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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 15, 2016

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, October 16, 2016

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 16, 2016

*I lift up my eyes toward the
mountains; whence shall
help come to me?*

*My help is from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.*

— *Psalm 121:1-2*



Mass Intentions

October 17– October 23



Monday: Jamie Lyn Wood by Mari Culver †

Tuesday: Marie Battaglia by Angelo Battaglia †

Wednesday: Tommy Zopfi by Jay & Enid Willi †

Thursday: Frank Dickinson by Jerry & Brenda Kern †

Friday: Tommy Zopfi by Jerry & Brenda Kern †

Saturday: Tommy Zopfi by KOC 12270 †

Sunday: John Nicholson by Gloria 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, Jim Hopper.

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 ~ Oct. 17—Oct. 23

Monday:	Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday:	2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Wednesday:	Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday:	Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53
Friday:	Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday:	Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday:	Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

Today's Readings



First Reading — As long as Moses' hands were kept uplifted, Joshua and his men had the better part of the battle with Amalek. (Exodus 17:8-13)

Psalm — Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 121)

Second Reading — Remain faithful; proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or not. (2 Timothy 3:14 — 4:2)

Gospel — God will secure the rights of the chosen who call out day and night. (Luke 18:1-8)

Pastor's Message

Pray without ceasing. This might be the headline for today's Scripture Readings. St. Teresa of Avila said: "In prayer the important thing is not to think much but to love much".

In the First Reading (Ex. 17:8-13) and the Gospel, prayer is the response to life's struggles and challenges. Moses discovers this in time of battle as does the widow in the Gospel (Luke 18:1-8). Both choose prayer as a response to their situations.

People sometimes say: "I used to pray a lot but now I don't". The loss of prayer is the loss of familiarity with God. A dialogue is closed off. Even if my life seems full of unanswered prayers, do I still believe in the words of Jesus: "Pray always and do not lose heart."? Do I believe that "God will do justice to his chosen ones who cry out to him day and night."?

For Luke, prayer is critical to the life of the disciple. He exhorts his disciples to be a prayerful community. Jesus himself was one to spend whole nights in prayer in the hills. At the great moments of his life he was found to be in prayer: at his Baptism, at the Transfiguration, in calling his disciples, at the Last Supper, in the Garden and on the Cross.

Fr. Gerald O'Collins reminds us: "Jesus himself, is the prayer par excellence in the Gospels. In faithful prayer he cries out to his God "day and night" and does so in a most dramatic fashion during the agony in the Garden. As we know, through vindicating himself in the Resurrection, God did not long delay but quickly granted justice to Jesus, the Chosen One of all the chosen ones".

The parable of the widow and the unjust judge gives us a glimpse of the situation of Jesus' own life and destiny.

Prayer has a community aspect too. When Moses got tired of holding up his hands during the battle, two of his helpers held up his hands. When we are tired or sick and unable to pray, the community prays for us. Someone is holding up our hands—a friend, a fellow parishioner, a monk in a monastery, a relative in a nursing home.

The final question in today's Gospel is a haunting one: "But when the Son of Man comes will he find faith on the earth?". Will he find us persevering in prayer and believing in his Word? We hope so. We live in a secular age and a strange time.

Stewardship Sunday—a generous response. Thanks to all who made a commitment of time and talent in serving the Parish for the coming year. You will receive more in return than you can ever give- -Thanks too for an amazing response to the Ann's New Life Center fundraiser- -and for coming out in such great numbers to remember Frank Connell at the Memorial Mass. He would have been very pleased. May he rest with the angels.

