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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, April 2, 2016

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 3, 2016

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday of Divine Mercy
April 3, 2016*



*Once I was dead,
but now I am alive forever and ever.*

— Revelation 1:18a



Mass Intentions

April 4 – April 10



Monday: Tom Zopfi by the Brazzolottos †
Tuesday: Tom Scruggs by Gisela Scruggs †
Wednesday: Sidney Sellers by the Brazzolottos †
Thursday: Denny Gentry by the Brazzolottos †
Friday: Linda Reimenshneider by the Brazzolottos †
Saturday: John Crapet by John & Rosena Prestigiaco †
Sunday: Marion Hopper by the Brazzolottos †

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

*Gene & Walton Smith, Matt Joiner, Pat Roberts,
Judy Dawley, Paul Boyle, Marie Battaglia,
Dennis Tyler, Dorothy DiMattia, Jacky Johnson,
Yolie Roy, Crystal Welford.*

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 prayer list for 30 days and then are removed unless the Church Office is notified.

Weekly Readings ~ April 4—April 10

Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

Today's Readings



First Reading — The apostles perform many signs and wonders among the people. Many are added to their numbers. (Acts 5:12-16)

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Psalm 118)

Second Reading — John, caught up in the spirit, envisions the glorified Lord, the first and the last, the one who lives. (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19)

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts. (John 20:19-31).

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Pastor's Message

Easter is not just a day. It is a Liturgical season of fifty days that will bring us to the Feast of Pentecost on May 15th. The truth of Easter and its implications for the world is so great it requires repeated reflection. This is what the Church will do in the coming weeks.

The second Sunday of Easter has been given different names. It was called Low Sunday in the old calendar; it is not clear why this name was given.

Another tradition referred to this Sunday as "White Sunday" since it was the end of the week during which the newly baptized wore white robes.

In recent years, due to the direction of St. John Paul II, this Sunday is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. This is especially significant this year as we celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Many churches, including Our Lady of the Lake will have a special afternoon service including the recitation of the Rosary and the Chaplet prayers for Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m. One of the fruits of Easter is a great outpouring of Divine Mercy in the hearts of believers.

The Gospel selection for this Sunday is repeated annually. It is from John's Gospel (20:19-31). It presents two appearances of the risen Christ to the disciples on the first evening of Easter and again eight days later. This Gospel is written for everyone who has ever doubted the truth of Easter. Thomas who was in deepest doubt at first and who stands in for all of us, came to deepest faith with the grace of the risen Lord. Christ was patient with him and waited for his act of faith. In the end Thomas pronounces the strongest expression of faith in all of John's Gospel: "My Lord and my God".

We can all relate to Thomas. He is a symbol for our time when faith does not come so easily to many. We can take comfort too in the closing words of today's Gospel addressed to us: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed".

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**A Word of Sincere Thanks:** To all our Liturgical ministers, choir members, lectors, special ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, Altar servers, cantors and song leaders who made Holy Week so special in our Parish. Thanks too to our sacristans and church decorators and to all that lent a helping hand.

**A Grief Observed:** The Catholic community has lost some giants of the faith in recent days. We grieve for the passing of Bishop William Houck, retired Bishop of Jackson; Mother Angelica, foundress of three religious communities and a world-wide religious broadcasting station now seen in 140 countries; Ron Stasko of our parish—faithful believer, devoted husband and father, member of our choir and the Knights of Columbus. An Easter witness to be sure. May they all share the fullness of Resurrection life.

Peace and Blessings,

*Fr. Sexton,*

*April 3-April 10*

### **Sunday-April 3**

**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

### **Monday-April 4**

**Mass 9 am**

\*Bridge

\*Legion of Mary

\*Liturgy 6 pm

### **Tuesday-April 5**

**Mass 9 am**

\*RCIA Potluck & Ministries 6:30 pm

### **Wednesday-April 6**

**Mass 7 pm**

\*SR Youth 5:30 pm

### **Thursday-April 7**

**Mass 9 am**

### **Friday-April 8**

**Mass 9 am**

### **Saturday-April 9**

**Mass 5 pm**

\*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

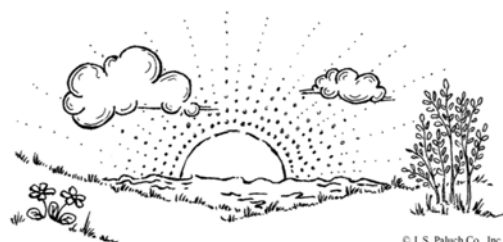
### **Sunday-April 10**

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

\*RE 9:45 am

\*Pro Life Rosary/English

\*Adult Ed 9:45 am



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**FINANCE NEWS**  
July 2015-June 2016

