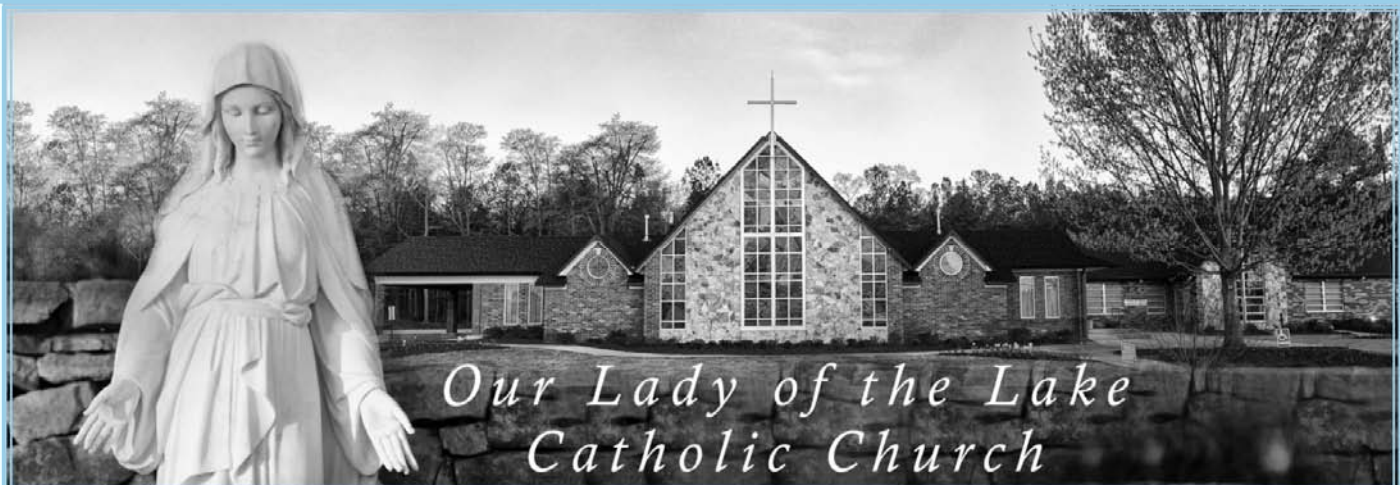




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MASSES

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:

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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.

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Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, May 7, 2016

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, May 8, 2016

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

The Ascension of the Lord May 8, 2016

*God mounts his throne amid
shouts of joy;
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.*

— Psalm 47:6



Mass Intentions May 9– May 15



Monday: Andy McClay by Karen & Bob Hand †
Tuesday: Kathleen Quintus by Jerry & Brenda Kern †
Wednesday: John Krudwig by Peggy Magette †
Thursday: Jay & Enid Willi by Terry & Rita Rumore
Friday: Judy Diane Marston by Sam Marston †
Saturday: Trudi & Andy McClay by the Zielinskis †
Sunday: Gene & Walton Smith –62 Wedding Anniversary

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

*Gene & Walton Smith, Matt Joiner, Pat Roberts,
Judy Dawley, Paul Boyle, Dennis Tyler, Crystal
Welford, Tommy Zopfi.*

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
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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 ~ May 9—May 15

Monday:	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Sunday:	<u>Vigil:</u> Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 <u>Day:</u> Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Today's Readings



First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:1-11)

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (Psalm 47)

Second Reading — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens. (Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23)

Gospel — As Jesus blessed his disciples he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. (Luke 24:46-53)

Pastor's Message

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. In some Dioceses in the United States this Feast is celebrated on the Thursday following the "Sixth Sunday of Easter".

So important is this Feast of the Ascension of the Lord that St. Luke tells the story twice; at the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles (our first reading today) and at the end of the Gospel (our Gospel Reading today).

The Ascension is a kind of a hinge, a moment of connection between Earth and Heaven that marks both an end and a beginning. The appearances of the Risen Lord, those delightful stories that are part of the Easter season, come to an end. There begins a new life for the Disciples as they await the gift of the Holy Spirit, who will form them, empower them, and move them in a new direction.

