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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.-11:00 a.m.

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION:

Third Sunday of every month at 7:00 p.m.
Exposición del Santísimo el segundo Miércoles
de cada mes @ 7:30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

August through May. Ages 3 yrs. through
High School.

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, December 30, 2017
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 31, 2017
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am
New Year's Eve 5:00 pm

*The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*

December 31, 2017



*My eyes have seen your salvation, which
you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.*

—*Luke 2:30-31*



Mass Intentions

January 1 – January 7



Monday: New Year's Day

Tuesday: Fr. Charles Bordenca by Jennie Haynes †

Wednesday: Tammy & David Bunt by Susan Moseley

Thursday: Frances Perryman by Parma & Paul Boyle †

Friday: Joe Stanley by the Crapet Family †

Saturday: Trudy & Andy McClay by the Zielinskis †

Sunday: Joe Stanley by the Rumores †

****Sunday's Mass Intentions are offered
at the 11:15 am Mass****

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

*Paul Boyle, Crystal Welford, Cecil Rodgers,
Jacky Johnson, Rita Martens, Gail Layton,
Nicki Brasfield, Rene Bentel, Carolyn Marston.*

**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: sharonstice46@gmail.com.**

Please note that names remain on the prayer
list for 30 days and then are removed unless
the Church Office is notified.

Weekly Readings ~ Jan. 1—Jan. 7, 2018

Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3,
5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;
Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-
4; Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps
98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-
9; Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b
-5; Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-
15, 19-20;
Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28
[23, 31-34, 36, 38]

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-
8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a,
5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Today's Readings



First Reading — Those who honor their par-
ents will be greatly blessed and will atone for
sins. (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14)

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways. (Psalm 128)

Second Reading — Be thankful; do everything
in the name of the Lord Jesus. (Colossians 3:12
-21 [12-17])

Gospel — The child grew and became strong,
filled with wisdom. (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40])

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Pastor's Message

We continue the celebration of Christmas with a focus on the family. One of the enduring wonders of Christmas is that God chose to be born into a human family. He put his seal upon family life. It is to remind us that every family is special. Every family is holy in its own way.

Today's Scripture Readings feature a variety of individuals. Abraham, Sarah, Mary, Joseph, Simeon and Anna. As each person and each family in these Readings is unique, so too is each person and each family in 2017.

In the Reading from Genesis (15:1-6; 21:1-3) we can understand Abraham's impatience and questioning of God. If he has no son, he asks: How can his descendants be numerous? God tells Abraham to look at the stars, and, oh yes, Sarah, his wife will have a son to be named Isaac, a word which means laughter. God does have a sense of humor. Abraham shows himself to be a model of faith.

Like in the Gospel Reading (2:22-40) presents a family true to ancient traditions and customs. They acknowledge the child Jesus as a gift from God and present him in the Temple.

Their terrible poverty is underlined by the fact that they can only afford to buy two doves (for a few cents) as an offering for the temple.

And then there is the role played by Simeon and Anna, elders and wise ones, images of grandparents and role models of wisdom. They offer their support to the fearful couple from Nazareth and declare that this child will bring blessing to the whole world.

The child Jesus will be a light of revelation to the nations and the cause of glory for Israel. Mary's heart will be broken in sorrow—a foreshadowing of the Cross. She will indeed become the "Mother of Sorrows". What sorrows still fall over mothers and fathers as they watch their children grow and find their way in a changing world.

Thanks and Many Thanks: Sincerest thanks to all who made the celebration of Christmas so special at Our Lady of the Lake. To Lectors and Special Ministers of Holy Communion, Organists, Choir Members, Cantors, and Song Leaders, Ushers and Greeters. Altar Servers, Sacristans, Church Decorators and those who constructed the simple but beautiful Christmas Creche on the Church grounds. A big thanks to Rodney Martin for doing so many things, seen and unseen and always going the extra mile. A special thanks to Kathy Bryant, the Parish secretary for producing the Church bulletin every week under a very strict deadline. Thanks too to Deacon Terry, Deacon Serge, and Deacon Lee for their faithful service all year long and for being witness to the Joy of the Gospel.

A Death Recalled: The Pell City community mourns the sudden death of Don Perry, a true civic leader and public servant and a friend to so many. May he rest in peace.

