AM

10/15/2017

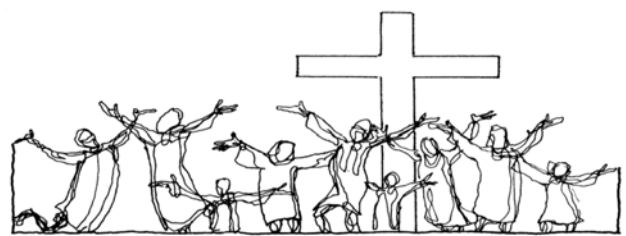
Altar Servers Andrew Thomaston, Will Thomaston, Brennan Cardenas, Amy Cardenas  
Greeters Phillip/Bit Thomaston, Alexis Allor  
Lectors Gail Perry, Bart Perry  
Ministers Deacon, Janice Stella, Brenda Rochford, Ruth Stanley, Anna Emerick  
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Rosemary Mateer, Jimillia Sayles, Isabel Loera

11:15 PM

Altar Servers Brooks Boyle, Peyton Foreman, Travis Cooley  
Greeters Mattie Osborne, John Himmler  
Lectors Robert Lewis, John Stice  
Ministers Deacon, Ken Otto, Edie Otto, Chere Lowery, Lee Walser  
Ushers Don Frederick, Ron Markevich, 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

**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. 8— Little Ones & Jr. Youth  
12:30—2:30**

**Fall Festival meeting 1:00**

**Oct. 15—RE 9:45-11:00  
RE youth protection class  
Sr. Youth 5:30—8:00**

**Oct. 22—No RE**



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

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

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







**Free Pancake Breakfast  
Sunday, October 22nd  
Between the Masses**

The Knights of Columbus are hosting this event to say "Thank You" to parishioners for your support of their fund-raising efforts this past year.

All are invited, so please join us in the Parish Hall as an honored guest of the Knights of Columbus at a free, parish-wide pancake breakfast.



**Married Couples:**

**Stop and Think About  
How You Spend Your Time!**



For most of us our priorities are our children, our jobs, career, leisure and God. How much time do you spend just for the two of you as a couple? You deserve to learn how to make the most of your time and relationship. Make time to enrich your relationship by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** Weekend.

The next weekend in the diocese is scheduled in Huntsville, **Oct. 13-15** at the **DoubleTree Hotel-South**.

You can register online today at: [www.ALFL-wwme.org](http://www.ALFL-wwme.org) or by calling Bob & Joy Hernandez at **678-985-0125**.



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



**Catholic Charities**

**Thank you** for your generous response to the Catholic Charities Pledge Drive. If you did not receive a pledge card, there are cards available in both foyers. If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please prayerfully consider your pledge and return your card as soon as possible. Each pledge, no matter the size, is important.

**Thank you and God bless!**

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