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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. through  
High School.

*Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church*

*Saturday, November 21, 2020  
Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, November 22, 2020  
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am*

*Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe  
November 22, 2020*



*"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty  
and you gave me drink."  
—Matthew 25:35*



**Nov 23 - Nov 29**

- Monday:** Fr. Henry Thorsen by Fr. William Lucas †  
**Tuesday:** Kevin Reilly by the Brazzolottos †  
**Wednesday:** Madelyn & Ben Travers by Madelyn Gault †  
**Thursday:** Harold Williams by Madelyn Gault †  
**Friday:** Most Rev Oscar Lipscomb by Fr. William Lucas †  
**Saturday:** Gurley Benefield by Edgar & Sharon Finn †  
**Sunday:** For The People  
Deceased KOC 12270 †

*Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:*

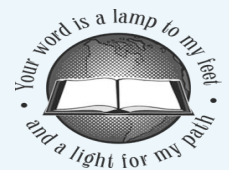
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Please pray for all our loved ones who are ill and our shut-ins. To add a name, call the church office; or to add to the Prayer Hot Line please email Sharon Stice at [sharonstice46@gmail.com](mailto:sharonstice46@gmail.com) or call 205-613-1053.

*Weekly Readings ~ Nov 23—Nov 29*

- Monday:** Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4  
**Tuesday:** Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11  
**Wednesday:** Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19  
**Thursday:** Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28  
**Friday:** Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33  
**Saturday:** Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36  
**Sunday:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19, 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

*Today's Readings*



**First Reading** — I will rescue my scattered sheep (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17).

**Psalm** — The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28).

**Gospel** — Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to me (Matthew 25:31-46).

## TO GIVE THANKS

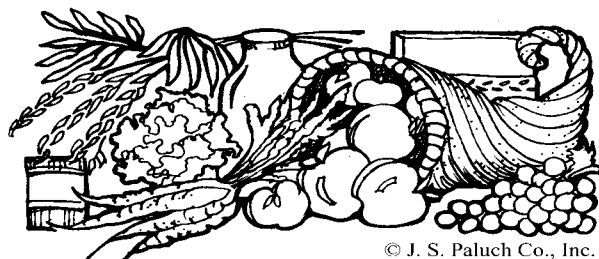
In his account of the Last Supper (1 Corinthians 11, 23-26), St. Paul writes, “the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, ‘This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’” The Greek word for “give thanks” is “eucharistesas”. Jesus “eucharisted” the bread and it became more than bread. It became Jesus!

The Mass is also called “The Celebration of the Eucharist”. During the Mass, especially during the Eucharistic Prayer, we give thanks to God. We give thanks to God for what He has done in the past for the whole world. We give thanks to God for what he is doing in the present through the Church. And we give thanks to God for what He *will do* in the future when Jesus Christ returns in the Parousia at the end of time.

It is normal for us to give thanks for God’s blessings in the past and in the present, but it is unusual to give thanks to anyone for what they may do in the future. Giving thanks is usually reserved for accomplished facts. Human beings are imperfect and may or may not fulfill their promises. God is eternal. God already knows what the future will be. For God, a promise *is* a fact. If God says He will come again to establish His kingdom in all its fullness, we can rely on that promise. We can give thanks for it even if it has yet to happen.

When Jesus Christ returns, He will establish the kingdom of God completely. Sin and its consequent injustice will be done away with. All wrongs will be righted. God will again dwell with His creation in peace, which is the fruit of justice. Creation (including people) will be restored to its original order. God is the only one who can accomplish this. God has promised it and He will do it.

Listen to and meditate on the prayers during Mass. In those prayers we give thanks to God for the past, the present, and the future.



## Offertory Collection

July 2020 — June 2021

	Actual	Needed
Last Week	\$7,495	\$5,558
Year to Date	\$120,497.48	\$111,160



**Chair: Jennifer Rosato:**

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**Council meetings are open to all parishioners, and are typically on the third Wed. of the month after Mass.**



## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES

The Christmas Giving Trees are up and filled with tags in both foyers. We will be helping 34 families. As you know the need is especially great again this year. Please be as generous as you can.

