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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, February 13, 2016

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, February 14, 2016

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*First Sunday of Lent
February 14, 2016*



*The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart.
— Romans 10:8*



*Welcoming a Year
of God's Mercy*



Mass Intentions
Feb. 15 – Feb. 21



Monday: Charles Manning by the Brazzolottos †
Tuesday: Sharon Henderson by Sam Catalino †
Wednesday: Melinda McNamee by Terry & Rita Rumore
Thursday: Tom Scruggs by Gisela Scruggs †
Friday: James Ramsey by the Brazzolottos †
Saturday: Jerry Manning by the Brazzolottos †
Sunday: Clarence Ramsey by the Brazzolottos †

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, Phillip Thomaston.

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 February 15–February 21

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

Today's Readings



First Reading — The Israelites show their faith by offering the Lord first fruits of the products of their new land. (Deuteronomy 26:4-10)

Psalm — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. (Psalm 91)

Second Reading — All who express faith in the risen Christ and confess that he is Lord will be saved. (Romans 10:8-13)

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and was tempted. (Luke 4:1-13)

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Pastor's Message

To remember and give thanks and to turn away from evil. These basic Scripture themes serve as our introduction to the season of Lent.

The first fruits of the land each harvest were gifts from the Lord and thus Holy. Without a symbolic ritual offering as a return to the Lord, blessing on the rest of the crops would be at risk. Thus did the Israelites order their lives in relationship to God Their annual offering of the first fruits of the harvest time was to also include remembrance. They were to remember past oppression in Egypt and how God brought them to the Promised Land to give them a land "flowing with milk and honey".

The act of remembering included the story of Jacob, "a wandering Aramean who went down to Egypt and lived there as an alien". To remember is to be grateful. It is well that we remember who we are and whose we are. To forget "the signs and wonders" God has done for us is to run the risk of thinking we are self-sufficient.

The Gospel Reading for the First Sunday of Lent always has the story of the temptations of Jesus. They shed light on our temptations. Satan or the devil is very much part of the story.

Flannery O'Connor, the Catholic writer born in Georgia once described the theme of her writing as "The action of grace in territory held largely by the devil". She admitted the difficulty doing this in a time when most people put little faith either in the devil or in grace. Our Lenten journey matters because when we ignore the presence of evil we also ignore the need for God.

In our culture, the devil, when considered at all, has been reduced to a mere caricature. "The devil made me do it" we say in jest. For some, Satan or the devil is simply a personification of evil forces and inclinations. Evil considered as a person as we might personify wisdom or learning.

Pope Francis in his homilies and addresses makes frequent reference to the devil as a person of evil. In this he is faithful to the Scriptures and the Catholic Catechism.

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**Small Groups Beginning This Week**—A special word of thanks to the facilitators who are leading the small group gatherings during Lent to reflect on the great theme of Mercy. Many of you are opening up your homes to provide a meeting place and to offer hospitality. Surely you will be blessed in many ways. Our Parish is truly graced and privileged to have this special Lenten experience. If you did not receive a copy of the reflection book check with the Parish office.

**Welcome Fr. Marcus Voss:** We are delighted this weekend to welcome Fr. Marcus from St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman to preach at all the Masses and speak about the Blooming Festival. Fr. Marcus shares his wonderful faith and his joyous spirit with us whenever he comes among us. Welcome, Fr. Marcus!