In the Gospel account Luke refers to the Ascension of the Lord with a minimum of words: "He led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to Heaven". For Luke the event seems to take place on Easter Sunday, while in the Acts of the Apostles he indicates the event took place forty days after Easter.

In reality, the evangelist, St. Luke, is conveying two different interpretations of the same event. In the Gospel account he sees the Ascension as a fitting finale of the story of Jesus as he returns to the Father. In the Acts of the Apostles account of the Ascension (Acts 1:1-11), Luke narrates the same event as the beginning of the story of the mission of the Church, initiated by the Risen Lord and empowered by the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The Feast of the Ascension is a feast of hope. Jesus has been exalted to the right hand of God as Lord of history and the source of our own hope and confidence. As the Preface of the Mass for this day so nicely puts it: "He ascended—that we, his members, might be confident of following where he, our head and founder, has gone before".

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**Mother's Day:** A special day to remember, lest we forget the love that begot us and nurtured us and sacrificed for us; yes, a mother's love. For mothers who have gone before us into glory, we make a special remembrance today. For mothers who still grace our lives with their caring presence and seem to never tire of giving (and worrying), we offer a special word of thanks. Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in our Church.

**A Grief Observed:** Our Parish has said a sad farewell to two of our most esteemed and respected members recently. Frank Dickinson and Marie Battaglia have gone home to the Lord. Their lives were filled with faith and goodness. They loved their faith and they loved our Church. We are all the poorer for their passing. May they shine forever in the Heaven of God's Holy Ones. Our prayers are with their grieving families. May they rest in peace and rise in glory!

Peace and Blessings,

*Fr. Sexton*

May 8-May 15

### Sunday-May 8

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

**Ascension of Our Lord  
Mother's Day**

\*No RE

\*May Crowning after  
8:30 Mass \* Grotto  
With First Communion Children

\*Pro Life Rosary/Spanish



### Monday-May 9

**Mass 9 am**

\*Bridge

\*Legion of Mary

### Tuesday-May 10

**Mass 9 am**

### Wednesday-May 11

**Mass 7 pm**

### Thursday-May 12

**Mass 9 am**

### Friday-May 13

**Mass 9 am**

### Saturday-May 14

**Mass 5 pm**

\*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

### Sunday-May 15

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

\*RE 9:45 am

\*Senior Sunday 8:30 am-reception to follow

\*SR Youth Social Hour 5 pm

\*Praise & Worship 6:30 pm

\*Holy Hour 7 pm



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

**Last week**

|                    | <b>Actual</b>     | <b>Budget</b>     |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 6229.40</b> | <b>\$ 5770.00</b> |

**Year-to-date**

|                    |                      |                      |
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| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 286,370.80</b> | <b>\$ 253,880.00</b> |
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\*Please note the actual total includes Burse Club, Building Fund & Special Collections which are not part of the general operating budget.

**Healing Service & Candlelight Procession**  
**May 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament**

All are invited to join us on **Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, for a **7pm Healing Service & Candlelight Procession** at the Lourdes Grotto. A replica of the original miraculous Grotto in Lourdes, France was dedicated here at the Shrine in Hanceville in 2008. A stone from the original Grotto has been mounted in the Shrine Grotto for the veneration of the faithful. The Grotto is handicap accessible and wheelchairs are available, if needed. A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who make a pilgrimage to the Lourdes Grotto here by fulfilling the usual norms and conditions. Join us as we honor Our Blessed Mother and ask her intercession for the healing of our bodies and souls.

**For more information call: 205-795-5717, or visit our website: [www.olamshrine.com](http://www.olamshrine.com)** . 3222 County Rd. 548, Hanceville, AL 35077.

**Memorial Day**  
**Barbecue Sale**



**Our Lady of the Lake Pell City**

Knights of Columbus Council 12270 will be selling barbeque for the Memorial Day holiday.

**Sales begin Friday May 27 at 8:00 a.m. and continue through Saturday May 28.**



All proceeds will be used to fund the numerous charitable activities KOC Council 12270 supports.



***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 – 80 cans**

**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 205-260-3139 to make reservation. \$25/couple, \$15/person.**

**Dominican Nuns Vocation Retreat**

The cloistered Dominican nuns in Marbury, Alabama are holding a Vocation Retreat on the week-end 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).



