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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.

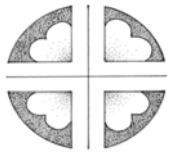
Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, October 1, 2016

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, October 2, 2016

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 2, 2016

*Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD
who made us.*

— Psalm 95:6



Mass Intentions

October 3– October 9



Monday: Marie Battaglia by Angelo Battaglia †

Tuesday: Tommy Zopfi by Jerry & Brenda Kern †

Wednesday: Marie Battaglia by Angelo Battaglia †

Thursday: Special Intentions

Friday: Tommy Zopfi by the Stice Family †

Saturday: Trudi & Andy McClay by the Zielinskis †

Sunday: Arthur Joseph Raynor by James Raynor †

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Judy Dawley, Paul Boyle, Crystal Welford, Cecil Rodgers, Yolie Roy, Jacky Johnson, Kitty Gordon, Ruth Stanley, Bob Paulitzky, David Paulitzky, Philip Ivey, Rosalie Nebiolo, Renee & Robert Bentel.

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

Weekly Readings ~ Oct. 3—Oct. 9

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

Today's Readings



First Reading — In spite of violence, destruction, and ruin, the just person, because of faith, will live. (Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4)

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Psalm 95)

Second Reading — Bear hardship with the strength that comes from God. (2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14)

Gospel — Lord, increase our faith! (Luke 17:5-10)

Pastor's Message

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, be uprooted and planted in the sea, and it would obey you". A writer reflecting on this Gospel verse writes: "A jar of mustard seed is so tiny, it almost disappears when I hold it in my hand. I hope my faith is at least this big, but sometimes I'm not sure. If I live by faith and listen to God's voice, I wonder why do I sometimes harden my heart and put God to the test?".

When the disciples became aware of the cost of discipleship and realized too that they did not have the resources to meet the challenges, they shared their misgivings with Jesus.

Jesus simply invited them to cultivate the seed of faith that had begun to grow within them. Whatever cards they were dealt in life, faith would enable them and empower them to live, to love, to serve the poor, to witness to the truth at all costs and to work for a more just world.

Faith might be described in this context as a response to God's initiative in our lives. A willing co-operation with God's grace.

The prophet Habakkuk, in the First Reading today, reminds us: "The just man because of his faith, shall live".

The meaning of faith in this context is: "The posture of one who trusts and hopes and entrusts the future to God".

The disciples in the Gospel prayed: "Lord, increase our faith". It is our prayer too. When life is hard. When doubts assail us. When we are lonely. When we lose our job. When our health breaks down. God who sees all and knows all is as close as the beat of our heart.

The novelist, George Bernanos, reminded us: "Faith is not a thing which one loses. We merely cease to shape our life by it".

Without vision, the people perish, was the message of Habakkuk. The vision that nourishes us and grounds us is our faith. We need it now more than ever.

Annual Banquet: The annual fundraising banquet for Ann's New Life Center will be held on Thursday evening, October 6, at Celebrations. Ann's New Life Center provides counseling and support for women in time of a crisis pregnancy. This is a ministry shared by many churches in our community. It is a vital pro-life ministry. By attending the banquet and making a donation you will be helping this ministry in a special way.

Catholic Charities Appeal: The Appeal is still in progress. If you have already made your pledge I thank you. If you forgot, please return your pledge card soon so we can complete the Appeal. Many thanks.

Peace and Blessings,
Fr. Sexton

October 2- October 9

Sunday-Oct. 2

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Respect Life Sunday

*RE 9:45 am

*Youth Mass 11:15 am

*Pro Life Rosary/English

Monday-Oct. 3

Mass 9 am

*Legion of Mary

*Bridge

*Bible Study 6:30 pm

Tuesday-Oct. 4

Mass 9 am

*RCIA 7 pm

Wednesday-Oct. 5

Mass 7 pm

*Sr. Youth 5:30 pm

Thursday-Oct. 6

Mass 9 am

***Ann's New Life Banquet 6:00 pm @ Celebrations**

Friday-Oct. 7

Mass 9 am

*First Friday Adoration 9:30a-12:30p

Saturday-Oct. 8

Mass 5 pm

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

*Stewardship Fair after Mass

Sunday-Oct. 9

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*RE 9:45 am

*Stewardship Fair between Masses

FINANCE NEWS
July 2015-June 2016

Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ 4620.34	\$ 5653.85

Year-to-date

*Offertory:	\$ 80,362.44	\$ 73,500.05
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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 – 106 cans

STEWARDSHIP

Share Various Gifts At The Right Times.

The good steward practices the stewardship truism, "Do what you can. Not what you can't." Different situations in the life of our families, our parishes, our communities will call forth different applications of those three trusty pillars of good stewardship: Time, Talent, Treasure.

