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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, November 5, 2016

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, November 6, 2016

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Thirty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time

November 6, 2016



*My steps have been steadfast in your
paths, my feet have not faltered.
I call upon you, for you will
answer me, O God.*

— Psalm 17:5-6a



Mass Intentions

November 7– November 13



Monday: Bill Rollo by Paul & Parma Boyle †

Tuesday: Allen McGuire by Kathy Bryant †

Wednesday: Special Intentions

Thursday: Marie Battaglia by Angelo Battaglia †

Friday: Jamie Lyn Wood by Mari Culver †

Saturday: Paul Reid by Jeanie Reid

Sunday: Deceased Legion of Mary †

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Paul Boyle, Crystal Welford, Cecil
Rodgers, Jacky Johnson, Kitty Gordon,
Ruth Stanley, Jim Hopper, Anne &
Cary Forister.

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 ~ Nov. 7—Nov. 13

Monday:	Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3 -4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Thursday:	Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7- 10; Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday:	Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5- 9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

Today's Readings



First Reading — The King of the world will
raise us up to live again forever. (2 Maccabees
7:1-2, 9-14)

Psalm — Lord, when your glory appears, my
joy will be full. (Psalm 17)

Second Reading — May the Lord encourage
and strengthen your hearts. (2 Thessalonians
2:16 — 3:5)

Gospel — Those who are deemed worthy of
the coming age can no longer die. (Luke 20:27-
38 [27, 34-38])

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Pastor's Message

Seven brothers appear both in the First Reading (2 Maccabees 7:1-2; 9-14) and in the Gospel (Luke 20:27-38). The number seven has a special place in Biblical Literature. It is the perfect number symbolizing wholeness or completion. Genesis speaks of the seven days of creation, which included the seventh day as the Sabbath, the day of rest.

In the passage from 2 Maccabees, the ruthless king Antiochus attempts to coerce the brothers and their mother into eating pork. But it is more than a matter of pork. In reality they are being asked to deny their belief in God.

One by one, the brothers (and their mother) remain faithful to God's Law and refuse to eat pork. They are confident that God will raise them up to new life. The second brother stated: "The King of the world (God) will raise us up to live again forever".

The fourth brother, after he had been tortured and maltreated and when he was near death said: "It is my choice to die at the hands of men with the hope God gives of being raised up by Him; but for you (the king) there will be no resurrection".

This is what the Church calls martyrdom or dying for the Faith. This is what Christians in many countries today are doing in the face of cruel massacres and suffering. It is said that the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church.

The other seven brothers appear in the Gospel today in the Sadducees' question about the Resurrection. It was an effort to manipulate Jesus and ridicule faith in the after life.

Jesus' response instructs the Sadducees and us that the question of sharing in the life of resurrection has nothing to do with our marital or societal status in the world or at death. God in Jesus Christ, for us, is the God of the Resurrection. In Him, we seek to share eternal life.

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**Presidential Campaign Winding Down**—mercifully the long and tedious campaign is nearly over. It has been an ugly and bruising battle. It was dominated by personalities with little attention to real issues. Maybe we invest too much stock in our political leaders. In the end they usually fail us, unable to bear the weight of our expectations. Only God can do that and it is in Him we trust. We choose and we hope but our choices too are flawed and shortsighted.

**Haiti and Aleppo:** Are we moved or concerned? Bishop George Khazen of Aleppo said: "It is a hell that touched everyone, east and west, full of death and destruction, refugees and lack of electricity and water, families who touch pain with their hands on a daily basis"... From Haiti, in the words of Christopher Bessey, Director for Catholic Relief Services: "The people of southern Haiti are traumatized and the landscape has suffered complete devastation. Hurricane Mat-



## *November 6- November 13*

### **Sunday-Nov. 6**

**Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am**

\*RE 9:45 am

\*Youth Mass 11:15 am

### **Monday-Nov. 7**

**Mass 9 am**

\*Legion of Mary

\*Bridge

\*Liturgy Mtg. 6 pm

### **Tuesday-Nov. 8**

**Mass 9 am**

\*RCIA 7 pm

### **Wednesday-Nov. 9**

**Mass 7 pm**

### **Thursday-Nov. 10**

**Mass 9 am**

### **Friday-Nov. 11**

**Mass 9 am**

\*Veteran's Day

### **Saturday-Nov. 12**

**Mass 5 pm**

\*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

\*Altar Server Training 9:30 am-10:30 am

### **Sunday-Nov. 13**

**Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am**

\*RE 9:45 am

\*Pro Life Rosary/Spanish

## *Pastor's Message Cont.*

survivors have never seen anything like this—Most of the houses are gone, and those that are not are seriously damaged. This year there will be no planting and no harvesting. Matthew has overrun their fields with mud and debris and taken the seed from their homes". This Sunday we invite you to give to the Special Collection for Haiti to be used by Catholic Relief Services. Every little bit helps.

