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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, July 30, 2016

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, July 31, 2016

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



*Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
July 31, 2016*

*Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.*

— Psalm 90:12



Mass Intentions

August 1– August 7



****Weekday Mass Intentions will be offered at St. Bernard Abbey during Fr. Sexton's vacation. Dates may change to accommodate the Abbey's schedule.**

Monday: *Don Williams *by the Rumores*

Tuesday: *Jewel Yester *by Joe Yester* †

Wednesday: *Marie Battaglia *by Beth & Rodney Martin* †

Thursday: *John Crapet *by Mary Ester Krantz* †

Friday: *Marie Battaglia *by the Morteles* †

Saturday: Marie Battaglia *by Mary Esther Krantz* †

Sunday: Marie Battaglia *by the Brazzolottos* †

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 ~ Aug. 1—Aug. 7

Monday:	Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23
Friday:	Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
Sunday:	Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Hb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

Today's Readings



First Reading — Do not spend your life toiling for material gain. (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23)

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Psalm 90)

Second Reading — Christ has raised you to new life, so seek now what is above. (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11)

Gospel — Be on guard against all greed, for your life does not consist of earthly possessions, but of the riches of the reign of God. (Luke 12:13-21)

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Pastor's Message

Today's Scripture Readings seem to be asking: What is the meaning of life? Does life have meaning and purpose and where do we find this meaning?

The Reading from Ecclesiastes (one of the Wisdom Books of the Bible) strikes a note of doom and gloom and sees little reason for hope. Our toil and anxiety lead to no "profit". The futility of life occupies the writer of Ecclesiastes. This is a variation from the usual Wisdom literature which is quite hopeful.

It's depressing to think that a lifetime of effort will only bring earthly rewards. In the end, all earthly gains must be left behind.

The Second Reading (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11) takes a very different approach. Here Paul insists that life is meaningful and filled with simple truths found in Jesus Christ. St. Paul agrees with Ecclesiastes that earthly things are ultimately meaningless if this is all we have. He goes on to say that we can think about "things above" so that when Christ comes again, we will share in his glory.

Paul is a prophet of hope inviting us to focus on things spiritual, since in Baptism we have died to sin and evil, "and our life is hidden with Christ in God". We have a destiny that transcends the dead ends of this world.

In the Gospel from Luke today (12:13-21) we have another one of his masterful short stories or parables on the use of riches. The Scripture scholar Fr. Gerald O'Collins has a wonderful reflection on this parable. He writes:

"The story gives no hint that this rich man has gained his wealth through illegal activities. He is not to be compared with modern tycoons whose dishonest dealings can yield incredible results. Slumps in the market may destroy their opulent lifestyle, and their financial failure often brings ruin to others.

In the parable of the rich fool, the man has become very affluent through the fertility of his land. God has blessed him with abundant harvests. The death of the rich man will not ruin anyone. Others, one presumes members of his family, will inherit all his possessions.

What has gone wrong then? The rich man has failed to recognize that he held his life and wealth on loan from God. It does not occur to him to praise and thank God for all the blessings he has received".

One might add that it never occurs to him either to share some of his wealth with the poor and the needy. What a shame! The story might have ended differently.

Lives Well Lived: Fred Fry, the father of Chris Fry was recently called home to God, surrounded by his loving family (while on vacation). He had lived a long and full life steeped in faith and the things of God. He died, hearing Chris recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet prayers. How beautiful and inspiring is that—Frederica Hoffert, mother of Joseph Hoffert of our Parish, died in New York, rich in years and faith and formed by the

July 31- Aug. 7

Sunday-July 31

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*KOC Mass 8:30 am

Monday-August 1

Communion Service 9 am

*Legion of Mary

*Bridge

Tuesday-August 2

Communion Service 9 am

Wednesday-August 3

Communion Service 7 pm

*Sr. Youth 5:30 pm

Thursday-August 4

Communion Service 9 am

Friday-August 5

Communion Service 9 am

*First Friday Adoration 9:30-12:30

Saturday-August 6

Mass 5 pm

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

Sunday-August 7

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*Youth Mass 11:15 am

***Blood Drive 8:30 am-1:00 pm Hall**

Pastor's Message-cont.

frequent recitation of the Rosary. A beautiful soul readied for God by a life of faith.

We offer our deepest sympathy to the Fry family and the Hoffert family. Their grandparents will now sing God praises for evermore. May they rest in peace.

Away in Ireland: I will be on vacation in Ireland until August 26th. The Benedictine Priests from Cullman will be here on the weekends. Deacon Terry and Deacon Serge and Deacon Lee will be helping out also. As the saying goes: "You will be in good hands"!

Peace and Blessings,
Fr. Sexton

FINANCE NEWS
July 2015-June 2016

Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ 6455.90	\$ 5653.85

Year-to-date

*Offertory:	\$ 24,990.89	\$ 22,615.40
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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 – 190 cans



With profound gratitude to God and immense joy,
the Pastor and Parish Community of
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
cordially invite you to the Consecration
and Dedication of our new church
Celebrated by Most Rev. Robert J. Baker, S.T.D.
In the presence of Bishop Emeritus
Most Rev. David E. Foley, D.D.

Saturday, August 13, 2016 – 10:00 a.m. c.s.t.

506 County Road 1, Wedowee, AL 36278

Yours in Jesus,

Fr. Davis Koottala, Pastor & Parishioners

Reception immediately following Mass.