Peace and Blessings,
Fr. Sexton

October 16- October 23

Sunday-Oct. 16

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Respect Life Sunday

*RE 9:45 am

*Sr. Youth Social 5:00 pm

*Praise & Worship 6:30 pm

*Holy Hour 7:00 pm

*Special Collection-Propagation of the Faith

Monday-Oct. 17

Mass 9 am

*Legion of Mary

*Bridge

*Bible Study 6:30 pm

Tuesday-Oct. 18

Mass 9 am

*RCIA 7 pm

Wednesday-Oct. 19

Mass 7 pm

*Surfsiders 10 am

*Sr. Youth 5:30 pm

*Parish Council after Mass

Thursday-Oct. 20

Communion Service 9 am

Friday-Oct. 21

Communion Service 9 am

Saturday-Oct. 22

Mass 5 pm

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

Sunday-Oct. 23

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*RE 9:45 am

A purse was found in the Sanctuary on Sunday after Mass. Please call the office to identify if it is yours: 205.525.5161.

FINANCE NEWS
July 2015-June 2016

Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ 6734.63	\$ 5653.85

Year-to-date

*Offertory:	\$ 93,215.44	\$ 84,807.75
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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 – 50 cans

STEWARDSHIP

See Stewardship As A Spiritual Act.

If you think about it for a minute, the realization sets in: God doesn't actually need us to return anything to Him. It's all of his anyway. It is we who need to return some portion of time, talent and treasure as an act of love, or appreciation, of this acknowledgment.



John Carroll Catholic High School will host their annual Open House on **Sunday, October 16th**, from 2-5 pm. All prospective students and families are welcome to attend. Take a tour of the campus, meet the faculty and staff, and learn about our educational and extra-curricular activities. **For more information, please call 940-2400 or visit jcchs.org.**

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*Our Lady of the Lake Welcomes
the following New Members
to our Church Family:*

**All are
Welcome**

***Dylan Vickers
Jerry Owens***

*Welcome one another, then, as Christ
welcomed you, for the glory of God.*

- Romans 15:7



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-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Sukkot (Jewish Feast of Tabernacles) begins at sunset*
- Monday:** *St. Ignatius of Antioch; National Boss Day*
- Tuesday:** *St. Luke*
- Wednesday:** *Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions*
- Thursday:** *St. Paul of the Cross*
- Saturday:** *St. John Paul II; Blessed Virgin Mary*



Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Worldwide Marriage Encounter invites all married couples to Renew the Romance, Revitalize your Marriage, Communicate more Openly, Find Deeper Intimacy, Focus on Your Spouse and Share the Joy with the One You Love by attending the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend 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.

Assignments—Oct. 19- Oct. 23

WEDNESDAY 10/19/2016 7:00 PM

Altar Servers
Lector Sarah Brazzolotto

SATURDAY MASS 10/22/2016 5:00 PM

Altar Servers Stephen Reese
Greeters Gloria/Jim Albright, Karen Hand
Lectors Ron & Micky Zielinski
Ministers Deacon, Larry Reese, Sara Reese
Ushers Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Sam Marston

SUNDAY MASS 10/23/2016 8:30 AM

Altar Servers Jimillia Sayles, Amelia Reese, Brennan Cardenas, Danielle McKinney
Greeters Patsy LopezdeVictoria, Patrick Cowart
Lectors *
Ministers Deacon, Anna Emerick, Rosemary Mateer, Carly Gagliano, Ronni Gagliano
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Rosemary Mateer, Phillip Thomaston, Bit Thomaston

11:15 AM

Altar Servers Paul Boyle, Will Pittman, Katie Boyle, Erin Barker
Greeters Grace Troncalli, Brittany Washburn
Lectors Tony Hollis, Mary Adams
Ministers Deacon, Martha Hayes, Lee Walser, Chris Gallegly, Tommie Johnson
Ushers Don Frederick, Larry Foltz, Gloria Raynor, Jeanne Macon

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

Where Catholics are Called to Serve

The world needs Catholics to make a difference. How? Where have we been called to serve? Some of us are prayer warriors, silently praying in earnest for Mother Church, the sick, an end to abortion, and for the souls in purgatory (among other things). Some of us are called to the married or single life and still others are called to serve Christ in the public square. Many are called to the priesthood and religious life. Some are missionaries serving the poor and unwanted of the world. Wherever we are called, we have countless opportunities each day to serve him in our words and deeds. We should live out our calling with joy and know that our positive example will have an impact on the behavior and faith of others who are silently watching us.