This is how you can help:

**Take a tag or two from the trees**

**Buy the gift listed on the tag**

**Return the unwrapped gift with the tag attached to the gift and place it back under one of the trees.**

**ALL GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN SUNDAY**

**DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**. We know this is early, but ample time is needed for sorting during the week before the gifts are given to the families. Gifts will be distributed to the families on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Except for bicycles, no request should cost more than \$25-30. For those on a smaller budget, there are \$10 donation tags on the tree. Of course, larger donations are always appreciated. **PLEASE, IF YOU TAKE A TAG, RETURN THE GIFT TO THE TREES. Someone is counting on you!** Also note that your gift is one of several on the tree for each child.

If you have any questions please call Brenda Rochford, 423-242-5029 or Sharon Stice, 205-613-1053.

The Social Concerns Committee would like to thank you in advance for making Christmas special for so many.

May the coming of the Christ Child fill your hearts with joy!

## THE WORD AMONG US

The WORD AMONG US-daily meditations for Advent- are located in each foyer. This publication contains daily Mass readings plus daily meditations for this Advent season.

Please take one as you leave Mass.

## MISSALETTES

You may also take the new missalette (November 29-March 27) and use it for Mass. Please use it as your personal copy and bring it to Mass and take it home after. We will still print weekly worship sheets as we have in the past

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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### *Advent Wreath Candle Lighters*

*First Sunday of Advent*

**Saturday, November 28th**

**5:00 pm Mass– Bob & Karen Hand**

**Sunday, November 29th**

**8:30 am Mass– The Atchison Family**

**11:15 am Mass - The Rawson Family**

## *Assignments—Nov 25~ Nov 29*

### **WEDNESDAY MASS 11/25/2020 7:00PM**

**Lectors:** Charmaine Welch

**Ministers:** Deacon

### **SATURDAY MASS 11/28/2020 5:00 PM**

**Altar Servers:**

**Greeters:** Kathy Shivers, Paige Everett

**Lectors:** Sara Reese

**Ministers:** Deacon

**Ushers:** Bob Nicholas, Tommie Ann Johnson

### **SUNDAY MASS 11/29/2020 8:30 AM**

**Altar Servers:**

**Greeters:** Gagliano Family

**Lectors:** Bernie Funderburg

**Ministers:** Deacon

**Ushers:** Michael Gagliano, Dennis Veigl  
John Cardenas, Robert Paulitzky

### **11/29/2020 11:15 AM**

**Altar Servers:**

**Greeters:** Peyton Murphree, B&D Freeman

**Lectors:** Sarah Brazzolotto

**Ministers:** Deacon

**Ushers:** Chris Gallegly, Greg Becknell, TBD

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

Give  
THANKS  
to the Lord  
*For He is good; His love endures Forever.*

*Psalms 136:1*

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No Nursery at this time

*Looking Ahead:*

**November 22—NO RE**

**November 22—Adult Education:**  
*The Chosen* will be shown in the  
Parish Hall after the 8:30 mass.

**Encore Showing of *The  
Chosen* on Tuesday,  
November, 24th.**

**November 24—No RCIA**

**November 26: Have a safe and  
happy Thanksgiving!!!**



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The Christmas Parade will be Thursday,  
Dec. 10th at 7:00 pm.

\*Any youth who wish to ride on the  
parade float, please let Carly (205)837-  
8888 or Mrs. Kelly (205)227-8201 know.





\*Signed permission slips will be  
required before any child is  
allowed on the float.

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**Youth Group:**

Sunday, December 20th, 5:30pm until  
\*7pm


\*Families are invited to Holy Hour  
immediately following the Youth meeting.