Peace and Blessings,

*Fr. Sexton*

## *Calendar of Events Feb. 14- Feb. 21*

### **Sunday-Feb 14**

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

\*RE 9:45 am/Lenten Pray/Fast/Give begins

\*Pro Life Rosary/English

\*Rite of Sending & Elect 11:15 am & 4:00 pm with Luncheon at 1:00 pm

\*Little Ones in Christ PK 3-Gr 3 12:30-2:30 pm

\*JR Youth Gr 3-6 5:00-7:00 pm

### **Monday-Feb. 15**

#### **Masses 9 am**

\*Bridge

\*Legion of Mary

### **Tuesday-Feb. 16**

#### **Mass 9 am**

\*RCIA 7 pm

### **Wednesday-Feb. 17**

#### **Mass 7 pm**

\*Surfsiders 10 am

\*SR Youth 5:30 pm

\*Parish Council after Mass

### **Thursday-Feb. 18**

#### **Mass 9 am**

\*Choir Practice 7 pm

### **Friday-Feb. 19**

#### **Mass 9 am**

\*Fish Fry 5:00-6:30 pm

\*Stations of the Cross 7pm

### **Saturday-Feb. 20**

#### **Mass 5 pm**

\*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

### **Sunday-Feb. 21**

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

\*RE 9:45 am/Lenten Pray/Fast/Give

\*Shower of Blessings 9:45 am

\*Reconciliation GR 2 & 3

\*SR Youth Social Hour 5 pm

\*Praise & Worship 6:30 pm

\*Holy Hour 7 pm

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

**Last week**

|                    |                   |                   |
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|                    | <b>Actual</b>     | <b>Budget</b>     |
| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 7755.84</b> | <b>\$ 5770.00</b> |

**Year-to-date**

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| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 206,007.48</b> | <b>\$ 184,640.00</b> |
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***Lenten Regulations***

The annual observance of Lent is the special season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter. Through its twofold theme of repentance and baptism, the season of Lent disposes both the catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. Catechumens are led to the Sacraments of Initiation by means of the Rite of Election, the scrutinies, and Catechesis. The faithful, listening more intently to the word of God and devoting themselves to prayer, are prepared through a spirit of repentance to renew their baptismal promises.

The Catholic Church, in an attempt to help Catholics do at least a minimum during Lent, asks all Catholics to fast and abstain from meat on certain days. **Fasting means** to limit food to one full meal a day with the possibility of two smaller meals (not adding up to a full meal) as needed. **Abstinence means** not eating meat, although fish is allowed. Catholics are asked to observe all days of fasting and abstinence which is one of the precepts of the Church.

***Catholics 14 years of age or older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.***

***Catholics between the ages of 14 and 59 are also to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If one's work or health make it inadvisable to fast or abstain from meat, they are not obligated to do so.***

**Have you picked up your envelopes?**

We still have quite a few offertory envelope boxes left in the north foyer that need to be picked up. Please pick yours up ASAP!



Thank you!



***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 – 31 cans**

***Saints and Special Observances***

**Sunday:** *First Sunday of Lent;  
Valentine's Day;  
World Marriage Day*

**Monday:** *Presidents' Day*

**Wednesday:** *The Seven Holy  
Founders of the  
Servite Order*

**Friday:** *Abstinence*



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**Pro Life Corner**

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

**Month 9**

**I'm here! Thanks for praying for me!**

**Shower of Blessings will be held  
on Feb. 21st after the 8:30 am Mass.  
Fr. John Paul from EWTN will be the speaker.**

**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

KOC Council 12270

### Lenten Fish Fries



**February 12 - March 18**

**5:00 to 6:30 p.m.**

**2-piece dinner \$8.00**

**1-piece dinner \$6.00**

**Child's plate \$3.00**

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring Lenten fish fries each Friday evening during Lent. **Serving will be from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross.** The menu will consist of fried fish, baked fish, hush puppies, steamed vegetables, fries, and coleslaw.

**All proceeds will be used to fund the numerous charitable activities KOC supports.**

### DOES THE CHURCH HAVE YOUR EMAIL?

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

The recycling trailer collected 351 pounds of aluminum cans and earned \$122.05. Lakeside Hospice and The Christian Love Pantry will each receive \$61.03. Thank you and please continue to recycle!

### Community Holy Week Service



Our Lady of the Lake will be responsible for providing **250 sandwiches** for the Community Holy Week Services to be held at Pell City United Methodist Church on Wednesday, **March 23rd**. If you are able to donate a loaf of regular bread you may bring it to the Church kitchen on Tuesday, March 22nd. Donations of chicken salad, tuna salad, or p-nut butter and jelly are also most welcome. **Volunteers** are also needed to prepare the sandwiches on Wednesday morning. **We must deliver the sandwiches to the church by 10:30 am on the 23rd.**

