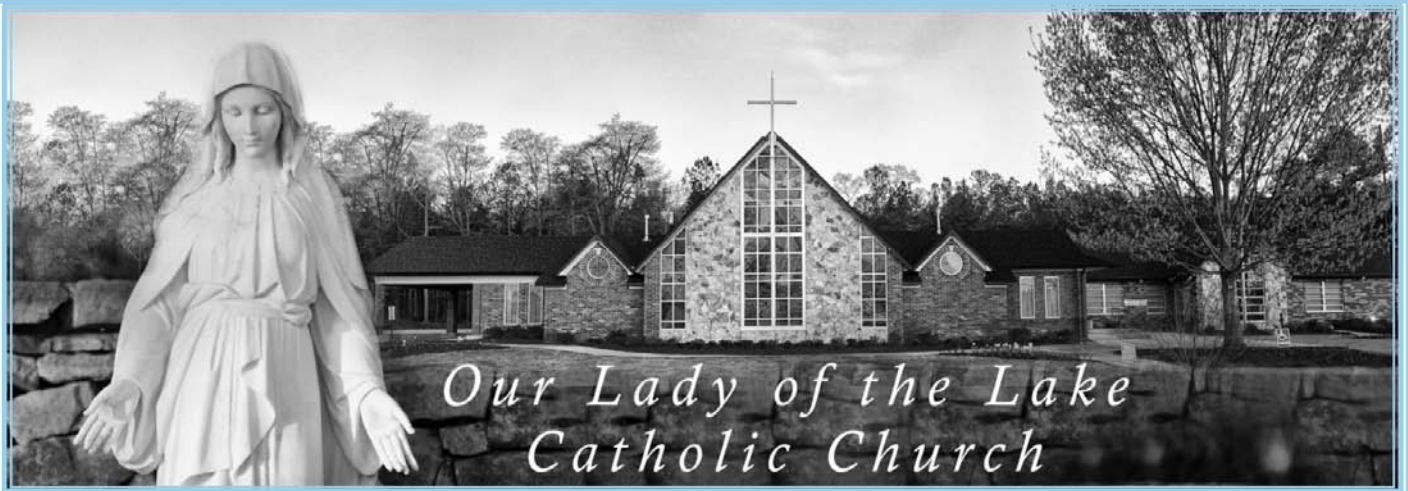




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MASSES

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
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MARRIAGES:

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8:30 a.m. before Mass.

MONDAYS:

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HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION:

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Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, July 23, 2016

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, July 24, 2016

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
July 24, 2016

*You were buried with him in baptism,
in which you were also raised with him
through faith in the power of God,
who raised him from the dead.*

— Colossians 2:12



Mass Intentions

July 25 – July 31



Monday: Don Naman by KOC 12270 †

Tuesday: Marlene Catalino by Sam Catalino †

Wednesday: Ron Stasko by KOC 12270 †

Thursday: Special Intentions

Friday: Angela Brazzolotto by the Brazzolottos †

Saturday: Albert Lampton by KOC 12270 †

Sunday: Deceased Knights of Columbus †

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Gene & Walton Smith, Matt Joiner,
Pat Roberts, Judy Dawley, Paul Boyle,
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 ~ July 25—July 31

Monday:	2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday:	Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b- 6ab; Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8- 10, 14; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Saturday:	Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday:	Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Today's Readings



First Reading — Abraham bargains with God
to spare the city. (Genesis 18:20-32)

Psalm — Lord, on the day I called for help, you
answered me. (Psalm 138)

Second Reading — Buried with Christ in bap-
tism, we were also raised with him; all our trans-
gressions are forgiven. (Colossians 2:12-14)

Gospel — Jesus speaks of God's sure re-
sponse to those who pray. (Luke 11:1-13)

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Pastor's Message

When God's Ways are a Puzzle and a Wonder!

In today's intriguing reading from the book of Genesis (Ch. 18:20-32) we find Abraham trying to drive a bargain with God. Abraham has a nephew, Lot, in the bad city of Sodom. On hearing that the city will be destroyed, Abraham goes to bat for his nephew.

The result is a bargaining prayer born out of friendship. Abraham engages God in a conversation, hoping to change his mind.

He begins with the assumption that the Lord will completely destroy the sinful city. But he questions the fairness of destroying innocent people living among bad people. Abraham suggests that this is out of character for God. (A kind of: "What will the neighbors think" argument.)

Abraham diplomatically questions the justice of God in allowing innocent people to be punished with the guilty. It is the first example in the Bible of people questioning God's ways. The book of Job will develop this theme at greater length.

In the end of our reading today, God agrees to Abraham's final offer. He will save the city of Sodom if they can find ten good men there. Abraham knows that there aren't even ten good people in Sodom and even he, with all his bargaining skills (the art of the deal!), doesn't dare to push God any farther. The fate of Sodom is sealed. It will go up in smoke.

We might ask why didn't the topic of the possibility of repentance come up in the discussion? If repentance had taken place the city would have been saved. Such theology and such thinking had not yet emerged in Israel or in the Bible. The prophets would introduce this concept in due time.

Still, we must give credit to Abraham for raising the question that still bothers us after all the centuries: why do the innocent suffer! We have seen a lot of that this summer in senseless acts of mayhem and death. How many innocent people (including children) have suffered in the face of evil?

Like Abraham too we tend to bargain with God when faced with imminent danger or loss. It is not the best form of prayer but sometimes it is the best we can do. When did I bargain with God?