Please R.S.V.P. by July 20, 2016, via e-mail
geneimadavis@gmail.com

Parish Council

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

Chair: Sonia Dale:

wmkdale2000@gmail.com

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mmcrae237@yahoo.com

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Pro Life Corner

Spiritual Adoption Program



Month 3

Hi! I'm three months old now. I'm about 3 inches long and I weigh one ounce. That's not much, but I am fully formed and can grab my other hand. I can squint, swallow and even move my tongue.

Please keep praying for me.

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

- Sunday:** *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
- Monday:** *St. Alphonsus Liguori*
- Tuesday:** *St. Eusebius of Vercelli;
St. Peter Julian Eymard*
- Thursday:** *St. John Vianney*
- Friday:** *Dedication of the Basilica of
St. Mary Major;
First Friday*
- Saturday:** *The Transfiguration of the
Lord; First Saturday*



Works of Mercy

Shelter the Homeless Corporal Works of Mercy

Homelessness is a very real and often unseen form of suffering in our community. There are many ways to fulfill the Work of Mercy, Shelter the Homeless. Ideas: volunteer to do manual labor to help in the upkeep of a homeless shelter, chaperone a youth group mission trip and help maintain existing homes and keep those in need in their homes, keep a list of local homeless shelters on hand to pass out to those you meet on the street, become a mentor to a foster child, send a care package with special treats to an orphanage, help a family working towards adoption by hosting a fundraiser for them, and donate to or volunteer with programs in their efforts in working with the homeless.

Assignments—Aug. 3 - Aug. 7

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM

8/3/2016

Communion Service

SATURDAY MASS

5:00 PM

8/6/2016

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| Altar Servers | Larry Reese, Lance Stella |
| Greeters | Frank Troncalli, Gloria/Red Albright |
| Lectors | Ron & Micky Zielinski |
| Ministers | Deacon, Gloria Albright, Connie Hertrich |
| Ushers | Cecil Rodgers, Jim Dale, Jim Gorman, Bob Nicholas |

SUNDAY MASS

8:30 AM

8/7/2016

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| Altar Servers | Anthony Emerick, Matt Frey, Amelia Reese, Carson Falkner |
| Greeters | Jacky/Tommie Johnson, Joe/Ruth Stanley |
| Lectors | Bernie Funderburg, Gloria Raynor |
| Ministers | Deacon, Michael Gagliano, Teri Gagliano, Carly Gagliano, Ronni Gagliano |
| Ushers | Herb Kuntz, Mike Gordon, Isabel Loera, Robert Paulitzky |

11:15 AM

Youth Mass

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| Altar Servers | Paul Boyle, John Himmler, Travis Cooley, Katie Boyle |
| Greeters | Youth |
| Lectors | Youth |
| Ministers | Deacon, Youth |
| Ushers | Don Frederick, Chris Gallegly, Youth |

**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.**

Radiating HIS Merciful Love

by learning and living
our Catholic Faith.

**An excerpt from the
MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS
POPE FRANCIS
FOR THE THIRTY-FIRST
WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016**

The Divine Mercy message is a very specific life plan because it involves action. One of the most obvious works of mercy, and perhaps the most difficult to put into practice, is to forgive those who have offended us, who have done us wrong or whom we consider to be enemies. "At times how hard it seems to forgive! And yet pardon is the instrument placed into our fragile hands to attain serenity of heart. To let go of anger, wrath, violence, and revenge are necessary conditions to living joyfully" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 9).

I meet so many young people who say that they are tired of this world being so divided, with clashes between supporters of different factions and so many wars, in some of which religion is being used as justification for violence. We must ask the Lord to give us the grace to be merciful to those who do us wrong. Jesus on the cross prayed for those who had crucified him: "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do" (Lk 23:34). Mercy is the only way to overcome evil. Justice is necessary, very much so, but by itself it is not enough. Justice and mercy must go together. How I wish that we could join together in a chorus of prayer, from the depths of our hearts, to implore the Lord to have mercy on us and on the whole world!

JUBILEE
YEAR of
Mercy



Religious
Education



**Classes resume
Sunday,
August 28th**

Registration forms can be found online



**The Rite
of Christian Initiation
for Adults**

*The RCIA process is for adults who would like to
explore the teachings and life of the Catholic
Church.*



Little Ones in Christ Grades Pre K—Grade 2

Junior Youth Grades 3– Grade 6

Senior Youth Grades 7-12

1st & 3rd Wednesdays—Sr. Youth Meetings & Every 3rd Sunday—Social Night

Contact Joanna Murphree (205) 473-1444.

Contact Jordan Murphree (205) 863-5787

Contact Peter Boyle (205) 613-5435



July School Supply Drive

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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
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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.

Prayer for Fr. Sexton:

*"May you have a good journey, and God be with you in your way, and his angel accompany you."
(Tobit 5:22)*



Thank you

We cannot begin to express our love & gratitude to our friends & Church family here at Our Lady of the Lake for all the prayers, Masses & expressions of love & Sympathy extended to us at this time. Our special appreciation to Fr. Sexton, Deacons Terry Rumore & Serge Brazzolotto, the Knights of Columbus, all Firefighters, EMS personnel & Police Officers who helped make Tommy's funeral so special. He held all of you in his heart and loved you all. For everyone whose life he touched in some small way, know that he now touches the face of God. God bless you.

With Much Love,
The Zopfi Family

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 celebrated on the Feast of St. John Vianney, Patron of Priests and co-Patron of the Diocese of Birmingham. Please join us as we pray for more vocations to the priesthood in our diocese. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Life Center.

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