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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:

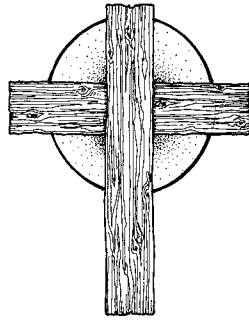
August through May. Ages 3 yrs. through
High School.

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, March 13, 2021
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 14, 2021
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 14, 2021



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God did not send his Son into
the world to condemn the
world, but that the world
might be saved through him.
—John 3:17



March 15 - March 21

- Monday:** John E. Manning by KOC 12270 †
- Tuesday:** Pete Battaglia by Paul & Parma Boyle †
- Wednesday:** Ella Mae Sprouse by Walton Smith †
- Thursday:** Robert E. Moore by KOC 12270 †
- Friday:** Joseph & Angela Brazzolotto
by the Brazzoltos †
- Saturday:** Roger Sauterer by Martha Hayes
- Sunday:** Tommy Dickerson by Angela Dickerson
For the People

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

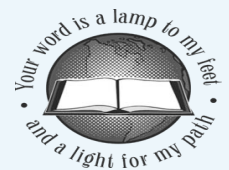
Paul Boyle, Jacky Johnson, Peggy Gessler, Gail Layton, Diana Markevich, Dorothy DiMattia, Walton Smith, Juanita Crowson, Kelly Dale, Toni James, Bob Walsh, Sarah Svetlay, Charles & Libby Lafleur, Fred Brown, Jan Bowman, Silvia Moten, Wayne Adams, Herb Kuntz, Bill Frost, Audrey Springer, Patsy de Victoria,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

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 ~ March 15—March 21

- Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
- Friday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rm 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
- Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Today's Readings



First Reading — The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of the chosen people (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23).

Psalm — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137).

Second Reading — By grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:4-10).

Gospel — The Son was sent by God so that the world might be saved through him (John 3:14-21).

I ONCE WAS BLIND BUT NOW I SEE

In the Old Testament, one of the acts promised of the Messiah was that he would, "give sight to the blind." (Isaiah 61) This is meant on two levels. The Messiah, the Lord's Anointed, would heal the physically blind. He would also give sight to the spiritually blind. Both levels of meaning would be signs of the Lord's presence.

In Chapter 9 of the Gospel of John, Jesus heals a man born blind. The man's physical healing is immediate. His spiritual healing is gradual. He refers to Jesus as "the man" (verse 11); a prophet (verse 17); from God (verse 33); and finally, "Lord" (verse 38). By the end of the passage the formerly blind man sees (understands) clearly who Jesus is. Jesus uses the occasion to point out that his enemies are able to see physically but are still spiritually blind. They need healing, too.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Nicodemus comes to Jesus "at night." That means he has trouble seeing Jesus both physically and spiritually. Jesus tries to "enlighten" him. Nicodemus understands (sees) things on a physical level. Jesus tries to show him a deeper meaning. Nicodemus is spiritually blind even though he has physical sight. Nicodemus is not an enemy of Jesus. Like the man born blind, Nicodemus needs to be healed of his spiritual blindness so that he can call Jesus, "Lord."

For catechumens, those preparing for baptism at Easter, Lent is referred to as "the Period of Enlightenment." It is a time of deeper reflection on the person of Jesus. Rather than learning more about what the Church teaches, it is an opportunity to learn more about who Jesus is. Lent is a time to contemplate John 3, 16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

For all of us Lent can be a Period of Enlightenment. First, we must admit that we are spiritually blind. Then Jesus can heal us.



Offertory Collection

July 2020 — June 2021

	Actual	Needed
March 7 Offertory	\$7,975	\$5,558
Year to Date	\$218,666	\$200,088



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

ALL ARE INVITED

Knights of Columbus Prayer Service
Council #12270

Saturday, March 20th

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**

BELL TOWER FUND DRIVE

The parish has received architectural renderings for a tower to house a bell. The bell has been purchased and fitted for automatic ringing. The total cost of the project is approximately \$100,000.00. We have a pledge of \$25,000.00.

The rest of the cost will need to be raised **before** a contract can be signed by Bishop Raica and construction can begin.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, make the check out to Our Lady of the Lake and write "Bell Tower" on the check.

Updates on the progress of the fund-raising will be included in future bulletins.

Computer-generated renderings of the bell tower can be found in either foyer of the church.

Opportunities for Confession During Lent

Mondays- 9:30-10:00 a.m. (Following Mass)
Wednesdays- 6:00-6:45 p.m. (Before Mass)
Fridays- 9:30-10:00 a.m. (Following Mass)
Saturdays- 4:00-4:45 p.m. (Before Mass)
Sunday, March 21- During Adoration (7:00-8:00 pm)
Wednesday, March 24-Communal Penance Service
Sunday, March 28th - Between Morning Masses

NEW DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our current Director of Religious Education, Kelly Cardenas, will be leaving that position after May 16th. We thank Kelly for guiding the religious education of our parish during this most difficult year.