Peace and Blessings,  
*Fr. Sexton*

**FINANCE NEWS**  
**July 2015-June 2016**

**Last week**

|                    | <b>Actual</b>     | <b>Budget</b>     |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 3493.25</b> | <b>\$ 5653.85</b> |

**Year-to-date**

|                    |                      |                     |
|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 107,040.45</b> | <b>\$101,769.30</b> |
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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 – 30 cans**

### Matthew Brazzolotto

Many of you have asked for contact info for Matthew in England. He would love to hear from all of you while he is on his Mission Trip.

**Matthew Brazzolotto**  
**52 Orrell Road**  
**Bootle**  
**L20 6DZ**  
**United Kingdom**

**[mcbrazzolotto@gmail.com](mailto:mcbrazzolotto@gmail.com)**

## **ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**



**Feeding the  
 Community**

The food drive is now in progress **through Sunday, Nov. 20th.** Orange flyers with a recommended food list will be located in each foyer. Please purchase as many items as possible and return the items to the collection bins located in the Church Foyers and the Parish Hall.

**We are also accepting monetary donations for grocery gift cards.**

*"If you can't feed a hundred people,  
 then feed just one."*

*~Saint Teresa of Calcutta*



**Thank You!**  
**Social Concerns  
 Committee**

### **Catholic Movie Night!**

The new documentary "The Face of Mercy" will have a private screening at the Summit Carmike on Tuesday night November 15 at 6:30pm. This film will air on television stations nationwide for the next month, *but not in Birmingham*. It will be shown **only** at the Summit Carmike on the 15th. Commemorate the closing of The Year of Mercy and enjoy this wonderful movie with your Catholic friends!

**Tickets are sold online at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com).**



## **Pro Life Corner**

### **Spiritual Adoption Program**



#### **Month 6**

**I'm 6 months old now. I just  
 opened my eyes. Before today  
 they were sealed shut for protection.**

**I wonder what you look like?  
 I can hear sounds too! It's great to have  
 someone 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

|                   |                                                                                                                  |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday:</b>    | <i>Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time;<br/>National Vocation Awareness Week<br/>Daylight Saving Time ends</i> |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | <i>Election Day</i>                                                                                              |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>                                                                    |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | <i>St. Leo the Great</i>                                                                                         |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | <i>St. Martin of Tours;<br/>Veteran's Day;<br/>Remembrance Day (Canada)</i>                                      |
| <b>Saturday:</b>  | <i>St. Josaphat</i>                                                                                              |

## Assignments—Nov. 9- Nov. 13

**WEDNESDAY 11/9/2016**

**7:00 PM**

Altar Servers  
Lector Chamaine Welch

**SATURDAY MASS 11/12/2016**

**5:00 PM**

Altar Servers Bernie Funderburg, Cory Funderburg  
Greeters Bill/Loretta Frost, Kathy Shivers  
Lectors Connie Luter, Marguerite Gorman  
Ministers Deacon, Jim Dale, Sonia Dale  
Ushers \*

