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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, March 12, 2016

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 13, 2016

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 13, 2016



*I consider everything as a loss
because of the supreme good of knowing
Christ Jesus my Lord.*

— *Philippians 3:8*

*Welcoming a Year
of God's Mercy*



Mass Intentions March 14 – March 20



Monday: John Crapet by Brenda & Jerry Kern †
Tuesday: Andy & Trudi McClay by the Brazzolottos †
Wednesday: Pete Battaglia by the Boyles †
Thursday: Doris Thompson by Jeanie Reid †
Friday: Robert Moore by KOC 12270 †
Saturday: Angelina Gagliano by the Brazzolottos †
Sunday: Palm Sunday

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, Ron Stasko.

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 March 14—March 20

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20 (or Jn 8:1-11 if Year A readings were used on Sunday)

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]

Today's Readings



First Reading — The LORD does something new for the chosen people. (Isaiah 43:16-21) or Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (Psalm 126) or Psalm 130

Second Reading — The supreme good is knowing Jesus as Lord. (Philippians 3:8-14) or Romans 8:8-11

Gospel — A woman caught in the act of adultery is brought to Jesus. He challenges anyone without sin to throw the first stone. (John 8:1-11) or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

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Pastor's Message

Shall we be content to dwell on nostalgia, remembering the "good old days" and pining for their demise or shall we be a people of hope, trusting that God renews our world each day. The future beckons us to believe that God's creation is still unfolding. God is not finished with us yet. He has good things in store for us.

The prophet Isaiah is a reliable guide on our Lenten journey. We thrill to his words in the first reading today (Is. 43:16-21): "Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new". The wonderful words of God are not exhausted. The past is always prologue.

St. Paul too had to look to the future rather than dwell on the life of privilege and security he had enjoyed as a citizen of Rome and devout observer of the Mosaic Law. He came to look on everything in the past as a loss "Compared to the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus as his Lord". Paul is not speaking of book knowledge about Jesus but rather of having faith in him in the sense of joyful trust. He has fallen in love with God, and "forgetting what lies behind", he strains forward to what lies ahead, namely, eternal life.

In the Gospel scene (John 8:1-11) Jesus finds himself between a rock and a hard place. The scribes and the pharisees try to put him in a difficult place. If he sides with the legalists, he may gain their respect but lose that of his disciples who see him as merciful. If he suggests that forgiveness should be extended to the hapless woman, it will seem that he disregards the law.

We would love to know what Jesus wrote on the ground. It was enough to trigger a remembrance of sin on the part of the accusers. They walked away in silence. They, who had always so many words and quoted the law so readily and were ready to condemn, walked away. An ugly scene of potential violence is transformed into a scene of mercy and truth.

It is easy to throw stones. We judge all too easily. It is not so easy to look within ourselves and ask for forgiveness and then show mercy to others.

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**Communal Parish Wide Celebration of Penance** will take place on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. (The daily Mass will be transferred to Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m.). Fr. Jose will be here to help us celebrate the Sacrament of Confession. A specific reconciliation service written for the Year of Mercy will be used.

**Feast of St. Joseph**—Saturday, March 19th a special Mass will be offered at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to celebrate this special Feast day.

Peace and Blessings,  
*Fr. Sexton*

## Calendar of Events March 13– March 20

### **Sunday-March 13**

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

- \*RE 9:45 am/Lenten Pray/Fast/Give
- \*Reconciliation GR 9-12
- \*Pro Life Rosary/Spanish
- \*Youth Bake Sale

### **Monday-March 14**

#### **Masses 9 am**

- \*Bridge
- \*Legion of Mary

### **Tuesday-March 15**

#### **Mass 9 am**

- \*RCIA 7 pm

### **Wednesday-March 16**

#### **Mass 9 am**

- \*Surfsiders 10 am
- \*SR Youth 5:30 pm
- \*Penance Service 7 pm

### **Thursday-March 17**

#### **Mass 9 am**

- \*Choir Practice 7 pm

### **Friday-March 18**

#### **Mass 9 am**

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

### **Saturday-March 19**

#### **Mass 9 am**

- \*Feast of St. Joseph- reception following Mass
- \*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

### **Sunday-March 20**

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

- \*RE 9:45 am/Lenten Pray/Fast/Give Ends
- \*Living Stations 7:30 pm
- \*No SR Youth
- \*No Holy Hour



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

**Last week**

|                    |                     |                   |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
|                    | <b>Actual</b>       | <b>Budget</b>     |
| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 10,226.90</b> | <b>\$ 5770.00</b> |

**Year-to-date**

|                    |                      |                      |
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| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 231,682.21</b> | <b>\$ 207,720.00</b> |
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*We're Missing You . . .*

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left the Faith?

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Lenten season and send them  
a friendly note.

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in both foyers.

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Let them know how much you miss them.

Be a friend, Make a Friend in Christ.



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

Our Lady of the Lake will be responsible for providing  
**250 sandwiches** for the Community Holy Week Ser-  
vices to be held at Pell City United Methodist Church  
on **Wednesday, March 23rd**.

If you are able to **donate a large loaf of regular**  
**bread** you may bring it to the Church kitchen on  
Tuesday, March 22nd.

