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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, September 3, 2016
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, September 4, 2016
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



Twenty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 4, 2016

Fill us at daybreak with your
kindness, that we may shout for joy
and gladness all our days.

— Psalm 90:14



Mass Intentions

September 5– September 11



Monday: Bob & Joy Hernandez by the Brazzolottos
Tuesday: Marie Battaglia by the Amato Family †
Wednesday: Frank Dickinson by Terry & Rita Rumore †
Thursday: Bishop William Houck by the Rumores †
Friday: Paul Smith by Walton & Gene Smith †
Saturday: Michael Downs by Rodney & Beth Martin †
Sunday: Marie Battaglia by the Prosser Family †

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Matt Joiner, Pat Roberts, Judy Dawley,
Paul Boyle, Crystal Welford, Cecil Rodgers,
Yolie Roy, Jacky Johnson, Kitty Gordon,
Ruth Stanley.

**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 ~ Sept. 5—Sept. 11

Monday:	1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any read ings from the Mass “For the Blessings of Human Labor,” nos. 907-911
Tuesday:	1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b -6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11 -12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28- 30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Friday:	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39- 42
Saturday:	1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday:	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1- 32 [1-10]

Today's Readings



First Reading — Who can ever know God's
counsel unless God gives wisdom and sends
the Holy Spirit from on high? (Wisdom 9:13-18b)

Psalm — In every age, O Lord, you have been
our refuge. (Psalm 90)

Second Reading — Paul asks Philemon to ac-
cept back his slave Onesimus, not as a slave
but as a brother. (Philemon 9-10, 12-17)

Gospel — To be a disciple of Jesus one must
carry one's own cross and renounce all posses-
sions. (Luke 14:25-33)

Pastor's Message

Strong language in today's Gospel Reading from Luke. (14:25-33) Is it for real? Should we take it seriously?

If you are attentive to this Gospel you will have been startled by the word "hate". Such as "Hating father and mother, wife and children" etc. How can this be?

Matthew in a similar passage in his Gospel puts it this way: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me". Mt. 18:37.

It is, according to a majority of Biblical scholars, a semantic way of expressing detachment. It means "to love less" when faced with a fundamental life choice. Loyalty to God has a priority. A first claim on us. In loving our families in a healthy way we find the freedom to love God as the source of life, the center of life. It is not either/or but both and.

Luke notes in this Gospel Reading that "Great crowds were traveling with Jesus" on the road to Jerusalem. Luke asks us: are we traveling with him (tourists) or following him? Are we casual companions or disciples?

The follower of Jesus should not be mindless. Jesus cautions deliberation and focus. This is for the long haul. It is easy to get caught up in the movement toward Jerusalem as though it were a march or a parade.

The builder who would build a tower must calculate the cost. The king contemplating going to war with an army must know if he has sufficient resources.

The Responsorial Psalm (PS.90) today was also used on the eighteenth Sunday. In the Psalm refrain we affirm the constancy of the shelter and care God provides his people. "In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge". The people are painfully aware of the shortness of life yet they express confidence in God "to prosper the works of our hands".

The Psalmist calls upon God to: "Teach us to number our days aright". It is God's wisdom, the "Wisdom of the heart" for which they ask. It should be our prayer too!

A Great Sadness in Mississippi: People everywhere were shocked at the violent murder of two nuns (Sister Mary Margaret and Sister Paula) who had dedicated many years of service to the rural poor in the form of a clinic. The Sisters were also nurse practitioners who offered excellent medical care to people who would otherwise have none. The mystery of evil, once again, overwhelms us.

A Saint For Our Times: Today in Rome in the presence of hundreds of thousands, Pope Francis will raise a humble nun, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, "to the altars" (declare her a Saint). She captivated the world by her care for the poorest of the poor in the slums of Calcutta. It has come to light now that for much of her life she struggled with interior darkness, "The dark



September 4- September 11

Sunday-Sept. 4

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*No RE/Soup Drive Cont.