The parish will be hiring a new Director of Religious Education. If you are interested in finding out more information about this paid, part time position, contact Father Bill at the office. The number is 205-525-5161.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION



The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body. The Pastor consults the members to get feedback on pastoral initiatives and to find out the needs of the parish.

The Council is made up of nine members serving staggered three-year terms. The year begins in July and ends the following June. Elections for new members are held in May.

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else as a candidate, contact the parish office. **If you nominate someone else, be sure to get their permission before nominating them.**

Assignments—March 17~ March 21

WEDNESDAY MASS 3/17/2021 7:00 PM

Lector: Susan Moseley
Ministers: Deacon

SATURDAY MASS 3/20/2021 5:00 PM

Greeters: Loretta Frost, Karen Hand
Lector: Allen Ross
Ministers: Deacon
Ushers: Mark McRae, Amy Carreker

SUNDAY MASS 3/21/2021 8:30 AM

Greeters: The Perry Family,
Lector: Karen Reese
Ministers: Deacon
Ushers: Matt Allor, Laura Headley,
Belia Solis, Grant Stice

3/21/2021 11:15 AM

Greeters: Tommie Johnson, Sonya Lewis
Lector: Doug Ross
Ministers: Deacon
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Andy Payant
Caleb Bluhm, Emily Bluhm

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

CRS RICE BOWL FOR LENT, FOR LIFE



What You Give Up For Lent Changes Lives

Please return rice bowls and/or donate by March 28th!

For faith formation this LENT visit FORMED.ORG!

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St. Patrick

- Feast Day – March 17
- St. Patrick became a priest after suffering poverty and imprisonment in Ireland.
- At 42, he was ordained a bishop and sent to Northern Ireland, where no one had preached the Gospel before.
- To show that the Blessed Trinity is three divine Persons in One God, St. Patrick used a shamrock.
- St. Patrick is the Patron Saint of Ireland



Looking Ahead...

March 14—RE: 9:45 am—11 am (Class reconciliation for High School Students: 9th-12th grade)

March 16—RCIA at 7 pm

March 17—



March 21—RE: 9:45 am—11 am/Youth Group Luncheon (5th–12th grade) immediately after the 12:15 mass!

March 23—RCIA at 7 pm

March 28—NO RE! PALM SUNDAY

SPRING BREAK/HOLY WEEK

Youth Group

(Grades 5th –12th)

MEETS SUNDAY, March 21st, after the 11:15 mass!!!

Come for Mass, stay for FOOD, FUN, & FELLOWSHIP!

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

(Follow Us on Facebook and Instagram!)

VISITS TO THOSE STUCK AT HOME

If you or someone you know would like a phone call or a visit from Father Bill or one of the deacons, please let us know. We would like to encourage anyone who feels discouraged at this time. We can visit in person or over the phone. We can bring communion if desired. The phone numbers are:

- Father Bill Lucas, 205-383-8134
 - Deacon Terry Rumore, 205-253-9223
 - Deacon Lee Robinson, 205-936-9330;
 - Deacon Serge Brazzolotto, 205-753-3230.
- You may also call the office at 205-525-5161.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Although it is still several weeks away, prepare for Easter in a special way this year. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to your spouse and God. You don't need it- YOU DESERVE a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!

The next weekend is VIRTUAL and is scheduled for March 19-21, 2021. You can get more information or register online at www.ALFL-wwme.org or by calling Sean and Angie Murray at 205-530-3607.



Calendar for March 14 -March 21 2021

Sunday- March 14
 Daylight Savings Begins
 Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am
 RE 9:45-11:00 am
 High School Reconciliation during RE

Monday- March 15
 Mass 9:00 am
 Confessions 9:30-10:00 am

Tuesday- March 16
 Mass 9:00 am
 RCIA- 7:00 pm

Wednesday- March 17 St Patrick's Day
 Confessions 6:00-6:45 pm
 Mass 7:00 pm
 Pastoral Council 7:30 pm

Thursday- March 18
 Mass 9:00 am

Friday- March 19
 Mass 9:00 am
 Confessions 9:30-10:00 am
 Stations of the Cross- 7:00 pm

Saturday- March 20 Spring Begins
 KOC Prayer Service-10:00 am
 Reconciliation 4:00-4:45 pm
 Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday- March 21
 Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am
 RE 9:45-11:00 am
 Youth Group 12:15-2:00 pm
 Holy Hour- 7:00-8:00 pm
 Confessions 7:00-8:00 pm



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