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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.-12 p.m.

#### **HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION:**

Third Sunday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

August through May. Ages 3 yrs. through  
High School.

## Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, May 9, 2015

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, May 10, 2015

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2015

*It was not you who chose me,  
but I who chose you  
and appointed you to go and bear fruit.  
— John 15:16*



### Mass Intentions May 11– May 17



**Monday:** Tommie Wilson by The Morteks †  
**Tuesday:** Jewel Yester by Joe Yester †  
**Wednesday:** Denny Gentry by The Brazzolottos †  
**Thursday:** Christi Burrus by The Rumores  
**Friday:** Walton & Gene Smith 61st Anniversary  
**Saturday:** Trudi & Andy McClay by The Zielinskis †  
**Sunday:** Susan Smith Cantor by Gene & Walton Smith

#### Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

*Dianna Markevich, Anne Forister, Alice Reid,  
Lexie Smith, Gene & Walton Smith, Daniel Centilli,  
Wilson Fletcher, Hildie Bowman, Matt Joiner,  
Pat Roberts, Antoinette Bruno, Richard F. Mars-  
ton*

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: [cocoapuff@centurytel.net](mailto:cocoapuff@centurytel.net)

Please note that names remain on the prayer list for 30 days and then are removed unless the Church Office is notified.

### Weekly Readings

May 11– May 17

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

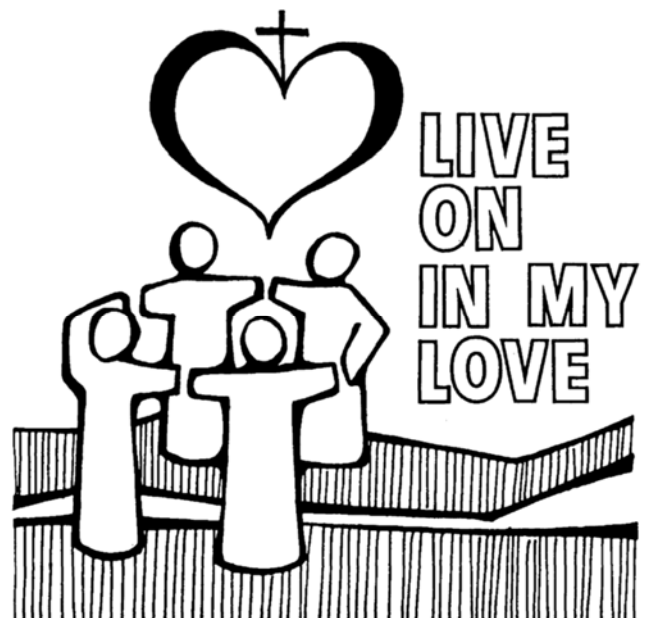
**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 1:15-27, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

**Sunday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19; or, for Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20



## Pastor's Message

People will identify this Sunday as Mother's Day, regardless of what the Liturgical Readings may say. We can be attentive to the Scripture Readings designated for this Sunday and still be mindful of the role of the mother in the family. And what better way to honor your mother on this Sunday than to pray for her and include her in the self-offering that is part of every Mass.

In college towns across the country it may also be graduation day when college seniors go forth into the world. They will seek to use all that knowledge to make a living, but even more, we hope they will use it to make a difference in the world.

In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10:25-48) Peter's world view is greatly expanded as he receives Cornelius and his whole household into the Church by Baptism. Cornelius is a Gentile, an outsider. In Peter's world any contact with Gentiles was a cultural taboo. Peter "was astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles too". Thus a cultural and religious barrier was pulled down and the Church began to flourish across the Roman Empire. As Pope Francis likes to remind us, "God is a God of surprises".

The Gospel Reading today (John 15:9-17) is part of the final message of Jesus to his disciples. It stretches over five chapters. Fr. Raymond Brown, the great scripture scholar, called it "one of the greatest compositions in religious literature".

The closing line of the Reading reads: "This I command you: Love one another". But can love be "commanded", or "imposed" or "demanded". Probably not. It is more invitation than demand. One writer puts it this way: "It is not that we must love. It is rather that we are loved by a loving God and so we can love". Isn't this what we learned from our mothers too. Through them we first experienced love even in the womb.

