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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, January 20, 2018

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 21, 2018

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2018



*The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.*

— *Mark 1:15*



Mass Intentions

January 22 – January 28



Monday: Anne Forister by the Brazzolottos †

Tuesday: Jim Hopper by Parma & Paul Boyle †

Wed.: Anne Forister by the Brazzolottos †

Thursday: Fred Brown by the Brazzolottos

Friday: Marlene Catalino by Sam Catalino †

Saturday: Joe Yester by the Legion of Mary †

Sunday: Gene Smith by Susan Moseley †

****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. 22—Jan. 28, 2018

- Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer
- Tuesday:** 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
- Friday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
- Sunday:** Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Today's Readings



First Reading — The people of Nineveh believed God and turned from their evil ways. (Jonah 3:1-5, 10)

Psalm — Teach me your ways, O Lord. (Psalm 25)

Second Reading — The world in its present form is passing away. (1 Corinthians 7:29-31)

Gospel — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. (Mark 1:14-20)

Pastor's Message

Making God Our Priority.

The conversion of the Ninevites as related in the First Reading today (Jonah 3:4-5, 6-7, 8-9) is astounding in its brevity and sweeping success. Nineveh was once considered the largest city in the world. It was also notorious for immoral living and corruption. The Biblical writer of the book of Jonah seems to be saying: "If Nineveh can repent and change and turn back to God then no situation is hopeless".

The story of Nineveh also reminds us that God can use even reluctant witnesses to mediate his call to conversion. Jonah did not want to go to Nineveh and did not expect the people there to change. In fact, he hoped they would resent God's call and thereby be condemned. His message was terse and uninviting. "Forty days more and Nineveh will be destroyed". God can use even flawed messengers to turn people back to him.

In the Gospel Reading today (Mark 1:14-20) Jesus inaugurates his public ministry in Galilee: Mark says "He was proclaiming the Gospel of God". The message is simple and terse. "This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel". In the presence and message of Jesus, God is breaking in upon the world to turn back the tide of evil and to welcome all that is good and beautiful and true. The response calls for a new way of thinking and a new way of life in which God is our first priority.

The first act of Jesus is to call four fisherman to join him in the task of proclaiming the kingdom. In Jesus' day fisherman were free individuals and business people. The work was arduous and dangerous. The Sea of Galilee is subject to storms; and even in good weather, work on the sea poses risks. The historian Josephus mentions that the villages along the Sea of Galilee were some of the wealthiest in the province. These fisherman were highly motivated, hard working, smart, self-confident and courageous. In leaving behind their families and their trade they were making a radical decision and a generous one too.

Worthy of Note: "By calling the church a 'Field Hospital', Pope Francis calls us to radically rethink ecclesial life. He is challenging all of us to give priority to the wounded. This means placing the needs of others before our own. It is a term that triggers the imagination, forcing us to rethink our identity, mission and our life together as disciples of Jesus Christ". (Cardinal Blasé Cupich of Chicago)

The Handshake of Peace: In this flu season we need to be very careful not to extend a handshake at the sign of peace at Mass (or any other time) if we have a cold, or someone in our family has the flu. A greeting by a nod of the head will be sufficient. Your fellow parishioner or visitor will understand and appreciate your concern.



January 21~ January 28, 2018

Sunday-January 21

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*RE 9:45 am

*Adult Ed with Deacon Lee 9:45 am

*Baby Bottle Drive for Ann's New Life

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

*Holy Hour 7:00 pm

Monday-January 22

Mass 9:00 am

*Legion of Mary

Tuesday-January 23

Mass 9:00 am

*RCIA 7:00 pm

Wednesday-January 24

Mass 7:00 pm

*Ultreya after Mass

Thursday-January 25

Mass 9:00 am

Friday-January 26

Mass 9:00 am

Saturday-January 27

Mass 9:00 am

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

Sunday-January 28

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*RE 9:45 am



Pastor's Message Cont.

Thought For the Week: "Thy Kingdom come....It's come. It's in our midst. I can see it if I have eyes to see. I can hear its silent music if I listen to its still small voice".

Michael Leach, Author and Publisher

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Sexton

Weekly Offertory

July 2017 — June 2018

	Actual*	Needed
Last Week	\$4244.01	\$5702.00
Year to Date	\$181,814.30	\$165,358.00

*Please note the actual total includes Seminarian Fund, Building Fund & Special Collections which are not part of the general operating budget.



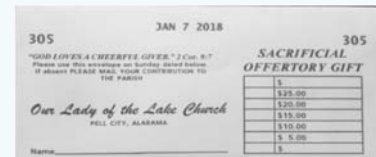
The Love Pantry

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 North Foyer.



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



Chair: Sonia Dale:

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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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We are in need of individuals willing to provide a dish when we have Funeral Receptions in our Hall.