*Youth Mass 11:15 am

Monday-Sept. 5

Mass 9 am

*Office Closed-Labor Day

*Legion of Mary

*Bridge

Tuesday-Sept. 6

Mass 9 am

*RCIA Begins- 7 pm

Wednesday-Sept. 7

Mass 7 pm

*Sr. Youth 5:30 pm

Thursday-Sept. 8

Mass 9 am

Friday-Sept. 9

Mass 9 am

Saturday-Sept. 10

Mass 5 pm

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

Sunday-Sept. 11

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*RE 9:45 am/Soup Drive Cont.

*Pro Life Rosary/Spanish

*RE Parent Mtg. 10:00 am Parish Hall

Pastor's Message Cont.

night" where God seemed absent from her. Was she called to experience in her own soul the spiritual poverty of so much of modern life—the experience of loneliness, of being unwanted and uncared for? Perhaps, perhaps. St. Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us.

RCIA Begins This Week: For those interested in learning about the Catholic Faith and what the Church teaches. Classes every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Spread the word.

Peace and Blessings,
Fr. Sexton

FINANCE NEWS
July 2015-June 2016

Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ 3534.50	\$ 5653.85

Year-to-date

*Offertory:	\$ 54,378.08	\$ 50,884.55
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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 – 61 cans

**ANNUAL SEPTEMBER
 USED AND NEW BLANKET
 DRIVE**

Sponsored by the Hispanic Committee



The weather is starting to turn, and we need used and new blankets for our annual blanket distribution to those who are cold. Last year we passed out over 100 blankets!

Please place used or new blankets and air mattresses in the containers provided in the vestibules, or call **Mari Culver, 205-525-0071** for pickup.

Parish Picnic

September 18th

Lakeside Park

All are welcome!



The Knights of Columbus will be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs.

Please sign up to bring a side dish.

Sign up sheets are located in the church foyers. If you have a door prize to donate, please let Karen know.

For additional info, please contact **Karen**

Hand: 205.338.9737 or

wmkhand@yahoo.com.

Flood Relief Collection

Bishop Baker has asked a Special Collection be taken up in our Parish to help bring relief to the flood victims in central Louisiana.

The collection will be taken up in our Parish the weekend of Sept. 10th and 11th. We ask you to be generous.

**Please make checks payable to:
 Flood Relief Collection/Diocese of
 Birmingham.**

Fr. Sexton



Pro Life Corner

Spiritual Adoption Program



Month 4

Thank you for praying for me.
 I am bigger and stronger now.

I am about 6 inches long and I weigh about 4 ounces. When my mommy goes to the doctor, she can even listen to my heartbeat. I hope that one day I will run and play with friends like you.

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>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
<i>Monday:</i>	<i>Labor Day</i>
<i>Thursday:</i>	<i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
<i>Friday:</i>	<i>St. Peter Claver</i>
<i>Saturday:</i>	<i>Blessed Virgin Mary</i>

Works of Mercy

Instruct the Ignorant

Spiritual Works of Mercy

While the word "ignorant" may bear a negative connotation, the Work of Mercy Instruct the Ignorant simply means to provide education for those who lack knowledge about the Christian faith. This Work of Mercy is not just about teaching others but also about attending to your own spiritual formation and growth.

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

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wmkhand@yahoo.com

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Carl Rochford: rochfordc@bellsouth.net

Joe Stanley: rolytde1@aol.com

Assignments—Sept. 7 - Sept. 11

WEDNESDAY 9/7/2016 7:00 PM

Altar Servers
Lectors Sarah Brazzolotto

SATURDAY MASS 9/10/2016 5:00 PM

Altar Servers Peter Boyle, Michael Gagliano
Greeters Karen Hand, Gisela Scruggs
Lectors Connie Luter, Martha Hayes
Ministers Jim Dale, Sonia Dale, Connie Hertrich
Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Sam Marston

SUNDAY MASS 9/11/2016 8:30 AM

Altar Servers Sawyer Stice, Natalie Newcomb, Bailey Nail, Jacob Wiley
Greeters Anna Emerick, Janice Stella
Lectors Meagan Freeman, Karen Reese
Ministers Deacon, Anna Emerick, Janice Stella, Joe Stanley,
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Paul Rochford

