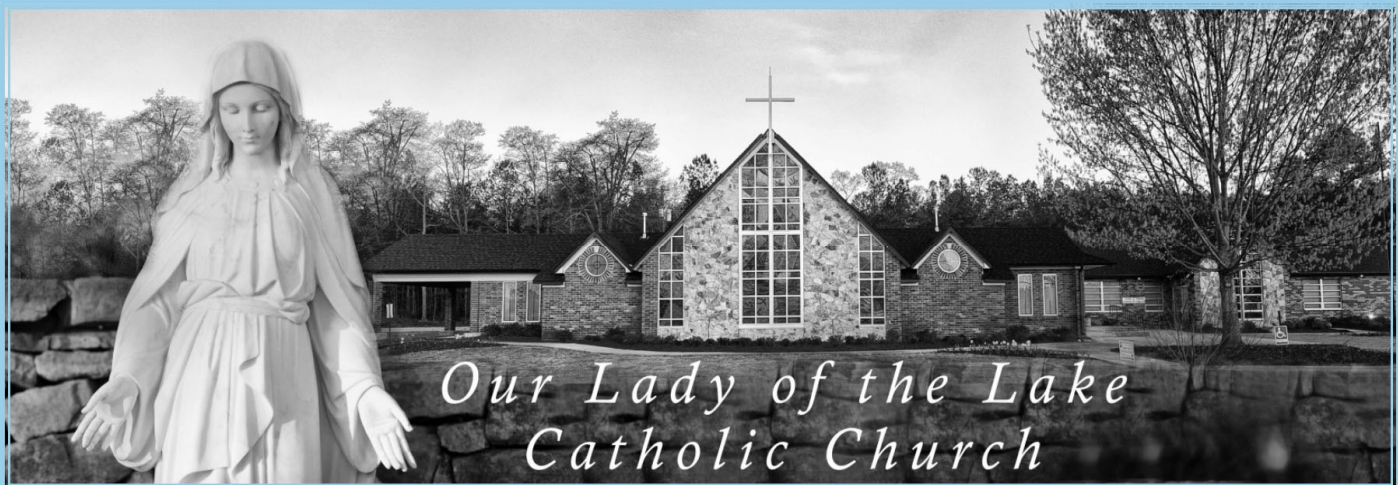




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MASSES

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, May 12, 2018

Mass 5:00 pm

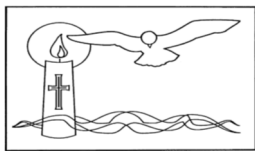
Sunday, May 13, 2018

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

The Ascension of the Lord

May 13, 2018

Whoever believes and is
baptized will be saved.



— Mark 16:16



Mass Intentions

May 14 – May 20



Monday: Debra Albright by Parma Boyle †
Tuesday: Alice Gonzalez by Gloria Raynor †
Wednesday: Moynihan Family by Claire Moynihan
Thursday: Kay Bungert by the Zielinskis †
Friday: Mary Laura Raynor by James Raynor †
Saturday: Joe Stanley by Frank Troncalli †
Sunday: Dona Kay Pearson by Rita & Terry Rumore †

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

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Paul Boyle, Crystal Welford, Jacky Johnson,
Rita Martens, Gail Layton, Nicki Brasfield,
Daniel Centilli, Michael Gagliano.

**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 ~ May 14—May 20

Monday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

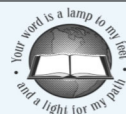
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Today's Readings



First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:1-11)

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (Psalm 47)

Second Reading — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens. (Ephesians 1:17-23) or *Ephesians 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]*

Gospel — The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven. (Mark 16:15-20)

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Pastor's Message

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord!

The Preface for this Feast sums up the meaning of the Ascension nicely: "For the Lord Jesus, the King of Glory, conqueror of sin and death, ascended to the highest heavens, as the angels gazed in wonder—Mediator between God and man, judge of the world and Lord of hosts, he ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state, but that we his members might be confident of following where he, our head and founder, has gone before".

In the Creed, we profess every Sunday: "He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father".

