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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 27, 2016

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, February 28, 2016

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*Third Sunday of Lent
February 28, 2016*



*Merciful and gracious is the Lord,
slow to anger and abounding in
kindness.*

— Psalm 103:8

*Welcoming a Year
of God's Mercy*



Mass Intentions
Feb. 29 – March 6



Monday: Rev. Paul Donnelly *by the Zielinskis*
Tuesday: Harry Scruggs *by the Brazzolottos* †
Wednesday: Marie Battaglia *by Terry & Rita Rumore*
Thursday: Gene Smith *by Walton Smith*
Friday: Sharon Henderson *by KOC 12270* †
Saturday: J.W. Hand *by Karen & Bob Hand* †
Sunday: Melba Calvert *by Brenda & Jerry Kern* †

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 29—March 6

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Alternate readings
(Year A):
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41
[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

Today's Readings



First Reading — The Lord God appears to Moses and directs him to go and deliver the Israelites from Egypt. (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 or Exodus 17:3-7)

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful. (Psalm 103 or Psalm 95)

Second Reading — We are not to grumble like the people with Moses in the desert. (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8)

Gospel — If you do not repent, you will all perish. (Luke 13:1-9 or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42])

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Pastor's Message

Today's intriguing Gospel reading from Luke (13:1-9) discusses the tragedies of life and how we should react to them.

The first tragedy has to do with Galileans murdered by Pilate in a senseless cruelty; the second has to do with a natural calamity, a construction accident.

Rather than seeking explanations as why certain things happen to certain people, Jesus exhorts us to live in repentance and trust before God. In Thornton Wilder's novel, *The Bridge of St. Luis Rey*, the priest tries to prove that the reason the bridge collapsed with certain persons on it was to be found in the moral failings of these people. In the end the effort fails and is discredited.

There is a randomness to life—the accidents, the tragedies that defy reason. Who lives and who dies? Some are led to conclude that life is unfair. A widow, grieving for her husband who died at 53 cried: "I don't know. . . I don't know! It doesn't seem fair".

Robert Schuller, the evangelist, used to say: "Life isn't fair but God is good". Sometimes bad things happen to good people.

Jesus refuses to speculate in any philosophical way. Given that life is fragile, uncertain, and subject to accident, marred by tragedy, he wants us to live our lives in openness to God. To seek conversion. To walk in the presence of God and to repent of our sins.

If we have missed opportunities and look back with regret, there is a God of patience and mercy. A God of second chances. The fig tree was given another year. He gives us another year, another Lent. Thomas Merton said: "We think our life is important to ourselves alone and do not know that it is more important to the living God than it is to our own selves".

When we stand on the edge of closing out possibilities, of giving up, God pleads: "Give it another chance". A marriage struggling, school grades failing, a person addicted in a destructive habit. Give God's grace and skills another chance.

Let us not forget either the famous burning bush in the first reading today (Exodus 3:1-15). The bush burned but was not destroyed. Here Moses discovered the awesome presence of God, a God of holiness and utter mystery. The divine I AM.

Here is a reminder of the holiness of God and the holiness of creation. (Take off your shoes for the place where you stand is holy ground). The earth is bathed in God's grace, suffused with the divine presence. Creation is a window unto God. As Elizabeth Barret Browning, the poet (19th century) put it: "Earth's filled with heaven".

Faithful to our Small Group Gathering for Lent:

Thanks for your sharing and revealing God's mercy to us today.

A Grief Observed: We offer sympathy and prayers to Teri Frey and her family on the death of her father, John Crudwig. A good and gentle man of deep faith. May he be at home in God's abiding joy in heaven.

