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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 25, 2017
Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, November 26, 2017
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am*

*Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
November 26, 2017*



*“I was hungry and you
gave me food,
I was thirsty and you
gave me drink.”*

— Matthew 25:35



Mass Intentions

November 27 – December 3



Monday: Sam McDavid by the Rumores †
Tuesday: Mary Toro by the Rumores †
Wednesday: Dcn. Mark Squires by the Brazzolottos †
Thursday: Caroline Toro by the Rumores †
Friday: Edward Smallwood by Karen Hand †
Saturday: Fr. Michael Wrigley by the Brazzolottos †
Sunday: Sydney Sellers 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, 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.**

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. 27—Dec. 3

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Today's Readings



First Reading — I will rescue my scattered sheep. (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17)

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Psalm 23)

Second Reading — As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life. (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28)

Gospel — Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to me. (Matthew 25:31-46)

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Pastor's Message

Today, on the last Sunday of the Liturgical year, we celebrate Christ as King of the Universe. The readings are filled with images of God and Christ as shepherd and king of all creation.

In the reading from the prophet Ezekiel, God announces that he will shepherd the people of Israel. He will rescue the lost and heal the broken, but he will destroy those he judges to be bad, because he is a defender of justice and protector of the disadvantaged.

In the Second Reading, Paul is teaching about the resurrection of the body. He likens the resurrected Christ to the first fruits, which the Temple priests offered as a dedication of the entire harvest to God. Thus, as Christ was raised from the dead, we too will be raised.

When the end comes, Paul says, and Christ has destroyed all the forces of evil—even death itself—he will hand over the Kingdom to God, who is Lord of all.

This has been the “Year of Matthew”. The Sunday Gospel Readings each week were taken from Matthew’s Gospel. Today’s Reading from Matthew, Chapter 25, is a magnificent finale. The summation of the Gospel. The end of the five great teaching discourses. After this, Jesus proceeds to his passion and death.

Matthew is posing the question yet again: What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? A follower of Jesus? Yes. Conversion to a new way of life? Yes. Living a good moral life? Yes. And in the end, one thing more. It comes down to a single reality. Seeing Christ in everyone, most of all in the hungry, the thirsty, the immigrant, the sick and the imprisoned.

The four-fold repetition of this list is masterful and underscores the fact that Jesus is present and unavoidable at every turn, in those crying out for help.

This is What the Lord Asks of Us!

That we celebrate Eucharist well each week and give thanks with all our hearts.
That we love one another well and care for those in need.
That we cherish every life—born and unborn.
That we welcome the Christ who comes to us in a thousand ways.
That we see the face of Christ in each other.

The Best Advent Ever: It’s a free email program that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy season. Experience Advent in a way you have never experienced it before. This program is provided at no cost by Dynamic Catholic. To sign up, log onto: **DynamicCatholic.com/Advent**.

In a Spirit of Thanksgiving: Thanks again to all who donated food and money to purchase food for the special Thanksgiving Food Drive. You have been wonderful in your kindness and generosity.

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Sexton

November 26 ~ December 3

Sunday-November 26

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*NO RE

Monday-November 27

Mass 9:00 am

*Legion of Mary

*Bridge

Tuesday-November 28

Mass 9:00 am

*RCIA 7:00 pm

Wednesday-November 29

Mass 9:00 am

*Ultreya after Mass

Thursday-November 30

Mass 9:00 am

Friday-December 1

Mass 9:00 am

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

Saturday-December 2

Mass 9:00 am & 5:00 pm

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

Sunday-December 3

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

1st Sunday of Advent

*RE 9:45-11:00 am

*Reconciliation— grades 3,4,5

*Youth Mass 11:15 am



Weekly Offertory

July	2017 — June	2018
	Actual*	Needed
Last Week	PENDING	\$5702.00
Year to Date	\$110,083.01	\$119,742.00

*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 – 50 cans



Christmas Giving Tree

The Christmas Giving Trees are 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.

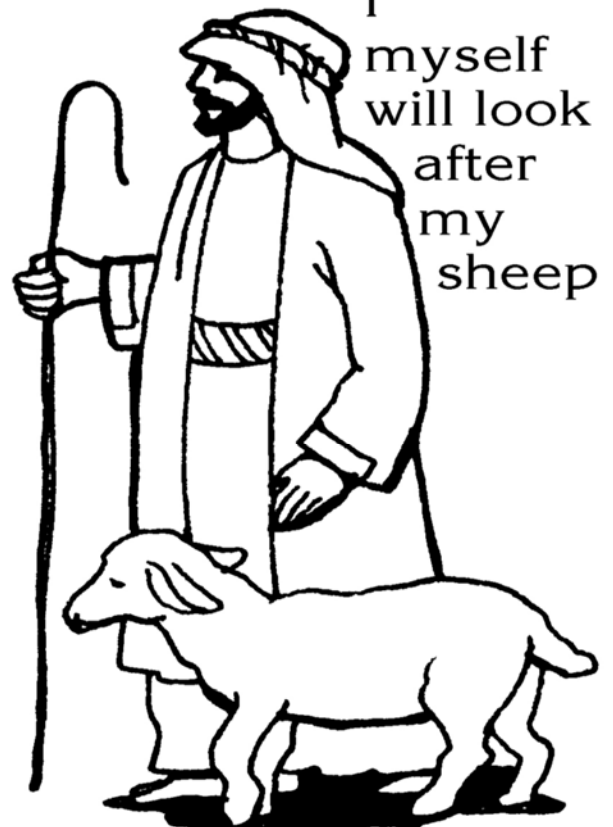
ALL GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN Sunday, DECEMBER 10TH.

Gifts will be distributed to the families on Sunday, December 17th.

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!



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John Carroll
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

John Carroll Choir & Band Holiday Concert

**Sunday, December 3, 3:00 p.m.
in the John Carroll Commons.**

Advent Wreath Candle Lighters



First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 2nd

5 pm Mass - [Kern Family](#)

Sunday, December 3rd

8:30 am Mass - [Allor Family](#)

11:15 am Mass - [Jacks Family](#)

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 9th

5 pm Mass - [Hollis Family](#)

Sunday, December 10th

8:30 am Mass - [Dale Family](#)

11:15 am Mass - [Raynor Family](#)

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 16th

5 pm Mass - [Frost Family](#)

Sunday, December 17th

8:30 am Mass - [Perry Family](#)

11:15 am Mass - [Luter Family](#)

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23rd

5 pm Mass - [Boyle Family](#)

Sunday, December 24th

8:30 am Mass - [Falkner Family](#)

11:15 am Mass - [Lewis Family](#)

Assignments—Nov. 29 ~ Dec. 3

WEDNESDAY

11/29/2017

7:00 PM

Altar Servers *
Lectors Teri Gagliano

SATURDAY MASS

12/2/2017

5:00 PM

1st Sunday of Advent

Altar Servers John Stice, Sawyer Stice
Greeters Bill/Loretta Frost, Allen/Phyllis Ross
Lectors Marguerite Gorman, Martha Hayes
Ministers Deacon, Jim Dale, Sonia Dale
Ushers Karen Hand, Bob Hand, Bob Nicholas, Clayton Martin

SUNDAY MASS

12/3/2017

8:30 AM

1st Sunday of Advent

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

11:15 PM

Youth Mass

Altar Servers Paul Boyle, Katie Boyle, Jhon Paul Rogers
Greeters Lydia Jimenez, Natalie Newcomb
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.

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. 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

No Adult Education scheduled!





Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Monday: Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time

Thursday: St. Andrew

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary



Chair: Sonia Dale:
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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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