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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 23, 2016

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 24, 2016

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



Fifth Sunday of Easter April 24, 2016

*"Behold, God's dwelling is
with the human race."*

— *Revelation 21:3*



Mass Intentions April 25 – May 1



Monday: Bruce Burris-90th Birthday by Doug/Nancy Ross

Tuesday: Marlene Catalino by Sam Catalino †

Wednesday: Communion Service

Thursday: Communion Service

Friday: Communion Service

Saturday: Special Intentions

Sunday: Special Intentions

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:	1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15- 20
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1- 5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1- 3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8- 10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18- 21
Sunday:	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

Today's Readings



First Reading — Paul and Barnabas continue
their travels, spreading the faith and unifying the
churches. (Acts 14:21-27)

Psalm — I will praise your name for ever, my
king and my God. (Psalm 145)

Second Reading — John's vision of God dwell-
ing with the human race. (Revelation 21:1-5a)

Gospel — As Jesus has loved us, so we must
love one another. (John 13:31-33a, 34-35)

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Pastor's Message

The Way of Love:

Mother Teresa of Calcutta relates the following story from her ministry to the poor.

"Sometime ago a man came to our house and said: Mother, there is a Hindu family that has eight children. They have not eaten for a long time. Do something for them.

So I took some rice and went. When I arrived at their house, I could see the hunger in the children's eyes. Their eyes were shining with hunger. I gave the rice to the mother. She took it and divided it in two, and she went out.

When she came back, I asked her, "Where did you go?". She said: "They are hungry also". What struck me the most was not that she gave the rice but that she knew they were hungry. Because she knew, she shared. I did not bring more rice that night. I waited until the next morning so that they could experience the joy of sharing and loving.

Love, to be true, has to hurt, and this woman was hungry—She knew that her neighbor was also hungry. That family happened to be a Muslim family. It was so touching, so real.

Today God loves the world through you and through me. Are we that love and that compassion? God proves that Christ loves us—that he has come to be his Father's compassion. Today God is loving the world through you and through me, and through all those who are his love and compassion in the world".

Today's Gospel reading (Jn. 13:31-35) says it very simply: "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another".

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**When a Picture is Worth a Thousand Words:** Pope Francis visiting the island of Lesbos in Greece to comfort refugees fleeing war and hunger and then taking three Syrian refugee families back to the Vatican with him to give them temporary food and shelter!

**First Communion Sunday Next Sunday:** At the 11:15 a.m. Mass we will celebrate First Holy Communion with eight children of the Parish. Congratulations to their families and the Catechists who have prepared them for this special day.

**Fr. Brennan to Visit:** Our much loved former Pastor, Fr. Brennan will be visiting with us for a few weeks. He will be filling in for me next weekend while I officiate at a cousin's wedding in New York. A thousand welcomes, Fr. Matt.

**A New Papal Document on the Family:** The long awaited document entitled, The Joy of Love, was published on April 8. It reaffirms the Church's traditional teaching on marriage and family life. David Anders, Diocesan columnist for the One Voice sums up the document nicely: Pope Francis maintains the traditional teaching that the exacting demands of Christian marriage are ultimately possible with grace.

*Continued ➡*

## *April 24-May 1*

### **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

### **Monday-April 25**

**Mass 9 am**

\*Bridge

\*Legion of Mary

### **Tuesday-April 26**

**Mass 9 am**

### **Wednesday-April 27**

**Communion Service 7 pm**

### **Thursday-April 28**

**Communion Service 9 am**

### **Friday-April 29**

**Communion Service 9 am**

### **Saturday-April 30**

**Mass 5 pm**

\*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

### **Sunday-May 1**

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

\*RE 9:45 am

\*Youth Mass 11:15 am

\*First Communion 11:15 am

## *Pastor's Message—Cont.*

All people are called to holiness which necessarily entails sacrifice. At the same time, the Pope believes the key to ministry is mercy, patience, forgiveness, and a charitable judgement towards people. Instead of simply laying down the law, we should always consider the person".