Peace and Blessings,
Fr. Sexton

Calendar of Events Feb. 28- March 6

Sunday-Feb 28

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*First Scrutiny 8:30 am

*Reconciliation GR 4, 5, & 6

*Confirmation Saint Report Due

Monday-Feb. 29

Masses 9 am

*Bridge

*Legion of Mary

Tuesday-March 1

Mass 9 am

*RCIA 7 pm

Wednesday-March 2

Mass 7 pm

Thursday-March 3

Mass 9 am

*Choir Practice 7 pm

Friday-March 4

Mass 9 am

*Fish Fry 5:00-6:30 pm

*Stations of the Cross 7pm

Saturday-March 5

Mass 5 pm

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

Sunday-March 6

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

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

*Second Scrutiny 11:15 am

*Reconciliation GR 7 & 8

*Youth Mass 11:15 am



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FINANCE NEWS
July 2015-June 2016

Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ 4479.31	\$ 5770.00

Year-to-date

*Offertory:	\$ 218,092.16	\$ 196,180.00
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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

We're Missing You . . .

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Do you know someone who has
left the Faith?

Let's reach out to them during the
Lenten season and send them
a friendly note.

Cards and envelopes are available
in both foyers.

Get one and send it.

Let them know how much you miss them.
Be a friend, Make a Friend in Christ.



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!

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

Thanks to all those that worked to make this year's Shower of Blessings such a beautiful and meaningful program. A special thank you to Tammy Ingels and Marcia Mortek for coordinating this event benefiting Ann's New Life Center, and to Fr. John Paul Mary for being such an inspiring speaker. May God continue to bless everyone that works

to protect and
defend all life!



Announcements

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent

Thursday: St. Katharine Drexel

*Friday: St. Casimir; World Day of Prayer;
First Friday; Abstinence*

Saturday: First Saturday



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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!

REPENT



**the kingdom
of heaven
is at hand**

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Assignment List March 2- March 6

WEDNESDAY MASS **3/2/2016**
7:00 PM

Altar Servers
Lectors Sarah Brazzolotto

SATURDAY MASS **3/5/2016**
5:00 pm

Altar Servers Bernie Funderburg, Cory Funderburg
Greeters Kathy Shivers, Allen & Phyllis Ross
Lectors Allen Ross, Phyllis Ross
Ministers Deacon, Gloria Albright, Connie Hertrich
Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Jim Dale, Jim Gorman, Bob Nicholas

SUNDAY MASS **3/6/2016**
8:30 AM

Altar Servers Sophie Poteracki, Natalie Newcomb, Bailey Nail, Jacob Wiley
Greeters Dennis/Sandy Veigl, Jay/Enid Willi
Lectors Joe Yester, Anna Emerick
Ministers Deacon, Michael Gagliano, Teri Gagliano, Carly Gagliano, Ronni Gagliano
Ushers Herb Kuntz, Joe Stanley, Ruth Stanley, Joe Pittman

11:15 AM **Youth Mass**

Altar Servers Paul Boyle, Sawyer Stice, Katie Boyle, Erin Barker
Greeters Youth
Lectors Youth
Ministers Deacon, Youth
Ushers Don Frederick, Chris Gallegly, Youth

If you cannot keep your assignment

PLEASE find a substitute.

Radiating HIS Love
by learning and living our Catholic Faith.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- March 6** R.E. 9:45am
Reconciliation 7th & 8th Grades
- March 13** R.E. 9:45am
Reconciliation High School
- March 17** Confirmation Sponsor/
Candidate Meeting 6pm
- March 19** Feast of St. Joseph
9:00am Mass
- March 20 Palm Sunday**
R.E. 9:45am

JUBILEE OF MERCY

MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER

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The *logo* and the *motto* together provide a fitting summary of what the Jubilee Year is all about. The motto *Merciful Like the Father* (taken from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (cfr. Lk 6:37-38). The logo – the work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik – presents a small *summa theologiae* of the theme of mercy. In fact, it represents an image quite important to the early Church: that of the Son having taken upon His shoulders the lost soul demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of His incarnation culminating in redemption. The logo has been designed in such a way so as to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one's life. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in His great mercy, takes humanity upon Himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one's own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in His gaze, the love of the Father.

The scene is captured within the so called *mandorla* (the shape of an almond), a figure quite important in early and medieval iconography, for it calls to mind the two natures of Christ, divine and human. The three concentric ovals, with colors progressively lighter as we move outward, suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of the night of sin and death. Conversely, the depth of the darker color suggests the impenetrability of the love of the Father who forgives all.



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
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.20.

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. 20 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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