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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, June 25, 2016

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, June 26, 2016

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



*Thirteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
June 26, 2016*

*"No one who sets a hand to the plow
and looks to what was left behind
is fit for the kingdom of God."*

— Luke 9:62



Mass Intentions

June 27 – July 3



Monday: Communion Service

Tuesday: Communion Service

Wednesday: Ernestina Gonzales by Gloria Raynor †

Thursday: Mike & Kitty Gordon by the Brazzolottos

Friday: William Estock by Jim & Marcia Morteck †

Saturday: Gene & Walton Smith by the Brazzolottos

Sunday: Alfonso Gonzales by Gloria Raynor †

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Gene & Walton Smith, Matt Joiner,
Pat Roberts, Judy Dawley, Paul Boyle,
Dennis Tyler, Crystal Welford,
Cecil Rodgers, Yolie Roy, 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 prayer
list for 30 days and then are removed unless
the Church Office is notified.

Weekly Readings ~ June 27—July 3

Monday:	Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-23; Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday:	Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday:	<u>Vigil:</u> Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19 <u>Day:</u> Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17- 18; Mt 16:13-19
Thursday:	Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8- 11; Mt 9:1-8
Friday:	Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday:	Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17
Sunday:	Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1- 7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 [1-9]

Today's Readings



First Reading — The LORD tells Elijah to anoint Elisha as prophet to succeed him. (1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21)

Psalm — You are my inheritance, O Lord. (Psalm 16)

Second Reading — Use your freedom in Christ to serve one another through love. (Galatians 5:1, 13-18)

Gospel — While journeying to Jerusalem, Jesus speaks of the costs of discipleship. (Luke 9:51-62)

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Pastor's Message

Disciples and Would-Be Disciples?

The Gospel Reading today from Luke (9:51-62) has Jesus beginning a long journey from Galilee to Jerusalem. The Galilean ministry is finished and "He resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem". Something in that word "resolutely" conveys the sense of fierce resolve, of no turning back. The die is cast. There is a sense of urgency about it all.

The road Jesus takes to Jerusalem is sign-posted with encounters, events and stopping places, without any logical or geographical progression. This serves to universalize the way of discipleship, which has nothing to do with following Jesus in our own time and place.

To help us along the way, Luke describes three encounters with would-be-disciples who impose conditions or limits on their following Jesus.

The first takes the initiative in approaching Jesus. He is brash and enthusiastic and confident. He needs to be tested for staying power. If you want to follow me, says Jesus, be prepared to be a powerless, dispossessed follower of a rejected Son of Man. (You mean I can't take my I.R.A. account and my S.U.V. with me?)

In the second encounter, it is Jesus who takes the initiative in calling the person to follow him. We probably have a good deal of sympathy for this one who seems to make a very reasonable request of Jesus: "Let me go and bury my father first". Yet, the call of Jesus was urgent and could not be delayed or put off until later. "Why can't God be more reasonable?", we wonder.

The third would-be-disciple wants to follow Jesus but on condition that he is allowed to "First say farewell to those at home". This seems a sensible request, especially in the light of the First Reading (1 Kings 19:19-21) where Elijah gave Elisha permission to go and say goodbye. But the following of Jesus has to be unswerving; not even this detour is allowed.

It is strange that in all three encounters, we hear the requests, we listen to Jesus' response, but we learn nothing of the outcome of the meetings. It is as though Jesus is saying to each of us: What has been the response in your situation?

(From the article by Sr. Verna Holyhead, an Australian Benedictine Sister.)

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**Welcome to Deacon Lee Robinson:** Bishop Baker has assigned Deacon Lee Robinson, Sr. to Diaconal Ministry at Our Lady of the Lake Church, effective July 1, 2016. Deacon Lee and his wife, Cheryl, have moved to Pell City from Trussville and we are delighted to have them in this Parish. He has special interest in prison ministry and Catechetical ministry as well as in preaching and sacramental ministry. We look forward to his ministry among us. Deacon Terry and Deacon Serge will continue their Diaconal ministry at Our Lady of the Lake. Ministry needs are never exhausted and we all have our own unique talents and gifts to offer.

Peace and Blessings,  
*Fr. Sexton*

June 26-July 3

### Sunday-June 26

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

\*Special Collection: Mission Co-Op

### Monday-June 27

**Communion Service 9 am**

\*Bridge

\*Legion of Mary

### Tuesday-June 28

**Communion Service 9 am**

### Wednesday-June 29

**Mass 7 pm**

### Thursday-June 30

**Mass 9 am**

### Friday-July 1

**Mass 9 am**

\*First Friday Adoration 9:30-12:30

### Saturday-July 2

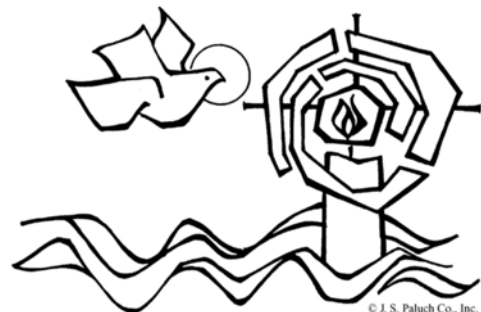
**Mass 5 pm**

\*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

### Sunday-July 3

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

\*Youth Mass 11:15 am



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

**Last week**

|                    |                   |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                    | <b>Actual</b>     | <b>Budget</b>     |
| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 3717.61</b> | <b>\$ 5770.00</b> |

**Year-to-date**

|                    |                      |                     |
|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 327,609.64</b> | <b>\$294,270.00</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.