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Sexton

December 31 ~ January 7, 2018

Sunday-December 31

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

The Holy Family

Solemnity of Mary 5:00 PM

New Years Eve

*NO RE

Monday-January 1

Mass 9:00 am

New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary

*Legion of Mary

Tuesday-January 2

Mass 9:00 am

*RCIA 7:00 pm

Wednesday-January 3

Mass 7:00 pm

Thursday-January 4

Mass 9:00 am

Friday-January 5

Mass 9:00 am

*First Friday Adoration 9:30-11:00 am

Saturday-January 6

Mass 9:00 am

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

Sunday-January 7

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*RE 9:45 am

*Youth Mass 11:15 am

*Parent Mtg. First Reconciliation 9:45 am

*Sr. Youth 5:30-8:00 pm

Weekly Offertory

July 2017 — June 2018

	Actual*	Needed
Last Week	\$14,713.90	\$5702.00
Year to Date	\$156,957.39	\$148,252.00

*Please note the actual total includes Seminarian Fund, 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.

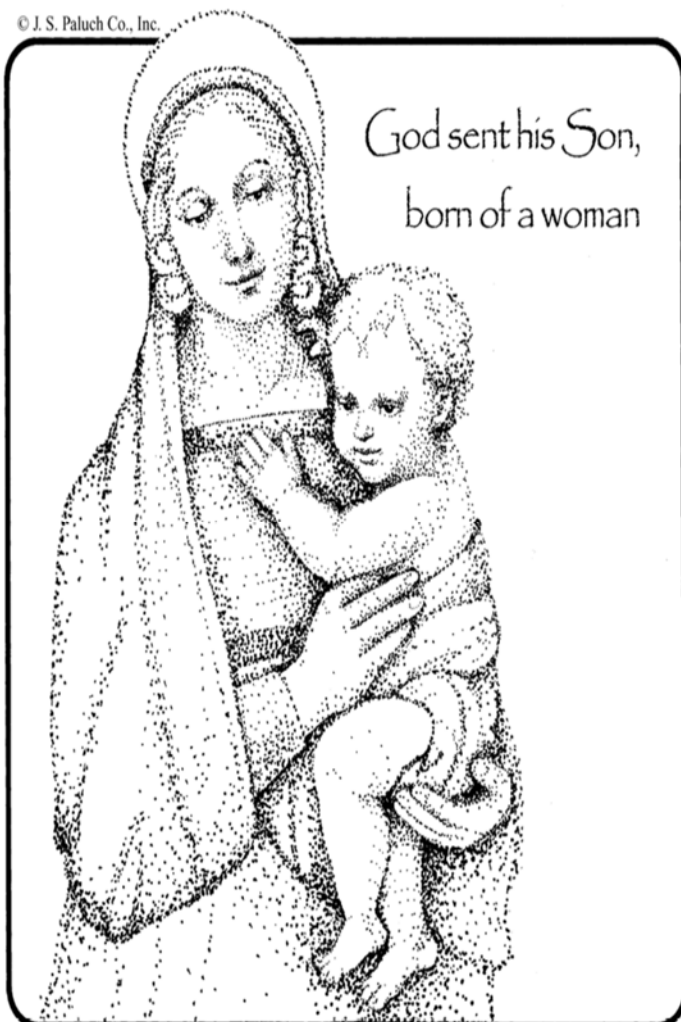
Goal -100 cans/week.

Total cans last week – 50 cans

The 2018 Offertory envelopes are ready for pickup in the Parish Hall.

If you do not see your box, please contact Kathy in the Church Office: 205-525-5161.

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Opportunity for Service



Our Parish has need of a new coordinator for Funeral receptions held in our Parish hall.

Joe (RIP) and Ruth Stanley did a wonderful job leading this group over the last few years, so much of the framework is already in place.

Responsibilities include initiating the calling tree for food donations, arranging purchasing of any additional food and drink items needed, and the set up and clean up of the Parish hall.

If you are looking for a way to serve your Church through service to others and would be willing to chair this committee, please call the Church office: 205-525-5161.



