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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, November 18, 2017  
Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, November 19, 2017  
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am*

*Thirty-third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
November 19, 2017*



*Blessed are you who  
fear the LORD.*

*— Psalm 128:1a*



*Mass Intentions*

November 20 – November 26



**Monday:** Fr. Matthew Brennan *by the Rumores*  
**Tuesday:** Jacky Johnson *by the Rumores*  
**Wednesday:** Pete & Marie Battaglia *by the Boyles* †  
**Thursday:** Thanksgiving  
**Friday:** Lillie Rumore *by the Rumores*  
**Saturday:** Teresa Ross *by Walton Smith*  
**Sunday:** Marlene Catalino *by Sam Catalino* †

**\*\*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, Rene Bentel.*

**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 ~ Nov. 20—Nov. 26*

**Monday:** 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43,  
54-57, 62-63; Ps  
119:53, 61, 134, 150,  
155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

**Tuesday:** 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7;  
Lk 19:1-10

**Wednesday:** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps  
17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15;  
Lk 19:11-28

**Thursday:** 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b  
-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41  
-44 Thanksgiving Day,  
Suggested: Sir 50:22-  
24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor  
1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

**Friday:** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1  
Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12;  
Lk 19:45-48

**Saturday:** 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4,  
6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

**Sunday:** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps  
23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor  
-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

*Today's Readings*



**First Reading** — The woman who fears the  
LORD is to be praised. (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-  
20, 30-31)

**Psalm** — Blessed are those who fear the Lord.  
(Psalm 128)

**Second Reading** — Brothers and sisters, you  
are children of the light. (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6)

**Gospel** — To all those who have, more will be  
given, and they will have an abundance.  
(Matthew 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21])

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## Pastor's Message

With the last Sunday of the Liturgical year a week away, today's Scripture readings offer a reflection on how we can prepare for the return of the Lord and the full manifestation of God's Kingdom.

Like the financier in the parable, we are—all of us—on a journey and we pass this way but once. Like the servants we have received many gifts, abilities and opportunities to be used for others and the glory of God.

This is the crucial task. To hoard our gifts, to hide them or to be selfish in using them is to lose them and ourselves.

What path shall we follow if we wish to "enter into the joy of our Lord". God wants to be able to say to each of us: "Come into the house of your loving Father and enjoy life with me forever".

One sympathy in the parable is with the third servant. He was a good person. There is no record of stealing or embezzlement. He lacked the courage and the will to take a risk. He was governed by fear of his master. He hid the talent for safe keeping and returned it unused.

He receives a harsh reprimand and the talent is taken away from him. We sort of wish he might be given another chance.

An old man approached the nineteenth century poet and artist, Dante Gabriel Rossetti, and asked him to look at his portfolio to see if his work showed potential talent.

After looking through several sketches, Rossetti very gently told the elderly man that the pictures had little value and showed little talent.

Disappointed but not surprised, the old man apologized for taking up Rossetti's time but asked if the artist might look at a few more drawings done by a young art student.

As he looked at each creation, Rossetti became enthusiastic in his praise. "These are very good. This young man has great talent and should be encouraged. Who is the artist? Is he your son?"

"No", said the old man sadly. "This is my work from forty years ago! If only I had heard your praise then. For you see, I got discouraged and gave up too soon!"

Can we encourage others to use their talents? We should.

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**Thanks For the Great Response:** The Thanksgiving Food Drive has revealed once again how very generous you are in helping others. You have opened your hearts and your treasure to share so generously the food that will gladden many hearts. A special thanks to John and Kathy Bryant for coordinating this big project and to the many volunteers who helped!

**Join Us for Thanksgiving Day Mass:** We will have Mass at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday to give thanks for all the blessings we have received. Would love



## November 19 ~ November 26

### Sunday-November 19

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

\*RE 9:45-11:00 am

\*Adult Ed-Deacon Terry 9:45 am

\*Holy Hour 7:00 pm

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

### Monday-November 20

**Mass 9:00 am**

\*Legion of Mary

\*Bridge

### Tuesday-November 21

**Mass 9:00 am**

\*NO RCIA

### Wednesday-November 22

**Mass 9:00 am**

### Thursday-November 23

**Mass 9:00 am**

Thanksgiving Day

### Friday-November 24

**Mass 9:00 am**

### Saturday-November 25

**Mass 5:00 pm**

\*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

### Sunday-November 26

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

\*No RE

## Pastor's Message Cont.

to see you and your family at the special Mass.

**A Wish and a Prayer:** "O Thou who has given us so much, mercifully grant one thing more, a grateful heart". (George Herbert, poet)

Peace and Blessings,

*Fr. Sexton*

## Weekly Offertory

| July            | 2017 —<br>June | 2018         |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
|                 | Actual*        | Needed       |
| Last Week       | \$4643.00      | \$5702.00    |
| Year to<br>Date | \$110,083.01   | \$114,040.00 |

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

### ADULT EDUCATION

**November 19th**



**“Five Hard Truths that Will  
Set a Person Free”**

**Presentation by Deacon Terry**

**9:45 AM– Parish Hall**

Five Hard Truths that stab at the heart of some of our most cherished modern notions. If they can be accepted, they will bring great peace and help you cope with the difficulties of this life. Open discussion session with questions welcomed!