If you would like to help please contact:

**Karen Hand: 205-405-1049 or
Parma Boyle: 205-405-0948.**



Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday:** *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*
- Monday:** *Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*
- Tuesday:** *St. Vincent; Saint Marianne Cope*
- Wednesday:** *St. Francis de Sales*
- Thursday:** *The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle*
- Friday:** *Ss. Timothy and Titus*
- Saturday:** *St. Angela Merici; Blessed Virgin Mary*

Assignments—Jan. 24~ Jan. 28

WEDNESDAY MASS

1/24/2018

7:00 PM

Altar Servers *
Lectors Teri Gagliano

SATURDAY MASS

1/27/2018

5:00 PM

Altar Servers John Stice, Sawyer Stice
Greeters Allen/Phyllis Ross, Kathy Shivers
Lectors Ron & Micky Zielinski
Ministers Deacon, Larry Reese, Gloria Albright
Ushers Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Mike DeCastr, Mark McRae

SUNDAY MASS

1/28/2018

8:30 AM

Altar Servers Andrew Thomaston, Will Thomaston, Carson Falkner
Greeters Amelia Reese, Julie/Bob Paulitzky
Lectors Carl Rochford, Meagan Price
Ministers Deacon, Brenda Rochford, Rosemary Mateer, Joe Hoffert, Janice Stella
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Gregg Bechnel, Belia Solis, Herb Kuntz

11:15 PM

Altar Servers John Himmler, Erin Barker, Meghan Barker
Greeters Shirley Skeivelas, LopezdeVictoria/Cowart
Lectors Mary Adams, Dennis Veigl
Ministers Deacon, Sarah Brazzolotto, Maria Jimenez, Chris Gallegly, Chere Lowery
Ushers Don Frederick, Larry Foltz, Jeanne Macon, Wayne Lowery



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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

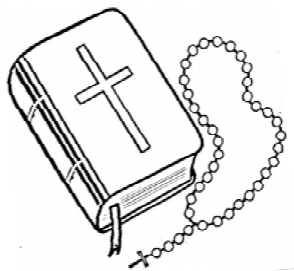
Senior Youth

Grades 7-12

Contact Carly Gagliano (205) 837-8888

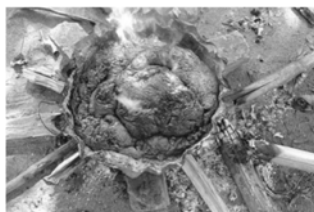
1st and 3rd Sunday 5:30—8:00pm

Food, Fun, and Faith!



Bring in last year's Palms and place them in the baskets in the foyers.

A Palm Burning Ceremony will take place Feb. 11 after 8:30 Mass.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Religious Education

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

Feb. 4—RE 9:45—11:00

Youth Mass 11:15

Sr. Youth 5:30—8:00

Feb. 11—Burning of Palms after 8:30 Mass

Feb. 14—Ash Wednesday

Feb. 18—No RE

Rite of Sending 11:15 Mass

Sr. Youth 5:30—8:00

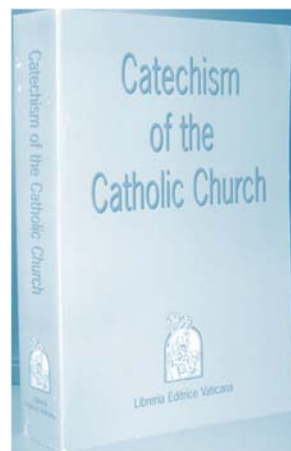
Holy Hour 7:00

Adult Education

9:45 in the parish hall

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

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



Share YOUR Faith

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama

January 11, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will be taking up the national collection for the Church in Latin America. Although the people are faith-filled, the needs in this region of the world are great and can often seem insurmountable. The distance in rural areas and deteriorated roads make it difficult for some communities to have Mass regularly. Language barriers and lack of resources make catechetical materials difficult to produce. We are called to share our faith with all, and this collection is a prophetic and bold way to do so.

In Cuba, in the Archdiocese of San Cristobal de la Habana, the Church is not present in many of the smaller or rural communities. For many years, there were no ministers and there was no mission house—not to mention a church building—to which the people could turn. The message of the Gospel could not spread, because there were very few messengers to share it and few places where people could go to hear it. But with your support, pastoral agents have received training to bring the Gospel to these areas and neighborhoods. Your support has helped bring people to the Church, through religious education and retreats, and the Church to the people, through evangelization efforts and the repair of church buildings. This has given them the hope and the joy of the Gospel.

Our diocese takes up this collection the weekend of January 27-28. Please be generous in this collection, and take this opportunity to share your faith with many families in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support will truly make a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Robert J. Baker, S.T.D.
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama

For more information on the Church in Latin America and the many projects funded by the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

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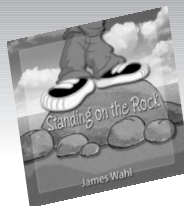
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