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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.

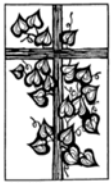
Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, September 17, 2016

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, September 18, 2016

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



*Twenty-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

September 18, 2016

*God . . . wills everyone to be saved
and to come to knowledge
of the truth.*

— 1 Timothy 2:4



Mass Intentions

September 19– September 25



Monday: David Smith by Walton & Gene Smith

Tuesday: J.B. Schillaci by Frank Troncalli †

Wednesday: Marie Battaglia by Paul & Parma Boyle †

Thursday: Marie Battaglia by Chatfield Family †

Friday: Linda Fife by Terry & Rita Rumore

Saturday: Trudi & Andy McClay by the Zielinskis †

Sunday: Marie Battaglia by Terry & Rita Rumore †

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

*Matt Joiner, Judy Dawley, Paul Boyle,
Crystal Welford, Cecil Rodgers, Yolie
Roy, Jacky Johnson, Kitty Gordon,
Ruth Stanley, Bob Paulitzky, David
Paulitzky, Phillip Ivey.*

**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. 19—Sept. 25

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5;
Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13;
Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34,
35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps
19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6,
12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b,
2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps
90:3-6, 12-14, 17;
Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-
10; 1 Tm 6:11-16;
Lk 16:19-31

Today's Readings



First Reading — The Lord never forgets the
sins of those who take advantage of the poor .
(Amos 8:4-7)

Psalm — Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.
(Psalm 113)

Second Reading — Pray to the Lord, who
wants everyone to be saved. (1 Timothy 2:1-8)

Gospel — Be trustworthy in all things. Serve
God, the only master, not mammon. (Luke 16:1-
13 [10-13])

Pastor's Message

This Sunday and next, the prophet Amos offers a stinging indictment of those who oppress the poor and who exist in complacent, self-serving luxury.

Amos was called to serve as a prophet in the northern kingdom of Israel during the early part of the eighth century B.C. It was a time of prosperity that brought with it, unfortunately, the exploitation of the poor and defenseless by the wealthy and the powerful.

One of the most vivid passages that describe social injustice within the Israelite community is found in the First Reading today. (Amos 8:4-7)

The prophet addresses a group of Israelites who have acted unethically on several counts. First, they have exploited the poor economically. They have forgotten to care for the poor and the most vulnerable ones in the society as the law required. Second, those doing the exploiting also are selling the sweepings of wheat from their harvests. The Torah insisted that the gleanings of the harvest were to be left for the poor. Third, the poor are often sold for unpaid debts in a kind of human traffic trade.

Such reprehensible behavior on the part of those holding economic power and know-how does not go unnoticed. God plans to take action against the culprits of injustice. "Never will I forget a thing they have done".

In the Gospel Reading (Luke 16:1-13) Jesus tells his disciples the story of a rich man's property manager who mishandled the land over which he had charge. Fearing that he will be left with nothing and only desiring that when he loses his management job people will receive him into their homes, he "shrewdly", but perhaps practically, works out a deal with the tenants who owe money.

The dishonest manager gained the support of the debtors and even the commendation of the master for his crafty and astute actions.

Jesus tells his disciples that the offer to be his disciples calls for decisive action. They cannot serve two masters, namely God and money. They might learn from the crafty manager, who, to his credit, recognized the moment of crisis and acted decisively.

The Annual Catholic Charities Appeal: We are now preparing for the Annual Appeal in our Diocese. Next Sunday is pledge Sunday in all our Parishes. The goal for the Diocesan-wide drive is four million dollars. The goal set for our Parish is fifty thousand dollars. By the way that was the goal also last year and you surpassed it!! Bishop Baker has already mailed you a pledge card with information on the drive. You may mail your signed card to Birmingham Catholic Charities office OR return it to the Parish in the Sunday collection basket or mail it to the Parish. Thanks for your generous and kind response.

Annual Parish Picnic: Today from 1:00 to 3:00 at Lakeside Park. Volunteers needed to set up and clean up. Salad and desserts would be greatly appreciated too. Special games for children. Hope to see you and your family at the picnic.

Thought for the Week: "How many, O Lord my God, are the wonders and designs that you have worked for us!" (Psalm 40:6)

Peace and Blessings,
Fr. Sexton

September 18- September 25

Sunday-Sept. 18

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

- *RE 9:45 am/Soup Drive Cont.
- *Catechetical Sunday
- *Parish Picnic 1:00 pm-Lakeside Park
- *Sr. Youth Social 5:00 pm
- *Praise and Worship 6:30 pm
- *Holy Hour 7:00 pm

Monday-Sept. 19

Mass 9 am

- *Legion of Mary
- *Bridge
- *Bible Study 6:30 pm

Tuesday-Sept. 20

Communion Service 9 am

- *RCIA 7 pm

Wednesday-Sept. 21

Communion Service 7 pm

- *Surfsiders 10 am
- *Sr. Youth 5:30 pm

Thursday-Sept. 22

Communion Service 9 am

Friday-Sept. 23

Mass 9 am

Saturday-Sept. 24

Mass 5 pm

- *Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

Sunday-Sept. 25

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

- *RE 9:45 am/Soup Drive cont.
- *Catholic Charities Pledge Sunday
- *RE Parent Mtg. between the Masses



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FINANCE NEWS
July 2015-June 2016

Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ 8600.31	\$ 5653.85

Year-to-date

*Offertory:	\$ 70,578.72	\$ 62,192.35
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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 – 43 cans

STEWARDSHIP

“A Christian steward is one who receives God’s gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others and returns them with increase to the Lord.” U.S. Catholic Bishops said in *Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response*.

Good stewardship affects every part of our lives. When we use our time, our talents, and our material resources well, we feel in balance, in tune with God. We realize we have been given those gifts and, in turn, we are using them for good purposes.

