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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, December 9, 2017

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 10, 2017

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*Second Sunday of
Advent*



December 10, 2017

*Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.*

— Mark 1:3



Mass Intentions

December 11 – December 17



Monday: Rodney & Beth Martin *by the D'Amicos*

Tuesday: Nicki Harrell *by the Brazzolottos* †

Wednesday: M/M Chuck Blackwood *by the Rumores*

Thursday: Jay Benson *by the Rumores*

Friday: Marion Hopper *by the Brazzolottos* †

Saturday: Rodney & Beth Martin *by the D'Amicos*

Sunday: Rodney & Beth Martin *by the D'Amicos*

****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, Rene Bentel, Carolyn Marston.*

**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 ~ Dec. 11—Dec. 17

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab,
10-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv
11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk
1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,
or any readings from
the Common of The
Blessed Virgin Mary,
nos. 707-712

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-
4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1,
9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4,
6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps
80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-
19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk
1:46-50, 53-54;
1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-
8, 19-28

Today's Readings



First Reading — The rugged land shall be
made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley.
(Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11)

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and
grant us your salvation. (Psalm 85)

Second Reading — Conduct yourselves in holi-
ness, hastening the coming of the day of God.
(2 Peter 3:8-14)

Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he
will baptize you with the Holy Spirit. (Mark 1:1-8)

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Pastor's Message

This new Liturgical year is known as the "Year of Mark" since we will be reading from Mark's Gospel on Sundays.

Mark is the first writer to use the term "Good News" to refer to a written account about Jesus. Mark borrowed the phrase from the prophet Isaiah as we have it in today's First Reading (Is. 40:9). "Jerusalem herald of Good News".

In a world hungry for good news and with more than its share of bad news, the Good News of Jesus is still the best news. That is why the Book of the Gospel at Mass is carried in procession to the altar and later carried in procession to the pulpit. The Gospel is the Good News of our salvation.

John the Baptist is the central figure in the Gospel Reading for this Sunday and next Sunday. His first appearance as a prophet in the desert of Judah was a dramatic moment. There had not been a prophet in Israel for four hundred years. Now, the silence was broken.

John looks like a wild man, clothed in camel hair and girded with a belt. He feasted on locusts and wild honey. He reminds people of the fiery prophet of old, Elijah, who was to usher in the time of the Messiah (2 Kings 1:8).

John's presence was a disturbing presence. He would not be welcome in our shopping malls this time of year. He calls people to repentance, symbolized by water baptism, even as he announces "One mightier than I—who will baptize with the Holy Spirit".

The other great voice of Advent is the prophet Isaiah. His message is music to the ears of the exiles in Babylon. The exile is over. Time to return home. Here is a message of comfort and tenderness after the brutality and humiliation of the exile.

Isaiah breaks forth into soaring imagery. "Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be leveled and all people shall see the salvation of God. It breaks the limits of time and space to include "All" in the endless, timeless action of God, "A God for whom a thousand years are as a day", as in the words of the Second Reading. Advent time is amazing. We are being nudged in the grace of this season to encounter the Lord in a new and deep way.

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**Reconciliation in Advent:** In the third week of Advent (December 17-22) we will focus especially on the Sacrament of Reconciliation to help you prepare for Christmas. The Sacrament will be offered Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and on Wednesday evening, December 20th, a Communal Penance Service with a visiting priest.

**A Special Thanks**—to Karen Hand for coordinating the annual Parish dinner, which is today at 4:00 p.m. at Celebrations. If you can volunteer in some way it would be great.

Peace and Blessings,

*Fr. Sexton*

December 10 ~ December 17

### **Sunday-December 10**

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

**2nd Sunday of Advent**

\*RE 9:45-11:00 am

\*Reconciliation— grades 6,7,8

\*Jr. Youth 12:30-2:30p

\*Parish Christmas Dinner 4-6p Celebrations



### **Monday-December 11**

**Mass 9:00 am**

\*Legion of Mary

\*Bridge

### **Tuesday-December 12**

**Mass 9:00 am & 7:00 pm**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

\*NO RCIA



### **Wednesday-December 13**

**Mass 7:00 pm**

\*Exposition & Adoration (Spanish) after Mass

\*Surfsiders 10am

### **Thursday-December 14**

**Mass 9:00 am**

\*RCIA 7 pm

\*Dcn. Terry B'day

### **Friday-December 15**

**Mass 9:00 am & 7:00 pm**

### **Saturday-December 16**

**Mass 9:00 am**

\*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

\*Church Cleaning 10 am

### **Sunday-December 17**

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

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

\*RE 9:45-11:00 am

\*Reconciliation— HS

\*Holy Hour 7 pm

\*Sr. Youth 5:30-8 pm



## Weekly Offertory

July 2017 — June 2018

|              | Actual*      | Needed       |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Last Week    | \$5997.70    | \$5702.00    |
| Year to Date | \$125,030.65 | \$131,146.00 |

\*Please note the actual total includes Seminarian Fund, 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 – 110 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 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!



