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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday : 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.
Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday—Thursday 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:50 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 Mass.

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.
Second Wednesday of every month- 7:30 p.m.
Exposición del Santísimo el segundo Miércoles
de cada mes @ 7:30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

August through May. Ages 3 yrs.-High School

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THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH
OR THE WEB PAGE @ OLLPELLCITY.COM
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CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER
9:30-1:30 PM DAILY
(limit of 25 people at a time)

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 29, 2020



*Out of the depths I cry to you,
O LORD; LORD, hear my voice!*
—Psalm 130:1



Mar. 30 - April 5

Monday: Deacon Bob & Susan Martin
by the Brazzolottos
Tuesday: Art Di Mattia by Bob & Karen Hand †
Wednesday: Jay & Patricia Benson
by the Brazzolottos
Thursday: Fr. Frank Milienewicz by Fr Bill Lucas †
Friday: Stephanie Hazel by the Stice family †
Saturday: Trudy & Andy McClay by the Zielinskis †
Sunday: Yolie & Betty 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, Jacky Johnson, Peggy Gessler, Gail Layton, Tom Michaels, Teresa Wolf, Diana Markevich, Dorothy DiMattia, Walton Smith, Juanita Crowson, Kelly Dale, Glenda Marston, Toni James, Bob Walsh, Sarah Svetlay, Charles & Libby Lafleur, Kevin Reilly, Rosemary Mateer, Lance Stella, Wayne Lowery

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.

Weekly Readings ~ Mar 30—April 5

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14—27:66 [27:11-54]

Today's Readings



First Reading — Thus says the Lord GOD; I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. Then you shall know I am the LORD, O my people! (Ezekiel 37:12-14)

Psalm — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. (Psalm 130)

Second Reading — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin. (Romans 8:8-11)

Gospel — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name. (John 11: 1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45])

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Coping and Hoping

Gloria Raynor, the Secretary of our Parish Pastoral Council, stated at the most recent tele-conference meeting on March 18th, that we need, "help coping and messages of positivity" in the time of quarantine and isolation that we are undergoing.

What we are experiencing now is the same thing experienced by people who experience a serious illness, the death of a loved one, loss of their job, a divorce, and other stressful, life-changing events. Our normal life comes to a sudden halt. The comfort of familiar routines is taken away from us. We fear things will never be the same again (we are probably right about that). We can obsess about what we have lost and worry if we will ever recover from that loss.

In addition to that experience, we can also be consumed with worry about catching a contagious disease. Those of us who lived through the polio epidemic, the beginning of AIDS in the 1980's and the years when there were new strains of the flu, can relate. We worry about leaving our homes, going out in public, and contact with certain groups of people. It strains the social bonds we normally take for granted.

People who have experienced these personal and social crises have much to teach us. If they came through a crisis and "rebuilt" their lives, they have a memory of the process that led them to a new way of living. They can be our guides in this time of personal and social crisis. They learned how to cope with a "new normal" life. Others have done it. They can teach us how to do it.

Pope Emeritus Benedict wrote, "As Christians, we always have a future." We are a people of hope. Right now, we are consumed with the present, as we should be. But, as an early Christian writer said it, "Christians live in the world as if passing through." We try to make the world a better place, but here we have no lasting home. As parents, we try to provide for our children. Right now, we have an opportunity to provide our children with an example of faith. We have an opportunity to provide them an example of prayer. We have an opportunity to provide them an example of love modeled on the love Jesus Christ has for us. We can ask the Lord to give us the strength to cope with this stressful situation.

There are many good things in this world, but they are limited goods. God is the only eternal good, that is, a good-without-limit. Lent is a time of loosening our attachment to the things of this world so that we can strengthen our attachment to God: so is the Covid-19 quarantine. Matthew 6, 33 states, "See first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things (your needs) will be given you besides." In Lent we may discover that we have put too much faith in the things of the world and not enough faith in God. In time of quarantine, we may discover the same thing.

