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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, May 1, 2021 Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, May 2, 2021 Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 2, 2021



Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. —1 John 3:18



May 3 - May 9

Monday: Andy McClay by Bob & Karen Hand T

Tuesday: Alva Walton by Walton Smith †

Wednesday: Bud Vollmann by the Zielinskis †

Thursday: Joseph & Angela Brazzolotto by the

Brazzolottos †

Friday: Joseph E. Stanley by KOC 12270 T

Saturday: Marie Battaglia by Paul & Parma Boyle \*

Sunday: Vivienne Chavers by Terry & Rita Rumore

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, Toni James, Bob Walsh, Sarah Svetlay, Charles & Libby Lafleur, Fred Brown, Jan Bowman, Silvia Moten, Wayne Adams, Herb Kuntz, Bill Frost, Audrey Springer, Patsy Lopez de Victoria, Christine Jaks, Jeanie Reid, Ruth Stanley, Nancy Ross, Jackie Thoma, Cathy Funderburg Parker, Fr. Gray Bean, Dan Moynihan, Madelyn Guald, Pat Sobolowski

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 <a href="mailto:sharonstice46@gmail.com">sharonstice46@gmail.com</a> or call 205-613-1053.

#### Weekly Readings ~ May 3—May 9

**Monday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5;

Jn 14:6-14

**Tuesday**: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10

-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5;

Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3,

10; Jn 15:9-11

**Friday**: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-

10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday**: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-

3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

**Sunday:** Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-

48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-

10; Jn 15:9-17

# Today's Readings



**First Reading** — Barnabas reported to the apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way (Acts 9:26-31).

**Psalm** — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

**Second Reading** — This is God's commandment: that we may believe and love (1 John 3:18-24).

**Gospel** — I am the true vine; whoever remains in me will bear much fruit (John 15:1-8).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

## MAY AS THE MONTH OF MARY

The month of May is filled with important events: Mother's Day, graduations, and, in some parishes, First Communion and Confirmation. Many parishes also have a "May Crowning" of their primary statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In Catholic piety, May is called, "The Month of Mary." (October is the Month of the Rosary.)

Before the revision of Liturgical Calendar following the Second Vatican Council, the observance of Mary, Queen of the Universe, was celebrated on May 31<sup>st</sup>. It was then appropriate to have a "May crowning" during the month. In the revision of the calendar, the date of the Memorial of the Queenship of Mary was moved to August 22<sup>nd</sup>, the eighth day in the Octave of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. That way, the observance of the Queenship of Mary would follow the observance of her Assumption. Mary had to be assumed into heaven before she could become the Queen of Heaven.

In the Old Testament, the Queen of Israel was the **Mother** of the King rather than his wife. The mother of the king guaranteed the legitimacy of the king's inheritance of the kingship. She did not become queen until her son became king.

If we honor Jesus as Christ the King, then, because of her relationship to Jesus Christ, Mary is rightly called Queen. The titles the Church has given to Mary all follow from her relationship to her Son. All acts of devotion to Mary are designed to strengthen our relationship to Jesus Christ. "She is mother wherever he is savior and head of the Mystical Body." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, Paragraph #973.)

What the Blessed Virgin Mary desires more than anything else is that we would be as devoted to her Son as she is. May she intercede for us that we will become as faithful to Jesus Christ as she is.

# Offertory Collection

July 2020 — June 2021

	Actual	Needed weekly
April 25 Offertory	\$6,271	\$5,558
Year to Date	\$268,493	\$238,994



**Chair: Jennifer Rosato:** 

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Allen Ross: allentross5555@gmail.com

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

# 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 -400 cans/month.

Total cans to date in April – 347 cans.

Please consider donating \$1 per week



#### **May Crowning**

Join us after the 8:30 Mass at the Grotto on May 9th as we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary with a crown of flowers to signify her queenship as Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **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. We have a pledge of \$30,000 and collected an additional \$4,357 as of April 25, 2021. The rest of the cost will need to be raised <u>before</u> 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. You may also donate online though Faithdirect. Indicate in the donor notes that your contribution is for the Bell Tower. See the OLL website for more information on how to sign up for online giving at ollpellcity.com/collection-basket

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

#### St. John Vianney Special Collection

There will not be a special collection taken up next weekend— May 8th and 9th- for St. John Vianney. This mission is not part of Bishop Raica's special offerings for the 2021 fiscal year. You can ignore this collection envelope in your offertory envelope box at this time.