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*Calendar for Nov 22~ Nov 29, 2020*

**Sunday - November 22**  
 Mass 8:30 and 11:15 am  
 No RE  
 Adult Education-9:45 am in Parish Hall

**Monday- November 23**  
 Mass 9:00 am

**Tuesday- November 24**  
 Mass 9:00 am  
 No RCIA  
 Adult Education 7:00 pm in Parish Hall

**Wednesday-November 25**  
 Parish Office Closed  
 Mass 7:00 pm

**Thursday- November 26-Thanksgiving**  
 Parish Office Closed  
 Mass 9:00 am

**Friday- November 27**  
 Mass 9:00 am

**Saturday- November 28**  
 Reconciliation 4:00-4:50 pm  
 Mass 5:00 pm

**Sunday- November 29**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
 KOC Mass 8:30 am  
 Mass 11:15 am  
 RE 9:45-11:00 am  
 RE Confessions-3rd, 4th and 5th grade


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**DECREE  
EXTENDING THE DISPENSATION  
FROM THE SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY MASS OBLIGATION  
DUE TO COVID-19**

In accordance with canons 87 § 1 and 90 of the Code of Canon Law, I make the following provision, recognizing that infection rates for COVID-19 remain generally high in the territory of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama and that the dispensation I previously extended on August 19, 2020 shall soon expire, on November 22, 2020:

**I hereby extend the dispensation from the obligation to assist at Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation through Sunday, January 10, 2021 (inclusive) – the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and the conclusion of the Christmas Season – for all the Roman Catholic faithful who reside in the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama.**

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Su Excelencia  
STEVEN JOHN RAICA  
Por gracia de Dios y de la Sede Apostólica  
Obispo de Birmingham en Alabama

**DECRETO POR EL CUAL  
SE EXTIENDE LA DISPENSA DE LA OBLIGACIÓN DE ASISTIR A MISA  
LOS DOMINGOS Y DÍAS DE PRECEPTO (FIESTAS DE GUARDAR)  
DEBIDO AL COVID-19**

De acuerdo con los cánones 87 § 1 y 90 del Código de Derecho Canónico, dispongo lo siguiente, al reconocer que la tasa de infecciones por el COVID-19 queda mayormente alta en el territorio de la Diócesis de Birmingham en Alabama, y que la dispensa que yo ya había prolongado en el 19 de agosto de 2020 pronto va a caducar, en el 22 de noviembre de 2020:

**Sirva la presente para extender la dispensa de la obligación de asistir a la Santa Misa los domingos y días de precepto, hasta el domingo 10 de enero de 2021 (inclusive) – o sea, la Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor y la conclusión de la temporada navideña – por el bien de todo fiel católico romano que reside en la Diócesis de Birmingham en Alabama.**



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## UPDATE

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NOVEMBER 2020

## Advent Day by Day

A MISSION TO REJOICE  
IN POSSIBILITIES

MARY KATHARINE DEELEY

Advent is the season to get our priorities straight—to remember what is important to us and why—and to figure out how to let go of what we want so we can embrace with joy what we really need. Mary Katharine Deeley's Scripture selections and reflections help us find this peace during the hustle and bustle of the season so we can prepare the way of the Lord in a way that's guaranteed to enhance our faith.

### *First Week of Advent*

#### **SUNDAY** Find Your Mission Statement (Luke 1:45)

In the beginning of our spiritual year, we should ask, what is my mission this Advent? Let us enter this season of preparation in a deeper way. What does the coming of the Messiah mean for us? We find answers in a myriad of strange images: valleys raised, mountains made low, peace between lions and lambs. We hear the answers in commands to stay awake and keep watch. Our mission in Advent is to embrace what God says is possible and to give witness to these possibilities. Light can shine in our darkness, and a stable can be the birthplace of a king.

#### **MONDAY** Rejoice in the Season (Isaiah 12:3)

How can the mere act of waiting be joyful? Any pregnant woman can tell us. We dream about what the baby will look like; we anticipate the first touch and laugh. Suddenly we realize our hearts have chosen to be joyful—to overlook the discomfort, inconvenience, and even uncertainty in favor of what is to come. This is how Advent is for Christians. It is deep joy in the face of occasional discomfort, inconvenience, and uncertainty. We know this God who came to Bethlehem, and we know God will come again. Then, as before, the whole world will rejoice!