Peace and Blessings,

*Fr. Sexton*

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

**Last week**

|                    | <b>Actual</b>     | <b>Budget</b>     |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 4018.01</b> | <b>\$ 5770.00</b> |

**Year-to-date**

|                    |                      |                      |
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| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 273,432.46</b> | <b>\$ 242,340.00</b> |
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\*Please note the actual total includes Burse Club & Building Fund which is not part of the operating budget.

**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.

**APRIL 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 April; 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 – 51 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 15<sup>th</sup>.

The requirements and instructions for submitting an application can be obtained by sending an email to [jwilli@coosahs.net](mailto:jwilli@coosahs.net). **All applications and supporting material must be submitted by May 2<sup>nd</sup>.**





## Saints and Special Observances

**Sunday:** *Fifth Sunday of Easter;  
Julian Calendar Palm Sunday*

**Monday:** *St. Mark*

**Wednesday:** *Administrative Professionals  
Day*

**Thursday:** *St. Peter Chanel;  
St. Louis Grignon de  
Montfort*

**Friday:** *St. Catherine of Siena; Arbor  
Day; Julian Calendar Good  
Friday*

**Saturday:** *St. Pius V*



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## Pro Life Corner

### Our Lady of the Lake Spiritual Adoption Program

The Pro-Life Committee once again will sponsor the Spiritual Adoption Program. Please sign up for a baby in danger of abortion. Forms will be available soon!

For more info please call Marcia Morteck:  
205.873.2095.



## Assignments—April 27- May 1

### WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM

4/27/2016

Altar Servers  
Lectors Teri Gagliano

### SATURDAY MASS 5:00 PM

4/30/2016

Altar Servers Peter Boyle, James Raynor  
Greeters Bill/Loretta Frost, Kathy Shivers  
Lectors Sara Reese, Connie Luter  
Ministers Allen Ross, Phyllis Ross, Martha Hayes  
Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Sam Marston

### SUNDAY MASS 8:30 AM

5/1/2016

Altar Servers Matthew Reese, Amelia Reese, Matthew Frey, Danielle McKinney  
Greeters Jacky/Tommie Ann Johnson, Mike/Kitty Gordon  
Lectors Gail & Bart Perry  
Ministers Deacon, Michael Gagliano, Teri Gagliano, Carly Gagliano, Ronni Gagliano  
Ushers Chris Gallegly, Dennis Veigl, Joaquina Reyes, Joe Yester

