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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, June 23, 2018

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, June 24, 2018

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



### Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

June 24, 2018

*"Behold, one is coming after me;  
I am not worthy to unfasten  
the sandals of his feet."*

—Acts 13:25

### Mass Intentions



June 25 – July 1

**Monday:** Frank Connell by the Bryants †  
**Tuesday:** Marlene Catalino by Sam Catalino †  
**Wednesday:** Special Intentions  
**Thursday:** Ruth Stanley by the Bryants  
**Friday:** Ernestina Gonzalez by Gloria Raynor †  
**Saturday:** Joe Stanley by the Bryants †  
**Sunday:** Andrew Centilli by Mary Esther Krantz †

**\*\*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](mailto: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 ~ June 25—July 1

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5

**Tuesday:** 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14

**Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20

**Thursday:** 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29

**Friday:** Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19  
Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

**Saturday:** Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:15-17

**Sunday:** Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 5:21-24, 35b-43]

## Today's Readings



**First Reading** — I will make you a light to the nations. (Isaiah 49:1-6)

**Psalm** — I praise you for I am wonderfully made. (Psalm 139)

**Second Reading** — John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance. (Acts 13:22-26)

**Gospel** — John is his name. (Luke 1:57-66, 80)

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**Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

The Church rejoices today in celebrating the birthday of St. John the Baptist. He occupies a central place in the New Testament Scriptures as the one who prepared the way for Jesus as Messiah and Lord.

So great was his influence in the early Church that he was often mistaken for the Messiah. All the Synoptic Gospels have him vigorously denying that he was the Messiah. His role was to prepare the minds and hearts of the Jewish people to receive the promised Messiah.

He said He himself was not the Light (that is Christ) but he came to witness to the Light and reflect it into the dark crevices of the world. In the same way, we are not the Light but we are to radiate the Light of Christ as torches in a darkened world.

John the Baptist also announced a key principle of the spiritual life. Of Christ he said: "He must increase and I must decrease". We are not there to promote ourselves or to dominate others. Rather, we are to die to self so that Christ may grow in us and live in us.

John the Baptist, fearless and prophetic, friend of God and cousin of the God-man, has much to teach us in the ways of God.

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**Reflections on Retirement and Blessings Too:**

As you are, no doubt, tiring of hearing, I will retire from the administrative and pastoral duties of the Parish on July 2, 2018. The new Pastor, Fr. William Lucas will take over on July 3rd.

Some of you have remarked that a priest cannot retire since he remains a priest always. In a sense that is true. The effect of Ordination to the Priesthood is a permanent configuration to the person of Christ, the Priest. However, a priest may resign from the duties of a priest in the event of a crisis of conscience or inability to function as a priest. A priest may also retire from the administrative/pastoral responsibilities when age or declining health indicates this. He still celebrates Mass and may fill-in for a priest in case of pastoral need. The time has come for me to retire in this sense.

I thank Bishop Baker for his gracious permission to allow me to enter this new phase of my life. Like all major decisions it is bittersweet and gives reason to pause and reflect.

I have served in this Parish longer than in any other assignment in my 57 years as a priest. It has been a labor of love and I will be forever grateful for the singular grace of walking among you. Your faith and goodness and decency have amazed me everyday. I express my deepest thanks to each of you and all of you; for the times I may have offered you or bored you to tears I am truly sorry and ask for your forgiveness.

Since I will be living in the Parish—on Clover Drive in Morningside—you will see me around and I look forward to the dear sweet moments that knit our lives together as the family of faith.

Peace and Blessings Always to You and Yours,

*Fr. Sexton*

**Sunday-June 24**

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

\*Retirement Reception for Msgr. Sexton-Celebrations 2:00-4:00 pm

**Monday-June 25**

**Mass 9:00 am**

\*Legion of Mary

\*VBS 6:00-8:30 pm

**Tuesday-June 26**

**Mass 9:00 am**

\*VBS 6:00-8:30 pm

**Wednesday-June 27**

**Mass 7:00 pm**

\*Ultreya after Mass

\*VBS 6:00-8:30 pm

**Thursday-June 28**

**Mass 9:00 am**

\*VBS 6:00-8:30 pm

**Friday-June 29**

**Mass 9:00 am**

\*VBS 6:00-8:30 pm

**Saturday-June 30**

**Mass 5:00 pm**

\*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

**Sunday-July 1**

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

\*Youth Mass 11:15 am

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



## Weekly Offertory

July 2017 — June 2018

|              | Actual*      | Needed       |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Last Week    | \$4176.00    | \$5702.00    |
| Year to Date | \$321,845.64 | \$290,802.00 |

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



**Chair: Sonia Dale:**  
wmksdale2000@gmail.com

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**Jennifer Rosato:** jrosato1972@gmail.com

**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 – 40 cans.**

**Thank you for your generosity!**



## New Pastoral Council Members

We welcome our newly elected Pastoral Council Members, **Britton Falkner, Sonia Dale and Gloria Raynor**. We thank all those that stepped forward with willingness to serve.

Thanks too, to out-going members, Marguerite Gorman and Joanna Murphree for your dedication and service to your Parish.



### Saints and Special Observances

|                   |                                                                            |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday:</b>    | <i>The Nativity of St. John the Baptist</i>                                |
| <b>Monday:</b>    | <i>Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time</i>                                       |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | <i>St. Cyril of Alexandria</i>                                             |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | <i>St. Irenaeus</i>                                                        |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | <i>Ss. Peter and Paul</i>                                                  |
| <b>Saturday:</b>  | <i>The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church;<br/>Blessed Virgin Mary</i> |



### Knight's of Columbus Men's Prayer Service

Chapel in the Pines  
July 7th - 10:00 am



All men are invited!  
Need not be a Knight to attend.