**You don't want to miss it!**

*Dear Father Sexton Our Lady of the Lake parish family,*

*Thank you to all the volunteers and parishioners for supporting the Habitat for Humanity fish fry fundraiser last Friday. Your generous time and contributions will be well invested in building in the next Habitat house in Pell City. Opportunities to volunteer with construction will be announced in the coming months. Thank you, and God Bless,*

*James Raynor  
Grand Knight  
KOC Council 12270*



## *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 – 20 cans



*Reflection, meditation,  
preparation, prayer.*



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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:** *Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*
- Tuesday:** *Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
- Wednesday:** *St. Cecilia*
- Thursday:** *St. Clement I, St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro; Thanksgiving Day*
- Friday:** *St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions*
- Saturday:** *St. Catherine of Alexandria; Blessed Virgin Mary*



## Christmas Giving Tree

The Christmas Giving Trees will soon be up and filled with tags in both foyers. We will be helping 24 families this year, with a total of 61 children. As you know the need is especially great again this year. Please be as generous as you can.

### This is how you can help:

**Take a tag or two from the trees.**

**Buy the gift listed on the tag.**

**Return the unwrapped gift (with the tag attached to the gift) back under one of the trees.**

**ALL GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN Sunday, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>.**

Gifts will be distributed to the families on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Except for bicycles, no request should cost more than \$25-30. For those on a smaller budget, there are \$10 donation tags on the tree. **PLEASE, IF YOU TAKE A TAG, RETURN THE GIFT TO THE TREES. Someone is counting on you!** Also note that your gift is one of several on the tree for each child.

For more info, please call Brenda Rochford, 423-242-5029 or Sharon Stice, 205-613-1053.

May the coming of the Christ Child fill your hearts with joy!

## Assignments—Nov. 22 ~ Nov 26

### WEDNESDAY

11/22/2017

7:00 PM

Altar Servers \*

Lectors Sarah Brazzolotto

### SATURDAY MASS

11/25/2017

5:00 PM

Altar Servers Larry Reese, Stephen Reese

Greeters Kathy Shivers, Gisela Scruggs

Lectors Sonia Dale, Sara Reese

Ministers Deacon, Allen Ross, Phyllis Ross

Ushers Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Mike DeCastr, Mark McRae

### SUNDAY MASS

11/26/2017

8:30 AM

Altar Servers Anthony Emerick, Andrew Thomaston, Will Thomaston, Amelia Reese

Greeters Ruth Stanley, Aly/Wendy Struzik

Lectors Carey Monistere, Gloria Raynor

Ministers Deacon, Janice Stella, Tommie Johnson, Ruth Stanley, Tom Graffo

Ushers Michael Gagliano, Rosemary Mateer, Jimillia Sayles, Isabel Loera

11:15 PM

Altar Servers Will Pittman, John Himmler, Jhon Paul Rogers

Greeters Grace Troncalli, John Himmler

Lectors Miranda Jacks, Bernie Funderburg

Ministers Deacon, Wayne Adams, Mary Adams, Lee Walser

Ushers Don Frederick, Jennifer Sellers, Ron Sellers, William Ngambou

If you cannot keep your assignment

PLEASE find a substitute.

Called to *Serve*



### **Little Ones in Christ**

**Grades Pre K—Grade 2**

Contact Joanna Murphree (205) 473-1444

**2nd Sunday 12:30—2:30pm**

### **Junior Youth**

**Grades 3— Grade 6**

Contact Jordan Murphree (205) 863-5787

**2nd Sunday 12:30—2:30pm**

### **Senior Youth**

**Grades 7-12**

Contact Carly Gagliano (205)837-8888

**1st and 3rd Sunday 5:30—8:00pm**

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



### **Nursery**

The nursery is in need of volunteers. We are required to have two qualified adults present when the nursery is opened. A qualified adult is at least 21, had youth protection class, and criminal background check. Please consider volunteering in the nursery so we can provide childcare during Mass.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

### **Religious Education**

**Nov. 19—RE 9:45—11:00am**

**Sr. Youth 5:30—8:00pm**

**Holy Hour 7:00pm**

**Nov. 26—No RE**

**Dec. 3—RE 9:45—11:15am**

**3rd, 4th, 5th Grade Reconciliation**

**Sr. Youth 5:30—8:00pm**

**Dec. 10—RE 9:45—11:15am**

**6th, 7th, 8th Grade Reconciliation**

**Dec. 14—Pell City Christmas**

**parade 7:00pm**

**Dec. 17—RE 9:45—11:15am**

**High School Reconciliation**

**Sr. Youth**

**Dec. 24—No RE**

**Youth Mass 4:30pm**

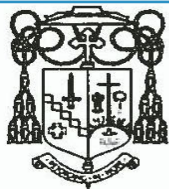
**Carols start at 4:00**

### **Adult Education**

**9:45 in the parish hall**

**Nov. 19—Deacon Terry  
5 hard truths that will set you free!**





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Office of the Bishop

## **STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME**

April 10, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocese will be taking up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA) April 22-23, and I ask that you prayerfully consider participating. This appeal supports the dioceses here in our own country that struggle to make ends meet and to serve all the needs of their parishioners. It is through your generosity that many churches are able to keep their doors open and provide essential pastoral services.

The Diocese of Laredo is located in southern Texas, along the Texas-Mexico border. Many in this diocese live on the margins of society, either as immigrants or as people living in poverty, and it is a challenge for the diocese to keep up with the needs of its people. With your contributions to the CHMA, the diocese reaches out to some of the most marginalized people—those in prison. Many detainees are returning to the Catholic faith and are in need of God's mercy. Your gifts provide liturgical and educational supplies, help priests offer the Eucharist and other sacraments, and support volunteers' and ministers' outreach to over 10,000 men and women in detention facilities. Your generosity brings Christ's message of love, compassion, and reconciliation to this often forgotten population.

Your support of this appeal makes a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters right here in the United States, including our own diocese. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the appeal this year. To learn more about the appeal and those who benefit from it, visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

Thank you for strengthening the Church at home.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Baker, S.T.D.  
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama

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