In the United States, we call ourselves "a Christian nation." We are about to find out if that is true. If we sacrifice our time and effort to reach out with compassion to the suffering and afraid, then we are setting a Christian example. There is always room for growth in Christian discipleship. Now is an opportunity for growth.



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Office of the Bishop

March 17, 2020
Saint Patrick

Dear Faithful People of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama:

As you know, there are now many confirmed cases of the COVID-19 virus in the State of Alabama. The various civil authorities have, as of this writing, restricted public gatherings to 25 people or less. This limitation, and the fact that this virus spreads easily and with great danger to some, requires us to take decisive action now with regard to our church activities.

Having consulted with priests, religious, and lay people in the Diocese of Birmingham, including members of the medical profession, as well as with other bishops and experts, I hereby decree the following:

- The public celebration of Holy Mass is suspended in the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama through the day before Palm Sunday (April 4, 2020). The faithful are dispensed from any Mass obligations during this time.
- The faithful are encouraged to remember the moral obligation to keep the Sabbath holy that remains, even when attending Mass is impossible. This may be done by watching a Mass on television or online, meditating on the readings, saying other prayers and devotions, and so forth – including the laudable practice of making a Spiritual Communion. It is up to each individual and family to determine how to keep Sundays holy.
- Pastors and Administrators are encouraged to have their churches open regularly so that the faithful can come for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, cautious to maintain appropriate “social distancing” and crowd size.
- Priests are encouraged to celebrate Mass daily in private for the Mass intentions they have accepted and with a special remembrance of the faithful of the Diocese in their prayers. All Pastors and Administrators remain bound by their canonical obligation to offer Mass “for the people of the parish” (*pro populo*) on Sundays and holydays of obligation.
- Where possible, priests might seek ways to broadcast or livestream their Masses, to help parishioners remain connected to their parishes and participating spiritually from home.
- Confessions should not be heard in ordinary enclosed confessionals, in order to reduce risk of transmission of the virus. Priests should consider creative and generous ways to offer the Sacrament of Confession, such as having it in larger parish halls or outdoors, always careful to safeguard the privacy of penitents.
- Weddings are prohibited during the Lenten season according to the longstanding Marriage Policy of the Diocese of Birmingham; nevertheless, should there be any weddings by way of exception, these should be limited to no more than 25 people total, including the five people required for the Catholic form of the sacrament: namely, the couple, the priest or deacon celebrant, and the two witnesses – being careful to maintain the recommended “social distancing”.

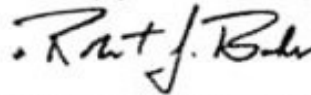
- The Anointing of the Sick should be administered generously, but taking prudent precautions and observing the access policies of local hospitals and nursing homes.
- Funerals may be celebrated only with an outdoor graveside ceremony; a memorial Mass in a church or chapel may be scheduled once these restrictions have been lifted.
- Baptisms should be delayed if it is possible to do so without danger; in danger of death and in other exceptional circumstances, Baptism should be administered, being careful to maintain appropriate "social distancing" and limiting group size to 25 or less.
- If Holy Water fonts have not already been emptied, they should be emptied and disinfected immediately. Holy Water may be made available through a dispenser/tank in the church, for those who wish to fill their private bottles.
- All other parish devotions and activities are to be suspended, to include Stations of the Cross, fish fries, bible studies, bingo, prayer groups, and other gatherings on our church properties.
- Pastors and Administrators should strive to prudently accommodate the reasonable pastoral requests they receive from their parishioners (for example, requests for office visits).

Our situation in Alabama continues to evolve and it may well prove necessary to amend these directives. In addition, I will review them in the time leading up to Palm Sunday weekend to determine any extension or other changes that may be necessary.

I also encourage you to continue financial support of your parish and other charities that serve the poor while we wait for the pandemic to pass.

As your Bishop, I want to assure that my prayers and the prayers of your priests, deacons, our religious, and parish employees are with you as we navigate this challenge together. We ask our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us His healing and peace, helping us to preserve a spirit of joyful hope during this difficult time.

