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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:**

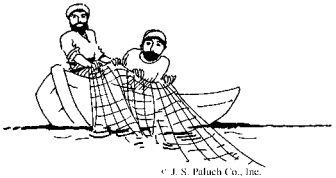
August through May. Ages 3 yrs. through  
High School.

## Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, January 23, 2021  
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 24, 2021  
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 24, 2021



*The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel.*  
—Mark 1:15



Jan. 25 - Jan. 31

- Monday:** Most Rev Oscar Liscomb by Fr. William Lucas †  
**Tuesday:** Avis Booth by Fr. William Lucas †  
**Wednesday:** Lillie Rumore by Jerry & Brenda Kern †  
**Thursday:** Jeanie Reid by Susan Moseley  
**Friday:** Micae Vu by Fr. William Lucas †  
**Saturday:** Father Neil Ver'Schneider by Martha Hayes †  
**Sunday:** Deceased KOC 12270 †  
For the People

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

Paul Boyle, Jacky & Tommie Ann Johnson, Peggy Gessler, Gail Layton, Diana Markevich, Dorothy DiMattia, Walton Smith, Juanita Crowson, Kelly Dale, Toni James, Bob Walsh, Joe & Sarah Svetlay, Charles & Libby Lafleur, Fred Brown, Jan Bowman, Silvia Moten, Wayne Adams, Herb Kuntz, Bill Frost, Audrey Springer, Patsy de Victoria, Christine Jaks, Jeanie Reid, Ruth Stanley, Nancy Ross, Jackie Thoma, Robert Paulitzky

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 ~ January 25—January 31

- Monday:** Acts 22:3-16; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
- Tuesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10, Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday:** Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday:** Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
- Friday:** Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
- Sunday:** Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

## Today's Readings



**First Reading** — The Ninevites turn from their evil ways in response to Jonah's message (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).

**Psalm** — Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).

**Gospel** — Jesus proclaims, "Repent and believe in the gospel." The new disciples abandon their nets and follow him (Mark 1:14-20).

## **APOSTOLIC LETTER BY POPE FRANCIS INSTITUTING THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

“The relationship between the Risen Lord, the community of believers and the sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians. Without the Lord, who opens our minds to them, it is impossible to understand the Scriptures in depth. Yet, the contrary is equally true: without the Scriptures, the events and mission of Jesus and of his Church in this world would remain incomprehensible. Hence, St. Jerome could rightly claim: “Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.”

Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world.

With this Letter, I wish to respond to the many requests I have received from the people of God that the entire Church celebrate, in unity of purpose, a Sunday of the Word of God. It is now common for the Christian community to set aside moments to reflect on the great importance of the word of God for everyday living. The various local Churches have undertaken a wealth of initiatives to make the sacred Scriptures more accessible to believers, to increase their gratitude for so great a gift, and to help them strive daily to embody and bear witness to its teachings.

Consequently, I hereby declare that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the word of God. This Sunday of the Word of God will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. This is more than a temporal coincidence: the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity.”

(Excerpts from Paragraphs 1, 2, and 3)

## Offertory Collection

July 2020 — June 2021

	Actual	Needed
Jan 17 Offertory	\$6,460	\$5,558
Year to Date	\$178,314	\$161,182



**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.**

## Summary of OLL Income and Expenses

**For the 6 months ending 12/31/2020**

	Actual	Budget	\$ over/(under)
Total Contributions: (Restricted and Unrestricted)	\$229,927	\$195,782	\$34,145
Total Expenditures: (Operating and Capital)	\$185,317	\$174,865	\$10,452
Net Total Cash Flow	\$7,975	\$1,789	\$6,186

## Offertory Envelopes

The 2021 Offertory Envelopes are in the north foyer of the church. Please pick yours up as soon as possible. If you are unable to attend church at this time, please call the office and we'll make arrangements for you to pick them up.

## DECREE EXTENDING THE DISPENSATION DUE TO COVID-19

Bishop Steven J. Raica, Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama has extended the dispensation from the obligation to assist at Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation through Sunday, March 14, 2021 (inclusive)-the 4th Sunday of Lent- for all the Roman Catholic faithful who reside or are visiting and present in the Diocese of Birmingham.

He also warmly encourages all to benefit from corporate worship in our parishes while taking the indicated precautions from health authorities (social distancing, wearing of masks, sanitizing hands).



## The Christian Love Pantry

The Christian Love Pantry is still trying to help the poor in the St. Clair County area. To assist them we are continuing to collect canned soup at the church. You can leave donations in the South vestibule. There is a box for cash donations in each vestibule.

If you prefer, you may drop your donation at the parish office during normal office hours.

**Goal -100 cans/week.**

**Total cans last week – 16 cans.**

**Please consider donating \$1 per week!**



## Shower of Blessings

**February 14, 2021**

Please join us at the Shower of Blessings on February 14, 2021, in the Parish Hall (we will adhere to social distancing protocols).

