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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 30, 2016

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 31, 2016

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 24, 2016

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.*
— Luke 4:18a

*Welcoming a Year
of God's Mercy*



Mass Intentions

Jan.25 – Jan. 31



Monday: Ann Forister by Terry & Rita Rumore
Tuesday: Marlene Catalino by Sam Catalino †
Wednesday: Andrew Paulitzky by Terry & Rita Rumore †
Thursday: Kenneth Reid by Jeanie Reid †
Friday: Wanda Cartwright by Judy Dawley †
Saturday: Russell Banks by Margaret Banks †
Sunday: Deceased Knights of Columbus †

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Gene & Walton Smith, Matt Joiner, Pat Roberts,
Judy Dawley, Wayne Adams, Paul Boyle, Marie
Battaglia, Dennis Tyler.

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 25—January 31

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22;
Ps 117:1bc, 2;
Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-18 or 9:1-22;
Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5,
27-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29;
Ps 132:1-5, 11-14;
Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a,
13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-
11; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17;
Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-
41

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps
71:1-6, 15, 17;
1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13
[13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

Today's Readings



First Reading — Ezra read from the
book of the law of God to the assembled peo-
ple. They understood and accepted the law.
(Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10)

Psalm — Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.
(Psalm 19)

Second Reading — As the body with its many
parts is still one body, so it is with Christ.
(1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27])

Gospel — While attending worship in the Naz-
arean synagogue, Jesus reads from the prophet
Isaiah and declares himself to be the fulfillment
of the prophecy. (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21)

Pastor's Message

What's in a Name and Who are We?

The origins of the word Church can be traced to the Hebrew word—Qahal, which is translated in today's first reading (Nehemiah 8:2-10) as assembly. This is a Liturgical Assembly, gathered to hear the proclamation of the Word of God by Ezra the priest.

The people have returned from exile in Babylon and Ezra reads from the book of the law of God, perhaps intending to refresh for then the obligations they have in their relationship with God.

Overwhelmed by the proclamation, the people began to weep. Nehemiah takes this reaction as one of sadness and calls on the people to rejoice and to feast. When was the last time we were moved to tears by hearing the Word of God proclaimed on Sunday? Does it sail past us as "Leaves falling from a tree in Autumn"?

Nehemiah was right in one respect. Hearing the Word of God should provoke Joy in us. It is to be a source of a new life and a renewed relationship with God. It is not about sadness. It is not without reason that we are directed to "celebrate" the Liturgy. Is our Sunday assembly a celebration, an experience of Joy or is it an expression of a listless spirit?

In the Second reading today (I Corinthians 11:12-30) Paul expands on his teaching about the one body and the many parts as an analogy for the fabric and nature of the Christian community. He creates a delightful dialogue between the body parts to exemplify his teaching.

The diversity of gifts and talents in our church community is intended for the unity of the community. All gifts are valuable and needed. There is a close interrelationship between the members of the community. We need each other. No one is inferior and no one is more important than another. The Spirit is the bond between all the members. This is the antidote to our vaunted individualism. It's not all about me in the end. Really!

Sign-Up for Small Groups Continues: Thanks to all who have signed up. If you forgot your sign-up sheet last week please turn in one today. There are extras in the foyers. We look forward to a blessed Lenten season in our Parish bathed in the outpouring of God's great mercy.

A Grief Observed: We bade farewell this week to a revered and long-time member (since 1985) of our Parish, John Crapet. God called him home to Heaven after a long and lovely life. Emblazoned by faith and nurtured in the well-springs of a loving and good family. He graced our lives by his gentle ways and his uncommon kindness. To his devoted wife, Virginia, and his four daughters, Marianne, Antoinette, Francis, and Christine, we extend our deepest and loving prayers. - - Our thoughts are with Teri Gagliano also on the death of her grandmother, Melba Calvert - - and also with Jennifer Sellers on the death of her mother, Barbara Jean Scalco. May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Sexton

