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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:

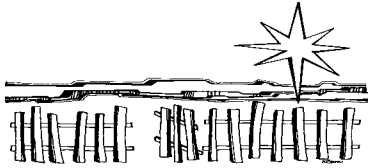
August through May. Ages 3 yrs. through
High School.

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

*Saturday, November 28, 2020
Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, November 29, 2020
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am*

*First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020*



*Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come.
—Matthew 13:33*



Nov 30 - Dec 6

- Monday:** **Walton Smith** by the Brazzolottos
Tuesday: **Fr. John Owen** by Bob & Karen Hand †
Wednesday: **Jerry Manning** by the Brazzolottos †
Thursday: **Andrew Paulitzky** by Bob & Julie Paulitzky †
Friday: **Edward Smallwood** by Bob & Karen Hand †
Saturday: **Theresa Mary Wolff** by Tabor Wolff †
Sunday: **For The People**
Hugh Crowson by the Brazzolottos †

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Paul Boyle, Jacky Johnson, Peggy Gessler, Gail Layton, Diana Markevich, Dorothy DiMattia, Walton Smith, Juanita Crowson, Kelly Dale, Toni James, Bob Walsh, Sarah Svetlay, Charles & Libby Lafleur, Marti Baird, Fred Brown, Jan Bowman, Sylvia Moten, Wayne Adams, Herb Kuntz, Bill Frost, Audrey Springer, Patsy de Victoria

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 or call 205-613-1053.

Weekly Readings ~ Nov 30—Dec 6

- Monday:** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
- Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday:** Is 30: 19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Today's Readings



First Reading — We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

Gospel — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

ADVENT

Today we begin the liturgical season of Advent. It is a time of preparation for Christmas. The word "Advent" means, "Coming". According to St. Bernard, there are three comings of the Lord. There was the coming of Jesus Christ, fully human and fully divine, in the Incarnation. There is the "Second Coming" of the Lord Jesus at the end of time. There is the coming of Jesus Christ each day in the Holy Spirit.

The first part of Advent (November 29th through December 16th this year) focuses on the Second Coming of Christ. The second part of Advent (December 17th through the 24th) focuses on the first coming of Christ. Each day of Advent, we focus on the coming of Christ in the Holy Spirit. Keeping Advent prepares us to celebrate Christmas with minds and hearts renewed.

Because of the commercialism associated with the secular observance of Christmas, it is challenging to prepare spiritually for it. Advent is a penitential season. (Notice that the Gloria is not prayed on the Sundays of Advent.) The primary disciplines of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. There is no reason these cannot be employed during Advent.

Spending more time in prayer can always be beneficial. The Advent wreath is meant to be a means of daily prayer in preparation for Christmas. Fasting or "giving up" something can be a way of adding discipline to our life in a time of stress. Almsgiving is an imitation of God's generosity to the poor. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are equally appropriate during Advent as they are during Lent.

This year, Advent lasts 26 days. It is shorter than Lent. That means keeping the disciplines of this penitential season is easier because the length of time is shorter. It also means there is no time to waste. It will be over before we know it. As we hear in the Gospel, "Now is the time." Through our observance of Advent, may Christmas find us ready to welcome Christ with minds and hearts renewed.

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.

*Most Reverend Steven J. Raica
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama*

Offertory Collection

July 2020 — June 2021

Actual **Needed**

Last Week No report for 11/22

**Year to
Date** \$120,497.48 \$111,160



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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 6TH. 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 13th.

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!

Parishioner Updates:

Larry and Sara Reese have a new address:

Larry & Sara Reese
257 Crossbridge Road
Chelsea, AL 35043
Larry's Cell: 205-999-4318
Sara's Cell: 205-807-3346

If any parishioner has a change in contact information, be sure and contact the church office at 205-525-5161.

In order for your Contributions to the parish to be included for 2020 year, please have them to the church office by Wednesday, December 30, 2020.

If E-giving, enter any 2020 contributions into Faithdirect by December 15, 2020.



Thanks to all who contributed to our Thanksgiving Pantry Drive. We gathered a total of \$2,465 in monetary contributions plus we utilized

a portion of our Yard Sale proceeds to benefit the Christian Love Pantry and Resurrection Church Poor Fund in Clanton.

Thanks so much for your generosity in helping feed the poor in our community. God Bless!

Advent Wreath Candle Lighters

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 5

5:00 pm Mass— Sam & Glenda Marston

Sunday, December 6

8:30 am Mass— Haley Funderburg & Michael Poteracki

11:15 am Mass - The Brian Smith family

Assignments—Dec 2~ Dec 6

WEDNESDAY MASS 12/2/2020 7:00PM

Lectors: Susan Moseley
Ministers: Deacon

SATURDAY MASS 12/5/2020 5:00 PM

Altar Servers:
Greeters: Pat Sobolowski, Jan Spencer
Lectors: Sonia Dale
Ministers: Deacon
Ushers: Mark McRae, Amy Carreker

SUNDAY MASS 12/6/2020 8:30 AM

Altar Servers:
Greeters: Willi family, Malinda Hoffman
Lectors: Bart Perry
Ministers: Deacon
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Belia Solis, Cristy McKinney, Bart Perry

12/6/2020 11:15 AM

Altar Servers:
Greeters: Patrick Cowart, E&M Barker
Lectors: Mary Adams
Ministers: Deacon
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Andy Payant, Caleb Bluhm, Emily Bluhm

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



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

For faith formation
at home try...
Our parish code is
JRQNH8



No Nursery at this time

Looking Ahead:

November 29th—RE @ 9:45 (3rd, 4th, and 5th grade reconciliation)

Adult Education: *The Chosen* after the 8:30 Mass in the parish hall.

November 30th—Encore presentation of *The Chosen* @ 7pm in the parish hall

December 1st—RCIA @ 7pm

December 6th- RE @ 9:45 (6th, 7th, & 8th grade reconciliation)

Adult Education: *The Chosen* after the 8:30 Mass in the parish hall.

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.

Youth Group

Sunday, December 20th, 5:30pm until *7pm (Grades 5th -12th)

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

(Follow Us on Facebook and Instagram!)

ALL ARE INVITED

The Knights of Columbus
Council #12270

will sponsor a

Prayer Service

Saturday, December 12th
10:00 am at the
Virgin Mary Grotto

Donuts and coffee will be served

Contact Bernie Funderburg if questions
205-405-6382



**Be a Religious Leader
in your family**

Calendar for Nov 29~ Dec , 2020

Sunday - November 29
First Sunday of Advent

KOC Mass 8:30
Mass-11:15 am
RE- 9:45-11:00 am
RE Confessions-3rd, 4th and 5th grade
Adult Education-9:45 am in Parish Hall

Monday- November 30

Mass 9:00 am
Adult Education 7:00 pm in Parish Hall

Tuesday- December 1

Mass 9:00 am
RCIA- 7:00 pm

Wednesday-December 2

Mass 7:00 pm

Thursday- December 3

Mass 9:00 am

Friday- December 4

Mass 9:00 am
First Friday Adoration-9:30-11:00 am

Saturday- December 5

Reconciliation 4:00-4:50 pm
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday- December 6

Second Sunday of Advent
Mass 8:30 and 11:15 am
RE 9:45-11:00 am
RE Confessions- 6th, 7th and 8th grade

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