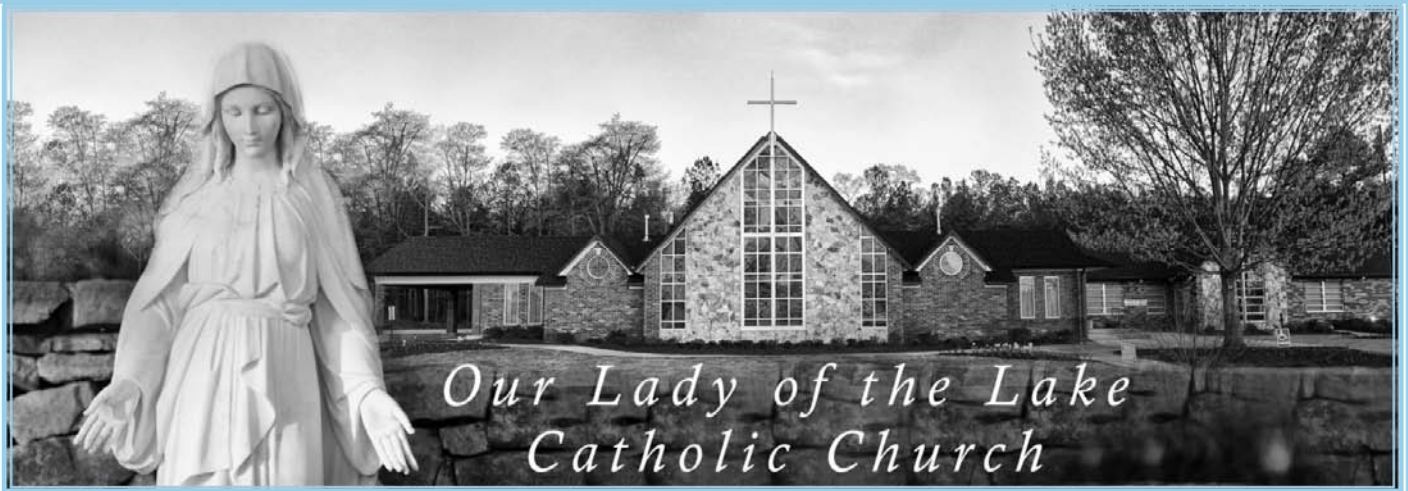




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MASSES

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:

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Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, January 16, 2016

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 17, 2016

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



*Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time
January 17, 2016*

*Nations shall behold your vindication,
and all the kings your glory.
— Isaiah 62:2*

*Welcoming a Year
of God's Mercy*



Mass Intentions

Jan. 18 – Jan. 24



Monday: Andrew Paulitzky by Gisela Scruggs †
Tuesday: Paul Boyle, Sr. by Parish Staff
Wednesday: Fr. Kieran Neilson by Terry & Rita Rumore †
Thursday: Special Intentions
Friday: Marie Battaglia by Terry & Rita Rumore
Saturday: Andrew Paulitzky by Jerry & Brenda Kern †
Sunday: Evangeline Taylor by Mike & Kitty Gordon †

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

*Gene & Walton Smith, Matt Joiner, Pat Roberts,
Jerry Noto, Judy Dawley, Wayne Adams, Paul
Boyle, John Crapet.*

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 18—January 24

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Today's Readings



First Reading — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen Zion and Jerusalem. (Isaiah 62:1-5)

Psalm — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations. (Psalm 96)

Second Reading — All the varied gifts and talents found in the Christian community are products of the same Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)

Gospel — At a wedding festival in Cana, Jesus changes water into wine at his mother's request. (John 2:1-11)

Pastor's Message

"When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine' ". The emphatic statement was also a prayer. That prayer was answered in a way that was likely far beyond her expectations. Mary simply brought her concern to Jesus, without specifying how or when he should respond. If we have that same trust in God, we can express our needs and concerns and feel assured God will know what is best.

The absence of details in the story of the wedding at Cana is intriguing. Who issued the invitations? Why was the family of Jesus there? What gave Jesus' mother reasons to believe that Jesus could relieve the shortage? Did she expect a miracle or a purchase? From where did the servants get approximately 150 gallons of water in a land where water is often harder to find than wine?

