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MASSES

3/31-Saturday Evening: 8 p.m. 4/1-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 31, 2018

Mass 8:00 pm

Sunday, April 1, 2018

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord*

April 1, 2018

*I shall not die, but live, and
declare the works of the LORD.*

— Psalm 118:17



Mass Intentions

April 2 – April 8



Monday: Buddy Haynes by Jennie Haynes †

Tuesday: George Holloway by the Zielinskis †

Wednesday: Sr. Patricia Seward by Jennie Haynes †

Thursday: David Pugh by Doug & Nancy Ross †

Friday: Mary Toro by Virginia Crapet †

Saturday: Trudy & Andy McClay by the Zielinskis †

Sunday: Joe Stanley by Karen & Bob Hand †

****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 ~ April 2—April 8

Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4- 5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1- 4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1- 2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday:	Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2- 4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Today's Readings



First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen. (Acts 10:34a, 37-43)

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Psalm 118)

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven. (Colossians 3:1-4) or
(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate. (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8)

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb. (John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-7 or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35)

Pastor's Message

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad". This joyful refrain—part of the Responsorial Psalm for the Mass of Easter—captures well the meaning of this Easter Sunday. Christ is risen. Death has died. Life can be lived with hope and meaning.

A new book recently published by the German Scripture scholar, Gerhard Lohfink has the provocative title; "Is This All There Is?" Many people in our time may be asking, "Is this all there is?" Does life have a purpose? Is death the end? Hope seems hard to come by. Easter is the answer to Lohfink's question. There is more to life like resurrection and eternal life.

We need the message of Easter now more than ever. Easter must work its way into our hearts and ignite fresh hope. The growing spiritual hunger and dislocation of our age with not be satisfied by false promises and quick fixes.

Plastic eggs hidden in the front lawn or a few more "selfies" will hardly serve as a substitute for what ails us.

In the fifth century the great St. Augustine wrote: "Let us chant Alleluia. Then the word of Scripture will be accomplished, the word not of combatants any more, but of victors. Death has been swallowed up in victory".

In the Gospel Reading of Easter Sunday (John 20:1-9) we see the beginning of Easter faith. It is tentative at first but grows with time. Faith comes in bits and starts, always a gift, always fragile. Celebrating Easter well will strengthen our faith.

Mary Magdalene ran from the sight of the empty tomb to tell Simon Peter and John: "They have taken the Lord from the tomb and we don't know where they put him". That's a long way from: "He is risen", but it is a beginning.

John "went in to the tomb and saw and believed". We love that openness to faith. John was called "the beloved disciple" and love makes faith possible.

Easter today demands a community of witnesses. The Risen Lord lives in the daily witness of faith-filled people who can testify to the hope that fills their days.

Easter means there is hope even in the bleakest and saddest of days. Yes, even when death robs us of loved ones or when cancer ravages our frail bodies, or when relationships crumble, or life's wells run dry, even then, there is ultimate victory. Easter has changed everything.

Welcome & Congratulations: To our newest members who were received into full communion of the Church at the Easter Vigil: Bennie Goodman, Blake Hardin, Erin Rider, Zachary Smith, Deborah Beavers, Jeff Bowman, Alana Centilli, Jenny Cottrill, Kelly Dale, Glenda Marston, Summer Sergenti and Mary Burke-Taylor. You inspire us by your faith!

A blessed and joy filled Easter to you and yours.