Repairs and Improvements Continue: It has been a busy summer in the area of maintenance and repairs. The new Vesting Room is complete and provides a welcome space to store the Church Vestments and a dressing room for the priests and deacons. The Church parking lot is being repaved for safer use. The Parish hall is being repainted and spruced up. All of this is made possible by your faithful support of the church Building Fund. A special thanks to Deacon Serge and Rodney Martin who have invested many hours and days in planning and supervising these improvements.

Thought for the Week: "Pray with a Holy daring. It is not that we ask for too much. Our fault is rather, we are timid in our prayer". (St. Teresa of Avila).

Peace and Blessings,
Fr. Sexton

July 24-July 31

Sunday-July 24

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*Legion of Mary Rosary & Movie 2.30 pm

Monday-July 25

Mass 9 am

*Legion of Mary

*Bridge

Tuesday-July 26

Mass 9 am

Wednesday-July 27

Mass 7 pm

Thursday-July 28

Mass 9 am

Friday-July 29

Mass 9 am

Saturday-July 30

Mass 5 pm

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

Sunday-July 31

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*KOC Mass 8:30 am



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FINANCE NEWS
July 2015-June 2016

Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ 5003.74	\$ 5653.85

Year-to-date

*Offertory:	\$ 18,534.99	\$ 16,961.55
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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.



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 – 94 cans



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.**

Parish Council

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

Chair: Sonia Dale:

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Pro Life Corner

Spiritual Adoption Program

Month 2



Keep on praying for me. I am 2 months old now and 2 inches long. I am now called a fetus which means "little one". My teeth, fingers and toes are developing, and my ears, nose, lips, and tongue can now be clearly seen. I will use them to experience God's world after I am born. I can even suck my thumb!

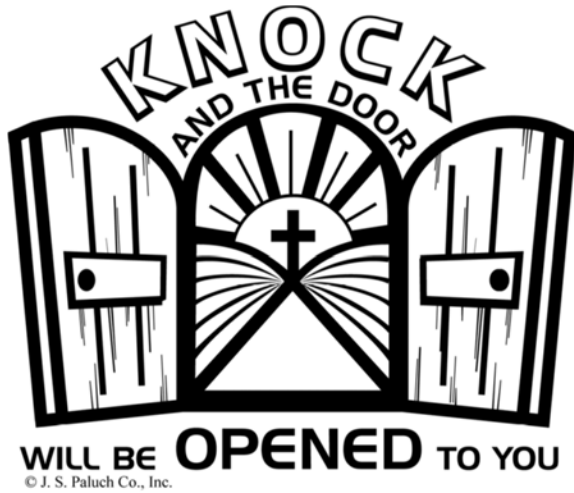
Prayer

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>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
<i>Monday:</i>	<i>St. James</i>
<i>Tuesday:</i>	<i>Ss. Joachim and Anne; World Youth Day, Krakow, Poland</i>
<i>Friday:</i>	<i>St. Martha</i>
<i>Saturday:</i>	<i>St. Peter Chrysologus; Blessed Virgin Mary</i>



Works of Mercy

Clothe the Naked Corporal Works of Mercy

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, the human body becomes a temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of the sacredness of the human person, we recognize that the body has a dignity that must always be respected. One way of expressing this respect is through Clothe the Naked. Ideas; Go through your closet and give away what you don't need. Host a clothing drive and donate the items. Knit, crochet, or sew baby blankets for your local pregnancy help center. Knit, crochet, or sew scarves, hats, and gloves for your local homeless shelter. Score some sweet deals at garage sales and send the items to a foreign mission site.

Assignments—July 27- July 31

WEDNESDAY

7/27/2016

7:00 PM

Altar Servers
Lectors Teri Gagliano

SATURDAY MASS

7/30/2016

5:00 PM

Altar Servers Chris Gallegly, James Raynor
Greeters Bill/Loretta Frost, Kathy Shivers
Lectors Sara Reese, Marguerite Gorman
Ministers Jim Dale, Sonia Dale, Parma Boyle
Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Sam Marston

SUNDAY MASS

7/31/2016

8:30 AM

Knight's Mass

Altar Servers Sophie Poteracki, Natalie Newcomb, Bailey Nail, Jacob Wiley
Greeters *
Lectors John Stice, Larry Reese
Ministers Deacon, Jim Morteck, David Springer, Joe Stanley
Ushers Dennis Veigl, Joaquina Reyes, Joe Yester

11:15 AM

Altar Servers James Lewis, John Himmler, Travis Cooley, Troy Rosato
Greeters *
Lectors Ronnie Sellers, Jennifer Sellers
Ministers Deacon, Terri Brown, Brenda Rochford, Sarah Brazzolotto, Tommie Ann Johnson
Ushers Don Frederick, Ron Markevich, Jimmy Pittman, William Ngambou

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

If you would like to participate in the **Relay for Hope** in Pell City, to benefit the American Cancer Society and taking place on Aug. 12th, please contact: **Grace Troncalli at: 205.480.0561.**

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Contact Jordan Murphree (205) 863-5787

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Contact Peter Boyle (205) 613-5435

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ments, and watch a good movie on
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For more information, contact
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Mass for Priestly Vocations August, 4, 2016 at Cathedral of St. Paul

All are invited to a Mass for Priestly Vocations at
6:30pm on Thursday, August, 4, 2016, at the
Cathedral of St. Paul. The Mass will be celebrat-
ed on the Feast of St. John Vianney, Patron of
Priests and co-Patron of the Diocese of Birming-
ham. Please join us as we pray for more voca-
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