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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 19, 2016

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 20, 2016

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord
March 20, 2016*



*The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced.*

— Isaiah 50:7a

*Welcoming a Year
of God's Mercy*



Mass Intentions March 21 – March 27



Monday: Marlene Catalino by Sam Catalino †

Tuesday: Melba Calvert by Brenda & Jerry Kern †

Wednesday: Joseph Brazzolotto by the Brazzolottos †

Thursday: Holy Thursday

Friday: Good Friday

Saturday: Holy Saturday

Sunday: Easter 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 21—March 27

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21 Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 2, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

Today's Readings



Gospel at the Procession with Palms -
Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. (Luke 19:28-40)

First Reading - In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame. (Isaiah 50:4-7)

Psalm - My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22)

Second Reading - Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation. (Philippians 2:6-11)

Gospel - The account of Christ's passion according to Luke. (Luke 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49])

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Pastor's Message

Today we enter that most sacred and most solemn week of the year: Holy Week. In this Holy Week we pause again before the mystery of evil. It is innocence trampled, it is love rejected, it is commitments broken yet, through it all is a love stronger than death. It is God who saves and who vindicates His faithful ones.

Holy Week is the great Liturgical re-enactment of the story of our salvation. It is to be experienced as a total event. It is the unfolding of the incredible story of how God saved us in Christ and saves us even now.

To celebrate Holy Week well is to experience transformation, to be touched deeply by God's saving grace...it is to let the timeless, saving actions of God shed light and hope on our sometimes troubled and darkened world. It is to be lifted up from our own betrayals and blindness, our own brokenness and feeble attempts to save ourselves. We are invited to taste the power of the Cross and the Alleluia of Easter.

The Liturgy of Palm Sunday is unique in that two Gospel accounts are read. The first occurs prior to the procession with palms. In Luke's account (19:28-40), the crowds are jubilant at the arrival of Jesus as he approaches the slopes of the Mount of Olives. Their proclamation, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord", prefigures the Sanctus in the Eucharistic prayer.

The second Gospel account, also from Luke (22:15-23:56), is the Passion narrative from Luke's perspective. The Last Supper account is presented as happening during the Passover meal. We hear the familiar words of the institution of the Eucharist as well as the warning that one of the disciples will betray Jesus.

The disciples argue about who is the best. Peter expresses his bravado and is rebuked with the prediction that he will deny Jesus three times. Some want Jesus to be a warrior and so they speak of needing swords to defend him.

In the end, Jesus dies a noble death from the Cross. He assures the repentant thief of a place in Heaven and he forgives his enemies. It is mercy upon mercy for the one in Luke's Gospel who came to reveal God's forgiveness to the poor and the outcast, the sinners and those who did not know their need for mercy. What wondrous love is this!

Living Stations this Sunday Evening at 7:30 p.m.:

Every year on Palm Sunday our youth present a special re-enactment of the Way of the Cross. It is always inspiring and prayerful and a great introduction to Holy Week. Hope to see you there and at all the Liturgies of this Holy Week.

Peace and Blessings,
Fr. Sexton

Holy Week— March 20-March 27

Sunday-March 20

Palm Sunday

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



Monday-March 21

Masses 9 am

*Bridge

*Legion of Mary

*Reconciliation 9:30-10:30 am

Tuesday-March 22

Mass 9 am

*RCIA 7 pm—Practice & Reflection

*Chrism Mass St. Paul's Cathedral 11am

Wednesday-March 23

Mass 7 pm

*Reconciliation 9:30-10:30 am

*Practice Holy Thursday after Mass

Thursday-March 24

Holy Thursday

*The Lord's Supper ,
Institution of the Eucharist & Washing of Feet 7 pm

*Confirmation Student Procession

*Adoration till midnight



Friday-March 25

Good Friday

*Stations of the Cross 2:00 pm

*Veneration of the Cross 7:00 pm

Saturday-March 26

Mass 8 pm

*Reconciliation 3:00-5:00 pm

*Practice Holy Saturday 11:00 am

*Blessing of the Easter Food 12:00 noon

*RCIA Vigil 8:00 pm

Sunday-March 27

Easter Sunday

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*No RE

*Egg Hunt between Masses



FINANCE NEWS
July 2015-June 2016

Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ pending	\$ 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

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	<i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>
Monday:	<i>Monday of Holy Week</i>
Tuesday:	<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>
Wednesday:	<i>Wednesday of Holy Week; Purim begins</i>
Thursday:	<i>Holy Thursday; Paschal Triduum Begins</i>
Friday:	<i>Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday); Fast and Abstinence</i>
Saturday:	<i>Holy Saturday; Vigil of Easter</i>



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Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Pro Life Corner

Our Lady of the Lake
Spiritual Adoption Program

*Please continue to pray for all
 unborn babies and their
 mothers and fathers.*



Announcement



Looking For a Way To Include God In Your Relationship?

Find some new ideas on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores and phones...and focus on each other (the way it all began). This weekend can help you find greater depth, growth and enrichment in your relationship. 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 or by calling Bob & Joy Hernandez at **678-985-0125**.

