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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

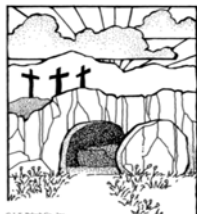
Saturday, March 26, 2016

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 27, 2016

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Easter Sunday March 27, 2016



*To him all the prophets bear witness,
that everyone who believes
in him will receive forgiveness
of sins through his name.*

— Acts 10:43



Mass Intentions March 28 – April 3



Monday: Ron Stasko by Mike & Kitty Gordon

Tuesday: Pete Battaglia by the Brazzolottos

Wednesday: Rich Rossell Family by Terry & Rita Rumore

Thursday: Betsy Spencer by the Brazzolottos †

Friday: John Crapet by Jay & Enid Willi †

Saturday: Nicki Harrell by the Brazzolottos †

Sunday: John Crapet by KOC 12270 †

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, Jacky Johnson.*

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 28—April 3

Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5- 9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday:	Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2- 4, 13-15, 22-24; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17- 19; Jn 20:19-31

Today's Readings



First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen. (Acts 10:34a, 37-43)

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Psalm 118)

(1) **Second Reading** — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven. (Colossians 3:1-4) or
(2) **Second Reading** — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate. (1 Co-
rinthians 5:6b-8)

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or Luke 24:1-12 (or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35)

Pastor's Message

Easter and Easter Week: Easter is the Church's holiest day of the year. After twenty centuries, we still boldly announce to the world: Christ is Risen! Christ lives!

The week following Easter Sunday is called the Octave of Easter. This is a continuing celebration of the gift of Easter which is too big for just one day. Every day of the Octave is another Easter, to rejoice in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

St. Augustine refers to the Octave of Easter as "Days of mercy and pardon". He calls the Sunday after Easter "The summary of the days of mercy". This has special meaning for us this year as we celebrate a Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Since the year 2000, the church has designated the Sunday after Easter as the Sunday of Divine Mercy to celebrate the fact that Jesus still calls us to immerse ourselves in His mercy and love.

Several small groups of parishioners have been meeting faithfully throughout the Lenten season to reflect on God's mercy as gift and task. Many blessings have come to our parish from these weekly sessions. We celebrate these blessings and give thanks for the small group participants in a special celebration in the Parish Hall, following the 3:00 p.m. Mercy Sunday prayers in the church.

"This is the day the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad". This joyful refrain—part of the Responsorial Psalm for the Mass of Easter—captures well the meaning of this Easter Sunday. Christ is risen. Death has died. Life can be lived with joy and hope and meaning.

In Rome on this Easter Sunday the 400 bells of the city ring out repeatedly the joy of the resurrection. May the bells of Easter ring in your heart at Easter time, with its message so unbelievable and yet so wonderful to believe.

We look to John, the beloved disciple, in the Gospel of this Easter Sunday (John 20:1-9). It is said "He went inside the tomb and he saw and believed". Perhaps it was his great love for the Lord that made faith easier for him. Peter did not come to faith so easily. He was still hurting from Good Friday. It's hard to believe and to love when your heart is hurting. May you find faith anew in the grace of this day.

We greet and welcome all who are sharing in this Easter Mass with us at Our Lady of the Lake. We pray this prayer for all of us.

An Easter Prayer

Father, we come to you this Easter day
from the passion of our lives.

We come and proclaim the Resurrection.

We shout with all our hearts
"Christ Is Risen".

For this Resurrection hope, for this Good News
that rings like Easter bells

Over the cries of sorrow and the din of strife.
We give you thanks through Christ our Lord.

A blessed and joy-filled Easter to you and yours.

Fr. Sexton, Deacon Terry, Deacon Serge

March 27-April 3

Sunday-March 27

Easter Sunday

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*No RE

*Egg Hunt between Masses



Monday-March 28

Mass 9 am

*Bridge

*Legion of Mary

Tuesday-March 29

Mass 9 am

*RCIA 7 pm—Pot Luck/Meet & Greet

Wednesday-March 30

Mass 7 pm

Thursday-March 31

Mass 9 am

Friday-April 1

*First Friday Adoration 9:30-12:30

Saturday-April 2

Mass 8 pm

*Reconciliation 3:00-5:00 pm

Sunday-April 3

Divine Mercy Sunday

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*RE 9:45 am

*Youth Mass 11:15 am

*Reconciliation for Divine Mercy 2:00 pm

*Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 pm: reception
for small groups following prayers in Hall



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FINANCE NEWS
July 2015-June 2016

Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ 7340.97	\$ 5770.00

Year-to-date

*Offertory:	\$ 239,023.18	\$ 213,490.00
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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 – 55 cans

THANK YOU THANK YOU...



Paul and I would like to extend our deepest heartfelt thanks for all the wonderful cards, prayers, visits, food and support that we received during his stay in the hospital and recovery from his surgeries.

It has certainly been a journey which opened our hearts and minds to yet a deeper meaning of life.