Still, the Ascension is difficult to understand. It is sometimes called the "forgotten" Feast in the Liturgy. In celebrating the Feast on Sunday (as many Dioceses do) the Church offers us a greater opportunity to pray about the Feast and make it a part of our Christian way of thinking.

Only St. Luke in his Gospel and in the Acts of the Apostles speaks of the Ascension. However, all the New Testament writers agree that Jesus ceased appearing at some point. The lovely Easter "appearance stories" came to an end.

The Old Testament Scripture gives two examples of biblical ascensions, namely, that of the prophet Elijah, and Enoch, a descendant of Adam. Of him it was said in Genesis 5:21, "That he walked with God and, after 365 years, he was no more, because God took him". In the Second Book of Kings (2:11) we are told that the prophet Elijah was taken up to heaven in a fiery chariot; "He ascended in a whirlwind into heaven".

Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, gives us the briefest of accounts, as he notes that: "When Jesus had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight".

Jesus lives in heaven now to intercede for us. The young theologian, Karl Barth, in the worst days of World War II, wrote: "When the lights are going out, it is always good to know who is in charge. It is good to know that Jesus the exalted Lord and Saviour holds the key to history and holds embrace too. We need not fear".

Happy Mother's Day: We celebrate mothers everywhere this day. Their capacity for love and resourcefulness, wisdom and creativity seemed amazing to us when we were still young, and somehow, still does. They are still the bearers of our hopes and our hope for a culture that is humane and noble. Blessings on all mothers on this day!

It's Official: Fr. Lucas, currently the Pastor of St. Aloysius Church in Bessemer, will become Pastor of Our Lady of the Lake on July 3, 2018. We welcome this good news, even as we pray for our Parish in this time of transition.

Peace and Blessings,
Fr. Sexton

May 13~ May 20

Sunday-May 13

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*Mother's Day

*NO RE

*May Crowning after 8:30 am Mass

Monday-May 14

Mass 9:00 am

*Legion of Mary

Tuesday-May 15

Mass 9:00 am

Wednesday-May 16

Mass 7:00 pm

*Surfsiders 10:00 am

*Parish Council after Mass

Thursday-May 17

Mass 9:00 am

Friday-May 18

Mass 9:00 am

Saturday-May 19

Mass 9:00 am & 5:00 pm

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

Sunday-May 20

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

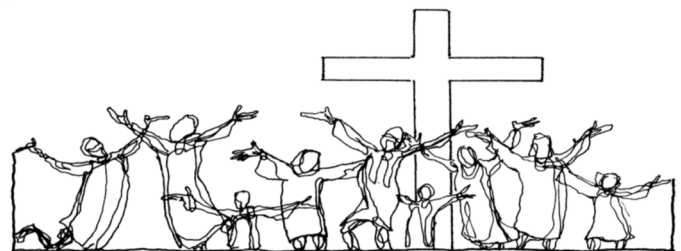
*Pentecost

*Senior Sunday

*RE Year End Party

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

*Holy Hour 7:00 pm



Weekly Offertory

July 2017 — June 2018

	Actual*	Needed
Last Week	\$9023.51	\$5702.00
Year to Date	\$288,490.08	\$256,590.00

*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.

Please join us at CEPA, May 19th at 6:30 pm for a fundraiser benefitting the Love Pantry, \$10 donation.

Goal -100 cans/week.

Total cans last week – 53 cans

MARRIED COUPLES:



Putting Christ in your marriage goes hand-in-hand with romance, happiness, passion and joy! Enhance your Sacrament of Marriage by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** Weekend. Learn how to refocus your marriage on what is most important. Experience an even greater closeness and depth in your love for each other! The next weekend in the diocese is scheduled in Huntsville, Jul. 20-22 at the DoubleTree Hotel-South.

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

Retirement Reception
for
Fr. Sexton



Sunday, June 24, 2018

2:00—4:00 p.m.

Celebrations



Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: *The Ascension of the Lord;
Mother's Day;
World Communications Day*

Monday: *St. Matthias*

Tuesday: *St. Isidore the Farmer*

Thursday: *Julian Calendar Ascension*

Friday: *St. John I*

Saturday: *Armed Forces Day; Vigil of
Pentecost;
Shavuot (Jewish observance)
begins at sunset*

YARD SALE!



