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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 9, 2016

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 10, 2016

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



The Baptism of the Lord
January 10, 2016

*Welcoming a Year
of God's Mercy*



Mass Intentions
Jan. 11 – Jan. 17



Monday: Eric Reid by Jeanie Reid

Tuesday: Ray Huetteman by John & Virginia Crapet †

Wednesday: James Hayes by Karen & Bob Hand †

Thursday: Ray Huetteman by Karen & Bob Hand †

Friday: Peggy Banks by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore †

Saturday: Virginia Irwin by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore †

Sunday: Sharon Henderson by Sam Catalino †

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Gene & Walton Smith, Matt Joiner, Pat Roberts,
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 11—January 17

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Today's Readings



First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations. (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11)

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace. (Psalm 29 or Psalm 104)

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good. (Acts 10:34-38 or Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7)

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased. (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22)

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Pastor's Message

Today marks the close of the Christmas Season. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord becomes another epiphany just as the Magi experienced an epiphany at Bethlehem.

On today's Feast the scene takes place at the Jordan River. Jesus comes to be baptized by John the Baptist. Surely, this was not for the forgiveness of sins. Rather, by his baptism Jesus identifies with us. He goes down into the river to show his solidarity with us. He comes "Bearing our sins and throwing them into the River Jordan" as Pope Benedict XVI so nicely puts it in his book on Jesus.

The event at the River Jordan also marks the inauguration of the public ministry of Jesus.

St. Luke gives minimal notice (3:15-22) to the fact of Jesus' baptism. He simply says: "After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized". Luke briefly notes the fact of the baptism and goes on to focus the reader's attention on a post-baptismal when Jesus was in prayer.

Here we have a divine manifestation which is completely distinct from the baptism itself. The manifestation (Epiphany) includes the opening of the heavens, a descent of the Holy Spirit, and a heavenly proclamation. A voice came from Heaven: "You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased".

For St. Luke, Christian baptism was to be unique. It was not to be confused with the baptism of John. Christian baptism is the gift of the Holy Spirit.

In our baptism, the Father has also addressed us as "His beloved sons and daughters". With us, too, he is "well pleased", when we follow His way.

Say a prayer today for the priest or deacon who baptized you. It was and is the biggest day of your life.

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**Jubilee Year of Mercy:** Special Lenten Program at Our Lady of the Lake. Organizing small groups of parishioners to reflect on God's great mercy for the six weeks of Lent. The sign-up begins this weekend after all Masses and will continue next weekend. We hope every parishioner will find a small group in which to travel through Lent reflecting on Divine Mercy. It will transform our parish and you will be changed too. Thanks to Tom Welch for coordinating this special event in our Parish.  
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Farewell to Christmas.

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins.
To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner, to rebuild the nation, to bring
Peace among brothers and sisters, to make music in
the heart.

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Sexton

Calendar of Events Jan. 10- Jan. 17

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

Monday-Jan. 11

Masses 9 am

*Bridge

*Legion of Mary

Tuesday-Jan. 12

Mass 9 am & 7 pm

*RCIA 7 pm

Wednesday-Jan. 13

Mass 7 pm

Thursday-Jan. 14

Mass 5 pm

*Choir Practice 7 pm

Friday-Jan. 15

Mass 9 am

Saturday-Jan. 16

Mass 5 pm

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

*Birmingham March for Life

Sunday-Jan. 17

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*RE 9:45 am

*SR Youth Social Hour 5 pm

*Praise & Worship 6:30 pm

*Holy Hour 7 pm

FINANCE NEWS
July 2015-June 2016

Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ 9988.12	\$ 5770.00

Year-to-date

*Offertory:	\$ 169,694.59	\$ 155,790.00
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Give the Gift of Life

The American Red Cross
Blood Drive
Our Lady of the Lake
Sunday, January 24th.

Please consider donating!



Did you know...

