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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, December 3, 2016

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 4, 2016

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



Second Sunday
of Advent
December 4, 2016

*The earth shall be filled
with knowledge of the LORD,
as water covers the sea.*

— Isaiah 11:9



Mass Intentions

December 5– December 11



Monday: Deacon Lee & Cheryl Robinson *by the Rumores*

Tuesday: Gini Kerr *by the Zopfi Family* †

Wednesday: J.W. Hand *by Bob & Karen Hand* †

Thursday: Dr. AL Nelson *by Terry & Rita Rumore* †

Friday: Frederick Frey *by Paul & Parma Boyle* †

Saturday: Mary Hicks *by Terry & Rita Rumore* †

Sunday: Frederick Frey *by the Morteys* †

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

*Paul Boyle, Crystal Welford, Cecil
Rodgers, Jacky Johnson, Kitty Gordon,
Jim Hopper, Anne & Cary Forister,
Rita Martens, Gail Layton.*

**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 ~ Dec. 5—Dec. 11

Monday:	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12- 14
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1- 4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1- 4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18- 19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Today's Readings



First Reading — He shall bring justice for the
afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the
knowledge of the LORD. (Isaiah 11:1-10)

Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and
fullness of peace for ever. (Psalm 72)

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in
harmony with one another, welcoming each oth-
er as Christ welcomed you. (Romans 15:4-9)

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your
baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near.
(Matthew 3:1-12)

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Pastor's Message

In the Second Sunday of Advent we are thrilled again by the beautiful poetry of Isaiah, the same poetry that inspired Handel's Messiah.

"The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord". The Messiah will be clothed with these gifts of the Holy Spirit. Later in the Reading (Is. 11:1-10), the prophet writes: "Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them.... There shall be no harm on all my Holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord".

But, we ask, was Isaiah a hopeless dreamer? Naïve? Was he a visionary who dreamed too much? He wrote at a time of war and terror when the world was in upheaval. Yet, he saw a different future. A paradisaical future when ancient enmities would be dissolved.

In Jesus, the Messiah, Isaiah's hopes were fulfilled. Peace and harmony were inaugurated. The power of sin and death were vanquished. The full vision of Isaiah has not yet been realized. It remains a hope, as yet unfulfilled. But the vision and the hope must not be lost. That's why we need Advent to give us a fresh supply of hope. Without that hope we become cynical or fearful. We resort to slogans and wistful nostalgia.

The vision of Isaiah emboldens the hope of Advent. It breaks out in unexpected places and events if we have but eyes to see. We live in the interim between the "now and the not yet". We learn to live with ambiguity and ambivalence.

Three years ago this month Pope Francis published a major document called The "Joy of the Gospel". In it the Pope expressed his hope that the Church would go forth into the world, getting the mud of the streets on its shoes, to deliver the message of God's care for every bit of it. "We love this magnificent planet on which God has put us", he wrote. And again, this striking sentence: "Rather than experts in dire predictions, dour judges bent on rooting out every threat and deviation, we should appear as joyful messengers of challenging proposals, guardians of love and beauty which shine forth in a life of fidelity to the Gospel".

Parish Dinner Today—at Celebrations, beginning at 4:00 p.m. You are all invited. Thanks to Karen Hand for endless hours of planning and to all who are lending a helping hand. If you would like to bring a dessert or a salad to share that would be great. See you there!

A Grief Observed: We offer our sympathy and prayers to Phyllis Ross on the death of her loving father, Eitell Seace, who lived to be ninety-nine. A long and faithful life. Also, our prayers and thoughts are with Karen Reese on the death of her father, Lee Dyer, in his early seventies, unexpectedly and thus more painful the loss. We remember Robin Becnel and Libby LaFleur too on the death of their last surviving uncle, Michael Fields.



December 4- December 11

Sunday-Dec. 4

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

RE 9:45 am

*Youth Mass 11:15 am

*Parish Christmas Party-Celebrations 4:30p



Monday-Dec. 5

Mass 9 am

*Legion of Mary

*Bridge

Tuesday-Dec. 6

Mass 9 am

*RCIA 7 pm

Wednesday-Dec 7

Mass 7 pm

*Sr. Youth 5:30—8 pm

Thursday-Dec. 8

Mass 9 am & 7:00 pm

*Jr Youth P.C. Parade

*Choir Practice after 7 pm Mass



Friday-Dec. 9

Mass 9 am

Saturday-Dec. 10

Mass 5 pm

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

Sunday-Dec. 11

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*RE 9:45 am

*Pro Life Rosary/English



Pastor's Message Cont.

Our prayers are also with Tom Graffo and Joe Caterinichia on the death of their brother-in-law and cousin, Frank Caterinichia. May all of these departed loved ones now share the peace and joy of Heaven.

Peace and Blessings,
Fr. Sexton

FINANCE NEWS
July 2015-June 2016

Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ 4834.00	\$ 5653.85

Year-to-date

*Offertory:	\$ 134,222.18	\$124,384.70
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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 – 37 cans



Giving Tree

As we journey through Advent, our thoughts and prayers go to those who struggle through Christmas.

If you would like to help a needy family this year, please choose an angel from the tree and purchase the item hoped for.

All gifts need to be returned unwrapped with the angel tag firmly attached by Dec. 11th.