Calendar of Events Jan. 24- Jan. 31

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

Monday-Jan. 25

Masses 9 am

*Bridge

*Legion of Mary

*1st Reconciliation 6 pm with Reception to follow

*Scapulars

Tuesday-Jan. 26

Mass 9 am

*RCIA 7 pm

Wednesday-Jan. 27

Communion Service 7 pm

Thursday-Jan. 28

Communion Service 9 am

*Choir Practice 7 pm

*Washington March for Life

Friday-Jan. 29

Communion Service 9 am

Saturday-Jan. 30

Mass 5 pm

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

*Blessing of Throats

Sunday-Jan. 31

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*RE 9:45 am

*Religion Bowl Gr 5-8 @ 9:45 in Church

*KOC Mass 8:30 am

*Blessing of Throats

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FINANCE NEWS
July 2015-June 2016

Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ 6153.00	\$ 5770.00

Year-to-date

*Offertory:	\$ 184,077.81	\$ 167,330.00
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Give the Gift of Life
The American Red Cross
Blood Drive

Sunday, January 24th.

Please consider donating!



All of us Our Lady of the Lake would like to express our heartfelt condolences to the Crapet Family on the death of John Crapet. He will be greatly missed!

+Eternal Rest+

Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.
May his soul and the souls of all
the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

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 – 62 cans

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!



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!**

*Our Lady of the Lake
Welcomes the following
New Members to our
Church Family:*



*Scott & Lori Routzahn, and
children- Daniel & Kyle
Ray & Kathy Heath
Clarence Busenlehner
Carmen Henderson
Ann McEntire*

*Welcome one another, then, as Christ
welcomed you, for the glory of God.*

- Romans 15:7

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: *Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time;
Catholic Schools Week*

Monday: *The Conversion of
St. Paul the Apostle;
Week of Prayer for
Christian Unity ends*

Tuesday: *Ss. Timothy and Titus*

Wednesday: *St. Angela Merici*

Thursday: *St. Thomas Aquinas*

Saturday: *Blessed Virgin Mary*



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Assignment List Jan. 27- Jan. 31

WEDNESDAY MASS **1/27/2016**
9:00 AM

Altar Servers
Lectors Terri Brown

SATURDAY MASS **1/30/2016**
5:00 pm

Altar Servers Bernie Funderburg, Cory Funderburg
Greeters Gloria/Jim Albright, Karen Hand
Lectors Connie Luter, Rosemary Mateer
Ministers Tom Graffo, Allen Ross, Phyllis Ross
Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Jim Dale, Jim Gorman, Bob Nicholas

SUNDAY MASS **1/31/2016**
8:30 AM **Knight's Mass**

Altar Servers Anthony Emerick, Michael Emerick,
Matt Frey, Natalie Newcomb
Greeters Patsy Lopezde Victoria, Patrick Cowart
Lectors David Springer, Robert Lewis
Ministers Deacon, Michael Gagliano, Jim Morteck, Larry Reese, Joe Stanley
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Rosemary Mateer, Mike Gordon, Isabel Loera

11:15 AM

Altar Servers Paul Boyle, James Lewis, Payton Forman, Katie Boyle
Greeters Frank Troncalli, Brittney Washburn
Lectors Ronnie Sellers, Jennifer Sellers
Ministers Deacon, Martha Hayes, Lee Walser, Chris Gallegly, Maria Jimenez
Ushers Don Frederick, Gloria Rodgers, Jeanne Macon

If you cannot keep your assignment

PLEASE find a substitute.

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by learning and living our Catholic Faith.



The Year of Mercy

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an invitation to love,
kindness, and
unbounded generosity.
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is offering you the oppor-
tunity to encounter the
incredible mercy of God.

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your relationships, your
work, and your ability
to embrace and
experience all of life.

Mercy



THE WORKS OF MERCY ✠ FEED THE HUNGRY ✠
CLOTHE THE NAKED ✠ GIVE DRINK TO THE
THIRSTY ✠ VISIT THE IMPRISONED ✠ CARE FOR
THE SICK ✠ BURY THE DEAD ✠ COUNSEL THE
DOUBTFUL ✠ INSTRUCT THE IGNORANT ✠
CORRECT SINNERS ✠ COMFORT THE SORROWFUL
✠ FORGIVE ALL INJURIES ✠ BEAR WRONGS WITH
PATIENCE ✠ PRAY FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEAD



Your words, Lord,
are Spirit and life.

M.Y.C.

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR

January 24 Religious Education 9:45am

January 25 First Reconciliation 6pm

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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