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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 23, 2017
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 24, 2017
Masses 8:30 am, 11:15 am
Christmas Eve 4:30 pm & 8:30 pm

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017

The child to be born will be
called holy, the Son of God.



—Luke 1:35



Mass Intentions

December 25 – December 31



Monday: Christmas Day

Tuesday: Marlene Catalino by Sam Catalino †

Wednesday: Joe Stanley by Brenda & Jerry Kern †

Thursday: Adela Amaya by Gloria Raynor †

Friday: Joe Stanley by Brenda & Jerry Kern †

Saturday: Rodney & Beth Martin by the D'Amicos

Sunday: Deceased KOC †

****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. 25—Dec. 31

Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
During the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13;
Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59;
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17;
Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

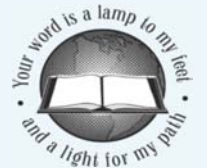
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8;
Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

Today's Readings



First Reading — I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16)

Psalm — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Psalm 89)

Second Reading — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever. (Romans 16:25-27)

Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word. (Luke 1:26-38)

Pastor's Message

Standing on the Edge of Christmas:

We stand so near to Christmas on this fourth Sunday of Advent. The grace-filled season of Advent draws to a close.

Mary, the Mother of Jesus, stands at the center of today's Gospel Reading from Luke (1:26-38). Whatever plans she may have had for her young life are now called into question as she receives the amazing message of the angel Gabriel. Such are the ways of God. Our plans, like our ideas, are so inadequate in the face of God's future.

In the First Reading this Sunday, taken from the second book of Samuel (Ch. 7), King David wanted to build a magnificent Temple to be a fitting dwelling place for God among his people. Little could the king have imagined, that when God's son came to earth, he would inhabit the temple of human flesh as a tiny baby. The human condition, the human person is now suffused with God's beauty.

As Fr. John O'Donohoe, the Scripture scholar, puts it: "The human condition has been radically changed by the coming of Christ and this is cause for good news of great joy. He has changed our lives forever with his presence, with his power, with his love".

Pope Benedict XVI in a Christmas homily gave voice to the paradox and the beauty of Christmas: "God is so great that he can become small! God is so powerful that he can make himself vulnerable and come to us, a defenseless child so we can love him. God is so good that he can give up his divine splendor and come down to a stable, so we can find him; so that his goodness might touch us, give itself to us and continue to work through us".

A Time to Let Christmas Happen: Time to shed the frenetic pace, the compulsive shopping, the urge to plan a perfect Christmas. In truth, Christmas comes gently as an unexpected grace, much like the recent snowfall that charmed us.

We are suddenly caught off guard by the lure of a God who comes. It is indeed a gracious time best celebrated with family and friends and a thought for those who have so little and a tear for those absent from the family table this Christmas.

Christmas Wishes Too: From Deacon Terry, Deacon Serge, Deacon Lee and the Pastoral Staff, the members of the Pastoral Council and myself. We wish you the best of Christmas blessings, deep peace and abiding joy. In your goodness you make every day a Christmas day.

Thought For the Week: St. John Chrysostom (347-407 A.D.) said of Christmas: "Strange and wonderful is the mystery I behold. By divine decree he who dwells on high is here below now; by God's love those who dwell below are raised on high".

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Sexton

December 24~ December 31

Sunday-December 24

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

4th Sunday of Advent

Christmas Masses-

4:30 pm & 8:30 pm-

Carols 30 minutes prior to Mass

***NO RE**



Monday-December 25

Mass 9:00 am

Christmas Day



Tuesday-December 26

Mass 9:00 am

***NO RCIA**

Wednesday-December 27

Mass 7:00 pm

***Ultreya after Mass**

Thursday-December 28

Mass 9:00 am

Friday-December 29

Mass 9:00 am

Saturday-December 30

Mass 9:00 am

***Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm**

Sunday-December 31

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Solemnity of Mary Mass 5:00 PM

New Years Eve

***NO RE**

Weekly Offertory

July 2017 — June 2018

	Actual*	Needed
Last Week	\$6944.67	\$5702.00
Year to Date	\$142,243.49	\$142,550.00

*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.

