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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 20, 2016

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, February 21, 2016

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Second Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2016



*The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?*

— Psalm 27:1

Welcoming a Year
of God's Mercy



Mass Intentions

Feb. 22 – Feb. 28



Monday: Dick Smith by Gene & Walton Smith

Tuesday: James Gutsell by KOC 12270 †

Wednesday: Deacon Mike Branch by the Brazzolottos †

Thursday: Paige Barranco by Terry & Rita Rumore

Friday: Marlene Catalino by Sam Catalino †

Saturday: Trudi & Andy McClay by the Zielinskis †

Sunday: Fr. Michael Wrigley 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, Doro-
thy DiMattia.

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 22—February 28

Monday:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8- 9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5- 6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b -28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday:	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 3:1-9 Alternate readings (YearA): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6- 9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26,

Today's Readings



First Reading — The Lord made a covenant
with his faithful servant, Abram, saying, "To your
descendants I give this land". (Genesis 15:5-12,
17-18)

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation.
(Psalm 27)

Second Reading — We await the Lord Jesus,
who will change us to conform with his glorified
body. (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1])

Gospel — Peter, James, and John witness the
transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain. (Luke
9:28b-36)

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Pastor's Message

In today's Gospel Reading we are told that Jesus took with him Peter, John and James and went up to the mountain to pray. We are also reminded "Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep" and "becoming fully awake they saw His glory". Luke seems to say they almost missed the big moment. Sleep, like gravity, seemed to pull them down.

In the reading from Genesis (15:2-18) another moment of wonder and glory. "The Lord brought Abraham outside and said: Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. So shall your descendants be. And Abraham put his faith in the Lord".

Bruce Vawter, the Scripture scholar, reminded us that faith is a state of complete reliance on another, resulting in a new relationship that gives us a new identity. In Abraham's case, the author tells us that he became "right" with God, pleasing to God.

A little boy remarked once that his favorite thing about being at summer camp was watching the sky at night and seeing all those stars. Coming from the city, he never saw such a sky. There were just too many other things getting in the way. Those who went before us looked up at the sky at night and marveled and wondered and found faith.

Today we look at those amazing pictures coming through the Hubble telescope—pictures from two hundred million light years away and we too are invited to wonder and to have faith. We live on a small planet, orbiting an insignificant star, one of billions in an ordinary galaxy among billions of other galaxies and we marvel that God cares for us and knows us by name and loves us. As he said to Abraham, God says to us: Look up and wonder and believe.

Like the little boy at summer camp we are invited in Lent to look with clearer vision; to look beyond the city lights and the myriad distractions and rediscover God at work in our lives. Lent is a time for basics. Last Sunday we were reminded that as humans we are fragile, subject to temptations and wrong turns. This Sunday, we are told we are destined for glory—for transfiguration and transformation, to share in the glory of God.

At the end of Luke's account of the happenings on Mount Tabor, Peter blurted out: "Master, it is good that we are here". Yes, it is good that we are here, whatever the hardships and whatever the struggles. More than words we need a sense of wonder and a little faith.

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**Welcome to Fr. John Paul**, a Missionary Servant of the Eternal Word and now a designated "Missionary of Mercy" for the Jubilee Year. He comes to our Parish this weekend to preach a word of mercy and to remind us of the unique gift of every human life—born and unborn.

Peace and Blessings,

*Fr. Sexton*

## *Calendar of Events Feb. 21- Feb. 28*

### **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

### **Monday-Feb. 22**

#### **Masses 9 am**

- \*Bridge
- \*Legion of Mary

### **Tuesday-Feb. 23**

#### **Mass 9 am**

- \*RCIA 7 pm

### **Wednesday-Feb. 24**

#### **Mass 7 pm**

### **Thursday-Feb. 25**

#### **Mass 9 am**

- \*Choir Practice 7 pm

### **Friday-Feb. 26**

#### **Mass 9 am**

- \*Fish Fry 5:00-6:30 pm
- \*Stations of the Cross 7pm

### **Saturday-Feb. 27**

#### **Mass 5 pm**

- \*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm
- \*Confirmation Class Retreat

### **Sunday-Feb. 28**

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

- \*RE 9:45 am/Lenten Pray/Fast/Give
- \*First Scrutiny 8:30 am
- \*Reconciliation GR 4, 5, & 6
- \*Confirmation Saint Report Due



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

**Last week**

|                    |                   |                   |
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|                    | <b>Actual</b>     | <b>Budget</b>     |
| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 7605.37</b> | <b>\$ 5770.00</b> |

**Year-to-date**

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| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 213,612.85</b> | <b>\$ 190,410.00</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.***

**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!**



***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**

**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.**



**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

### *Saints and Special Observances*

*Sunday:*                      *Second Sunday of Lent*

*Monday:*                    *The Chair of St. Peter  
the Apostle;  
Washington's Birthday*

*Tuesday:*                   *St. Polycarp*

*Friday:*                    *Abstinence*



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### **Have you picked up your envelopes?**

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



Thank you!