If you would like to help sort the gifts, please call -

**Sharon Stice: 205.338.0207 or
 Brenda Rochford: 423-242-5029.**



Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent

Tuesday: St. Nicholas

Wednesday: St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Thursday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday: St. Juan Diego

Saturday: International Human Rights Day



Pro Life Corner

Spiritual Adoption Program



Month 7

Thank you for praying for me. I am 7 months old now. I am growing every day. I'm between 14 and 17 inches long and weigh about 4 ½ pounds. I move around a lot, but it's getting crowded in here! Sometimes I even get hiccups! I can hear and recognize my mother's voice.

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.

Preparing for Christmas

Needed: All available parishioners!

Purpose: Cleaning our Church for Christmas.

When: December 17th @ 10:00 a.m.

Please consider donating a couple hours of your time to deep-clean the Sanctuary in preparation for Christmas.

Many hands make light work!

Advent Wreath Candle Lighters



Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 3rd
5 pm Mass - [Sara Reese](#)

Sunday, December 4th
8:30 am Mass - [Mortek Family](#)
11:15 am Mass - [Hollis Family](#)

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 10th
5 pm Mass - [Boyle Family](#)

Sunday, December 11th
8:30 am Mass - [Raynor Family](#)
11:15 am Mass - [Reilly Family](#)

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 17th
5 pm Mass - [Kern Family](#)

Sunday, December 18th
8:30 am Mass - [Troncalli & Goodman Families](#)
11:15 am Mass - [Lewis Family](#)

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The Kingdom of Heaven Is at Hand.

Assignments—Dec. 7 Dec. 11

WEDNESDAY

12/7/2016

7:00 PM

Altar Servers
Lector [Bernie Funderburg](#)

THURSDAY MASS

12/8/2016

9:00 AM

Immaculate Conception

Altar Servers *
Greeters [Frank Troncalli](#), [Janice Stella](#)
Lectors [Sara Reese](#), [Rose Ballard](#)
Ministers [Deacon, Parma Boyle](#), [Chris Gallegly](#)
Ushers [Chris Gallegly](#), [Gregg Becnel](#)

7:00 PM

Altar Servers *
Greeters [Allen/Phyllis Ross](#), [Dennis/Sandi Veigl](#)
Lectors [Martha Hayes](#), [Tony Hollis](#)
Ministers [Deacon, Janice Stella](#), [Tommie Ann Johnson](#)
Ushers [Michael Gagliano](#), [Lance Stella](#), [Bit Thomaston](#), [Phillip Thomaston](#)

SATURDAY MASS

12/10/2016

5:00 PM

Altar Servers [Bernie Funderburg](#), [Cory Funderburg](#)
Greeters [Bill/Loretta Frost](#), [Tammy McRae](#)
Lectors [Connie Luter](#), [Micky Zielinski](#)
Ministers [Deacon, Tom Graffo](#), [Connie Hertrich](#)
Ushers [Jim Gorman](#), [Bob Nicholas](#)

SUNDAY MASS

2/11/2016

8:30 AM

Third Sunday of Advent

Altar Servers [Anthony Emerick](#), [Matthew Frey](#), [Carson Falkner](#), [Jon Paul Raynor](#)
Greeters [Amelia Reese](#), [Alexis Allor](#)
Lectors [Teri Gagliano](#), [Karen Reese](#)
Ministers [Deacon, Anna Emerick](#), [Chere Lowery](#), [Stephen Reese](#), [Tommie Ann Johnson](#)
Ushers [Michael Gagliano](#), [Phillip Thomaston](#), [Bit Thomaston](#), [Chris Frey](#)

11:15 AM

Altar Servers [James Lewis](#), [Peyton Foreman](#), [Brooks Boyle](#), [Teresa Ray](#)
Greeters [Grace Troncalli](#), [Brittany Washburn](#)
Lector [Mary Adams](#), [Miranda Jacks](#)
Ministers [Deacon, Sarah Brazzolotto](#), [Chris Gallegly](#), [Ken Otto](#), [Edie Otto](#)
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M.Y.C. MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 4 Second Sunday of Advent
P.S.R. Classes at 9:45am
Sacrament of Reconciliation
for 6th, 7th & 8th Grades

December 11 Third Sunday of Advent
P.S.R. Classes at 9:45am
Sacrament of Reconciliation
High School

December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent
P.S.R. Classes at 9:45am
Sacrament of Reconciliation
3rd, 4th & 5th Grades

December 24 Christmas Eve— Youth Mass
Mass begins at 4:30pm
Caroling begins at 4:00pm



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 Guadalupe Celebration

Celebrando a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

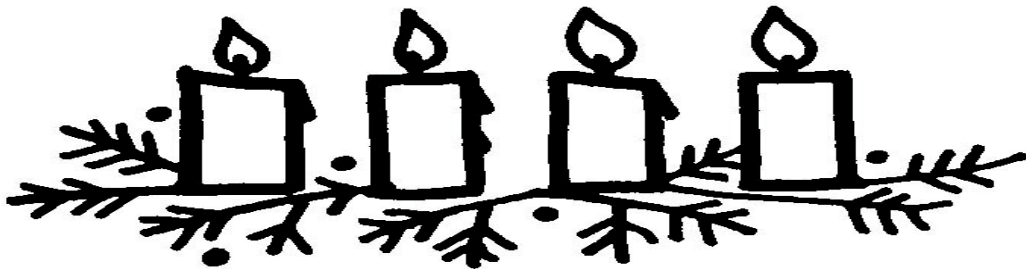
Monday Dec. 12th, 7:00 pm
Lunes 12 de diciembre, 7:00 pm

Novenario empieza Dic. 3 @ 6:00 pm

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