**Thanks to Karen Hand for leading this project!**  
For additional info please contact Karen :  
**205.405.1049.**

## Assignment List Feb. 17- Feb. 21

### WEDNESDAY MASS

**2/17/2016**

**7:00 PM**

Altar Servers

Lectors

Charmaine Booker

### SATURDAY MASS

**2/20/2016**

**5:00 pm**

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors

Ministers

Ushers

Marty Poteracki, Lance Stella

Susan Moseley, Nancy Ross

Marguerite Gorman, Martha Hayes

Deacon, Larry Reese, Sara Reese

Cecil Rodgers, Jim Dale, Jim Gorman, Bob Nicholas

### SUNDAY MASS

**2/21/2016**

**8:30 AM**

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors

Ministers

Ushers

Anthony Emerick, Michael Emerick,

Matthew Frey, Danielle McKinney

Brian/Francis Poteracki, Amelia Reese

Gail Perry, Bart Perry

Deacon, Anna Emerick, Rosemary

Mateer, Jim Morteck, Marcia Morteck

Michael Gagliano, Cristy McKinney,

Belia Solis, Edith Pavez

**11:15 AM**

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors

Ministers

Ushers

Ryan Murphree, James Lewis, John

Himmler, Troy Rosato

Lydia Jimenez, Mattie Osborne

Mary Adams, Sarah Brazzolotto

Deacon, Chris Gallegly, Lee Walser,

Susan Moseley, Maria Jimenez

Don Frederick, Ron Sellers, Jennifer

Sellers, Alex Walser

**If you cannot keep your assignment**

**PLEASE find a substitute.**

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

# ***Shower of Blessings***

Join us Sunday, February 21, 2016 following the 8:30am Mass to celebrate the Shower of Blessings and learn more about **“The Lives of the Unborn in this Year of Mercy.”**



Guest Speaker:  
Rev. Fr. John Paul Mary, MFVA

**M.Y.C.**

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR**

**February 14** The First Sunday of Lent

Religious Education 9:45am

11:15am Rite of sending & Elect

**February 21** The Second Sunday in Lent

Religious Education 9:45am

Shower of Blessings/Adult Education in  
the Parish Hall following the 8:30am Mass



## **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

February 1, 2016

Dear Family in Christ,

Pope Francis has challenged us to "Be Shepherds..., in the midst of your people like Jesus the Good Shepherd."

I encourage you as Shepherd of your diocese to participate in the annual Black and Indian Mission Collection.

This Collection has for the last 131 years, changed the landscape of evangelization and education efforts for Native Americans, Alaskan Americans and African- Americans throughout the United States. Our financial support of the Collection is the mechanism that affects the Church's evangelization efforts. We all agree that never have the needs for the Native Americans, Alaskan Americans and African- Americans communities been so great. History tells us that lasting change to a community can all come through faith, hope and charity.

Continue to support this mission of faith and hope by your most generous charity. Locally, you help support our diocesan programs including the Guadalupan Rural Ministry in Eutaw, Holy Family Cristo Rey Catholic High School, All Saints Catholic Church in Anniston, and Holy Family Regional School in Huntsville, just to list a few.

Education is fundamental in changing the mores and morals of a society. Your monetary assistance provides opportunities for a solid Catholic education in our Black Catholic mission schools, allows the purchase of catechetical materials and bibles, and provides for the formation of lay leadership, to name just a few ways the collection supports evangelization.

Your support has helped educate African-American and Native American seminarians for priestly service to our Catholic communities. It has also helped begin a new religious community for service to Native Americans in Arizona. Just as the Jubilee Year of Mercy has opened the door to the faithful to experience God's unfathomable mercy, your financial commitment opens the door of faith to these Americans.

On **February 13 & 14, 2016**, all will be asked to participate in the Black and Indian Mission Collection. Together we build up the Church and announce the Good News of Jesus Christ. I ask everyone in the Diocese of Birmingham to make a sacrificial gift to the 2016 Black and Indian Mission Collection. Your generosity to this collection reflects the depths of your faith and your willingness to help our brothers and sisters in need; it is an opportunity to evangelize and further the missionary cause of bringing the Gospel to our African - American and Native American family.

May God abundantly bless you during the Jubilee Year of Mercy, especially in the upcoming holy Season of Lent.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

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

Knights of Columbus  
Council 12270



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