# **Cross Catholic Outreach**

Father Ron Mrozinski will be visiting our parish next weekend, May 8th and 9th, to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach, which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America, and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.





"Father Ron," as he is called by most people, is a priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saint Georges in the Caribbean island nation of Grenada. Inspired by the life of Saint Francis of Assisi to work with the poor, Father Ron joined Cross Catholic Outreach in 2002. His life prior to working with Cross was in post-secondary education as a teacher and administrator.

As an Outreach Priest he is able to see the difference Cross Catholic makes in serving the poor in our own hemisphere. "When peoples' lives are touched by the plight of the poor, then the cross of Christ begins to make sense in their lives," he says.

An inspiring and compassionate orator, Cross Catholic Outreach is proud to have Father Ron preach on behalf of those we serve — the poorest of the poor.

#### Assignments—May 5~ May 9

#### **WEDNESDAY MASS**

5/5/2021 7:00 PM

**Lector:** Sarah Brazzolotto

Ministers: Deacon

#### **SATURDAY MASS**

5/8/2021 5:00 PM

Greeters: Jan Spencer, Pat Sobolowski

Lector: Sonia Dale
Ministers: Deacon

**Ushers**: Bob Nicholas, Amy Carreker

#### **SUNDAY MASS**

5/9/2021 8:30 AM

Greeters: Crapet/Landman/Freeman family

**Lector:** Alexis Allor **Ministers:** Deacon

**Ushers:** Michael Gagliano, Bill Bethel

Phillip & Bit Thomaston

#### 5/9/2021 11:15 AM

**Greeters:** Maria Jimenez, John Himmler

**Lector:** Gloria Raynor **Ministers:** Deacon

**Ushers:** Chris Gallegly, Lexie Smith

John Bluhm, Jerrold Bluhm

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

Join us outside at the grotto, after the 8:30 mass on <u>Sunday, May 9th</u> to Crown our Blessed Mother! You are welcome to bring your most beautiful flowers from home as we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary by Crowning her the "Queen of May"



# For faith formation this LENT, visit FORMED.ORG!

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Looking Ahead...

May 2—RE: 9:45 am—11 am / Youth Mass at 11:15

First Communion Mass: 2pm (Students arrive at 1 pm for pictures)

May 9— NO RE
May Crowning
after the 8:30 Mass

May 16—RE End of Year Reception/ Senior Sunday 9:45 am-11 am (NO CLASS)

Please pray for these students who will receive first holy communion this Sunday at 2 pm.

Nate Cardenas, Natalie
Dempsey, Ethan Myers,
Daniel Vasquez, Tucker
Warmus, Dalton Wiley, and
Ella Yancey



#### 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.

#### RECENT EVENTS IN OUR PARISH (FEBRUARY-APRIL 2021)

#### **Baptisms**

Scott Duncan, husband of Heather and father of Ethan, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### Received into the Catholic Church

Dr. Michael Price, DMD, husband of Meagan, April 3rd.

#### Deaths

Terry Ross, brother of Doug Ross, February 28th.

Virginia Motes, April 11th.

David Huff, husband of Gayle Huff, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Confirmations: (April 3rd & 11th)

Meghan Barker Marc Halog

**Amy Cardenas** Harrison Houk

Haley Dempsey Pamela Mathis

Ethan Duncan Mattilyn Osborne

Stephanie Fischer Jacob Wiley

# Calendar for May 2 -May 9 2021

#### Sunday-May 2

Mass 8:30 am

Youth Mass 11:15 am

RE- 9:45 am

First Communion Mass-2:00 pm

#### Monday- May 3

Mass 9:00 am

#### Tuesday – May 4

Mass 9:00 am

#### Wednesday-May 5

Mass 7:00 pm

#### Thursday- May 6

Mass 9:00 am

#### Friday- May 7

Mass 9:00 am

First Friday Adoration 9:30-11:00 am



#### Saturday – May 8

Reconciliation 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass 5:00 pm

#### Sunday-May 9 Mother's Day

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

No RE

May Crowning-at the Grotto after 8:30

am Mass

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