#### **TUESDAY** Adapt to God's Schedule (John 1:39)

The signs of God's presence are here and now. Christ is born in the hearts of emergency workers who rush to the aid of those caught in disasters. Christ is born in those who share what they have—in every season of the year—with those who have less. Christ is born any place where service to others and the praise of God is a way of life. The question is not whether we're ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus on December 25. It's whether we see where Christ is being born right now.

### **WEDNESDAY** Learning Over a Lifetime (Isaiah 43:19)

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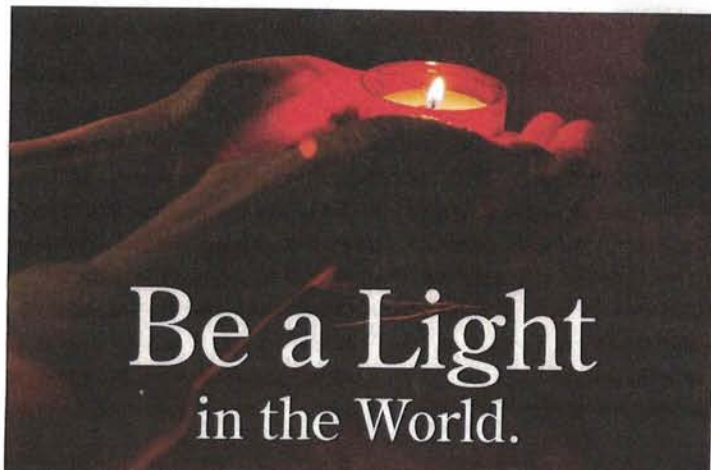
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### **FRIDAY** Provoke Others to Love (Hebrews 10:24)

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Be a Light  
in the World.

ANNA SHWETS / PEXELS

## Second Week of Advent

### **SUNDAY** Crying in the Wilderness (Isaiah 40:3-5)

Sometime during his formation in the desert, John the Baptist recognized the paradox that happens when God's self-giving love and demand for justice join. The Scripture tells us that rough places will be made smooth and mountains will be leveled. God is sending a servant whose mouth is a two-edged sword and who will make the ultimate sacrifice even for those who mock him. Christmas proclaims the coming of God's reign. The result changes the world—and not always in easy or pleasant ways. No wonder John was depicted as a wild man when he proclaimed this message to the world.

### **MONDAY** Share the Power of Faith (Isaiah 60:19, 20)

Have you believed in something so much you'd spend a lifetime watching for it—and pass on your hope to future generations? The Israelites did exactly that when they embraced God's promise to send a messiah to a broken world. Each generation told the stories of God's covenant and love until everyone knew the promise by heart. Now we are the storytellers who help our children learn what we have always known: Christ will come again, proclaiming the final reign of God. Every year we practice looking for signs to be ready when the moment comes.

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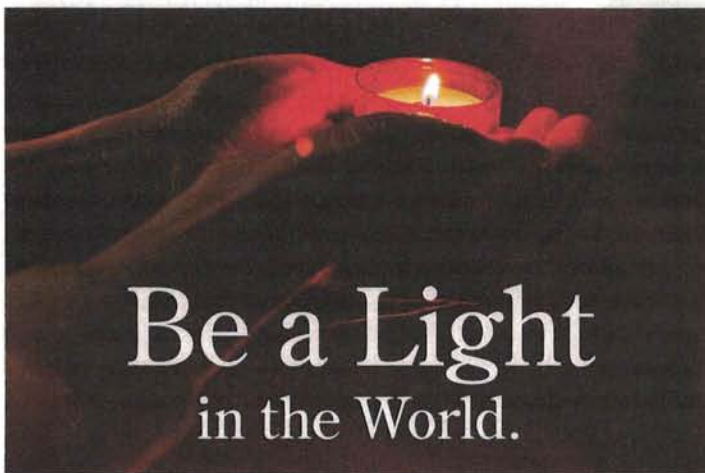
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## Fourth Week of Advent