**July School Supply Drive**

*Sponsored by  
Our Lady of the Lake  
Hispanic Committee*

School starts the first week in August, and we will be collecting supplies during July.

If your child needs supplies, please bring your child's name and supply list to the office, or give to Mari Culver. **Supply suggestions:**

|                            |                                        |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Computer Paper             | Eraser Packs                           |
| Backpacks                  | Folders, Plastic with brads all colors |
| Glue, Liquid or stick      | Jump Drive                             |
| Notebook, Comp & Spiral    | Markers, All types                     |
| Pencil Sharpener, hand     | Pencil, Pouch zippered, 3 ring         |
| Page Protectors/Tab Sheets | Pencils, Colored                       |
| Binders, 1 inch            | Binders, 3 inch                        |
| Paper, Lined               | Watercolors                            |
| Scissors, metal Fiscars    | Kleenex Tissue                         |
| Crayons                    | Paper, Graph                           |

**For more info please contact:**  
**Office at 205-525-5161 or**  
**Mari Culver at 205-525-0071.**



***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 – 68 cans**

**Parish Council**

The following are emails for our Parish Council Members. Please contact them with questions or concerns you may have.

**Chair: Sonia Dale:**

wmksdale2000@gmail.com

**Vice Chair: Mark McRae:**

mmcrae237@yahoo.com

**Secretary: Gloria Raynor:**

grodgers2010@gmail.com

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**Pro Life Corner**

**Spiritual Adoption Program**

**Month 1**



Thank you for praying for me. I am 1 month old now. My organs have begun to form and my heart has started to beat. I will be most vulnerable during the next month to being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of my mother to give me the most precious gift -the gift of life. Please remember to pray daily for your Spiritual Adopted Baby and the baby's mother and father.

**Prayer**

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.



## Saints and Special Observances

|                   |                                                         |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Sunday:</i>    | <i>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>               |
| <i>Monday:</i>    | <i>St. Cyril of Alexandria</i>                          |
| <i>Tuesday:</i>   | <i>St. Irenaeus</i>                                     |
| <i>Wednesday:</i> | <i>Ss. Peter and Paul</i>                               |
| <i>Thursday:</i>  | <i>The First Holy Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church</i>  |
| <i>Friday:</i>    | <i>Blessed Junipero Serra; Canada Day; First Friday</i> |
| <i>Saturday:</i>  | <i>First Saturday</i>                                   |

## Works of Mercy

**Charity** is the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God. Jesus makes charity the new commandment. By loving his own "to the end, he makes manifest the Father's love which he receives. By loving one another, the disciples imitate the love of Jesus which they themselves receive. Whence Jesus says: "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love." And again: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Fruit of the Spirit and fullness of the Law, charity keeps the commandments of God and his Christ: "Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love".

## Assignments—June 29- July 3

### WEDNESDAY

6/29/2016

7:00 PM

Altar Servers  
Lectors Sarah Brazzolotto

### SATURDAY MASS

7/2/2016

5:00 PM

Altar Servers Peter Boyle, Larry Reese  
Greeters \*  
Lectors \*  
Ministers Deacon, \*  
Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Clayton Martin

### SUNDAY MASS

7/3/2016

8:30 AM

Altar Servers \*  
Greeters \*  
Lectors \*  
Ministers Deacon, \*  
Ushers Herb Kuntz, Laura Headley, Jacky Johnson, Tommie Ann Johnson

11:15 AM

### Youth Mass

Altar Servers \*  
Greeters Youth  
Lectors Youth  
Ministers Deacon, Youth  
Ushers Don Frederick, Chris Gallegly, Youth

\*Information not available.

If you cannot keep your assignment  
PLEASE find a substitute.





Monday, July 11th- Friday, 15th, 2016



HI! I'm Moses the Family Cat!  
I would like to invite all the kids  
of the parish, ages 4-11,  
to join me for Vacation Bible School!

We will have 2 sessions:  
Morning 9:30 am to 12:30 pm &  
Evening 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
Can't wait to see you there!



**REGISTRATION FORMS ARE IN THE CHURCH.**



**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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Office of the Bishop

June 9, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is time for our special collection for the Mission Cooperative Appeal. The collection will be taken up on the weekend of June 25th and 26th. We count on your generosity once again.

In the story of the Last Judgment (Matt. 25:31-46), Jesus reminds us to care for those in need. If we ignore those who are hungry, thirsty, ill, without clothes, prisoners, or strangers, we turn Christ away. When we act with compassion, generosity, and commitment to justice for the "least among us," we act as his true disciples.

This year the funds received from this collection will directly help support the following participating groups:

- Diocese of Warangal, India
- Diocese of Irinjalakuda, India
- Diocese of Buea, Cameroon
- Guadalupan Sisters of the Holy Spirit

These mission projects will benefit equally from the collection taken in the parishes. This is our way of showing our care for the foreign missions.

Blessings to you and your families.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

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

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