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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.-12:30 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, January 2, 2016

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 3, 2016

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



The Epiphany of the Lord January 3, 2016

*Welcoming a Year
of God's Mercy*



Mass Intentions

Jan. 4 – Jan. 10



Monday: Henry, Lilly & Al Troncalli by Frank Troncalli †

Tuesday: Special Intentions

Wednesday: Bill Estock by Gene & Walton Smith †

Thursday: Sharon Henderson by KOC 12270 †

Friday: Roger Fredrickson by Paul & Parma Boyle †

Saturday: Ray Huettelman by the Brazzolotto †

Sunday: Bill Estock by Paul & Parma Boyle †

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

*Dianna Markovich, Anne Forister, Alice Reid,
Lexie Smith, Gene & Walton Smith, Daniel
Centilli, Hildie Bowman, Matt Joiner, Pat Rob-
erts, Mary Adams, Jay Benson, Jerry Noto, Judy
Dawley, Wayne Adams, Paul Boyle.*

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

Please note that names remain on the pray-
er list for 30 days and then are removed un-
less the Church Office is notified.

Weekly Readings January 3—January 10

Monday:	1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1- 2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12- 15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1- 6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1 -5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11 -14; 3:4-7;

Today's Readings



First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusa-
lem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of
the Lord appears over you. (Isaiah 60:1-6)

Psalms — Lord, every nation on earth will adore
you. (Psalm 72)

Second Reading — The mystery has been
made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, co-
partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through
the gospel. (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6)

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying,
“Where is the newborn king of the
Jews?” (Matthew 2:1-12)

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Pastor's Message

A world of thanks and appreciation to so many parishioners who helped to make Advent and Christmas a time of great grace and blessing in the life of our parish.

The Thanksgiving—Christmas food drive helped to feed 125 families who might otherwise have been forgotten. Thanks to Marsha Armstrong and her many volunteers for all the hours spent on this project.

The Christmas Giving Tree was a blessing for the many needy children in our community who received favorite gifts given with love. Thanks to Martha Hayes and Sharon Stice for the great effort to coordinate this project. Parishioners came through with generous hearts—thanks!

The Christmas Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day were prayerful and joyful, reflecting deep faith as we welcomed many visitors and students back from college. Our thanks to Charmaine Welch and the choir members; to our lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion; to our ushers and greeters; to our Altar servers. Thanks to our sacristans, Susan Moseley and Chris Gallegly; to Paul Hopper for decorating the church; to the kind parishioners who came to clean the church on the Saturday before Christmas. Thanks to Rodney Martin and Mike Aiello for setting up the outdoor crèche and helping with sundry items big and small. To Tammy Ingels for coordinating the Youth Mass on Christmas Eve and the religious pageant before the Mass. Thanks to Kathy Bryant for working behind the scenes to keep everything on track. So many people went beyond the call of duty to reflect the true meaning of Christmas.

Deacon Serge and Deacon Terry enriched us with wonderful preaching and generous deeds of service to parishioners and people beyond the Parish. Thanks for such faithful witness.

An Epiphany for the Ages:

Today's feast originated in the Church of the East, hence the Greek word "Epiphany" which means a divine manifestation or revelation. It is a feast of universal scope reminding us that Jesus came as Savior for all people, for people of every land and nation.

The story of the Magi has universal and timeless appeal. We are, all of us, seekers and travelers, on a restless quest for meaning and truth. Today's feast assures us that our search is not in vain. This story is one with a happy ending, and it gives us hope and courage in our journey.

As we enter a new year and participate in the extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy we can hope to rediscover the gifts of God's mercy as healing balm for our busy lives. We hope to share that mercy too with many who are hurting, many who feel forgotten.

Small Group Sign Up: Coming next Sunday for our special Lenten experience reflecting on Mercy. More information on this in the bulletin and announcements this Sunday. A special thanks to Tom Welch of our parish for coordinating and guiding this great Lenten experience.

Peace and Blessing now & in the New Year,

Fr. Sexton

Calendar of Events Jan. 3– Jan. 10

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sunday-Jan. 3

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*No RE

Monday-Jan. 4

Masses 9 am

*Bridge

*Legion of Mary

Tuesday-Jan. 5

Mass 9 am & 7 pm

*RCIA 7 pm

Wednesday-Jan. 6

Mass 7 pm

*Sr Youth 5:30 pm

Thursday-Jan. 7

Mass 5 pm

*Choir Practice 7 pm

*1st Communion Parent Mtg. 7 pm

Friday-Jan. 8

Mass 9 am

Saturday-Jan. 9

Mass 5 pm

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Sunday-Jan. 10

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*RE 9:45 am

*Pro Life Rosary/Spanish

*Little Ones in Christ

PK3-Gr3, 12:30-2:30 pm

*JR Youth GR3-6, 5-7 pm

FINANCE NEWS
July 2015-June 2016

Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ 4482.02	\$ 5770.00

Year-to-date

*Offertory:	\$ 148,968.35	\$ 144,250.00
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Give the Gift of Life

**The American Red Cross
will conduct a blood drive at
Our Lady of the Lake on**

Sunday, January 24th.

Please consider donating!



