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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, March 10, 2018

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 11, 2018

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2018

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

— John 3:17



Mass Intentions

March 12 – March 18



Monday: Bob Barrett *by the Brazzolottos* †
Tuesday: Clayton Schexnoildre *by Rita & Terry Rumore* †
Wednesday: Joe Yester *by Legion of Mary* †
Thursday: Victor Rumore *by the Brazzolottos* †
Friday: OLL Deacons *by Susan Moseley*
Saturday: Judy Dawley *by the Brazzolottos* †
Sunday: Victor Rumore *by the Brazzolottos* †

****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, Daniel Centilli.

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 ~ March 12—March 18

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Today's Readings



First Reading — The wrath and the mercy of the LORD are revealed in the exile and liberation of the Chosen People. (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a)

Psalm — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137 or Psalm 23)

Second Reading — God, who is rich in mercy, brought us to life with Christ. (Ephesians 2:4-10 or Ephesians 5:8-14)

Gospel — The Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. (John 3:14-21 or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38])

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Year B of the Lectionary has the Letter to the Ephesians today. Ephesus, today in Turkey, was in the first century a great Greek city, the center for the worship of Diana, the goddess of the hunt. It was a vast city even by modern standards, having nearly half a million people in the time of Paul. Yet that was a time of economic recession and moral decay. No wonder Saint Paul stayed here the longest. It gave him an enormous and religiously curious audience. His preaching stirred up the artisans who depended on the pilgrims who came to honor (and buy mementos of) seventeen gods and goddesses enshrined in the city's temples. You can still see the open-air theater where Paul's homily triggered a riot. Paul did have success here, and many conversions among Jews and Gentiles. They seem to have struggled with hope, perhaps because of their suffering from economic woes and isolation.

Some old traditions say that the Apostle John lived out his days here, and that the Blessed Mother was cared for by him. There's no biblical basis for this, but it is certain that a small house just outside the city has been treasured by Christians and Muslims for centuries as the last dwelling of Mary. Long ago, the harbor silted up and the city was nearly abandoned, becoming a small village. As is so often the case, that accident of history preserved the ancient city, so that archeologists have been very successful in revealing ancient Christian sites. One such site is the Church of Mary, probably the first church to be dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and the site of the Council of Ephesus in 431. Today, a visit to Ephesus is one of the most rewarding journeys for any pilgrim.

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Sunday-March 11

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*RE 9:45-11:00 am

*Reconciliation High School

*Second Scrutiny 8:30 am

*Little Ones & Jr. Youth 12:30-2:30 pm

Monday-March 12

Mass 9:00 am

*Legion of Mary

Tuesday-March 13

Mass 9:00 am

*RCIA 7:00 pm

Wednesday-March 14

Mass 7:00 pm

*Exposition & Adoration (Spanish) 7:30-9 p

Thursday-March 15

Mass 9:00 am

Friday-March 16

Mass 9:00 am

*KOC Fish Fry 5:00—6:30 pm

*Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm

Saturday-March 17

Mass 9:00 am & 5:00 pm

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

Sunday-March 18

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*RE 9:45-11:00 am

*Adult Ed 9:45 am

*Third Scrutiny 11:15 am

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

*Holy Hour 7:00 pm



Weekly Offertory

July 2017 — June 2018

	Actual*	Needed
Last Week	\$7204.25	\$5702.00
Year to Date	\$229,591.08	\$205,272.00

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



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



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 – 93 cans



We would like to thank all that have sent their thoughts, prayers, cards, calls and “Well Wishes” to Larry as he recovers from his heart by-pass surgery. We are so grateful to be part of this wonderful and caring parish family. God bless you all.

Larry and Sara Reese

Lenten Regulations

The annual observance of Lent is the special season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter. Through its twofold theme of repentance and baptism, the season of Lent disposes both the catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. Catechumens are led to the Sacraments of Initiation by means of the Rite of Election, the scrutinies, and Catechesis. The faithful, listening more intently to the word of God and devoting themselves to prayer, are prepared through a spirit of repentance to renew their baptismal promises.

The Catholic Church, in an attempt to help Catholics do at least a minimum during Lent, asks all Catholics to fast and abstain from meat on certain days. **Fasting means** to limit food to one full meal a day with the possibility of two smaller meals (not adding up to a full meal) as needed. **Abstinence means** not eating meat, although fish is allowed. Catholics are asked to observe all days of fasting and abstinence which is one of the precepts of the Church.

Catholics 14 years of age or older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Catholics between the ages of 14 and 59 are also to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If one’s work or health make it inadvisable to fast or abstain from meat, they are not obligated to do so.



Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny; Daylight Saving Time begins

Friday: Abstinence

Saturday: Saint Patrick



**Our Lady of the Lake
KOC Council 12270
Lenten Fish Fry**

**Each Friday of Lent
5:00 to 6:30 p.m.**

2-piece dinner (2 sides) \$8.00

1-piece dinner (2 sides) \$6.00

Child's plate (cheese pizza, 1 side) \$3.00

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm. Take out available, no phone-in orders please.