**Ascension That isn't Ascension:** Your calendar will indicate next Thursday as Ascension Thursday which it is. In our Diocese as in several others, the celebration of the Feast is transferred to the following Sunday, May 17th.

**Mother's Day:** A special day to remember, lest we forget the love that begot us and nurtured us and sacrificed for us; yes a mother's love. For mothers who have gone before us into glory, we make a special remembrance on this day. For mothers that still grace our days with their caring presence and seem never to tire of giving (and worrying) we offer a special word of thanks. Happy Mother's Day!

**The Sacrament of Confirmation:** We welcome Bishop Robert Baker as he comes among us on Monday evening to celebrate the Sacrament with twelve of our young people. A great event always in the life of the Parish. We pray for our Candidates that they will receive a fullness of the Holy Spirit and become real "Missionary Disciples".

**Thought for the Week:** "All shall be well, all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well" (Julian of Norwich).

Peace and Blessings,  
*Fr. Sexton*

## Calendar of Events May 10 - May 17

### Sunday-May 10

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

**Mother's Day**

- \* No RE
- \* Pro Life Rosary/Spanish
- \* May Crowning after 8:30 Mass
- \* No Youth Mtgs.

### Monday-May 11

**Mass 9 am**

- \* Bridge
- \* Legion of Mary
- \* Confirmation Candidate Dinner w/ Bishop Baker 4:45 pm (candidates only)
- \* **Confirmation Mass 7 pm**

### Tuesday-May 12

**Mass 9 am**

### Wednesday-May 13

**Mass 7 pm**

### Thursday-May 14

**Mass 9 am**

### Friday-May 15

**Mass 9 am**

- \* Bible Study 10 am
- \* DRE Safe Env. Forms Due

### Saturday-May 16

**Mass 5 pm**

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

- \* Women at the Well 10 am

### Sunday-May 17

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

- \* RE
- \* Senior Sunday 8:30 am-reception to follow Mass
- \* SR Youth Social/Dinner 5 pm
- \* Holy Hour 7 pm

**FINANCE NEWS**  
**July 2014-June 2015**  
Last week

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
*Offertory:	\$ 6194.00	\$ 5481.00

Year-to-date

*Offertory:	\$ 297,375.48	\$ 252,126.00
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**Parish Bulletin**

Currently the printing of our weekly bulletin is at no cost to our Parish. The cost is offset by the ads purchased and printed on the back of the bulletin. Please consider placing an ad for your business in our bulletin with J.S. Paluch, in support of their generosity to our Parish and for us to continue to receive our weekly bulletins.

**For Ads: Ashley @J.S. Paluch, Inc.**  
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**Memorial Day  
 Barbecue Sale**

**Our Lady of the Lake  
 Pell City**



Knights of Columbus Council 12270 will be selling barbeque for the Memorial Day holiday. **Boston butts will be sold for \$35; \$20 for pork ribs; \$10 for a whole chicken.** All meat will be freshly smoked with KOC "special dry rub". **Sales begin Friday May 22 at 8:00 a.m. and continue through Saturday May 23.** All proceeds will be

used to fund the numerous charitable activities KOC Council 12270 supports.



*The Love Pantry*

The Love Pantry has requested that we bring cans of soup each week to help meet the needs of our Community.

**Total cans last week - 73 cans.**

*Ministry Spotlight*



**All ministries need volunteers to help in many ways.**  
**Are you involved in the life of our Parish?**

*Nursery*

The Nursery is provided for the Sunday Masses and for other Parish activities upon request. Volunteers are needed to watch the children on a rotating basis.

**For more information please contact:  
 Gina Falkner @ 205-338-3325.**

**Pro Life Corner**



**Our Lady of the Lake  
 Spiritual Adoption Program**



Thank you very much to all the adults, young adults and children who signed up to pray for an unborn baby in danger of abortion.

