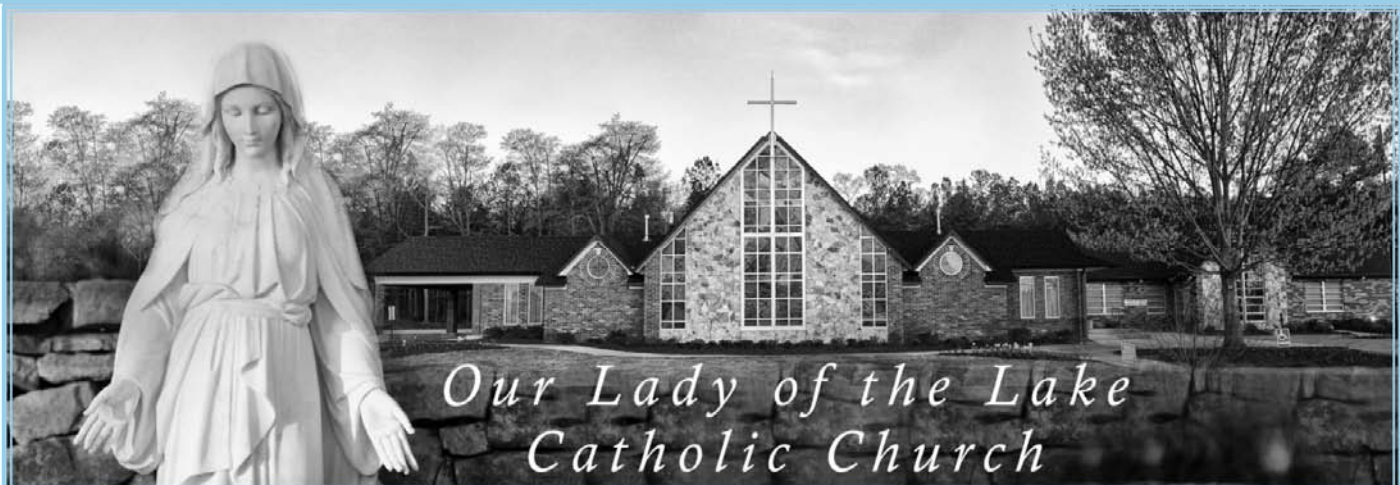




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MASSES

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 16, 2016

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 17, 2016

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



*Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 17, 2016*

*"I have made you a light
to the Gentiles, that you may
be an instrument of salvation
to the ends of the earth."*

— Acts 13:47b



Mass Intentions

April 18 – April 24



Monday: John Crapet by Jay & Enid Willi†

Tuesday: James Gregg by KOC 12270 †

Wednesday: Trudi & Andy McClay by the Zielinskis †

Thursday: John Crapet by Terry & Rita Rumore †

Friday: Mark Richards by the Brazzolottos †

Saturday: Leo Tomaszewski by the Morteles †

Sunday: Jim Gutsell 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 pray-
er list for 30 days and then are removed un-
less the Church Office is notified.

Weekly Readings ~ April 18—April 24

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Today's Readings



First Reading — The Jews angrily reject Paul and Barnabas' preaching. They then turn their energies to the Gentiles. (Acts 13:14, 43-52)

Psalm — We are his people, the sheep of his flock. (Psalm 100)

Second Reading — John envisions a great white-robed multitude standing before the throne and before the Lamb. (Revelation 7:9, 14b-17)

Gospel — My sheep hear my voice; they follow me. I give them eternal life. (John 10:27-30)

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Pastor's Message

This Sunday is often referred to as "Good Shepherd Sunday" in view of the Gospel reading where Jesus refers to himself as "The Good Shepherd". (John 10:27-30)

In 1963 Pope Paul VI designated Good Shepherd Sunday as World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, protects us as his flock and promises us the gift of eternal life. As followers of Jesus we are called to remain faithful to the grace of God.

As we celebrate this Feast Day we pray for fidelity to our vocation. The Church invites us to honor the common vocation we all received at baptism, namely, to live Christ-like lives spent in praise of God and service of others.

In addition, each of us has received a more specific vocation through marriage, priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life, and the single life. May we who have dedicated our lives to God through one or more of these vocations remain faithful to our commitments.

Young people in our Church and Parish are still discerning their life vocation in prayer and with the help of mentors and counselors. Here the role of the community is so important. Praying for our youth and encouraging them to search for their vocation is critical.