All proceeds to fund the numerous charitable activities the KOC supports.



Knight's of Columbus



Men's Morning Prayer Service

March 24, 2018—10 a.m.

(approx. 30 minutes)

Chapel in the Pines

Lakeside Park in Pell City

Come join the Knight's as they pray the Rosary, along with the Legion of Mary Prayers.

All men are welcome!

Assignments—March 14 ~ March 18

WEDNESDAY MASS

3/14/2018

7:00 PM

Altar Servers *
Lectors Sarah Brazzolotto

SATURDAY MASS

3/17/2018

5:00 PM

Altar Servers Tom Michaels, Marty Poteracki
Greeters Gisela Scruggs, Tammy McRae
Lectors Connie Luter, Marguerite Gorman
Ministers Deacon, (**Larry Reese, Sara Reese**)
Ushers Karen Hand, Bob Hand, Jerry Kern, Brenda Kern

SUNDAY MASS

3/18/2018

8:30 AM

Altar Servers Andrew Thomaston, Will Thomaston, Danielle McKinney
Greeters Alexis Allor, Dennis/Sandy Veigl
Lectors Dennis Veigl, Karen Reese
Ministers Deacon, (**Tom Graffo, Chris Gallegly, Stephen Reese, Matthew Reese**)
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Laura Headley, Cristy McKinney, Joaquina Reyes

11:15 PM

Altar Servers Will Pittman, Destiny Markevich, Jhon Paul Rogers
Greeters Frank Troncalli, Shirley Skeilelas
Lectors Sarah Brazzolotto, Miranda Jacks
Ministers Deacon, (**Ken Otto, Edie Otto, Lee Walser, Martha Hayes**)
Ushers Don Frederick, Jennifer Sellers, Ronnie Sellers, Ron Markevich

PLEASE NOTE: EM's scheduled are listed in parenthesis, in the event we have returned to offering the Cup in the Eucharistic Celebration

If you are unable to keep your assignment, please find a substitute.



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!

CRS Rice Bowl



Barons Faith Night! April 13th!

Early registration deadline April 3rd to get

group rate—Call Sonya if interested!

Fun! Faith and Fellowship!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Religious Education

March 11—Second Scrutiny 8:30a

RE 9:45a—11:00a

HS reconciliation

Little Ones & Jr. Youth 12:30p—2:30p

March 18—RE 9:45a — 11:00a

Third Scrutiny 11:15a

Sr Youth 5:30p—8:00p

March 25—No RE

Living Stations—7:00p

April 1—Easter Sunday No RE

Easter Egg Hunt 9:45a

No Sr. Youth

April 8—RE 9:45a—11:00a

April 14—First Communion

Retreat 9:00a—11:00

April 15—RE 9:45a—11:00a

No Sr. Youth

Adult Education

9:45 in the parish hall

March 18—David Wesson on the Mass



RCIA

Rite of Sending

Catechumens—Bennie Goodman, Blake

Hardin, Erin Rider, Zachary Smith

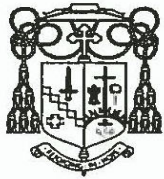
Candidates—Deborah Beavers, Jeff Bow-

man, Alana Centilli, Jenny Cottrill, Kelly

Dale, Tyler Johnson, Glenda Marston, Sum-

mer Sergenti, Mary Burke—Taylor

Please be praying for our RCIA class as they journey through the Lenten season in preparation to be received into full communion with the Catholic church Easter !



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Office of the Bishop

February 27, 2018

Help Jesus in disguise

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock." —Rev 3:20

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocese will take The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC) the weekend of **March 10-11**. Your support of this collection serves **Jesus in disguise** in some of the most marginalized communities in our world. Proceeds from this national collection provide services for immigrants and refugees, humanitarian aid in the wake of natural disasters, and advocacy for peace and justice around the world. Please join in this collection to support those suffering on the margins around the world.

For example, in Central America, there are more than 1 million young people, aged fifteen to twenty-five years old, who are out of school and unemployed. Throughout the region, crime and violence run rampant. Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador have some of the highest murder rates in the world. The escalating violence stifles investment and economic growth, further limiting opportunities for jobs. These factors push young people, already discouraged by a lack of opportunity, to emigrate in record numbers. Economic opportunities are limited, and most education and employment programs do not reach the most at-risk youth, nor are the programs linked to real jobs in the market.

With your support of the CRSC, thousands of young people can participate in YouthBuild, a program that provides them necessary life skills and opportunities. YouthBuild, a part of the YouthBuild International network, provides job skills and entrepreneurship training, school re-entry, job placement, and social services. More than 5,000 young people have participated in YouthBuild, and 80 percent of its participants have found work, gone back to school, or both.

Your support of this collection makes a difference for so many around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support it this year. If you want to learn more about the collection and the people who benefit, please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Support the collection and answer the knock of **Jesus in disguise**.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Baker, S.T.D.
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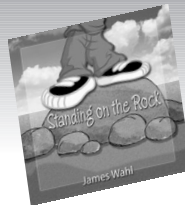
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