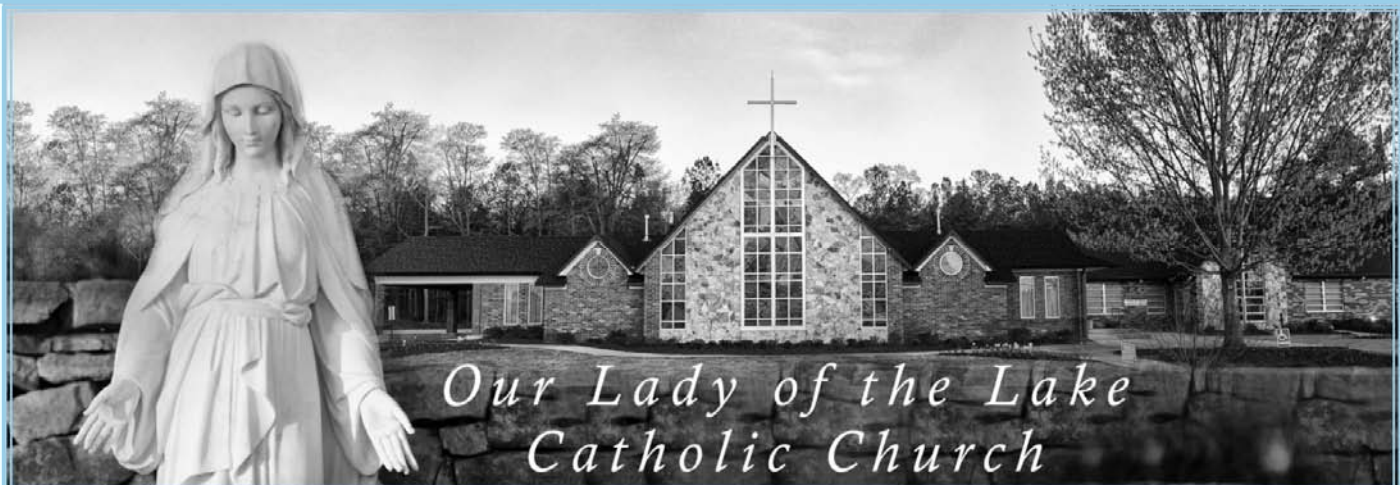




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MASSES

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
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Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

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Exposición del Santísimo el segundo Miércoles
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Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, April 28, 2018

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 29, 2018

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018

*Let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.*

— 1 John 3:18



Mass Intentions

April 30 – May 6



Monday: Yogi Caterinichia by Joe Caterinichia †

Tuesday: Bob Barrett by Parma & Paul Boyle †

Wednesday: Don Pike by Parma & Paul Boyle †

Thursday: Andy McClay by the Zielinskis †

Friday: Mike & Kitty Gordon by Parma & Paul Boyle †

Saturday: Trudy & Andy McClay by the Zielinskis †

Sunday: Sheila Brennan 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, 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.**

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list for 30 days and then are removed unless
the Church Office is notified.

Weekly Readings ~ April 30—May 6

- Monday:** Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
- Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
- Friday:** Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday:** Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

Today's Readings



First Reading — The church was being built up, and grew in numbers. (Acts 9:26-31)

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. (Psalm 22)

Second Reading — Let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth. (1 John 3:18-24)

Gospel — Remain in me, as I remain in you. I am the vine, you are the branches. (John 15:1-8)

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Pastor's Message

Images abound in our Scriptures. We are always attempting to express the inexpressible. We have to resort to images and metaphors and parables that become the grammar of faith.

Last week the image in the Gospel was that of the shepherd and Jesus describing himself as the Good Shepherd. This Sunday the image used by Jesus is that of the vine.

Since we don't live in a wine growing area the image of the vine is probably lost on us. In Palestine, where Jesus lived, vineyards were abundant and people understood the role of a vine in producing grapes. Maybe if you have a garden and grow tomatoes you have an idea of the value of the vine on which the tomatoes grow to ripen.

After the grapes were collected the branches were cut down and burned. The vines were cut back leaving only a stump. The stumps seemed dead and useless in the winter months. In the spring the process of growth began and the vines grew strong and tall putting out branches from which the grapes were harvested.