Faithfully yours in Christ,



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

Job Opening

Sonya Lewis, our current Director of Religious Education (DRE), has decided to resign her position, effective June 6th. We will begin the process of hiring a new DRE in April. This is a part-time position (25 hours per week). If you or someone you know is interested, contact Father Bill at the church office.

Weekly

Offertory

July 2019 — June 2020

	Actual*	Needed
Last Week	\$6541.00	\$6,692.00
Year to Date	\$296,884.28	\$260,988.00

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

Perfect Contrition and Spiritual Communion

What to do if you cannot go to Confession or Holy Communion due to the Covid-19 coronavirus

If you have to self-isolate or are quarantined due to the COVID-19 coronavirus, It is unlikely that you will be able to receive the sacraments as normal.

In these circumstances, there are devotions through which you can receive absolution for your sins (under certain conditions), and the consolation of Eucharistic grace.

These devotions are officially encouraged by the Church and have been practiced by saints.



How to make an Act of Perfect Contrition

Through an act of Perfect Contrition, you receive pardon for your sins outside of confession, even mortal sins, on condition that you determine to amend your life and make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as this becomes possible for you.

Perfect Contrition is a grace from God, so sincerely ask for this gift throughout the day prior to making your act of contrition: “My God, grant me perfect contrition for all my sins”.

1. In reality or imagination kneel at the foot of a crucifix and say to yourself; “Jesus, my God and my Savior, in the midst of your agony, you remembered me, you suffered for me, you wished to wipe away my sins”.
2. Contrition is ‘perfect’ if you repent of your sins because you love God and are sorry for offending Him and causing the sufferings of Christ on the cross. Before the Crucified Christ remember your sins, repent of them because they have brought our Lord to his sufferings on the Cross. Promise him, that with His help, you will not sin again.
3. Recited, slowly and sincerely, an act of contrition focused on the goodness of God and your love of Jesus: “O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you and by the help of your grace I will not sin again. Amen”.

How to make a Spiritual Communion

The key to Spiritual Communion is to grow in your heart a constant desire for the Blessed Sacrament.

1. If you are aware of serious or mortal sin, make an Act of Perfect Contrition.
2. Imagine the sacred words and action of the Mass or watch online or on TV.
3. Make all those acts of faith, humility, sorrow, adoration, love and desire that you usually express before Holy Communion.
4. Desire, with earnest longing, to receive our Lord present — Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity — in the Blessed Sacrament.
5. Say this prayer of St. Alphonsus de’ Ligouri: “My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You are already there, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You; do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen.
6. After moments of silent adoration make all those acts of faith, humility, love, thanksgiving and offering that you usually express through prayers after Holy Communion.

Youth

All Youth group meetings are postponed through March 29th

Little Ones

K4—2nd Grade

Contact Jackie Summar

(205) 405-7825

2nd Sunday 12:30—2:30pm

Junior Youth

3rd—6th Grade

Contact Jordan Rawson

(205) 863-5787

2nd Sunday 12:30—2:30pm

Senior Youth

7th—12th Grade

Contact Carly Sadler

(205) 837-8888

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday 5:30pm-8:00pm

Our Lake of the Lake Parish Religious Education Suspension

All religious education classes will be suspended due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) concerns. This includes our First Communion classes and all OLL Youth groups.

This suspension began Sunday March 15th and will extend through Sunday March 29th. After that time, the situation will be reevaluated to determine if classes should resume or if the period of suspension should be extended.

Please continue to pray for those affected by the virus, as well as for their families and caretakers.



**Please pray for our RCIA
catechumen and candidates:
Bill Burns, Doug MacMurdo, Cristy
McKinney, Teri Shields,
Buddy Spradley, Janet Stevens**

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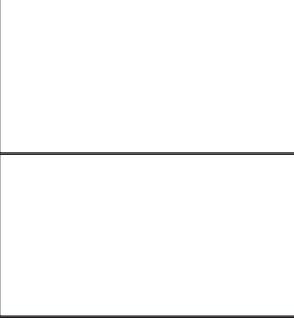
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