Why were there so few witnesses to the miracle? Only the waiters who brought the water—not even the wine steward—knew or saw anything happen.

John calls the event a "sign", the first of the great signs in John's Gospel. John does not use the word "miracle". A sign is that which reveals God or something about God. Jesus, in John's Gospel, is primarily about the business of revealing God so that people will come to faith.

A miracle of itself provides for human need. A sign carries within it the grace to elicit faith. It is a moment of revelation for those who are attentive. To attend to the miraculous and to miss the revelation is no more than curiosity or fascination.

"Jesus performed this first of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him". What about the guests and the wedding party? Presumably they had a good time and maybe a hangover next day, but not faith. A sign is not evident to all. It may or may not lead to a faith response. How do I approach the signs that surround me?

By a strange irony the source of the good wine remained unknown in the story. So much of life is a gift that remains unknown. The gift left on the doorstep. So much is taken for granted. "Every bird's feather and fish's scale proclaims divinity—the miracle is creation itself" wrote Lance Morrow. May we have eyes to see!

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**Sign-Up Again This Sunday/Week:** Time is running out to sign up for a small group for Lenten reflection on the theme of God's mercy. Thanks to all who have already signed up. If you are still thinking about it, please don't delay. We need the information to form the small groups. Our Lent will be special this year!

**Thought for the Week:** "Do not forget that God forgives all, and God forgives always. Let us never tire of asking forgiveness". (Pope Francis on the Jubilee Year of Mercy)

Peace and Blessings,

*Fr. Sexton*

## Calendar of Events Jan. 17- Jan. 24

### **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

### **Monday-Jan. 18**

#### **Masses 9 am**

- \*Bridge
- \*Legion of Mary

### **Tuesday-Jan. 19**

#### **Mass 9 am**

- \*RCIA 7 pm

### **Wednesday-Jan. 20**

#### **Mass 7 pm**

- \*Surfsiders 10 am
- \*SR. Youth 5:30 pm
- \*Parish Council Mtg. after Mass

### **Thursday-Jan. 21**

#### **Mass 9 am**

- \*Choir Practice 7 pm
- \*Washington March for Life

### **Friday-Jan. 22**

#### **Mass 9 am**

### **Saturday-Jan. 23**

#### **Mass 5 pm**

- \*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm
- \*Baby Bottle Drive-Ann's New Life Center
- \*Special Collection-Church in Latin America

### **Sunday-Jan. 24**

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

- \*RE 9:45 am
- \*Blood Drive-Parish Hall
- \*Baby Bottle Drive-Ann's New Life Center
- \*Special Collection-Church in Latin America

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**FINANCE NEWS**  
**July 2015-June 2016**

**Last week**

|                    |                   |                   |
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|                    | <b>Actual</b>     | <b>Budget</b>     |
| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 8280.22</b> | <b>\$ 5770.00</b> |

**Year-to-date**

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| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 177,924.81</b> | <b>\$ 161,560.00</b> |
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**Give the Gift of Life**  
**The American Red Cross**  
**Blood Drive**

**Sunday, January 24th.**

**Please consider donating!**

**DOES THE CHURCH HAVE YOUR EMAIL?**

WE ARE COMPILING A LIST OF MEMBER'S EMAILS.  
 Please email yours to the office : parish@ollpellcity.com

**THANK YOU!**



**Ann's New Life Center**  
**Baby Bottle Drive**

**January 23rd & 24th**

Your donations are critical to our continued success!  
 Please consider taking a bottle home and filling with  
 your change, then return to the church or to  
 Ann's New Life Center.

Thank you for your generous support of Ann's!

**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 God's creation.

**Please Join us!**

Contact Marguerite: 205-746-4912  
 or [margog55@gmail.com](mailto: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 – 193 cans**

**Many Thanks!**



We would like to thank our friends and fellow parishioners for your many acts of kindness, delicious treats and thoughtful gifts to us during the Christmas season. You have blessed us with your outpouring of love and we are grateful to you all. May this Jubilee Year of Mercy enrich your lives and fill your hearts with God's love!