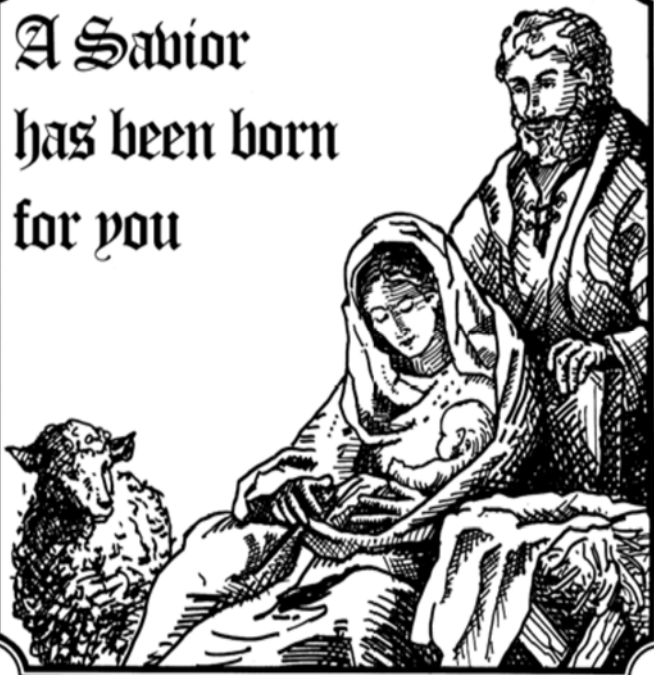
Goal -100 cans/week.

Total cans last week – 167 cans

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

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Thank you!

Opportunity for Service



Our Parish has need of a new coordinator for Funeral receptions held in our Parish hall.

Joe (RIP) and Ruth Stanley did a wonderful job leading this group over the last few years, so much of the framework is already in place.

Responsibilities include initiating the calling tree for food donations, arranging purchasing of any additional food and drink items needed, and the set up and clean up of the Parish hall.

If you are looking for a way to serve your Church through service to others and would be willing to chair this committee, please call the Church office: 205-525-5161.

Advent Wreath Candle Lighters



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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Blessed are You Among Women

Assignments—Dec.25 ~ Dec. 31

MONDAY MASS

12/25/2017

9:00 AM

Christmas Day

Altar Servers *
Greeters Susan Moseley, Parma Boyle
Lectors Bernie Funderburg, John Stice
Ministers Deacon, Maria Jimenez, Tommie Ann Johnson
Ushers Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Bob Nicholas

WEDNESDAY MASS

12/27/2017

7:00 PM

Altar Servers *
Lectors Bernie Funderburg

SATURDAY MASS

12/30/2017

5:00 PM

Altar Servers Tom Michaels, John Opsteegh
Greeters Connie Hertrich, Frank Troncilli
Lectors Micky Zielinski, Ron Zielinski
Ministers Deacon, Allen Ross, Phyllis Ross
Ushers Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Mike DeCastr, Mark McRae

SUNDAY MASS

12/31/2017

8:30 AM

**New Year's Eve
Knight's Mass**

Altar Servers Andrew Thomaston, Will Thomaston, Brennan Cardenas, Amy Cardenas
Greeters Jennifer Euler, Anna Emerick
Lectors Bernie Funderburg, David Springer
Ministers Deacon, Wayne Adams, Chris Gallegly, Larry Reese, Stephen Reese
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Rosemary Mateer, Jimillia Sayles, Isabel Loera

11:15 PM

Altar Servers Paul Boyle, Katie Boyle, Brennan Cardenas, Amy Cardenas
Greeters John Himmler, Rosemary Mateer/Jimillia
Lectors Carl Rochford, Carey Monistere
Ministers Deacon, Chere Lowery, Brenda Rochford, Jennifer Sellers, Ronnie Sellers
Ushers Don Frederick, Ron Markevich, Tyler Johnson, sub

5:00 PM

Solemnity of Mary Vigil

Altar Servers *
Greeters Connie Hertrich, Bill/Loretta FRost
Lectors *
Ministers *
Ushers *

***Please serve if called upon! Thank you!**



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!

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**



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Religious Education

Dec. 19—No RCIA

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

Dec. 26—No RCIA

Dec. 31— No RE

Jan. 2—RCIA 7:00

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

**Jan. 14—RE 9:45—11:00
Confirmation parent meeting**

**Jan. 21—RE 9:45—11:00
Sr. Youth 5:30—8:00
Holy Hour 7:00**

Jan. 28—RE 9:45—11:00

Jan. 29—First Reconciliation 6:00pm



Adult Education

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



Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday:** Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Monday:** The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
- Tuesday:** St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins
- Wednesday:** St. John
- Thursday:** The Holy Innocents
- Friday:** Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
- Saturday:** Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord



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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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