### 11:15 AM

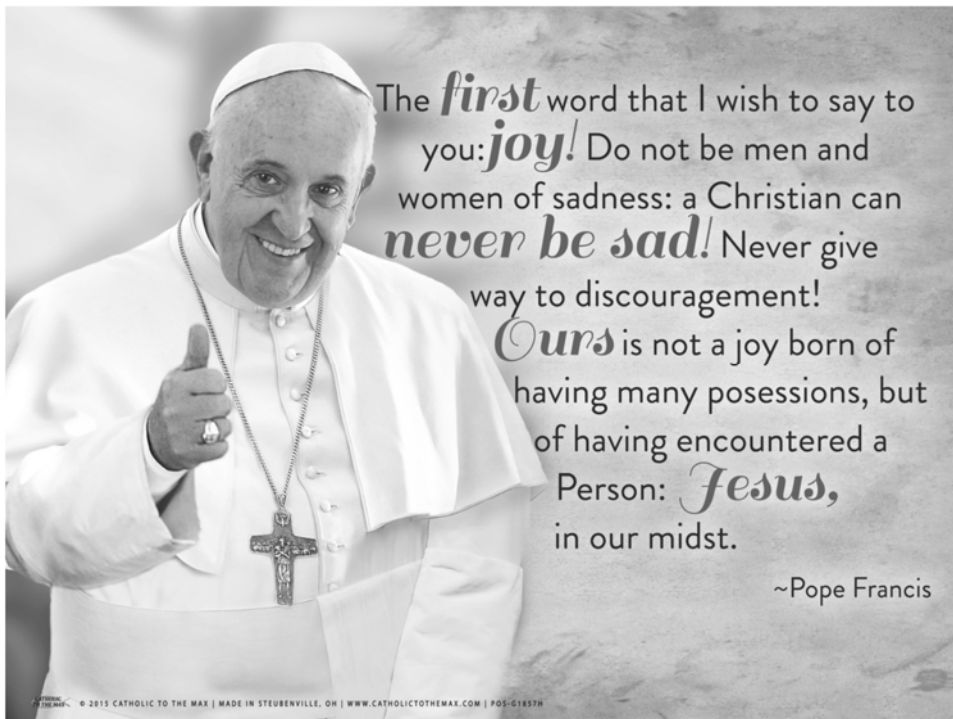
### Youth Mass

Altar Servers Sawyer Stice, Paul Boyle, Travis Cooley, Erin Barker  
Greeters Youth  
Lectors Youth  
Ministers Deacon, Youth  
Ushers Don Frederick, Ron Markevich, Youth

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



The *first* word that I wish to say to  
you: *joy!* Do not be men and  
women of sadness: a Christian can  
*never be sad!* Never give  
way to discouragement!  
*Ours* is not a joy born of  
having many possessions, but  
of having encountered a  
Person: *Jesus,*  
in our midst.

~Pope Francis

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.

## UPCOMING SACRAMENTS



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



*The Sacrament of  
Confirmation  
Will be celebrated  
Monday, May 16th at 7:00pm*



**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

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month after 7:00 PM Mass in the parish hall. April's meeting will be April 27<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see everyone there.

For questions please contact: Larry Reese:  
[lfreese1942@gmail.com](mailto: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.**

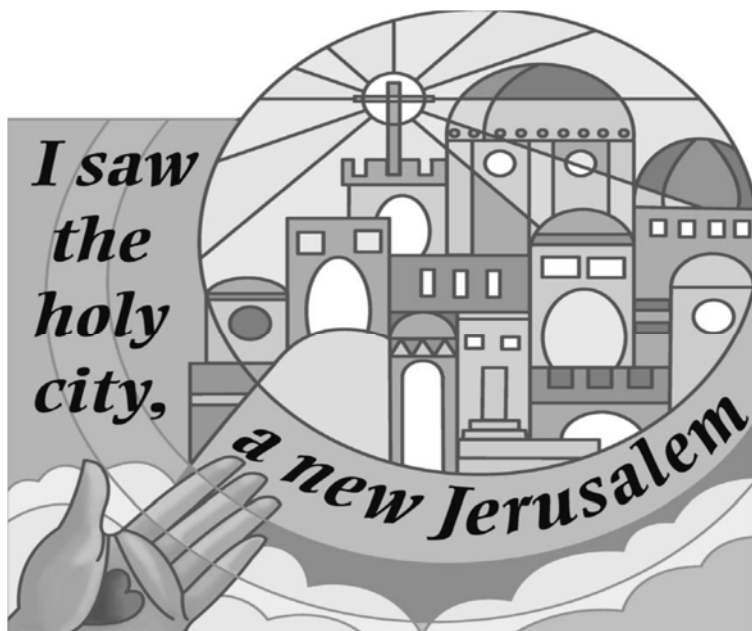


## Go Green!

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.**



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## Dominican Nuns Vocation Retreat

The cloistered Dominican nuns in Marbury, Alabama are holding a Vocation Retreat on the weekend of June 3-5, 2016 for young women age 16 (or who will be juniors in high school next fall) through age 27. Retreatants learn about the nuns' contemplative life of praise and intercession at the heart of the apostolic preaching of the Dominican Order for the salvation of souls, join in chanting the Divine Office in Latin and English, and share in the nuns' special devotion to Eucharistic Adoration and Perpetual Rosary. Learn more at [www.stjudemonastery.org/vocations/vocation-retreats](http://www.stjudemonastery.org/vocations/vocation-retreats).

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