**This year we have ? babies for whom we are praying:**

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg of you, please spare the lives of the unborn babies we have spiritually adopted. Amen.*

## Announcements



### Incoming Migrant Housewarming Project

A program of the Hispanic Committee

Collection will begin second week in May through the end of May. This is an evangelization project. Bibles, rosaries, and bible coloring books and church information will be added to the baskets.

Our goal is 40 baskets.

**You can donate early if you wish. Please place in either foyer, church hall or give to Mari Culver, 205-525-0071 Items will be distributed in June.**

#### Needed items:

**5 Double size Air Mattresses**, blue velveteen on one side, available at Walmart.

**5 Twin size Air Mattresses**, blue velveteen on one side, available at Walmart.

**40- \$3 to \$4 dollar laundry baskets**, must be large enough for 4 pound Laundry Detergent—do not get the flimsy baskets. A high quality basket available at Fred's in Lincoln or Ashville for \$3-4.00.

**40 small bags of food** with assorted items. 10-15 items approximately per bag.

**40 Bottles of \$1.00 Shampoo.**

**40 Bottles of \$1.00 Dish Detergent.**

**40 FOUR pound boxes of Dry Laundry Detergent.**

Classic Xtra is \$3.00 a box, or \$1.00 Liquid Laundry Detergent, available at Dollar Tree

**80 dishwashing cloths.**                      **80 dish drying towels.**

**40 Bath Towels.**                              **40 Oven Mitts.**

**40 packs of 4 Toilet tissue double rolls** (no larger packs, wont fit in laundry basket)

**10 three pack bars of hand soap**, Dollar General, \$1.50 pack of 3.

**50 packs crayons** for the kids. **Bible coloring books.**



### A Prayer for Mothers

All loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old. Most of these mothers are unsung in the eyes of the world; they must be content with little things: a smile, a thank you, or a token of remembrance. In your eyes, however, they are of inestimable worth. Dear Lord, let me honor my mother if she is living and remember her in prayer if she is dead. Pour down your grace on her and all mothers on this day dedicated to them.

Amen.

## Assignment List

May 13– May 17

### WEDNESDAY MASS

5/13/2015

7:00 PM

Altar Servers

Lectors

Charmaine Welch

### SATURDAY MASS

5/16/2015

5:00 pm

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors

Ministers

Ushers

KOC

Tammy McRae, Karen Hand

Rose Ballard

Deacon, Larry Reese, Sara Reese

Jerry Noto, Jim Dale, Jim Gorman, Bob Nicholas

### SUNDAY MASS

5/17/2015

8:30 AM

Senior Sunday

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors

Ministers

Ushers

Stephen Poteracki, Tiffany Rochford,  
Monica Liverman, Ronni Gagliano

Amelia Reese, Ally Struzik

Sam Brown,

Deacon, Sophie Poteracki, Matthew

Reese, Ashley Himmler, Sailor Reeves

Sawyer Stice, Layne Monistere, James

Pittman, Danielle McKinney

11:15 AM

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors

Ministers

Ushers

Ryan Murphree, James Lewis, John  
Himmler, Travis Cooley

Rosemary Mateer, Jamillia Sayles

Jim & Marcia Morteck

Deacon, Chere Lowery, Maria Jimenez,

John Smith, Martha Hayes

Don Frederick, Brian Young, Scott

Fuller, Shane Fuller

**If you cannot keep your assignment**

**PLEASE find a substitute.**

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BY: PARMA BOYLE, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Take time for a Holy Pause

*Family Questions of the Week*

Questions are based on Sunday Readings.

**Sixth Sunday of Easter \* May 10, 2015**

**Theme:** Love one another.

**Question for Youth:** Jesus commanded us to love one another. Who is most in need of your love and kindness right now? How can you be more loving to those most in need this week?

**Question for Adults:** Concretely, how do you show love to others?

**Pregunta para los jóvenes:** Jesús nos ordena amarnos los unos a los otros. ¿Quién necesita más de tu amor y tu atención en este momento? ¿Cómo puedes ser más afectuoso con aquellos que más lo necesitan esta semana?