Assignments—March 23- March 24

WEDNESDAY MASS 3/23/2016 7:00 PM

Altar Servers
Lectors Charmaine Welch

HOLY THURSDAY MASS 3/24/2016 7:00 PM

Altar Servers Matthew Reese, Sophie Poteracki,
Sawyer Stice, Jimillia Sayles, Michael
Emerick
Greeters Patsy Lopez deVictoria, Patrick
Cowart
Lectors Jim Mortek, Marcia Mortek
Ministers Deacon, Deacon, Chris Gallegly,
Sonia Dale, Susan Moseley
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Herb Kuntz,
Rosemary Mateer, Laura Headley

Assignments—March 25- March 27

GOOD FRIDAY 3/25/2016

Stations of the Cross 2:00 pm

Altar Servers Sawyer Stice, Andrew Thomaston, Will
Thomaston

Veneration of the Cross 7:00 pm

Altar Servers James Lewis, Ryan Murphree
Greeters Grace Troncalli, Frank Troncalli
Lectors Tony Hollis, Sara Reese
Ministers Deacon
Ushers Don Frederick, Herb Kuntz, Jim
Dale, Cristy McKinney

HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 3/26/2016 8:00 PM

Altar Servers Sophie Poteracki, Sawyer Stice, Jimillia
Sayles, Ryan Murphree, Matthew Reese
Greeters Teri Gagliano, Gisela Scruggs
Lectors Robert Lewis, Sarah Brazzolotto,
Larry Foltz, Sonia Dale
Ministers Deacon, Deacon, Mary Adams,
Wayne Adams, Stephen Reese
Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Jim Dale, Jim
Gorman, Bob Nicholas

EASTER SUNDAY MASS 3/27/2016 8:30 AM

Altar Servers Andrew Thomaston, Will Thomaston,
Matthew Frey, Carson Falkner
Greeters Connie Hertrich, Janice Stella
Lectors Bart Perry, Gail Perry
Ministers Deacon, Tom Graffo, Rosemary
Mateer, Joe Stanley, Ruth Stanley
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Gregg Becnel,
Chris Frey, Sawyer Stice

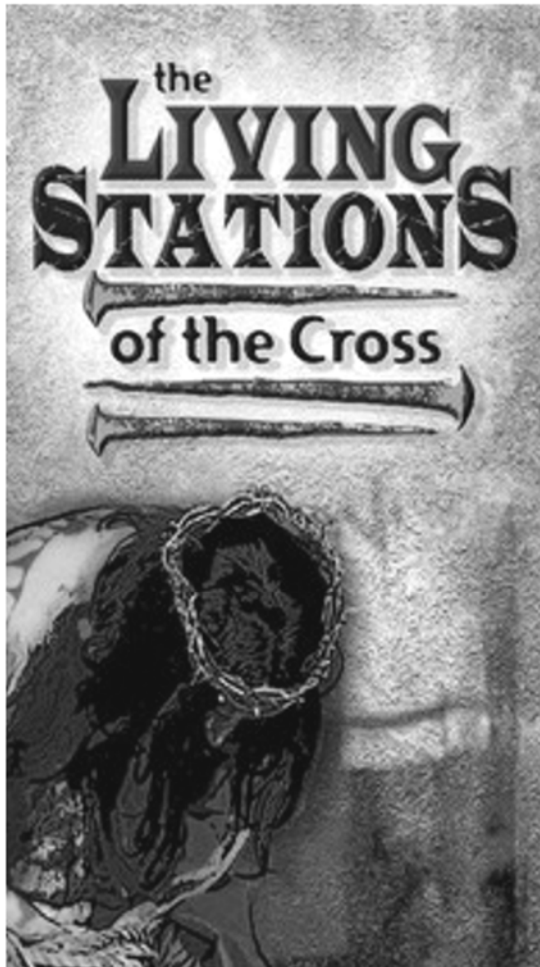
11:15 AM

Altar Servers James Lewis, Erin Barker, Troy Rosato
Greeters Mike/Kitty Gordon, Joe/Ruth Stanley
Lectors Ronnie Sellers, Jennifer Sellers
Ministers Deacon, Jim Mortek, Marcia Mortek,
Tommie Ann Johnson, Lee Walser
Ushers Don Frederick, Johnny Armstrong,
Brian Young, John Smith

**If you cannot keep your assignment
PLEASE find a substitute.**

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

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Mercy



Living Stations of the Cross
Sunday, March 20th at 7:30pm



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ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL
2120 3rd Ave. North ~ Birmingham
TUESDAY, MARCH 22ND
11:00AM

M.Y.C.

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**

See the rest of the bulletin for the
Holy Week Schedule
& invite others to join us!

March 20 Palm Sunday

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

March 27 Easter Sunday.... No Religious Education

Easter Egg Hunt between the Masses



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: Assembly of Baskets for
Distribution to Hispanic areas.

WHERE: Parish Hall

WHEN: Assembly: Mar. 13 & 20

Distribution: After the 8:30 Mass
on Palm Sunday, Mar.20.

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



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.



Swieconka

Polish Easter Basket Blessing
Cathedral of St. Paul
Holy Saturday, March 26
9:00am

All are welcome!

Swieconka (sh-vee-en-soon-kah) is one of the most enduring and beloved
Polish traditions. Baskets containing a sampling of Easter foods
are brought to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday.

The basket is traditionally lined with a white linen or lace napkin and
decorated with sprigs of boxwood (**bukszpan**), the typical Easter evergreen.

This food is shared on Easter morning in a ritual breaking of the fast.

Observing the beautiful foods and creations of other parishioners is
one of the special joys of the event.

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