**GIVE BLOOD
SAVE LIFE**



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 – 60 cans

Saints and Special Observances

*Sunday: Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration
Week*

Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Tuesday: St. John Neumann

Wednesday: St. André Bessette

*Thursday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;
Julian Calendar
Christmas*



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Pro Life Corner

Our Lady of the Lake Spiritual Adoption Program

Month 8

Thank you for praying for me. I am 8 months old now. I've got long fingernails And I'm busy getting ready for my birthday. I can't wait to see my Mom and Dad. Thanks to you and your prayers, I will see them very soon!

A Reminder:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion

Please remember to pray daily for your Spiritual Adopted Baby and the baby's mother and father.



We would like to thank everyone who helped us in our time of grief in the loss of our oldest son Andrew.

Jesus and His Mother were truly present to us in a very real way through your prayers, your actions, and your words. God's love manifested through you, the body of Christ.

Thank you and God bless you all.

Bob & Julie Paulitzky

Announcements



**2016 Offertory
envelopes are available
for pickup in the Church Hall.
If yours is not there please call
the office:205.525.5161.**



Church Directories

Directories have arrived and are in the foyers labeled with the family's name. Only those that had their photo taken will receive a directory, as was mentioned when the photos were taken. Please do not take a directory unless your photo appears in the directory, as we only have enough for those individuals.

Thank you!



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Assignment List Jan. 6 - Jan. 10

WEDNESDAY MASS

1/6/2016

9:00 AM

Altar Servers

Lectors

Charmaine Welch

SATURDAY MASS

1/9/2016

5:00 pm

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors

Ministers

Ushers

Mike Gagliano, Lance Stella

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Connie Luter, Terri Brown

Jim Dale, Sonia Dale, Tom Graffo

Cecil Rodgers, Jim Dale, Bob Hand,
Karen Hand

SUNDAY MASS

1/10/2016

8:30 AM

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors

Ministers

Ushers

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Meagan Freeman, Rosemary Mateer
Deacon, Anna Emerick, Janice
Stella, Joe Stanley, Ruth Stanley
Michael Gagliano, Dennis Veigl,
Cristy McKinney, Jacky Johnson

11:15 AM

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors

Ministers

Ushers

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Bernie Funderburg, Tony Hollis
Deacon, Sarah Brazzolotto, Chris
Gallegly, Maria Jiminez, Susan
Moseley
Don Frederick, Brian Young, Ron
Sellers, Jennifer Sellers

If you cannot keep your assignment

PLEASE find a substitute.



Radiating HIS Love
by learning and living our Catholic Faith.

Keep The Faith

On the Feast of the Epiphany, as we recall Jesus' manifestation to humanity in the face of a Child, may we sense the Magi at our side, as wise companions on the way. Their example helps us to lift our gaze toward the star and to follow the great desires of our heart.

They teach us not to be content with a life of mediocrity, of "playing it safe," but to let ourselves be attracted always by what is good, true, and beautiful...by God, who is all of this, and so much more!

And they teach us not to be deceived by appearances, by what the world considers great, wise, and powerful. We must not stop at that. It is necessary to guard the faith.

Today this is of vital importance: to keep the faith. We must press on further, beyond the darkness, beyond the voices that raise alarm, beyond worldliness, beyond so many forms of modernity that exist today.

We must press on toward Bethlehem, where, in the simplicity of a dwelling on the outskirts, beside a mother and father full of love and of faith, there shines forth the Sun from on high, the King of the universe.

By the example of the Magi, with our little lights, may we seek the Light and keep the faith.

May it be so.



An Excerpt from
Pope Francis' Homily...
The Epiphany Of The Lord: The Great Light Of Christ
January 6, 2014

M.Y.C. MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 3 NO Religious Education

January 7 First Reconciliation

Parent Meeting

January 17 Religious Education 9:45am

January 24 Religious Education 9:45am

January 31 Religious Education 9:45am



Little Ones in Christ

Grades Pre K—Grade 2

Joanna Murphree at 473-1444.

Junior Youth (Grades 3-6)

Every 2nd Sunday from 5-7pm

Contact Isabel at 753-9820.

Senior Youth (Grades 7-12)

1st & 3rd Wednesdays—Sr. Youth Meetings
& Every 3rd Sunday—Social Night

Food, Fun, and Faith!

Contact Peter Boyle 613-5435

Sign- Up Form for Small Group Sharing

Lent: The Holy Year of Mercy 2016

Once a week (February 10 -- March 27)

There is no Lenten Mission scheduled this Lent. This Sharing is meant to take the place of the Mission.

This is an opportunity to prepare to celebrate your best Easter ever!

You may select a time and perhaps the place you would like to meet with 5 – 8 fellow parishioners.

You may sign up as an individual or group or even as a family.

We will be using Pope Francis' Book, "THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY".

Each member of the group will need their own book in order to study and prepare for the weekly meetings. There is a place for personal answers and reflection as well. The cost to you of each book will be \$3.00, with the parish making up the difference. Do not let the cost of the book keep you or your family from participating. If the cost is too much of a burden, please let us know.

Your part:

1. Read the short lesson before the meeting and write your answers in your book.
2. Be on time for every meeting and feel free to leave at the agreed upon time. (1 ½ to 2 hours)
3. Listen attentively and respect each other's ideas.
4. What is shared in the group will remain confidential.
5. Stay committed to the group.

Parish part:

1. Furnish book at the reduced cost of \$3.00 to you.
2. Provide a facilitator
3. Provide a space for the meeting if necessary.

God's part:

Bless our efforts with wisdom, insight and grace to see Him in our daily lives.

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