Our Parish is blessed with many beautiful families where faith is alive and goodness is obvious. This is the soil from which vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and religious life will surely come.

In our Diocese we have a critical need for more priests to serve a growing Catholic population that includes many Hispanics. Many of our priests are in their seventies and eighties and feeling the burden of declining health. Please pray that many young men will be open to considering a vocation to the Diocesan priesthood.

The story of a young man by the name of Brad Jantz who was ordained a Deacon on April the second for service as a priest in our Diocese is impressive. He grew up in Vincent, Alabama (not far from here). After high school he attended the Air Force Academy, graduating with a degree in Astronautical Engineering. For six years he served in the United States Air Force, traveling around the world in top notch security jobs. Meanwhile he earned two graduate degrees in engineering and business.

In 2011 he left all this to respond to a vocation to the priesthood. He is now studying Theology at North American College in Rome. The young man is brilliant, but, even more, he is on fire with love for God and a desire to serve God's people.

We are aware too of Daniel Sessions (grandson of Larry & Sara Reese of our Parish). Daniel is studying to serve as a priest in our Diocese too. He is extremely gifted and recently received a full scholarship to study Philosophy at the Catholic University of America. He too is longing for the day when he will serve us as a priest.

There must be hundreds of Brads and Daniels out there. Pray that they respond generously to the grace of vocation to the priesthood.

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Sexton

April 17-April 24

Sunday-April 17

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*RE 9:45 am

*Sr. Youth Social Hour 5 pm

*Praise & Worship 6:30 pm

*Holy Hour 7 pm

Monday-April 18

Mass 9 am

*Bridge

*Legion of Mary

Tuesday-April 19

Mass 9 am

Wednesday-April 20

Mass 7 pm

*Sr. Youth 5:30 pm

*Parish Council after Mass

Thursday-April 21

Mass 9 am

Friday-April 22

Mass 9 am

Saturday-April 23

Mass 5 pm

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

Sunday-April 24

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*RE 9:45 am

*Confirmation Service Hours Due

*First Communion Practice 9:45 am

***Blood Drive**-Parish Hall

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

FINANCE NEWS
July 2015-June 2016

Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ 6299.38	\$ 5770.00

Year-to-date

*Offertory:	\$ 269,314.45	\$ 236,570.00
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HISPANIC OUTREACH NEWS

THANK YOU, EASTER DRIVE

Many thanks to all who supported the Hispanic Easter Basket Drive with baskets, candy and toys. Over 100 baskets were given in three Hispanic trailer parks, and in our local Avondale Mills area downtown, Pell City. You have no idea how many children you made happy on Easter day. All recipients were invited to our church, and given directions how to get here.

MARCH NEEDS

Email from the Deacon Jim Barrett at Resurrection Church in Clanton asks for **bagged black beans** for **60 families (no cans, please)** for month of March; also **snack items**, like peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, or other "healthy" items (not candy, please).

Nothing perishable unless I can get several donations together at one time to fill up my car to make a trip. Also needed is **chicken in bulk**, (enough for 60 poor families) if anyone has connections to get Deacon Barrett some chicken at bulk rates, let me know so I can make arrangements.

Please contact me if you can help me with the "bean" or "snack" or "chicken" needs. I will bring you a receipt for what you purchase through me, or you can give money to the church and designate it "Hispanic food needs".

Mari Culver, Hispanic Chair
205-525-0071 or 205-405-8130 or
herbladybama@yahoo.com



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 – 121 cans



College Scholarships



The Knights of Columbus Council #12270 is now accepting applications for their **annual scholarships of \$1000 and \$500** to be given at the Senior Day Mass, May 15th.

The requirements and instructions for submitting an application can be obtained by sending an email to jwilli@coosahs.net. **All applications and supporting material must be submitted by May 2nd.**



Go Green!

Recycling containers have been placed in the hall, to the right of the vending machines. They are labeled for aluminum cans and plastic bottles. We are not equipped to take recyclables from your home, but only those from church and hall use.

Thanks for all the interest and feedback that has been received from many of you regarding our recycling efforts at OLL!!

Call or text Marguerite at 205-746-4912 with any questions or input.



Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: *Fourth Sunday of Easter;
World Day of Prayer for
Vocations*

Thursday: *St. Anselm*

Friday: *Earth Day; Passover begins*

Saturday: *St. George; St. Adalbert*



MARRIED COUPLES: "How About Some Time For Just the Two of You?"