The vine held the promise of life. Jesus is the vine—he remains the same yesterday, today and forever. We are the branches. We come and go in this world. If we remain united to Christ our lives will be fruitful. Apart from him we can do nothing.

In the Second Reading today (1 John 3:18-24), St. John reminds us that "God is greater than our hearts". Greater than all our questions and greater than all we can imagine.

Don't miss the role of Barnabas in the First Reading (Acts 9:26-31) today. He introduced Saul to the community in Jerusalem and showed him around. Without the encouragement of Barnabas, the Apostles might have rejected Saul or closed the door on him. We all need a Barnabas to open doors for us and give us a word of encouragement. Who is Barnabas in your life?

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**A Poignant Reminder:** Mother's Day will soon be upon us. A daughter visited her elderly mother in the nursing home often. The mother's memory had faded. "Do you remember who I am?", the daughter would ask each time. Usually there was no response. One day when visiting and before the daughter could ask the question, the mother blurted out: "I don't know who you are but I love you". How sublime and surprising is the adventure we call life?

### Thought from St. Augustine:

"We shall rest and we shall see:  
We shall see and we shall know:  
We shall know and we shall love:  
We shall love and we shall praise".

Peace and Blessings,

*Fr. Sexton*

April 29~ May 6

### Sunday-April 29

**Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am**

\*RE 9:45-11:00 am

\*Knight's Mass 8:30 am

### Monday-April 30

**Mass 9:00 am**

\*Legion of Mary

### Tuesday-May 1

**Mass 9:00 am**

### Wednesday-May 2

**Mass 7:00 pm**

### Thursday-May 3

**Mass 9:00 am**

\*Prayer Breakfast-Harvest Center 7:00am

### Friday-May 4

**Mass 9:00 am**

\*First Friday Adoration 9:30-11 am

### Saturday-May 5

**Mass 9:00 am & 5:00 pm**

\*Marian Mass 9:00 am

\*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

\*Jr. Youth/Little Ones 11-2:30p

### Sunday-May 6

**Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am**

\*RE 9:45-11:00 am

\*First Holy Communion 11:15 am-  
reception to follow

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

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## Weekly Offertory

July 2017 — June 2018

|              | Actual*      | Needed       |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Last Week    | PENDING      | \$5702.00    |
| Year to Date | \$265,611.24 | \$233,782.00 |

\*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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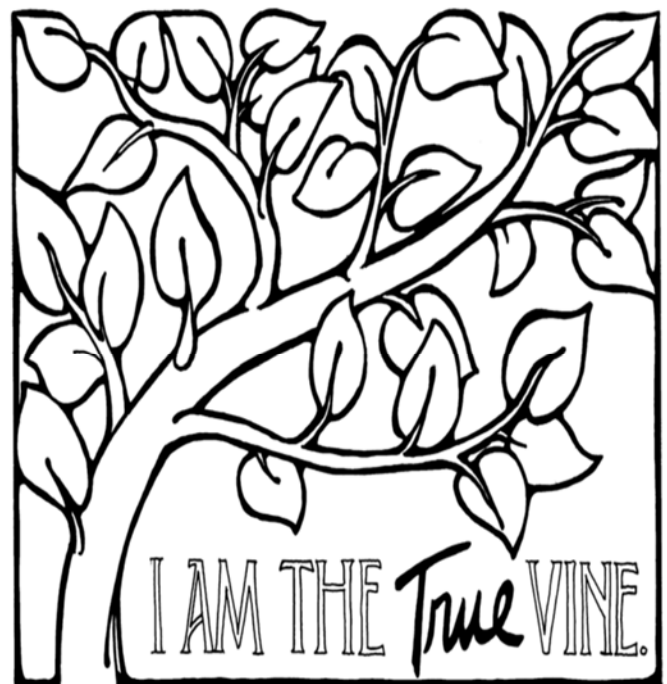
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**Council meetings are open to all  
parishioners, and are typically on the  
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Many of you have requested Phyllis Barrett's new contact info. She would enjoy hearing from each of you!