As much as I try to give up my anxiety and fear in prayer, I am worried about the future of our country, the world, and the Church. I am inclined toward action and getting involved to make a difference, but I struggle sometimes to know how to apply my efforts. I have come to realize that I can best serve our Lord and his Church by being devoted in the practice of my Catholic faith and setting a good example. I need to be diligent about my prayer life as well as speaking up for what I believe. I have to be humble, loving, and remind myself that all of my efforts are for his greater glory and not my own.

Consider the wisdom in this quote from one of my favorite writers, Francis Fernandez, and his wonderful series of books *In Conversation with God*: “However, God does not ask the majority of Christians to shed their blood in testimony of the faith they profess. But he does ask of everyone a heroic steadfastness in proclaiming the truth through his life and words in environments which may be difficult and hostile to the teachings of Christ. He asks them to live fully the Christian virtues in the middle of the world, in whatever circumstances life has placed them. This is the path that the majority of Christians will have to tread—Christians who have to sanctify themselves through living heroism in the duties and circumstances of each day. Today’s Christian needs the virtue of fortitude in a special way. This virtue, as well as being humanly so attractive, is indispensable given the materialistic mentality of so many people today; it is a mentality that prizes comfort and has a horror of anything that smacks of mortification, renunciation or sacrifice. So every act of virtue contains within it an act of courage, of fortitude; without it we cannot remain faithful to God.” (Francis Fernandez, *In Conversation with God*, Vol.3, p.208)

I find myself just as challenged as most people to live an authentic Catholic life in the world today. But I know we are called to try and make a sincere effort. I also know we are not alone and Christ stands ready to help us if we go to him in prayer with our desires. The key is to leave the sidelines and get started. Our efforts may be listening to a lonely and depressed coworker, saying a prayer for a friend seeking employment, or spending quality time with our family. Maybe now is the time to volunteer for a parish ministry. Whatever we do, let’s do it to glorify Christ, put our fears aside, and truly serve him. Think about the possibilities if we all made a sincere daily commitment, no matter how small, to make a positive difference in the lives of those around us. The world would be transformed.

*Adapted from [Along the Way: Lessons for an Authentic Journey of Faith](#) with permission from Liguori Publications and Randy Hain. “Along the Way” was recently named a FINALIST in the About.com Catholicism Reader’s Choice Awards for Best Catholic Book of 2012.



Pro Life Washington D.C. Trip

Depart: January 25, Wed. afternoon

Return: January 29, Sunday morning

**Staying at the Embassy Suites in
Alexandria, VA.**

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ing with them.**

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later than December 2, 2016.**

**Please contact Chris Frey for more
details: 205.473.4661.**



Works of Mercy

**Pray for the Living
and the Dead**

Spiritual Works of Mercy

As Catholics, we pray for persons who are still living and we pray for our deceased loved ones. There are groups in our parish who gather to pray with and for both the living and those who are deceased. When you hear a police car, ambulance, or fire truck siren, pray a Hail Mary for the officers, paramedics and anyone involved. When you pass a funeral home with a parking lot full of cars, pray for the soul of the deceased person, as well as that person's family and friends. When you do laundry, prepare a meal, take a shower, or go to bed at night, ask God to comfort those who don't have clothes to wash, food to eat, running water to use, or a bed to sleep in. When you see a cemetery, pray for the souls of the people who are buried there, as well as the souls of your loved ones who have passed away. When you see a sunrise or sunset, smell fresh baked cookies, hear your favorite song, or taste something delicious, pray for those who are blind, deaf, or unable to experience life through their senses. When you are impatient, frustrated, or going through a struggle in your life, pray for the poor souls in purgatory who are patiently, painfully awaiting their entrance into heaven.

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