Last week

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

Year-to-date

|             |               |               |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| *Offertory: | \$ 248,795.25 | \$ 219,260.00 |
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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 – 76 cans**



### Thank You!

To everyone that participated in making Holy Week special for our Parish and our Community, thank you! So many hours and so many hands are needed from cleaning the Church and grounds, making sandwiches for the ecumenical service, recruiting volunteers for Mass, providing flowers, music, preparing the Altar, standing vigil for Our Lord, and supporting and praying for our Candidates and Catecumens. A special thank you to Deacon Terry, Deacon Serge and to Father Sexton for leading us in worship and celebration of the Holy Eucharist. And finally, thank you for your presence and participation as we prayed together at the Masses as the Body of Christ! Our Lady of the Lake is truly blessed by your loving service.



**ALL ARE INVITED!**

**John Carroll Catholic High School** will be hosting an **OPEN HOUSE** for prospective students and families on **Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.*



## Saints and Special Observances

**Sunday:** *Second Sunday of Easter  
(or of Divine Mercy)*

**Monday:** *The Annunciation of  
the Lord*

**Tuesday:** *St. Vincent Ferrer*

**Thursday:** *St. John Baptist de la Salle*

Join Deacon Serge for  
**Adult Ed: April 10th**  
and learn about:



**Comunita Cenacolo:  
The Resurrection of Our Youth**

*"Today's drug addict tells us that all of society is  
poisoned...Drug addicts, who suffer with  
darkness, sadness, anxiety, and the death of their heart,  
are the prophets of our times. They scream out to us with  
their lives and wrong choices, 'We've had everything,  
but we failed!'*

*They are expressing to us the only truth of the  
human heart: we all need God!"*

—MOTHER ELVIRA PETROZZI



## STOP AND THINK

### About How You Spend Your Time!

For most of us our priorities are our children, our jobs, career, leisure and God. How much time do you spend just for the two of you as a couple? You deserve to learn how to make the most of your time and relationship. 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 today at [www.ALFL-wwme.org](http://www.ALFL-wwme.org) or by calling Bob & Joy Hernandez at **678-985-0125**.

## Assignments—April 6- April 10

### WEDNESDAY MASS

**4/6/2016**

**7:00 PM**

Altar Servers

Lectors

Charmaine Welch

### SATURDAY MASS

**4/9/2016**

**8:00 PM**

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors

Ministers

Ushers

Stephen Reese, Lance Stella

Janice/Lance Stella, Kathy Shivers

Allen Ross, Phyllis Ross

Jim Dale, Sonia Dale, Gloria Albright

Cecil Rodgers, Bob Hand, Karen

Hand, Sam Marston

### SUNDAY MASS

**4/10/2016**

**8:30 AM**

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors

Ministers

Ushers

Andrew Thomaston, Will Thomaston,

Danielle McKinney, Matthew Frey

Rosemary Mateer, Jimillia Sayles

Carey Monistere, Tony Hollis

Deacon, Anna Emerick, Janice Stella,

Joe Stanley, Ruth Stanley

Michael Gagliano, Cristy McKinney,

Belia Solis, Edith Pavez

**11:15 AM**

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors

Ministers

Ushers

Sawyer Stice, Ryan Murphree, John

Himler, Payton Forman

Patrick Cowart, Patsy LopezdeVictoria

John Stice, Robert Lewis

Deacon, Sarah Brazzolotto, Maria

Jiminez, Ronnie Selllers, Jennifer

Sellers

Don Frederick, Ron Markevich, Ron

Solis, Jennifer Solis

**If you cannot keep your assignment  
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*Jesus, I Trust  
in You.*

2:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Chaplet

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2016

*Reception to follow in the Parish Hall*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Mon. April 4** The Feast of the  
Annunciation of Our Lord
- Tues. April 5** Pot Luck with New Members
- Wed. April 6** 5:30pm Sr. Youth
- Sun. April 10** 9:45am Religious Education  
& 9:45am Adult Education  
1:00pm—3:00pm Jr. Youth
- Sun. April 17** 9:45am Religious Education  
5:00pm Sr. Youth, 6:30pm Praise & Worship  
7:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

ADULT  
FAITH  
FORMATION



Sunday  
April 10th  
9:45am  
Parish Hall

God's mercy can make even the driest land become a garden, can restore life to dry bones (cf. Ez 37:1-14). ... Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish.

— Easter Urbi et Orbi message  
on March 31, 2013



**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





**All are  
Welcome**

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



*Matthew Hartley  
Conni & Jimmy Hollis  
Montana Howell  
Gail Layton  
Ryan McClary  
Crystal Welford  
Joanna & Larry Keel and children Reese & Nora*

*"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you,  
for the glory of God." Romans 15:7*



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