It's that time of year to clean out your closets, garage, sheds, etc. and bring your unwanted items to the church for the annual yard sale. This year we will have our yard sale on **Friday, June 8th and Saturday, June 9th from 8-2 each day.** You can drop off yard sale items at the church hall during regular church office hours. We except all household items, furniture, nick-nacks, craft supplies, toys, books, holiday decorations, all types of linens for the home, rugs, pictures, etc. **Please no clothing!** Shoes are great but no clothing will be excepted.

If you have any questions please call Sharon Stice 205-613-1053 or Brenda Rochford 423-242-5029. If you would like to volunteer to work the sale either day please call Sharon or Brenda. All proceeds will help the Thanksgiving Food Drive and the Christmas Giving Tree.

Thank you for your support!

God Bless!

Assignments—May 16 ~ May 20

WEDNESDAY MASS

5/16/2018

7:00 PM

Altar Servers *

Lectors Sarah Brazzolotto

SATURDAY MASS

5/19/2018

5:00 PM

Altar Servers Marty Poteracki, James Raynor

Greeters Frank Troncalli, Darlene Leonard

Lectors Marguerite Gorman, Sara Reese

Ministers Allen Ross, Phyllis Ross

Ushers *

SUNDAY MASS

5/20/2018

8:30 AM

Altar Servers Anthony Emerick, Matthew Emerick,
Amelia Reese

Greeters Crapet/Landman/Freeman

Lectors Chere Lowery, Teri Gagliano

Ministers Deacon, Janice Stella, Anna Emerick,
Chris Gallegly, Brenda Rochford

Ushers *

11:15 PM

Altar Servers Paul Boyle, Katie Boyle, Meghan Barker

Greeters Becky/Darren Freeman, Lydia Jimenez

Lectors Robert Lewis, Mary Adams

Ministers Deacon, Tommie Ann Johnson, Maria
Jimenez, Martha Hayes, Mary Adams

Ushers Don Frederick, *

*Schedule not available

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

Called to *Serve*



Little Ones in Christ

Grades Pre K—Grade 2

Contact Joanna Murphree (205) 473-1444

2nd Sunday 12:30—2:30pm

I want to thank Joanna Murphree for leading the Little Ones youth group, pre-k through 2nd grade. She has served as Little Ones youth leader since January of 2012. God is calling Joanna in another direction now June 10th will be Joanna's last Little Ones meeting. Thank you Joanna for all your time of service and devotion to the Little Ones.

If you feel God is calling you to work with the Little Ones group, please call Sonya Lewis (205)863-7305

Registration begins May 20th

VBS Shipwrecked

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Mark your calendar!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Religious Education

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—8:00pm

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
Sr. Youth 5:30—8:00pm

June 5—Catholicism Study 7:00pm

June 10— Little Ones & Jr. Youth
12:30—2:30 last meeting before summer
break

June 12—Catholicism Study 7:00pm

June 17— Father's Day
Holy Hour 7:00pm
No Sr. Youth

June 25—29 VBS 6:00—8:30pm

Adult Education

9:45 in the parish hall
No Adult Education scheduled



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Office of the Bishop

May 3, 2018
St. Philip and St. James, Apostles

Dear Friends in Christ,

St. John Vianney Residence for Priests needs your support to continue to care for our priests who have served the Diocese so well. A second collection for the benefit of St. John Vianney Residence will be the weekend of May 12-13.

I encourage all families in the diocese to share in the responsibility of providing support for the Residence. Your contribution will enable us to continue to house and care for needs of diocesan priests, ensuring that all the expenses in this important and essential effort are covered.

I am extremely grateful and continually amazed at your great generosity to our dedicated priests. Please give generously so our priests can continue to live with pride and dignity.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and your continued prayers for all our priests.

Very gratefully yours in Christ,

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

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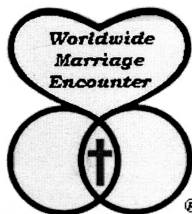
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