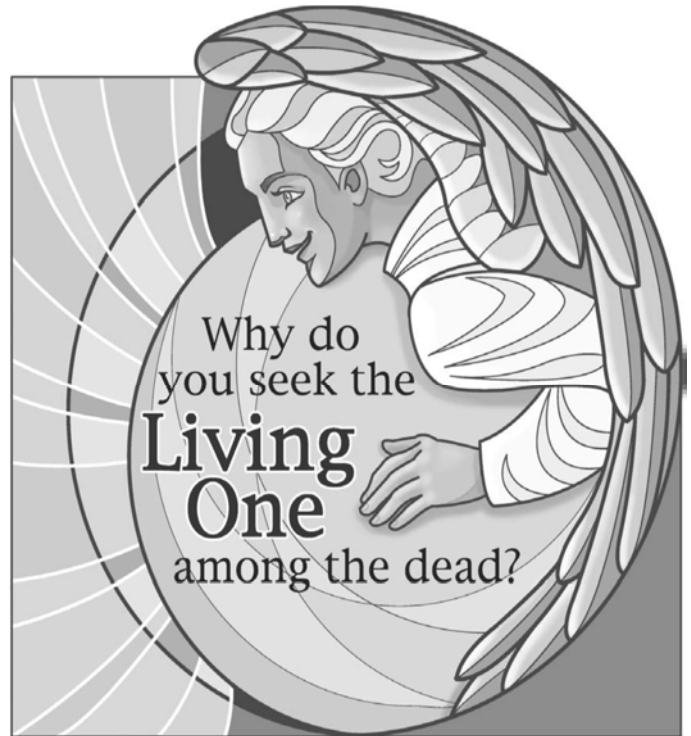
Paul's recovery continues but the progress he has made thus far is because of YOU.

We feel God's presence, experienced His grace and witnessed His healing miracles.

We pray God blesses each and everyone of you 100 fold in return. We are truly blessed here at OLL.....

peace my friends...

Paul and Parma



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ALL ARE INVITED!



John Carroll Catholic High School will be hosting an **OPEN HOUSE** for prospective students and families on **Wednesday, April 13th from 4:30-6:30pm**. Come meet the John Carroll faculty and administration to learn about our tradition of excellence in a Christ-centered environment. John Carroll Student Ambassadors will begin tours at 4:30pm.

For more information, please contact Kathryn Davis, Director of Admissions at (205) 940-2400 ext. 233 or admissions@jcchs.org.



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



DO YOU NEED A VACATION??

How About A Get-Away Weekend?

Give yourself and your spouse time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. Want something more lasting than a weekend vacation in Bermuda or the Mountains? Enjoy a chance to talk and listen to that special person who loves you! Make time to enrich your relationship by attending 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 or by calling Bob & Joy Hernandez at **678-985-0125**.

Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday:** *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*
- Monday:** *Monday within the Octave of Easter*
- Tuesday:** *Tuesday within the Octave of Easter*
- Wednesday:** *Wednesday within the Octave of Easter*
- Thursday:** *Thursday within the Octave of Easter*
- Friday:** *Friday within the Octave of Easter; First Friday*
- Saturday:** *Saturday within the Octave of Easter; First Saturday*

Assignments—March 30- April 3

WEDNESDAY MASS

3/30/2016

7:00 PM

Altar Servers
Lectors Bernie Funderburg

SATURDAY MASS

4/2/2016

8:00 PM

Altar Servers Stephen Reese, Lance Stella
Greeters Nancy Ross, Gisela Scruggs
Lectors
Ministers Deacon,
Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Clayton Martin

SUNDAY MASS

4/3/2016

8:30 AM

Altar Servers
Greeters Crapet/Freeman
Lectors
Ministers Deacon,
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Laura Headley, Jacky & Tommie Ann Johnson

11:15 AM

Youth Mass

Altar Servers
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 Merciful Love
by learning and living
our Catholic Faith.

JUBILEE
YEAR of
Mercy



ALLELUIA!



JESUS IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD!

Today (and for the next 8 days) the Church celebrates the Octave of Easter, which basically means that the celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the dead goes on for eight straight days!

"The Gospel of Easter is very clear: we need to go back there, to see Jesus risen, and to become witnesses of his Resurrection. This is not to go back in time; it is not a kind of nostalgia. It is returning to our first love, in order to receive the fire which Jesus has kindled in the world and to bring that fire to all people, to the very ends of the earth." (Pope Francis, Easter Vigil Homily, 2014)

Enjoy the Easter Egg Hunt!

Yes, It's today, following the 8:30am Mass.



M.Y.C. MARK YOUR
CALENDAR

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3 Religious Education at 9:45am followed by Youth Mass



Little Ones in Christ **Grades Pre K—Grade 2**

Contact Joanna Murphree
(205) 473-1444.

Junior Youth **Grades 3—Grade 6**

Contact
Jordan Murphree
(205) 863-5787

Senior Youth **Grades 7-12**

1st & 3rd Wednesdays—Sr. Youth Meetings
& Every 3rd Sunday—Social Night
Contact Peter Boyle (205) 613-5435



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