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## Saints and Special Observances

**Sunday:** *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

**Monday:** *St. Pius V*

**Tuesday:** *St. Joseph the Worker*

**Wednesday:** *St. Athanasius*

**Thursday:** *Ss. Philip and James;  
National Day of Prayer*

**Friday:** *First Friday*

**Saturday:** *First Saturday; Cinco de Mayo*

## Assignments—May 2~ May 6

### WEDNESDAY MASS

5/2/2018

7:00 PM

Altar Servers \*

Lectors Bernie Funderburg

### SATURDAY MASS

5/5/2018

5:00 PM

Altar Servers Larry Reese, Stephen Reese

Greeters Loretta/Bill Frost, Tammy McRae

Lectors Allen Ross, Phyllis Ross

Ministers Deacon, Susan Moseley, Gloria Albright

Ushers \*

### SUNDAY MASS

5/6/2018

8:30 AM

Altar Servers Natalie Newcomb, Bailey Nail, Jacob Wiley

Greeters Mike/Teri & Ronni/Carly Gagliano

Lectors Anna Emerick, Meagan Price

Ministers Deacon, Michael & Teri Gagliano, Carly Gagliano, Ronni Gagliano

Ushers \*

11:15 PM

Youth Mass

Altar Servers Will Pittman, John Himmler, Destiny Markevich

Greeters Alexis Allor, Julius Beavers

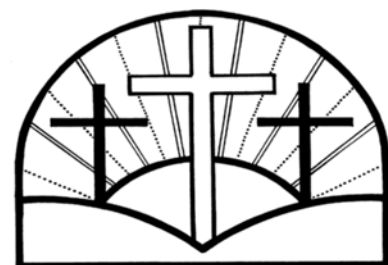
Lectors Justin Hernandez, Natalie Rogers

Ministers Deacon, Sarah Brazzolotto, Catherine Lewis, Sawyer Stice, Ryan Murphree

Ushers Don Frederick, Jonathan Kay, Zoe Kay, James Lewis

\*schedule not available

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



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## Scholarship Award



The Knights of Columbus are now accepting applications for their annual K of C Scholarship awards to be awarded on Senior Sunday, May 20th.

Applications can be obtained by email from Carl Rochford at [rochfordc.bellsouth.net](mailto:rochfordc.bellsouth.net) or call 205-383-7200.



### **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**

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## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

### **Religious Education**

**April 29—RE 9:45a—11:00a**

**May 1—Catholicism Study 7:00pm**

**May 6—RE 9:45a—11:00a**

**First Communion 11:15 Mass**

**Sr Youth 5:30p—8:00p**

**May 8—Catholicism Study 7:00pm**

**May 13—May Crowning after 8:30 Mass**

**1st communion & Confirmation Class**

**Mother's Day**

**No RE**

**May 15—Catholicism Study 7:00pm**

**May 20—Senior Sunday 8:30 Mass**

**RE End of the year party**

**Sr. Youth 5:30p—8:00p**

**May 22—Catholicism Study 7:00pm**

**May 24—Pell City Graduation**

**May 29—Catholic Study 7:00pm**

**May 30—Confirmation 7:00pm**

**June 3—Corpus Christi 8:30 Mass**

**1st Communion & Confirmation**

**class process**

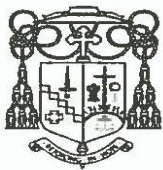
**Youth Mass 11:15**

**June 5—Catholicism Study 7:00pm**

### **Adult Education**

**9:45 in the parish hall**

**No Adult Education scheduled**



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### **STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME**

April 18, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocese will be taking up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA) April 28-29, and I ask that you prayerfully consider participating. This appeal supports the dioceses here in our own country that struggle to make ends meet and to serve all the needs of their parishioners. It is through your generosity that many churches are able to keep their doors open and provide essential pastoral services.

With your contributions to the CHMA, the diocese reaches out to some of the most marginalized people—those in prison. Many detainees are returning to the Catholic faith and are in need of God's mercy. Your gifts provide liturgical and educational supplies, help priests offer the Eucharist and other sacraments, and support volunteers' and ministers' outreach to over 10,000 men and women in detention facilities. Your generosity brings Christ's message of love, compassion, and reconciliation to this often forgotten population.

In our own diocese, your support of the CHMA touches the Hispanic Ministries in the most rural areas of our territory, as well as the efforts of the Office of Religious Education, Catholic schools, and our smaller mission parishes throughout the diocese.

Your support of this appeal makes a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters right here in the United States, including our own diocese. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the appeal this year. To learn more about the appeal and those who benefit from it, visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

Thank you for strengthening the Church at home.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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