**SUNDAY MASS 11/13/2016**

**8:30 AM**

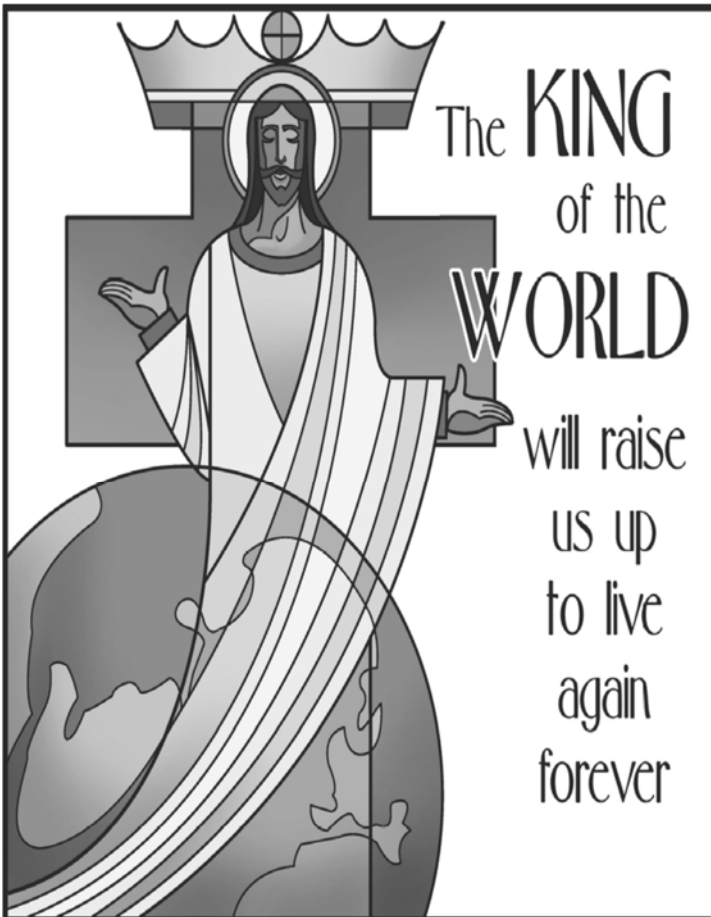
Altar Servers Anthony Emerick, Andrew Thomaston, Will Thomaston, Brennan Cardenas  
Greeters Brian/Francie Poteracki, Amelia Reese  
Lectors Joe Yester, Martha Hayes  
Ministers Deacon, Anna Emerick, Stephen Reese, Janice Stella, Chris Gallegly  
Ushers Michael Gagliano, \*

**11:15 AM**

Altar Servers Paul Boyle, Peyton Foreman, Brooks Boyle, Katie Boyle  
Greeters Lydia Jimenez, Natalie Newcomb  
Lectors Chere Lowery, Tony Hollis  
Ministers Deacon, Wayne Adams, Mary Adams, Ken Otto, Edie Otto  
Ushers Don Frederick, \*

\*Usher's schedule was not available at time of publication submission.\*

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



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*Evangelii Gaudium* – "The Joy of the Gospel"

**"Sanctify yourself  
and you will sanctify society."**

*-ST. FRANCIS ASSISI*

**NOVEMBER:**  
**Dedicated to the Holy Souls**  
*Remember to pray for our dead.*

## Discipleship Today

- Just 7% of Catholics contribute over 80% of all volunteerism and financial support in any parish.
- 24% of Catholics in the U.S. attend Mass every week.
- 32% of the people at Christmas Mass only come to Church once a year.
- 78% of Catholics in the U.S. say they go to Confession less than once a year ... OR NEVER.
- Nearly 9 out of 10 Catholics from 18 to 46 years of age are NOT in Church on Sunday.

**"Jesus did not come  
to die on a cross so that  
we might be  
cultural Catholics."**

*-ARCHBISHOP GOMEZ*

## M.Y.C. MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**November 6** P.S.R. Classes at 9:45 am

**November 6** Youth Mass at 11:15 am

**November 13** P.S.R. Classes at 9:45 am

**November 20** NO P.S.R. Classes

### THANKSGIVING BREAK

**November 27** First Sunday of Advent

NO P.S.R. (R.E.) Classes

**December 4** Second Sunday of Advent

P.S.R. Classes at 9:45am

**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  
**Food, Fun, and Faith!**

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



*John Opsteegh*

*Kenneth & Malinda Hoffman*

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

*- Romans 15:7*

## Catholic Charities

Thanks to your generous response we are approaching our goal of \$50,000 for this year's Catholic Charities Drive. **Our current total is: \$45,765.** If you have not yet turned in your pledge to the Church or Diocesan office, please do so as soon as possible. You may also make your pledge online at:  
**[www.catholiccharitiesbhm.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesbhm.org)**.

## *A Message from Bishop Baker,*

*... from Archbishop Kurtz.*

*I'm sure you are aware of the devastating aftermath of Hurricane Matthew. Please consider a second collection to help with relief efforts in all the regions effected by this massive hurricane. The collection should not interfere with the upcoming collection for World Mission Sunday later this month, but should take place as soon as possible.*

*God bless you and your efforts to help those most in need.*

*+Most Reverend Robert J. Bishop*

*\*NOTE: This collection will take the place of the Building Fund Collection this month.*

*Fr. Sexton*



## Altar Server Training

**Calling all new and experienced  
Altar Servers!**

There will be a training session on **Saturday, November 12th from 9:30 am to 10:30 am** in the Church. Anyone in the 4th grade or older is eligible to serve.

**Please contact Stephen Reese for questions  
or additional information at:**

**205-937-5658 or [sreese71@gmail.com](mailto:sreese71@gmail.com).**

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