**Pregunta para los adultos:** Concretamente, ¿cómo muestra su amor al prójimo?

**Religious Education 2014-2015**  
**Every Sunday at 9:45am. Grs PreK4-12**



**COMING UP \* MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

**5/10 6th Sun of Easter NO RE HAPPY MOTHERS DAY**

**May Crowning after 8:30am Mass**

All Communion Children will process

**5/11 Celebrating Sacrament of Confirmation**

Dinner w/Bishop & Candidates 4:45pm Mass 7pm

**5/16 Bible Study 10am Women of the New Testament**

**5/17 Ascension of our Lord**

RE 9:45am SR SUNDAY 8:30am Mass with

Display Tables and Reception to follow

SR SOCIAL HOUR 5pm with Dinner

PRAISE AND WORSHIP 6:30pm

HOLY HOUR 7pm

**May is dedicated to Mary!**  
**Pray the Rosary!**



**May Crowning of**  
**Our Blessed Mother**  
**Next Sunday MAY 10**  
**following the 8:30 am Mass.**

All are invited to bring your fresh cut garden flowers to place at the feet of Mary.



**ALL COMMUNION**  
**STUDENTS WILL PROCESS in the**  
**MAY CROWNING.**

**Please arrive by 8am**

**JOIN THE FUN \* MAKE NEW FRIENDS**  
**Be apart of our YOUTH GROUPS**



**LITTLE ONES IN CHRIST** Grs PreK-Gr 2

**Next Mtg: JUNE 7 12:30-2:30pm**

Contact Joanna Murphree 473-1444

**JR YOUTH** Grs 3-6 will break until fall!

**WE NEED YOUR HELP...** To help with JR Youth Meetings please Contact Parma at 405-0948 or Sonya Lewis 863-7305.

**SR YOUTH** Grs 7-12 1st & 3rd Wed PLUS PLUS

**Next Mtgs: Sun May 17**

**Social Hour 5pm**

**Praise & Worship 6:30pm &**

**Holy Hour 7pm**

Bring a friend and share the faith!

Dinner served... Contact Peter Boyle 613-5435



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** was

beautiful! Please be sure to check our

website [ollpellcity.com](http://ollpellcity.com) to see more

memories of the day! *God's blessings*

*to: Tristen, Matthew, Elizabeth, Jhon Paul,*

*Jesus, Hannah, Raul, Arturo, Angel & Brooks! Thank you*

*Carl Rochford & Julie Smith for teaching & John Bryant*

*for great pics!*



**Attn all Graduating Seniors.** We will celebrate **Senior Sunday May 17h** at the **8:30am Mass.** Reception & Table Displays to follow. **Bios are due May**



**10th.** You may **Set up Achievement Tables Saturday May 16th** before and after the 5pm Mass.

*Please pray for our Graduating Seniors!*

*Samantha Brown, Justin Chaves, Shae Falkner, Donald*

*Frey, Ronni Gagliano, Monica Liverman, Ryan Monistere,*

*Sailor Reeves, Stephen Poteracki, Tiffany Rochford.*



*We Welcome the following  
Newest Members  
to our Church Family*

**Beth Bolish**

*Let us love one another, for love is of God  
and everyone that loves is born of God and  
knows God. 1Jn4:7  
May you feel the warmth of His Spirit!*



**Special Collection**

**St. John Vianney Residence  
for Priests  
From Bishop Baker**

Dear Friends in Christ,

St. John Vianney Residence for Priests needs your support to continue to care for our priests who have served the Diocese so well. A second collection for the benefit of St. John Vianney Residence will be the weekend of **May 16th and 17th.**

I encourage all families in the Diocese to share in the responsibility of providing support for the Residence. Your contribution will enable us to continue to meet current expenses in this important effort.

Even with these difficult economic times, I am continually amazed at your great generosity to our dedicated priests. Please give generously so our priests can continue to live with pride and dignity.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and your prayers for our priests.

Very gratefully yours in Christ,

† *Robert J. Baker*

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



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You can register online today at website [www.ALFL-wwme.org](http://www.ALFL-wwme.org) or by calling Bob & Joy Hernandez at **678-985-0125** or Serge & Sarah Brazzolotto at **205-753-3230.**

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