**Volunteers** are also needed to prepare the sand-  
wiches 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.



***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 – 118 cans**



**HAVE A GOOD MARRIAGE?**

**Want to step up to a Great,  
Exciting & Romantic One?**

Why settle for merely good when you can have  
the exciting and romantic relationship you both  
dreamed about just a few years ago? Now is  
the time to reach out for more and attend a  
**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. The  
next weekend in the diocese is scheduled in  
**Cullman, May 20-22 at St. Bernard's Abbey**.

You can get additional info or register online  
at **[www.ALFL-wwme.org](http://www.ALFL-wwme.org)** or by calling  
Bob & Joy Hernandez at **678-985-0125**.



**Pro Life Corner**

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

*Ann's New Life Center  
is in need of large  
plastic totes/containers to  
store clothing, diapers etc.  
If you would like to donate  
please call Ann's at*

**205.338.4580.**



## Announcements

### *Saints and Special Observances*

**Sunday:** *Fifth Sunday of Lent;  
Daylight Saving Time  
Begins*

**Monday:** *Julian Calendar Lent begins*

**Thursday:** *St. Patrick*

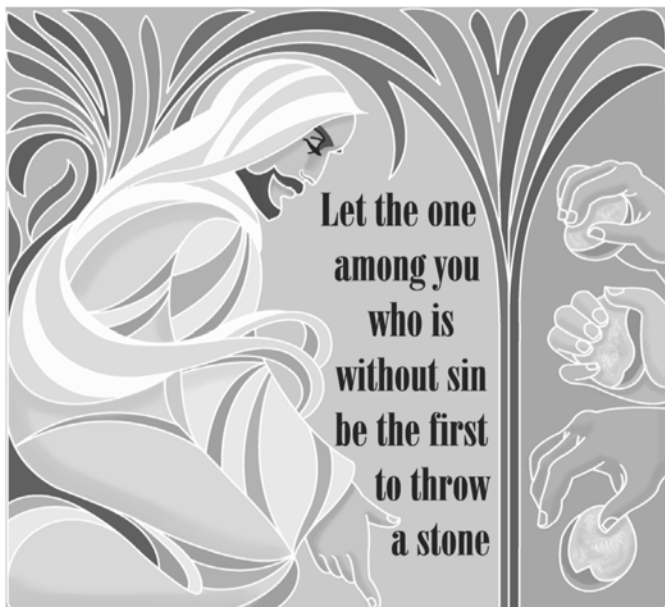
**Friday:** *St. Cyril of Jerusalem;  
Abstinence*

**Saturday:** *St. Joseph, Spouse of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary;  
Spring begins*



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All are warmly invited to join us on Friday, March 18 at 7pm for a live performance of the Living Stations of the Cross. The Stations will be performed by the Cenacolo Community ([www.hopereborn.org](http://www.hopereborn.org)) in the piazza of the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, AL. This powerful event is open to people of all faiths and ages. For more information on this free event, call: 205-795-5717



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## Assignment List March 16- March 20

### **WEDNESDAY MASS** **3/16/2016** **7:00 PM**

Altar Servers  
Lectors Teri Gagliano

### **SATURDAY MASS** **3/19/2016** **9:00 AM**

Altar Servers  
Greeters  
Lectors  
Ministers  
Ushers

#### **5 PM**

Altar Servers Chris Gallegly, Marty Poteracki  
Greeters Bill/Loretta Frost, Tammy McRae  
Lectors Sonia Dale, Martha Hayes  
Ministers Deacon, Larry Reese, Sara Reese  
Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Sam Marston

### **SUNDAY MASS** **3/20/2016** **8:30 AM** **Palm Sunday**

Altar Servers Anthony Emerick, Michael Emerick,  
Matthew Frey, Carson Falkner  
Greeters Amelia Reese, Alexis Allor  
Lectors Joe Stanley, Dennis Veigl  
Ministers Deacon, Ken Otto, Edie Otto, Anna Emerick, Janice Stella  
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Mike Gordon,  
Isabel Loera, Robert Paulitzky

#### **11:15 AM**

Altar Servers Sawyer Stice, Jimillia Sayles, Will Pittman, Destiny Markevich  
Greeters Frank Troncalli, Shirley Skeivelas  
Lectors Bernie Funderburg, Mary Adams  
Ministers Deacon, Maria Jimenez, Brenda Rochford, Jim Morteck, Marcia Morteck  
Ushers Don Frederick, Johnny Armstrong, Jimmy Pittman, Ngambou Djakar William

**If you cannot keep your assignment**

**PLEASE find a substitute.**

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



# Our Lady of the Lake Penance Service

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00pm

*"Let us place the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the center once more."*

*-Pope Francis*



**ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL**

2120 3rd Ave. N

Birmingham

**TUESDAY, MARCH 22ND**

**11:00AM**

**M.Y.C.**

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR**

**March 13** Religious Education 9:45am ~ Reconciliation High School

**March 16** **Penance Service at 7:00 pm**

**March 19** Feast of St. Joseph 9:00am Mass

**March 20** **Palm Sunday**

Religious Education 9:45am ~ Living Stations of the Cross 7:30pm



**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.*



**All are  
Welcome**

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

*Shane & Anna Thomas and Children,  
Murphy, Brady & Zita*

**Mercy:**  
the bridge that connects  
**God** and **man,**  
opening our hearts  
to the **hope**  
of being **loved** forever  
**despite**   
our **sinfulness.**  
-Pope Francis

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