Parish Council

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A NEW SEASON:

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Be Reflected In Your Marriage.**

The kids are back in school...now give some time to the two of you. Consider making a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend and bring color and passion to your special love. 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.



Pro Life Corner

Spiritual Adoption Program



Month 5

**I am 5 months old now. I am 12 inches long
And weigh about one pound. I'm really getting
Big and mommy can now feel me kick and
Move around! Hey! Someday maybe I'll play
Soccer! 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: *Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday; Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year 5777) begins at sunset*

Tuesday: *St. Francis of Assisi*

Thursday: *St. Bruno; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher*

Friday: *Our Lady of the Rosary; First Friday*

Saturday: *Blessed Virgin Mary*



Works of Mercy

Forgive Offenses Spiritual Works of Mercy

During his time on earth, Jesus taught his disciples to pray, a prayer we now know as the Our Father. In the Our Father, we repeat the words, "Forgive us trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." This phrase tells us that in asking God for forgiveness, we must also forgive others. Spend time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. When you make a Holy Hour, you are in the presence of Jesus himself. Ask him to change your heart to be more like his forgiving heart. Make a daily Examen prayer. By taking time to review your day prayerfully, with God's help, you will begin to see both your own need for forgiveness as well as opportunities to forgive others. Ask God to grant you the grace to grow in forgiveness. Receive the Sacrament of Penance and confess your struggles with forgiving others. Ask the priest for advice in how to grow then put his advice into action.

Assignments—Oct. 5- Oct. 9

WEDNESDAY

10/5/2016

7:00 PM

Altar Servers

Lector

Charmaine Welch

SATURDAY MASS

10/8/2016

5:00 PM

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors

Ministers

Michael Gagliano, Marty Poteracki

Darlene Leonard, Gisela Scruggs

Allen Ross, Phyllis Ross

Deacon, Gloria Albright, Connie Hertrich

Ushers

Cecil Rodgers, Jim Dale, Jim Gorman, Bob Nicholas

SUNDAY MASS

10/9/2016

8:30 AM

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors

Ministers

Anthony Emerick, Matt Frey, Brennan Cardenas, Carson Falkner

Natalie Newcomb, Alexis Allor

Meagan Freeman, Carey Monistere Deacon, Anna Emerick, Stephen

Reese, Rosemary Mateer, Janice Stella

Ushers

Michael Gagliano, Rosemary Mateer, Laura Headley, Tommie A. Johnson

11:15 AM

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors

Ministers

James Lewis, John Himmler, Troy Rosato, Travis Cooley

Pete/Amber Boyle, Katie Boyle

Chere Lowery, Rose Ballard

Deacon, Sarah Brazzolotto, Wayne Adams, Mary Adams, Brenda Rochford

Ushers

Don Frederick, Johnny Armstrong, Brian Young, John Smith

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

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*by learning and living
our Catholic Faith.*

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**When 70% of
Catholics don't go to
church on Sunday,
isn't it time someone
did something?**

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

**The process has started but
it's not too late to join us.
Tuesdays at 7:00PM
in the Parish Hall.**

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

The tide is going out on Catholicism in America. Catholics are leaving the Church at an alarming rate, and disengagement among those who remain is staggeringly high. Growing numbers of Catholics are disillusioned, questioning their faith, and filled with doubts about the modern relevance of Catholicism. Dwindling Mass attendance, scarcity of vocations, and Catholic school closures are just a few of the signs.

The sad truth is that most Catholics have never really been shown the genius of Catholicism and how it could animate their lives.

Business as usual will not turn the tide. In fact, business as usual will not even stem the tide. We need to start thinking on a whole new level. We need game-changers.

Our 8th Grade / Pre Confirmation Class is studying DECISION POINT.

Learn more about Dynamic Catholic check out the free resources.

There's a FREE Decision Point App as well as a FREE Dynamic Catholic Radio App.



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

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

October 2, is respect Life Sunday, and October is the month of the Rosary. All parishioners please join in reciting the Rosary near the grotto. If it rains, we will say the Rosary in the church, using the large rosary made by a member of the Boyle family.



Praying
for children
who are
hidden from
sight,
but not
hidden
from God...
Praying for
the protection
of unborn people ...



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Saturday, October 8, 2016
9 am - 2 pm

Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament
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All Cursillistas and their Families and Friends are invited to the 2016 Grand Ultreya. We will hear a talk on Year of Mercy and the Holy Doors, offered the Sacrament of Reconciliation and celebrate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Come join your fellow Cursillistas, from throughout the diocese, as we pray, worship and visit together.

This event is free to all.

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For more information email Sara Reese:
sreese1944@gmail.com

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