How about a weekend that will focus on love, caring, and relationship? It will be the best gift you'll give each other this year. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of passion. The next weekend in the diocese is scheduled in Cullman, **May 20-22** at St. Bernard's Abbey.

You can get more information or register online at 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**

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



Assignments—April 20- April 24

WEDNESDAY

4/20/2016

7:00 PM

Altar Servers

Lectors

Sarah Brazzolotto

SATURDAY MASS

4/23/2016

5:00 PM

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors

Ministers

Ushers

Chris Gallegly, Tom Michaels

Darlene Leonard, Karen Hand

Ron & Micky Zielinski

Larry Reese, Sara Reese, Parma
Boyle

Cecil Rodgers, Bob Hand, Karen
Hand, Clayton Martin

SUNDAY MASS

4/24/2016

8:30 AM

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors

Ministers

Ushers

Sophie Poteracki, Natalie Newcomb,
Bailey Nail, Jacob Wiley

Laura Headley, Mike/Kitty Gordon

Bart & Gail Perry

Deacon, Jim Mortek, Marcia Mortek,
Janice Stella, Rosemary Mateer

Michael Gagliano, Joe Stanley, Ruth
Stanley, Joe Pittman

11:15 AM

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors

Ministers

Ushers

James Lewis, Ryan Murphree, Travis
Cooley, Will Pittman

Marsha Armstrong, Jay/Enid Willi

Sarah Brazzolotto, Rose Ballard

Deacon, Wayne & Mary Adams,

Maria Jiminez, Sarah Brazzolotto

Don Frederick, Larry Foltz, Gloria
Raynor, Jeanne Macon

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

*"Jesus Christ is the face
of the Father's mercy."
- Pope Francis*

YEAR OF MERCY



God has no phone
but I talk to Him .

**He has no facebook
but He is still my friend.**

HE DOES NOT HAVE TWITTER
BUT, . . . I STILL FOLLOW HIM !

"My Sheep hear My voice,
and I know them
and they follow

**John
10:27**

-Jesus

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UPCOMING SACRAMENTS



*First Holy
Communion
Sunday, May 1st
11:15am Mass*

The Sacrament of Confirmation



*Will be celebrated
Monday, May 16th at 7:00pm*

Loving God,
Pour out Your blessing
Upon our beloved children,
That during this time of Sacramental preparation
They may grow closer to You,
And come to know Your special love for them.
May this time of preparation be a time of blessing
For our families and our community,
And unite us all in Your great love.
Amen.



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
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& Every 3rd Sunday—Social Night
Contact Peter Boyle (205) 613-5435



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Office of the Bishop

April 11, 2016

STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During the weekend of April 23rd and 24th, the bishops are inviting Catholics across the country to contribute to the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**.

Over the years, this annual Appeal has helped to support programs in religious education, evangelization, youth ministry, seminarian education and ministry training in mission dioceses, including the Diocese of Birmingham. Without the Catholic Home Mission Appeal, these essential ministries would not be possible in many dioceses of the United States. This national collection has been a powerful and successful expression of your stewardship and generosity.

I ask you to be generous in this year's appeal to strengthen the Church at home. As we continue to recover from the economic downturn, it is important to remember our Catholic brothers and sisters whose dioceses need our support.

Thank you for your parish's life of stewardship and faith.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Baker, S.T. D.
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama

Attention Cursillistas

Our Lady of the Lake Parish is starting to revive Ultreya in our parish. Ultreya is an important part of the Cursillo movement that enables us to encourage all cursillistas and other as we move forward on our Faith Journey. We will be meeting on the 4th Wednesday of each month after 7:00 PM Mass in the parish hall. April's meeting will be April 27th. Hope to see everyone there.

For questions please contact: Larry Reese:
lfreese1942@gmail.com Phone: (205) 999-4318.

Retreat: Camp Tekakwitha

All are invited for a day of spiritual talks in the beautiful scenery of Camp Tekakwitha, 8500 Deer Haven Rd, Springville, AL. Fr. John Paul Mary of EWTN will lead the retreat hosted by the Kateri Circle. **May 21**, beginning @ 9 AM - Mass at 11 AM - Lunch - Talk 1 PM. End by 2:30 PM. **Call 201-260-3139 to make reservation. \$25/couple, \$15/person.**

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