The Schachle Family will be back to share with us about the miracles in the life of their youngest son, Michael that have been considered for the beatification of Fr. Michael McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus.

For those able to participate in the baby bottle drive, please return your bottles at the Shower of Blessings or leave them in the foyer or Church Office for pick up.

If you are unable to give at this time, please do not worry. We need prayers and volunteers more than anything else at this time. Your prayers are invaluable.

We will still be having the shower itself to benefit, Ann's New Life Center. They are in need of the following items:

Size 3 Diapers	Size 4 Diapers
New Baby Clothes	Size 18 Months
New Baby Clothes	Size 24 Months

Administration/Facility Needs are: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Copy Paper, Stamps

## Assignments—Jan 27~ Jan 31

### **WEDNESDAY MASS 1/27/2021 7:00 PM**

**Lector:** Bernie Funderburg

**Ministers:** Deacon

### **SATURDAY MASS 1/30/2021 5:00 PM**

**Greeters:** Pat Sobolowski, Jan Spencer

**Lectors:** Sara Reese

**Ministers:** Deacon

**Ushers:** Mark McRae, Amy Carreker

### **SUNDAY MASS 1/31/2021 8:30 AM**

**Greeters:** Becky & Darren Freeman  
Malinda Hoffman

**Lectors:** Alexis Allor

**Ministers:** Deacon

**Ushers:** Michael Gagliano, Carly Sadler  
Brandon Sadler

### **1/31/2021 11:15 AM**

**Greeters:** Peyton Murphree, M. Osborne

**Lectors:** Sarah Brazzolotto

**Ministers:** Deacon

**Ushers:** Chris Gallegly, Andy Payant,  
Caleb Bluhm, Emily Bluhm

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





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at home try...**



**Our parish code is JRQNH8**

**No Nursery at this time**

### Looking Ahead...

**January 24**—RE at 9:45 am

**January 26**—RCIA at 7 pm

**January 31**—RE at 9:45 am

**February 2**—RCIA at 7 pm

**February 7**—RE at 9:45 am/Youth  
Mass at 11:15 am

**February 9**—RCIA at 7 pm

**February 14**—Burning of the  
Palms after the 8:30 mass  
followed by RE and the Shower of  
Blessings at 9:45 am

**February 16**—RCIA at 7pm

**February 17**— Ash Wednesday  
Mass at 9 am and 7 pm

## **Youth Group**

**Join the Youth Group!  
(Grades 5th -12th)**

**Next Meeting:**

**Sunday, February 21st from  
5:30pm until \*7pm**

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

*For More information contact our  
Youth Ministers, Carly Sadler (205)  
837-8888 & Jordan Rawson (205)  
863-5787*

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# ONE VOICE

Your offertory envelopes for January contain an envelope marked "One Voice." Subscriptions to the One Voice are not free. The parish is assessed \$17.00 annually per subscription and all registered parishioners are required by the Bishop to be subscribed. If you do not pay the subscription price, the money must be taken from other parish accounts to pay the diocesan assessment. If you are unable to pay the full subscription price, please give what you can, to offset this expense to the parish. Thank you!

## Mary's Shelter Presents: Be My Valentine! ♡

Be My Valentine is a virtual and in person draw down that benefits Mary's Shelter Gulf Coast!

**Saturday, February 13, 2021**  
**Meyer Park/Our Lady of the Gulf**  
**Gulf Shores, Alabama**  
**1:00-3:30 pm**

By purchasing a \$100 ticket, you would be helping Mary's Shelter Gulf Coast with our mission of giving pregnant women and their children a loving home. Tickets can be purchased online by clicking the link below.

<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/bmv>

The last ticket to be drawn will win a grand prize of \$10,000! Throughout the draw down, there will be various prizes to win as numbers get drawn out as well! So, many people will walk away winners!

## Share Your Faith, Church in Latin America

For 2021, the Special Collection for Share Your Faith, Church in Latin America is not being taken up in each parish on January 31st. This special collection is being handled through the Catholic Charities appeal instead.

If you have already contributed, we will place your donation in regular offertory. If you would like to handle it differently, please call the office at 205-525-5161.

## Calendar for Jan 24 -Jan 31, 2021

### Sunday - January 24

**Mass-8:30 and 11:15 am**  
**RE 9:45-11:00 am**

### Monday- January 25

**Mass 9:00 am**  
**KOC Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm**

### Tuesday- January 26

**Mass 9:00 am**  
**RCIA- 7:00 pm**

### Wednesday- January 27

**Mass 7:00 pm**

### Thursday- January 28

**Mass 9:00 am**

### Friday- January 29

**Mass 9:00 am**

### Saturday- January 30

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

### Sunday- January 31

**Knights of Columbus Mass 8:30 am**  
**Mass 11:15 am**  
**RE 9:45-11:00**

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