**Pro Life Corner**

**Our Lady of the Lake**  
**Spiritual Adoption Program**

On May 14th & 15th, the Pro-Life Committee will once again sponsor the Spiritual Adoption Program. Please sign up and pray for a Baby in danger of abortion. Forms are available in both foyers.

**For more information please call Marcia Mortek at 205-873-2095.**





## *Saints and Special Observances*

**Sunday:** *The Ascension of the Lord;  
Mother's Day; World  
Communications Day*

**Tuesday:** *St. Damien de Veuster*

**Thursday:** *Ss. Nereus and Achilleus;  
St. Pancras*

**Friday:** *Our Lady of Fatima*

**Saturday:** *St. Matthias*



## **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.

Instead of throwing your used prescription medicine vials in the garbage, consider taking them to the Publix Pharmacy. Since 2013, Publix customers nationwide have recycled almost 14 million medicine containers!

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



*Thank you to all that assisted with the reception for First Holy Communion, and with the reception for Marie Battaglia's Funeral Mass. Your willingness to help is always appreciated and truly an act of kindness and mercy. If you brought a dish to share, we have washed your dish and placed it on a table in the hall. Please pick up your dishes soon, as we have upcoming events in the hall.*

## *Assignments—May 11- May 15*

### **WEDNESDAY**

**5/11/2016**

**7:00 PM**

Altar Servers

Lectors

Charmaine Welch

### **SATURDAY MASS**

**5/14/2016**

**5:00 PM**

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors

Ministers

Ushers

Bernie Funderburg, Cory Funderburg

Bill/Loretta Frost, Tammy McRae

Allen Ross, Phyllis Ross

Deacon, Gloria Albright, Susan

Moseley, Connie Hertrich

Cecil Rodgers, Jim Dale, Bob

Nicholas, Clayton Martin

### **SUNDAY MASS**

**5/15/2016**

**8:30 AM**

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors

Ministers

Ushers

Matthew Reese, Anthony Emerick, Ryan Murphree

Francie Poteracki, Jennifer Euler

Anna Emerick, Dennis Veigl

Deacon, Joe Stanley, Ruth Stanley,

Janice Stella, Chris Gallegly

Michael Gagliano, Laura Headley,

Jacky Johnson, Tommie Ann Johnson

**11:15 AM**

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors

Ministers

Ushers

Paul Boyle, Payton Forman, Katie Boyle, Troy Rosato

Mattie Osborne, Shirley Skeivelas

Mary Adams, Tony Hollis

Deacon, Sarah Brazzolotto, Brenda

Rochford, Maria Jimenez

Don Frederick, Johnny Armstrong,

Brian Young, John Smith

**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



*Oh Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,  
Queen of the angels and Queen of the May.*



## ATTENTION: ALL GRADUATING SENIORS!

We will celebrate **Senior Sunday, May 15, 2016 at the 8:30am Mass.**  
Reception to follow.

*Please contact Tammy Ingels, if you will be participating  
no later than Tuesday, May 10th.*

## M.Y.C.

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR

**May 8 Mother's Day**

**May Crowning following the 8:30 Mass**  
(NO Religious Education 9:45am)

**May 15 Senior Sunday 8:30 Mass**  
with Reception to Follow

**May 16 7:00 pm (Monday)**

**The Sacrament of Confirmation Mass**  
Celebrant : Bishop Baker  
With Reception to Follow



**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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Office of the Bishop

May 2, 2016

Dear Friends in Christ,

St. John Vianney Residence for Priests needs your support to continue to care for our priests who have served the Diocese so well. A second collection for the benefit of St. John Vianney Residence will be the weekend of May 14th and 15th.

I encourage all families in the diocese to share in the responsibility of providing support for the Residence. Your contribution will enable us to continue to meet current expenses in this important effort.

Even with these difficult economic times, I am continually amazed at your great generosity to our dedicated priests. Please give generously so our priests can continue to live with pride and dignity.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and your prayers for our priests.

Very gratefully yours in Christ,

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

RJB/dm

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