See Not Obligation, But Opportunity.

Ask yourself: “Where can I help? What are the needs here? What difference can I—me, specifically me, with what I have to offer---what difference can I make? A good steward is awake, alert to opportunities around them, actually looking for chances to make a difference.

Parish Council

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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.**



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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday</i>
<i>Monday:</i>	<i>St. Januarius</i>
<i>Tuesday:</i>	<i>Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions</i>
<i>Wednesday:</i>	<i>St. Matthew</i>
<i>Thursday:</i>	<i>Autumn begins</i>
<i>Friday:</i>	<i>St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)</i>
<i>Saturday:</i>	<i>Blessed Virgin Mary</i>



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Missing Dish

Sept. 1st, after the Deanery meeting, a beige baking dish was left in the church kitchen. If it accidentally went home with you, please return it to the church.

The owner (Gisela Scruggs) is looking for it!

Thanks!

Assignments—Sept. 21- Sept. 25

WEDNESDAY

9/21/2016

7:00 PM

Altar Servers

Lector

Bernie Funderburg

SATURDAY MASS

9/24/2016

5:00 PM

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors

Ministers

Ushers

Tom Graffo, Larry Reese

Bill/Loretta Frost, Connie Hertrich

Larry Foltz, Sonia Dale

Gloria Albright, Larry Reese, Sara Reese

Cecil Rodgers, Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Clayton Martin

SUNDAY MASS

9/25/2016

8:30 AM

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors

Ministers

Ushers

Andrew Thomaston, Will Thomaston, Brennan Cardenas, Carson Falkner

Anna Emerick, Dennis Veigl

Karen Reese, Dennis Veigl

Deacon, Janice Stella, Tom Graffo, Martha Hayes, Rosemary Mateer

Michael Gagliano, Mike Gordon, Isabel Loera, Robert Paulitzky

11:15 AM

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors

Ministers

Ushers

James Lewis, Peyton Foreman, Brooks Boyle, Troy Rosato

Grace Troncalli, Lydia Jimenez

Robert Lewis, Tony Hollis

Deacon, Wayne & Mary Adams, Jim Morteck, Marcia Morteck

Don Frederick, Ron Markevich, Jimmy Pittman, William Ngambou

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

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Catechetical Sunday



Thank a
Catechist
TODAY!

Thank you to our AMAZING TEAM of CATECHISTS!

"A Catechist is

a person who facilitates the process of faith.

*This is done first by echoing the word of God in his or
her own life, and second by helping others to do so...*

*Through your work with adults, families, adolescents,
and children, you are passing on a lived faith."*

A Catechist's Prayer

Father of all families, you have called me to serve the family in truth and love as a catechist. May I be faithful to this call, rooted in your Word, and open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

May I use these gifts, especially the gifts of faith, hope, and love, to serve the family as a witness to you, who are love and life and the source and destiny of all families.

Let your Spirit enlighten my mind and strengthen my heart so that I can be a path of Christ's love to families, especially those in need, the homebound and aged, the disabled and disheartened.

Through the intercession of Mary and Joseph, I pray for the Church, the Bride of Christ, whose mission to build a civilization of love passes through the family.

Amen.

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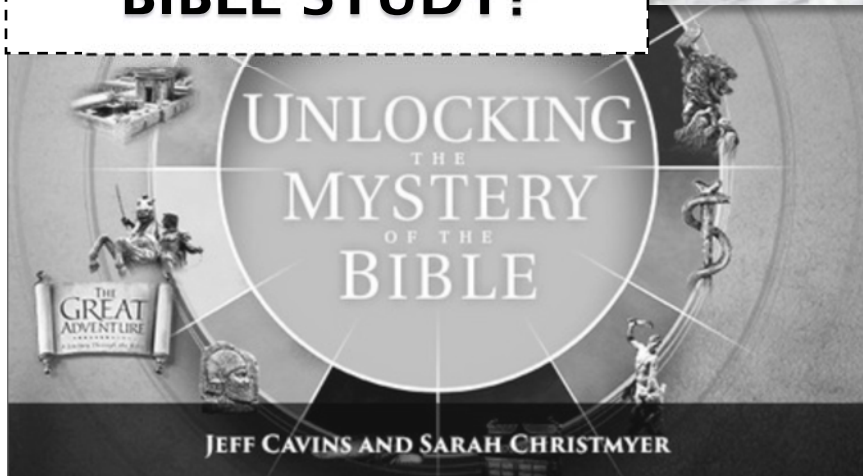
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Study Facilitator: Anna Rosato Brown
annab927@hotmail.com (205)252-0817



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



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Bob & Joy Hernandez: 678-985-0125.

Works of Mercy

Admonish the Sinner Spiritual Works of Mercy



The word "admonish" means to warn. Rather than condemning or scolding, the Work of Mercy Admonish the Sinner means to call ourselves and others to conversion. To admonish another about his or her sins is a very courageous act. When someone is told that they've done something wrong, they might become angry or resentful, especially in today's culture, where morals are often considered relative or context-dependent. How can you risk admonishing someone? The first sinner we should admonish is ourselves! By acknowledging our own brokenness and smallness, we grow in humility. We are all in need of God's forgiveness and mercy and we rely on his grace to strengthen us so that we can avoid sin in the future. Frequent examination of conscience and receiving the Sacrament of Penance are part of admonishing ourselves as sinners. Live your faith openly. You can share your life as a Catholic by setting boundaries, declining to participate in situations that would compromise your morals, and refusing to participate in wrong doing. Invite others to join you at Mass or to attend a program or class with you. Afterward, talk about what you've learned and how you intend to use it to change your own life.

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