Fr. Sexton

April 1 ~ April 8



Sunday-April 1

Easter Sunday

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*NO RE

*Children's Egg Hunt between Masses—children age 10 and under

Monday-April 2

Mass 9:00 am

*Legion of Mary

Tuesday-April 3

Mass 9:00 am

*RCIA Review 7:00 pm

Wednesday-April 4

Mass 7:00 pm

Thursday-April 5

Mass 9:00 am

Friday-April 6

Mass 9:00 am

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

Saturday-April 7

Mass 9:00 am & 5:00 pm

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

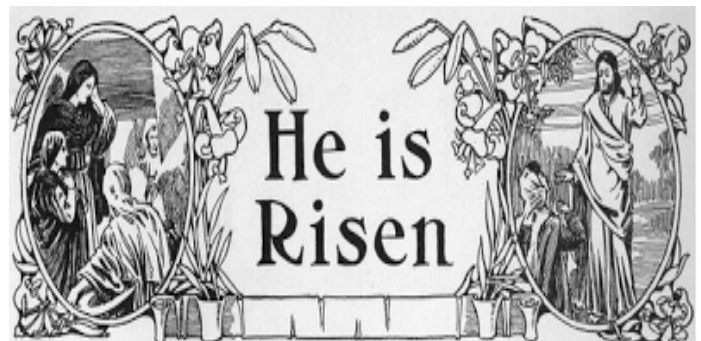
Sunday-April 8

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Divine Mercy Sunday

*RE 9:45-11:00 am

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



Weekly Offertory

July 2017 — June 2018

	Actual*	Needed
Last Week	Pending	\$5702.00
Year to Date	\$245,473.03	\$216,676.00

*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



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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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Theology on Tap

Catholic? Love pizza? Digesting theology? We do! Join fellow Birmingham young adults each month on 2nd Mondays @ 6:30pm at Bird's Bar & Pizza. We'd love to see you!

Upcoming Speakers:

April 9 - Daniel Rabourdin, Producer for "The Hidden Rebellion"

May 14 - Dan Burke, NCR Executive Director

June 11 - 2nd Annual Seminarian Night

Get instant updates!
fb.com/groups/totbirmingham/



Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	<i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>
Monday:	<i>Monday within the Octave of Easter</i>
Tuesday:	<i>Tuesday within the Octave of Easter</i>
Wednesday:	<i>Wednesday within the Octave of Easter</i>
Thursday:	<i>Thursday within the Octave of Easter</i>
Friday:	<i>Friday within the Octave of Easter; First Friday; Julian Calendar Good Friday</i>
Saturday:	<i>Saturday within the Octave of Easter; First Saturday</i>



Newcomers Reception

New to Our Lady of the Lake?

Please join us in the Parish Hall for
a newcomers reception
Saturday, April 14th, after the Mass.

Parish registration cards will be available
for those that need them.

Assignments—April 4 ~ April 8

WEDNESDAY MASS

4/4/2018

7:00 PM

Altar Servers	*
Lectors	Charmaine Welch

SATURDAY MASS

4/7/2018

5:00 PM

Altar Servers	Peter Boyle, Chris Gallegly
Greeters	
Lectors	Allen Ross, Phyllis Ross
Ministers	Deacon, Susan Moseley, Connie Hertrich
Ushers	Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Bob Nicholas, Clayton Martin

SUNDAY MASS

4/8/2018

8:30 AM

Altar Servers	Natalie Newcomb, Bailey Nail, Jacob Wiley
Greeters	
Lectors	Anna Emerick, Meagan Price
Ministers	Deacon, Stephen Reese, Matthew Reese, Rosemary Mateer, Joe Hoffert
Ushers	Michael Gagliano, Dennis Veigl, Jim Gorman, Tommie Johnson

11:15 PM

Altar Servers	Will Pittman, Meghan Barker, Jhon Paul Rogers
Greeters	
Lectors	Larry Foltz, Gloria Raynor
Ministers	Deacon, Wayne Adams, Mary Adams, Maria Jimenez, Lee Walser
Ushers	Don Frederick, Jennifer Sellers, Ron Sellers, Tyler Johnson