### **SUNDAY** Reach Out in Love (1 John 4:7)

Christianity demands that we be in a relationship of love with others—that we recognize them as children of God with their own dignity before God and worthy of our time and effort. It's far easier to write a check, drop a coin, or turn our backs. Before he made us, God loved us. The love of God is a deep well that never runs dry. From that well we can extend a hand to family, strangers—even enemies—and be a model of love and the true sign of God's presence in the world.

### **MONDAY** Find the Silence (Psalm 131:1–3)

It never fails that the closer it gets to Christmas, the noisier it gets. But after the last present is wrapped, the last prayer said, and the last child tucked away, a holy silence unfolds and our world holds its breath. It is the coming of our Lord. His birth was long ago, but still there is something special about this silent night that makes us turn in love to family and friends or reach out to a stranger. "And the Word became flesh," John tells us, "and made his dwelling among us" (1:14).

### **TUESDAY** Forego the Darkness (Isaiah 9:1)

Darkness is an inadequate word to describe a world where children starve in gut-wrenching poverty. Something more than darkness makes companies topple under the weight of their own greed. Still, the great call of Isaiah echoes through the centuries: We see evidence of God's light in the people who make their mark on this world by selflessly giving their time and treasure to others. It's our turn now. The light invites us to turn away from darkness and to follow God—the source of all light.

### **WEDNESDAY** Cherish Realities (Mark 10:45)

Every time we taste something delicious or smell something pleasant, we are reminded that God feeds us with love, hope, and the Body of Christ around the Lord's table. We should recommit ourselves to sharing the gifts we have received—whether food, kind words, or our own faith in God. It is time to pass on these gifts that cannot be wrapped with gift paper or decorated with a bow, to someone who has not yet experienced them. It will mean more than anything we can buy.

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### **THURSDAY** Spiritual Revelation (1 Corinthians 13:12)

We are all little churches who come to know God through the unfolding of our lives. Just as churches are places in which we come together to worship God, so are our lives. We witness birth, death, and resurrection in profound moments of gratitude and despair. These are the instruments of God's revelation to us. That revelation reaches its fullness in Jesus Christ, and God's invitation is to stand erect in Christ's presence, lifting our hearts and minds in joyful praise. We experience the deep awareness of the mystery that surrounds us.

### **FRIDAY** Reflect What Time Means (Ezekiel 34:16)

Every family has its symbols of the season. Each year we lay them out with love and care because they lend meaning to the holiday. The edges may be frayed and the figures worn, but we carefully preserve what we can and replace what we cannot. In truth, we are a little more frayed and worn out as well. But just as we will always keep Christmas with our symbols, God will always keep us close. Regardless of how tattered we may become over the years, we are God's own people now and always.

### **SATURDAY** Model a Simple Life (John 13:35)

Simple living cultivates gratitude for the small things in life—the laughter of a child, the beauty of a waterfall, and the love of a friend or spouse. The focus is on receiving what others offer and sharing what we have. After his birth, Jesus received presents of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, the love of his mother and foster father, and the love of his Father in heaven. What stayed with him was the love he shared with others and the call to love he asked of those he encountered.




## December 25, Christmas

In 1914, soldiers on both sides in World War I found out just how compelling the peace of Christ can be when they called a Christmas truce on Christmas Eve. They sang carols and played soccer. For one magical night, they began to know each other as men. The story is immortalized in the song "Christmas in the Trenches" by John McCutcheon. The peace Jesus brings is not a temporary halt in a seemingly endless war. Rather, the peace of Christ lies in the understanding that God reigns over all and that nothing in this world can overcome God's love for us. May the peace of Christ reign in our hearts, now and always.

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