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**The 2018 Offertory envelopes are ready for pickup in the Parish Hall.**

**If you do not see your box, please contact Kathy in the Church Office: 205-525-5161.**

## Advent Wreath Candle Lighters



### 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](#)

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## Assignments—Dec.12 ~ Dec. 17

**TUESDAY** 12/12/2017

9:00 AM

7:00 PM

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Altar Servers \*

Lectors \*

Ministers Deacon, \*

Ushers Belia Solis, Joaquina Reyes, Jimillia Sayles, Isabel Loera

**WEDNESDAY** 12/13/2017

7:00 PM

Altar Servers \*

Lectors Charmaine Welch

**SATURDAY MASS** 12/16/2017

5:00 PM

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

Altar Servers Bernie Funderburg, Cory Funderburg

Greeters Connie Hertrich, Janice Stella

Lectors Allen Ross, Phyllis Ross

Ministers Deacon, Allen Ross, Phyllis Ross

Ushers Karen Hand, Bob Hand, Jerry Kern, Brenda Kern

**SUNDAY MASS** 12/17/2017

8:30 AM

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

Altar Servers Anthony Emerick, Danielle McKinney, Carson Falkner

Greeters Dennis/Sandy Veigl, Julie/Bob Paulitzky

Lectors Dennis Veigl, Karen Reese

Ministers Deacon, Tom Graffo, Chris Gallegly, Stephen Reese, Matthew Reese

Ushers Michael Gagliano, Gregg Becnel, Belia Solis, Herb Kuntz

11:15 PM

Altar Servers James Lewis, Erin Barker, Destiny Markevich

Greeters Lydia Jimenez, Katie Boyle

Lectors Sarah Brazzolotto, Larry Foltz

Ministers Deacon, Ronnie Sellers, Jennifer Sellers, Lee Walser, Martha Hayes

Ushers Don Frederick, Chris Gallegly, Brian Young, John Smith

**If you cannot keep your assignment**

**PLEASE find a substitute.**



**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!***



**Christmas Giving Tree Senior  
Gift Boxes**

RE Classes are filling shoe boxes for the area Senior Citizens. Please bring items to fill boxes.

Lotion, cards, slippers, soaps, magazines, large print puzzles books.

**Boxes will be picked up Dec. 17th.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Religious Education**

**Dec. 10—RE 9:45—11:00am  
6th, 7th, 8th Grade Reconciliation**

**Dec. 14—Pell City Christmas  
parade 7:00pm  
RCIA—7:00pm**

**Dec. 17—RE 9:45—11:00am  
High School Reconciliation  
Sr. Youth 5:30—8:00pm**

**Dec. 24—No RE  
Youth Mass 4:30pm  
Carols start at 4:00**

**Dec. 31— No RE**

**Jan. 7—RE 9:45—11:00  
Youth Mass 11:15  
Sr. Youth 5:30—8:00**

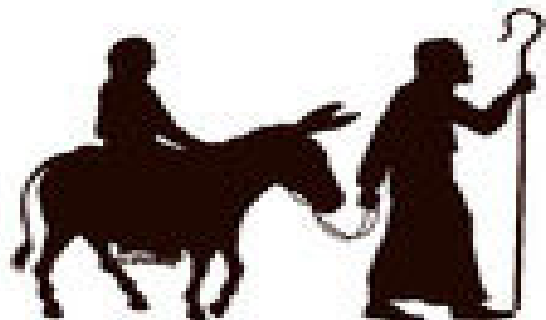
**Parent Meeting**

**Jan. 7—First Reconciliation meeting  
9:45am in the parish hall**

**Jan. 14—Confirmation (8th & 9th grade)  
meeting 9:45am in the parish hall**

**Adult Education**

**9:45 in the parish hall  
No Adult Education scheduled!**





## Saints and Special Observances

**Sunday:** *Second Sunday of Advent; International Human Rights Day*

**Monday:** *St. Damasus I*

**Tuesday:** *Our Lady of Guadalupe; Hanukkah begins at sunset*

**Wednesday:** *St. Lucy*

**Thursday:** *St. John of the Cross*

**Saturday:** *Las Posadas begins*



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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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## Theology on Tap

Catholic? Like eating (pizza)? Digesting theology? We do! Join fellow Birmingham young adults for spiritual down time! This month after the talk we will have our 2nd Annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest with monetary prizes for the worst. Local Catholic stand-up Mike McCall will be this years judge.

**Speaker:** Bishop Baker

**Date:** Mon, Dec 11 at 6:30pm

**Location:** Bird's Bar & Pizza, 2839 7th Ave South

**For more information, email Matt Gubenski at [mjbenski@yahoo.com](mailto:mjbenski@yahoo.com).**

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