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

Return rice bowls April 15th



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

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

April 22—RE 9:45a—11:00a

April 29—RE 9:45a—11:00a

May 6—RE 9:45a—11:00a

First Communion 11:15 Mass

Sr Youth 5:30p—8:00p

Adult Education

9:45 in the parish hall

No Adult Education scheduled

Diocese of Birmingham

Teen Unity Festival

April 7 10am—3pm

At Our Lady of the Sorrows

Fun, Food, Fellowship

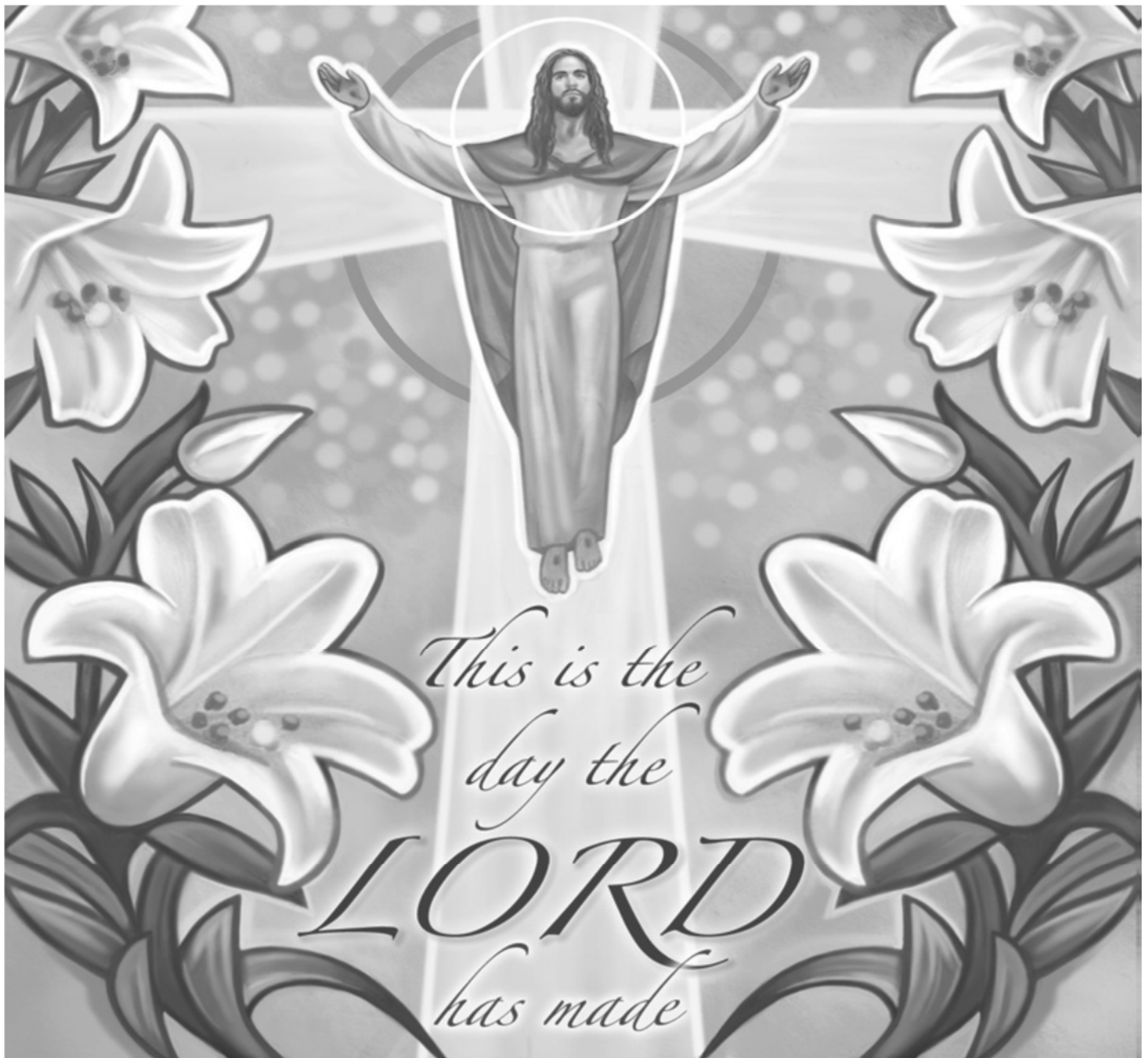
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