Three Holy Fathers strongly advocate that we are responsible to love and protect our world. They are Pope John Paul II, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis. The Catholic Church has a well documented tradition of Care for Creation and Stewardship of the Earth. (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops).

Our committee for environmental justice is excited and is working on plans to help OLL parishioners to be stewards of Gods creation.

Please Join us!

Contact Marguerite: 205-746-4912
 or margog55@gmail.com



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

Saints and Special Observances

<i>Sunday:</i>	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>
<i>Monday:</i>	<i>First Week in Ordinary Time</i>
<i>Wednesday:</i>	<i>St. Hilary</i>
<i>Saturday:</i>	<i>Blessed Virgin Mary</i>



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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.



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!



Baptism of the Lord

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Assignment List Jan. 13- Jan. 17

WEDNESDAY MASS 1/13/2016 9:00 AM

Altar Servers
Lectors Sarah Brazzolotto

SATURDAY MASS 1/16/2016 5:00 pm

Altar Servers Larry Reese, Stephen Reese
Greeters Darlene Leonard, Gisela Scruggs
Lectors Allen Ross, Phyllis Ross
Ministers Deacon, Connie Hertrich, Gloria Albright
Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Jim Dale, Jim Gorman, Bob Nicholas

SUNDAY MASS 1/17/2016 8:30 AM

Altar Servers Jimillia Sayles, Amelia Reese, Matt Frey, Danielle McKinney
Greeters Natalie Newcomb, Alexis Allor
Lectors Joe Yester, Carey Monistere
Ministers Deacon, Joe Stanley, Ruth Stanley, Andrew Reese
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Chris Gallegly, Joe Stanley, Ruth Stanley

11:15 AM

Altar Servers James Lewis, Ryan Murphree, Travis Cooley, Destiny Markevich
Greeters Pete/Amber Boyle, Katie Boyle
Lectors Mary Adams, Rose Ballard
Ministers Deacon, Ron Sellers, Jennifer Sellers, Tommie Ann Johnson, Brenda Rochford
Ushers Don Frederick, Ron Markevich, Johnny Armstrong, Jimmy Pittman

If you cannot keep your assignment

PLEASE find a substitute.



*Radiating HIS Love
by learning and living our Catholic Faith.*

The Year of Mercy is an invitation—
an invitation to love, kindness, and unbounded generosity.
Pope Francis is offering you the opportunity to encounter the incredible mercy of God.
Encountering mercy means encountering God.
It can transform your life, your relationships, your work,
and your ability to embrace and experience all of life.

What should I do for Pope Francis' YEAR OF MERCY?

1) Pray Pope Francis Year of Mercy prayer daily.

This is a quick, easy way to participate in the Jubilee Year.

2) Go to Confession.

We cannot give what we do not have. Experience God's Mercy firsthand.

3) Forgive someone.

Do you have a difficult relationship in your life? Share God's Mercy with that person.

4) Sign up for our Parish Lenten Small Group Sharing.

Pope Francis' book, *THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY* will be used as the source for sharing. See your bulletin for details. (FYI: Pope Francis' prayer is located inside.)

5) Pick one spiritual and corporal work of mercy.

Do not try to do them all at once!

Take one of each, and focus on sharing mercy simply.

6) Pray the Divine Mercy Novena.

Starting Good Friday, this is a typical nine-day novena to invoke Jesus' mercy.

7) Make a pilgrimage.

It does not have to be far. Simply find a shrine or other spiritual site near you and spend extra time in prayer.

M.Y.C. MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 10 Baptism of Our Lord

- Religious Education 9:45am
- Little Ones in Christ 12:30-2:30pm
- Jr. Youth 5:00-7:00pm

January 16 Birmingham March for Life

January 17 Religious Education 9:45am

- Sr. Youth Social Hour 5:00pm
- Praise & Worship 6:30pm
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm

January 21 Washington D.C. March for Life

January 24 Religious Education 9:45am

*"Be who God meant you to be
and you will set the world
on fire."* — CATHERINE OF SIENA



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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