11:15 AM

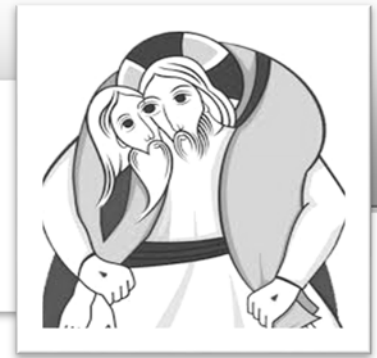
Altar Servers James Lewis, Peyton Foreman, Brooks Boyle, Troy Rosato
Greeters Patrick Cowart, Patsy LopezdeVictoria
Lectors John Stice, Miranda Jacks
Ministers Deacon, Sarah Brazzolotto, Chris Gallegly, Maria Jiminez, Susan Mosley
Ushers Don Frederick, Ron Sellers, Jennifer Sellers, Alex Walser

If you cannot keep your assignment
PLEASE find a substitute.

Encountering God's Merciful Love

by learning and living
our Catholic Faith.

JUBILEE
YEAR of
Mercy



**"If you judge people,
you have no time to
love them."**

- Mother Teresa



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.*

**The process will begin on
September 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**

**and will continue every
Tuesday evening in the Parish Hall.**

Sign-up Sheets are located in the Church.

ALL are welcome to join us as we
**JOURNEY INTO OUR
FAITH!**



Religious Ed. Classes resume Sunday, Sept. 11th

Please join us as we
begin the journey of this new year!

NO, it's NOT TOO LATE to Register!



JR. YOUTH GROUP

Sept 11th, 12:30-2:30PM
Parish Hall

Students 3rd—6th grade
Feel free to bring a friend.
FAITH, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP!
Lunch will be provided.

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 Contact Peter Boyle (205) 613-5435

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



LOOKING FOR A BIBLE STUDY?



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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

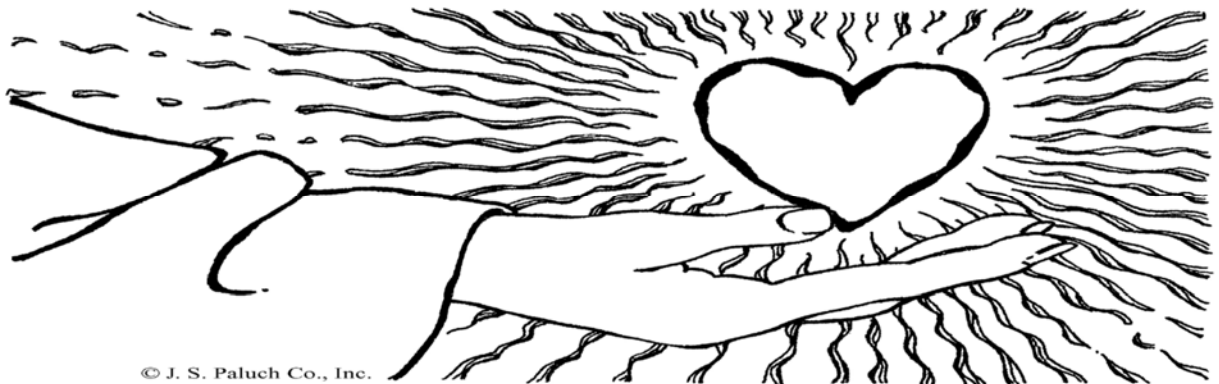
It's time to celebrate Labor Day as the unofficial end of summer, and you can also celebrate your Marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. It's a positive, simple, common sense private experience between husband and wife that revitalizes marriage. A Weekend renews the romance and excitement you experienced during your dating days. **The next weekend in the diocese is scheduled in Cullman, Oct. 21-23 at St. Bernard's Abbey.**

You can get more information or register online at www.ALFL-wwme.org or by calling:
Bob & Joy Hernandez: 678-985-0125.



Are you being called to a deeper understanding of Faith and Truth? Answer the call as a Lay Dominican. The Birmingham Lay Dominican Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati Group is sponsoring a "Come and See" meeting. The life of a Dominican layperson is all about having a passion for the Word of God. It is about committing **oneself** to a community of like minded brothers and sisters that immerse themselves in the Word of God. We are men and women, singles and couples living a **Catholic** life with a Dominican spirituality in the secular world.

The meeting will be at St. Rose Academy Library on Sunday, September 11th, 2016 at 2PM.



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