### 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:

**July 9** - Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia,  
"Conversion: Companions on the Journey"

**August 13** - TBA

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### Assignments—June 27~ July 1

#### WEDNESDAY MASS

6/27/2018

7:00 PM

Altar Servers \*

Lectors Bernie Funderburg

#### SATURDAY MASS

6/30/2018

5:00 PM

Altar Servers Chris Gallegly, Larry Reese

Greeters LopezdeVictoria/Cowart, Gisela Scruggs

Lectors Carey Monistere, Meagan Price

Ministers Deacon, Jim Dale, Sonia Dale

Ushers Jim Dale, Sam Marston, Mike DeCastra

#### SUNDAY MASS

7/1/2018

8:30 AM

Altar Servers Anthony Emerick, Matthew Emerick,  
Carson Falkner

Greeters Amelia Reese, Julie/Bob Paulitzky

Lectors Carey Monistere, Joe Hoffert

Ministers Deacon, Janice Stella, Anna Emerick,  
Tom Graffo, Brenda Rochford

Ushers Lance Stella, Bit Thomaston, Phillip  
Thomaston, Paul Emerick

11:15 PM

Youth Mass

Altar Servers Will Pittman, Brennan Cardenas, Amy  
Cardenas

Greeters Katie Boyle, Katie Luter

Lectors Jhon Paul Rogers, Thalia Mann

Ministers Deacon, Ron Sellers, Jennifer Sellers,  
Catherine Lewis, Amanda Manuel

Ushers Don Frederick, Chris Gallegly

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



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### ***Food, Fun, and Faith***

#### **Little Ones in Christ**

**Grades Pre K—Grade 2**

**2nd Sunday 12:30—2:30pm**

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

#### **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**

**Sr. Youth pool party at the Stice's house  
July 15th  
5:30—8:00**



## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

### **Religious Education**

**Register for VBS & RE! Don't forget!**

**Register early!**

**Forms are on the church website  
(ollpellcity.com)**

**June 24**—Registration for VBS & RE after Masses

**July 1** - Youth Mass 11:15

**July 14**—Jr. Youth Retreat 8:00am

**July 15**—Sr. Youth pool party 5:30-8:00

### **Register for**

#### **VBS Shipwrecked**

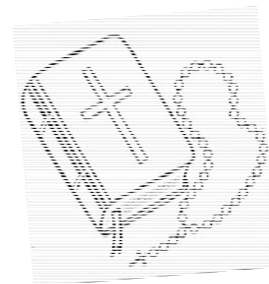
**June 25—29 VBS 6:00—8:30pm**



### **Adult Education**

**9:45 in the parish hall**

**No Adult Education scheduled**



**Prolife Rosary—2nd Sunday after 8:30 Mass**



## School Supply Drive June 17 - July 22

|                                                                                                                         |                                             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <b>Backpacks</b> , need 150-200. Please contact Mari. I can get these bags in bulk for \$3                              | <b>Notebook Composition Style</b> (500)     |
| <b>Folders, Plastic with brads</b> all colors, I will need about 500. Each student needs 4 or 5 for different subjects. | <b>Notebook, Spiral</b> (500)               |
| <b>Pencils, wood #2</b> -200 packs                                                                                      | <b>Pencil, Pouch</b> zippered, 3 ring (200) |
| <b>Pencil Sharpener</b> , hand, with Shavings saver (200)                                                               | <b>Pencils, Colored</b> (200)               |
| <b>Crayons</b> (200)                                                                                                    | <b>Paper, Lined</b> (200)                   |
| <b>Markers</b> , All types (200 pks)                                                                                    | <b>Scissors</b> , Metal Fiscars (200)       |
| <b>Glue, Sticks</b> (200 packs)                                                                                         | Paper, Computer packs                       |
| <b>Binders, 3 ring 1"</b> (80)                                                                                          | Binders, 2 1/2 inch                         |
| <b>Eraser Packs</b> (200 Packs)                                                                                         | Page Protectors                             |
| <b>Tab Sets</b> (50)                                                                                                    | Kleenex Tissue                              |
| Paper, Graph (20)                                                                                                       | Jump Drive 5                                |

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**Contact Mari Culver at 205-525-0071.**

## Information Sessions Scheduled for the Next Permanent Diaconate Formation Program

Dates and locations for a series of information sessions to open the Inquiry phase for the next permanent diaconate formation program have been announced by the Office of the Permanent Diaconate. All Catholic men in the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama who may be interested in the vocation of the permanent deacon, and their wives, are invited to attend. No registration is necessary.

The sessions will be held at St. Peter the Apostle Church in Hoover at 4:00 p.m. on June 30; Our Lady of Fatima Church in Birmingham at 10:00 a.m. on July 1; St. James Church in Gadsden at 9:30 a.m. on July 8; and St. Mark the Evangelist Church in Birmingham at 9:00 a.m. on July 15.

Additional details are available by contacting Deacon J. S. Anzalone, Ph.D., Director of Diaconate Formation, at the Chancery Office (205-776-7005) or Deacon Christopher J. Rosko, M.D. (205-306-0522).

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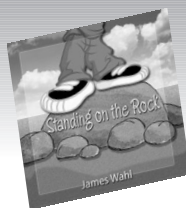
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