### **Community Holy Week Service** **Donations Needed**



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, March 23rd.

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. 24- Feb. 28*

### **WEDNESDAY MASS**                      **2/24/2016** **7:00 PM**

Altar Servers  
Lectors                      Bernie Funderburg

### **SATURDAY MASS**                      **2/27/2016** **5:00 pm**

Altar Servers              Peter Boyle, James Raynor  
Greeters                  Darlene Leonard, Gisela Scruggs  
Lectors                    Sara Reese, Connie Luter  
Ministers                Allen Ross, Phyllis Ross, Tom Graffo  
Ushers                    Cecil Rodgers, Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Sam Marston

### **SUNDAY MASS**                      **2/28/2016** **8:30 AM**

Altar Servers              Matthew Reese, Amelia Reese, Carson Falkner, Jimillia Sayles  
Greeters                  Brenda/Carl Rochford, Joe/Ruth Stanley  
Lectors                    Joe Stanley, Teri Gagliano  
Ministers                Deacon, Stephen Reese, Andrew Reese, Janice Stella, Chris Gallegly  
Ushers                    Michael Gagliano, Rosemary Mateer, Phillip Thomaston, Bit Thomaston

### **11:15 AM**

Altar Servers              Paul Boyle, Sawyer Stice, Payton Forman, Travis Cooley  
Greeters                  Grace Troncalli,  
Lectors                    Ronnie Sellers, Jennifer Sellers  
Ministers                Deacon, Wayne Adams, Mary Adams, Martha Hayes, Tommie Ann Johnson  
Ushers                    Don Frederick, Ron Markevich, Ron Solis, Jennifer Solis

**If you cannot keep your assignment**

**PLEASE find a substitute.**

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

***Adult Education  
With Breakfast***

# ***Shower of Blessings***

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 21** The Second Sunday in Lent  
Religious Education 9:45am  
Shower of Blessings/Adult Education in  
the Parish Hall following the 8:30am Mass
- February 22 Parent Meeting for Confirmation**  
**7:00 pm Conference Room**
- February 28** 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

## EASTER BASKET PROJECT A PROGRAM OF THE HISPANIC COMMITTEE



**WHAT:** Easter Basket Items and Assembly of Baskets for Distribution to Hispanic areas.

**WHERE:** Parish Hall, or give Baskets/Candy to Mari Culver, 205-525-0071

**WHEN:** **Collection: Feb. 21-March 13**  
**Assembly: Mar. 13 & 20**  
**Distribution:** After the 8:30 Mass on Palm Sunday, Mar.21.

**DETAILS:** Easter Baskets, BIBLE Coloring Books only, Crayons, Chocolate Rabbits, Assorted Easter Candy, small toys, and Cellophane Wrap. Rosaries and church information will be added to the baskets. We will be knocking on doors in Hispanic neighborhoods, and inviting them to our church.

**CONTACT: Mari Culver, 205-525-0071**  
**or 205-405-8130**

## CANASTAS DE EASTER UN PROYECTO DEL COMMITTEE HISPANO



### RECOLECCIÓN Y ARMADA DE CANASTAS DE RESURRECCIÓN

**QUÉ?** en recolectar dulces y juguetes para niños y armar canastas para ser distribuidas a la comunidad hispana de nuestra área. Sin embargo, no es necesario para llevar el suministro! Solo tiene que venir y poner una cesta junto.

**DONDE?** Las donaciones se pueden dejar en el salón comunal (Parish Hall) despues Mar. 21 o entregar a Mari Culver (205-525-0071).

**DETALLES:** El comité hispano está recolectando dulces de Easter, juguetes pequeños, y cosas para decorar las canastas de Easter. El comité armará las canastas en el salón comunal de la iglesia (Parish Hall) el domingo Marzo 13-20 después de la misa de 8:30 am. Si tienes una canasta extra que quieres donar la puedes traer y dejar el salón comunal.

*Si tu hijo/hija necesita una canasta de Easter por favor comunicarse con Gloria Raynor o Mari Culver.*

### The Green Corner

The Environmental Concerns Ministry will be providing the parish with ways to help the environment that are almost effortless. Let's get started!

#### WHAT WE CAN DO

- \* Carry reusable shopping bags. If you forget your tote bag, make sure plastic bags are filled to capacity at check out.
- \* Take clean recyclable materials to designated containers at Publix or WalMart. Plastic bags, paper bags, & clean styrofoam can be dropped off at Publix. \*Containers for plastic bags are available at the entrance to Walmart.
- \*If anyone ventures to Target, they take glass, aluminum, plastic containers, and plastic bags. Ask where you shop!

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