*God Bless and Thank You,*

*Deacon Terry & Rita, Deacon Serge & Sarah  
 & Fr. Michael Sexton*



**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 North Foyer.  
Please pick yours up before  
or after Mass!**



### Church Directories

Directories have arrived and are in the Church foyer 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.

Thank you!

### Saints and Special Observances

**Sunday:** *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Monday:** *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins*

**Tuesday:** *Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)*

**Wednesday:** *St. Fabian; St. Sebastian*

**Thursday:** *St. Agnes*

**Friday:** *Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*

**Saturday:** *St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope; Blessed Virgin Mary*



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## Assignment List Jan. 20- Jan. 24

**WEDNESDAY MASS** **1/20/2016**  
**9:00 AM**

Altar Servers  
Lectors Bernie Funderburg

**SATURDAY MASS** **1/23/2016**  
**5:00 pm**

Altar Servers Peter Boyle, James Raynor  
Greeters Kathy Shivers, Allen & Phyllis Ross  
Lectors Sonia Dale, Marguerite Gorman  
Ministers Larry Reese, Sara Reese, Parma Boyle  
Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Jim Gorman

**SUNDAY MASS** **1/24/2016**  
**8:30 AM**

Altar Servers **Andrew Thomaston, Will Thomaston, Brennan Cardenas, Carson Falkner**  
Greeters Mike & Kitty Gordon, Teri Gagliano  
Lectors Karen Reese, Dennis Veigl  
Ministers Deacon, Janice Stella, Stephen Reese, Andrew Reese, Rosemary Mateer  
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Gregg Becnel, Chris Frey, Laura Headley

**11:15 AM**

Altar Servers **Sawyer Stice, Ryan Murphree, Erin Barker, Will Pittman**  
Greeters Lydia Jimenez, Mattie Osborne  
Lectors Larry Foltz, Martha Hayes  
Ministers Deacon, Wayne Adams, Mary Adams, Jim Morteck, Marcia Morteck  
Ushers Don Frederick, Brian Young, Ron Sellers, Jennifer Sellers

**If you cannot keep your assignment**

**PLEASE find a substitute.**



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and your ability to embrace  
and experience all of life.



**Hail Holy Queen,  
Mother of Mercy,  
Our Life... Our MOM.**

Today's Gospel reading is Jn 2:1-11,  
and it happens to be one of my favorites.  
I love this part:

*His mother said to the servers,  
"Do whatever he tells you."*

Have you ever just stopped and really  
taken time to listen to HIM?  
Perhaps this Year of Mercy can and will be  
a time to not only listen to HIM,  
but also to do whatever HE is telling you.

**Give thanks to The LORD for HE is Good,  
HIS Mercy endures forever.**

**M.Y.C. MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR**

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  
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  
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Contact Peter Boyle 613-5435



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Office of the Bishop

January 4, 2016

### Share Your Faith

*Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year we celebrate the important milestone of 50 years of solidarity with the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean. The Church there faces many challenges, including lack of access to resources the faithful need to nourish their spiritual lives. Often, there are too few priests to meet the needs of the many communities they serve, or the communities themselves are simply too isolated to have access to other important resources for the faith. Strategies to train and support evangelization leaders are vital to reach those who are disconnected from the life and mission of the Church.

For the past 50 years, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops through its Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America has helped 25 countries in Central and South America as well as the Caribbean confront challenges to the faith. With your help and the support of the Catholic faithful, we have helped develop evangelization and catechetical programs. We have also funded activities that promote an encounter with Jesus Christ, so that the faithful can become missionary disciples.

For example, in the Diocese of Garzon, Colombia, the parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe is blessed with a large community; however, there are only a few priests to address its many needs. Through a grant from the Collection for the Church in Latin America, the parish was able to train pastoral and evangelization leaders for the parish community. These leaders participated in formation on leadership and teaching catechesis, as well as in spiritual retreats, so they could reach out to the larger community. The parish also created "Catholic Faith" kits to aid in evangelization and teaching catechesis to those in the community. Through this project, the parish was able to achieve its goal of creating an evangelization program that can reach the 3,700 families of the parish.

Our diocese takes up this collection the weekend of January 23-24. Please be generous in this collection, and take this opportunity to share your faith with families in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support will truly make a difference. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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