Assignments—Jan. 1 ~ Jan. 7

MONDAY MASS

1/1/2018

9:00 AM

New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary

Altar Servers *
 Greeters Aly/Wendy Struzik, Janice Stella
 Lectors Gloria Raynor, Mary Adams
 Ministers Deacon, Ronnie & Jennifer Sellers,
 Tommie Johnson, Sarah Brazzolotto
 Ushers Michael Gagliano, Herb Kuntz

WEDNESDAY MASS

1/3/2018

7:00 PM

Altar Servers *
 Lectors Bernie Funderburg

SATURDAY MASS

1/6/2018

5:00 PM

Altar Servers Peter Boyle, Chris Gallegly
 Greeters Darlene Leonard, Frank Troncalli
 Lectors Allen Ross, Phyllis Ross
 Ministers Deacon, Susan Moseley, Parma Boyle
 Ushers Karen Hand, Bob Hand, Jim Dale, Sam Marston

SUNDAY MASS

1/7/2018

8:30 AM

Altar Servers Andrew Thomaston, Will Thomaston,
 Danielle McKinney
 Greeters Debra/Julius Beavers, Ruth Stanley
 Lectors Anna Emerick, Larry Foltz
 Ministers Deacon, Michael & Teri Gagliano, Carly Gagliano, Ronni Gagliano
 Ushers Lance Stella, Bit Thomaston, Phillip Thomaston, Paul Emerick

11:15 PM

Youth Mass

Altar Servers Paul Boyle, Katie Boyle, Meghan Barker
 Greeters Carson Falkner, Briggs Falkner
 Lectors Troy Rosato, Gannon Osborne
 Ministers Deacon, Ronnie & Jennifer Sellers,
 Catherine Lewis, Danielle McKinney
 Ushers Don Frederick, Chris Gallegly, Alex Walser, Erin Barker



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, **Mar. 9-11, 2018** at St. Bernard Abbey.

You can get more information or register online at www.ALFL-wwme.org or by calling Bob & Joy Hernandez at **678-985-0125**.



Little Ones in Christ

Grades Pre K—Grade 2

Contact Joanna Murphree (205) 473-1444

2nd Sunday 12:30—2:30pm

Junior Youth

Grades 3— Grade 6

Contact Jordan Murphree (205) 863-5787

2nd Sunday 12:30—2:30pm

Senior Youth

Grades 7-12

Contact Carly Gagliano (205) 837-8888

1st and 3rd Sunday 5:30—8:00pm

Food, Fun, and Faith!

Parent Meeting

**Jan. 7—First Reconciliation meeting
9:45am in the parish hall**



RECONCILIATION

**Jan. 14—Confirmation (8th & 9th grade)
meeting 9:45am in the parish hall**



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Religious Education

Dec. 31— No RE

Jan. 2—RCIA 7:00

Jan. 7—RE 9:45—11:00

First Reconciliation parent meeting

Youth Mass 11:15

Sr. Youth 5:30—8:00

Jan. 14—RE 9:45—11:00

Confirmation parent meeting

Jan. 21—RE 9:45—11:00

Sr. Youth 5:30—8:00

Holy Hour 7:00

Jan. 28—RE 9:45—11:00

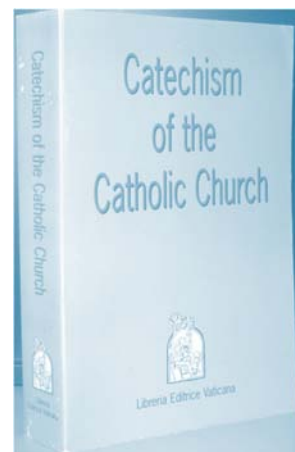
Jan. 29—First Reconciliation 6:00pm

Adult Education

9:45 in the parish hall

**Jan. 21—Learn more about the
Catholic faith with Deacon Lee**

**Bring your book “Handbook for Today’s
Catholic” and Catechism**





Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*

Monday: *Mary, the Holy Mother of God; The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day*

Tuesday: *Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen*

Wednesday: *The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

Thursday: *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*

Friday: *St. John Neumann; First Friday*

Saturday: *St. André Bessette; First Saturday*



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Council meetings are open to all parishioners, and are typically on the third Wed. of the month after Mass.



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