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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.-10:30 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.

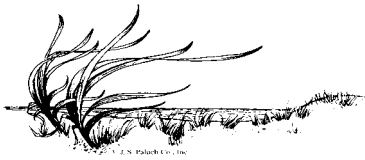
*Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church*

*Saturday, July 3, 2021  
Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, July 4, 2021  
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am*

*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time*

*July 4, 2021*



*My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made  
perfect in weakness.  
—2 Corinthians 12:9*



**July 5 - July 11**

- Monday:** Paul & Jeanie Reid by the Brazzolottos  
**Tuesday:** Charles & Allison Rumore  
by Terry & Rita Rumore  
**Wednesday:** Audrey Springer by Susan Moseley  
**Thursday:** Ethel Nunez by Susan Moseley †  
**Friday:** Larry & Rita Martens by the Brazzolottos †  
**Saturday:** Judy Diane Marston by Sam Marston †  
**Sunday:** David Huff by Fr William Lucas †  
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, Silvia Moten, Wayne Adams, Herb Kuntz, Bill Frost, Audrey Springer, Patsy Lopez de Victoria, Christine Jaks, Jeanie Reid, Ruth Stanley, Doug & Nancy Ross, Jackie Thoma, Cathy Funderburg Parker, Rosemary Barnwell, Frank Troncalli, Robin Becnel, Anna Emerick*

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 July 5—July 11*

- Monday:** Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26  
**Tuesday:** Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38  
**Wednesday:** Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7  
**Thursday:** Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15  
**Friday:** Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23  
**Saturday:** Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33  
**Sunday:** Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13

*Today's Readings*



**First Reading** — They shall know that a prophet has been among them (Ezekiel 2:2-5).

**Psalm** — Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy (Psalm 123).

**Second Reading** — I am content with weaknesses and hardships for the sake of Christ (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

**Gospel** — "Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?" (Mark 6:1-6a).

## FREEDOM

This week we have heard a lot about freedom. July Fourth is Independence Day in the United States. It is the anniversary of the signing ceremony for the Declaration of Independence in 1776. The United States became a country with the passage of the Constitution, with its Bill of Rights (the first Ten Amendments to the Constitution), in 1789. Our country is not 245 years old. Independence had to be gained through sacrifice before it could be a reality rather than just a declaration.

Many people today understand freedom to be the ability to do what I want, when I want, how I want, without interference from anyone or anything else. This is a two-year old's understanding of freedom. It is also the definition of license, from which we get the word licentiousness. People who subscribe to this definition of freedom usually live in slavery to their desires.

In the Letter to the Galatians, St. Paul wrote, "For freedom Christ set us free." Here, freedom means the ability to do what God wants, when God wants it done, how God wants it done, no matter what resistance we experience from within or outside ourselves.

Paul goes on to write, "But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love." The phrase, "the flesh", means to put yourself ahead of everyone else. Saints, even martyrs, are models of freedom because their lives unfolded according to God's plan for them. They freely offered their lives in service to God and love of their neighbor. The result of their sacrifice was true freedom.

As Christians, we are called to seek to please God rather than ourselves in all we do. If we seek that goal, the fruit will be true and lasting freedom.

*thank you!*

I truly appreciate all your Prayers and Expressions of Sympathy on the death of my brother and the Prayers, Calls and Get Well Wishes for my recent surgery. You are truly a loving and caring Parish family.

May God continue to bless you and this Parish.

I Love and Thank You all,

Sara Reese

## Offertory Collection

July 2020 — June 2021

	Actual	Needed weekly
June 27 Offertory	\$3,780	\$5,558
Year to Date	\$321,628	\$289,016



**Chair: Jennifer Rosato:**

jrosato1972@gmail.com

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**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 helping 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.

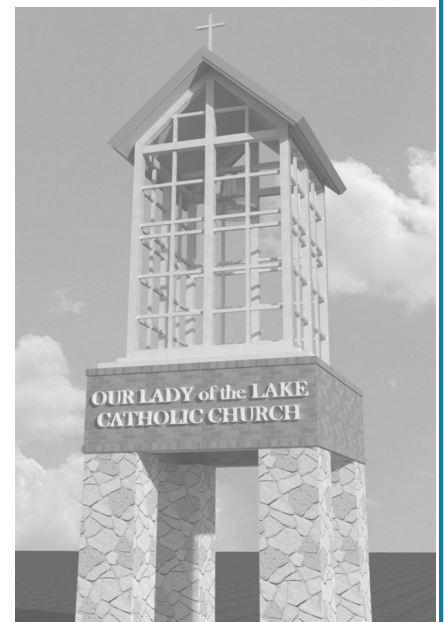
**Goal –400 cans/month**  
**Total cans to date in June – 459 cans**

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

## BELL TOWER FUND DRIVE UPDATE

We are excited to announce that thanks to our generous donors, we have now collected **\$101,207** for the Bell Tower, meeting our goal of \$100,000.

We anticipate there could be some additional costs to complete the project so if you would still like to help, you can make a tax-deductible donation. Please 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](http://ollpellcity.com/collection-basket).





OUR LADY OF THE LAKE  
50TH ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION

Sunday, September 12, 2021

After 11:15 Mass on Church Grounds

The Knights of Columbus will cook the main dish and sides. Please bring a dessert to share. There will be a bouncy castle for the little ones and Karaoke for the youth and "young at heart"

If you know of anyone who had moved away and you think they would love to celebrate with us, please provide contact information to Karen Hand at 205-405-1049.

We need volunteers!  
Please contact Karen if you can help.



*The Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus For You!*

The Enthronement is more than just a blessing for your home and family. It is the dedication of a person and family to the Divine Heart of Jesus, for us to live in union with Him by love, grace, and in obedience to his Holy Commandments.

The Enthronement brings countless graces and blessings, as enumerated in the Twelve Great Promises He made to St. Margaret Mary. This is especially relevant for these troubled times!

*How do I Sign up for this Wonderful Blessing?*

1. Call Mari Culver, 205-525-0071 to make an appointment. She will come out and bless your home. This is a work of the Legion of Mary.
2. If you would like a Deacon to come with Mari, please allow time to make those arrangements.
3. You can do it yourself. She will give you the materials.

*Assignments—July 7~ July 11*

**WEDNESDAY MASS**

**7/7/2021 7:00 PM**

**Lector:** Teri Gagliano  
**Ministers:** Deacon

**SATURDAY MASS**

**7/10/2021 5:00 PM**

**Greeters:** Kathy Shivers, Dawn Adamson  
**Lector:** Marguerite Gorman  
**Ministers:** Deacon  
**Altar Servers:** Michael Gagliano, Tom Graffo  
**Ushers:** Bob Nicholas, Jim Gorman

**SUNDAY MASS**

**7/11/2021 8:30 AM**

**Greeters:** Gagliano family  
**Lectors:** Meagan Price, Alexis Allor  
**Ministers:** Deacon  
**Altar Servers:**  
**Ushers:** Michael Gagliano, Dennis Veigl,  
Joaquina Reyes, Cristy McKinney

**7/11/2021 11:15 AM**

**Greeters:** E&M Barker, Lydia Smith  
**Lectors:** Mary Adams, Bernie Funderburg  
**Ministers:** Deacon  
**Altar Servers:**  
**Ushers:** Chris Gallegly, Lexie Smith,  
Bill Bethel, John Cardenas

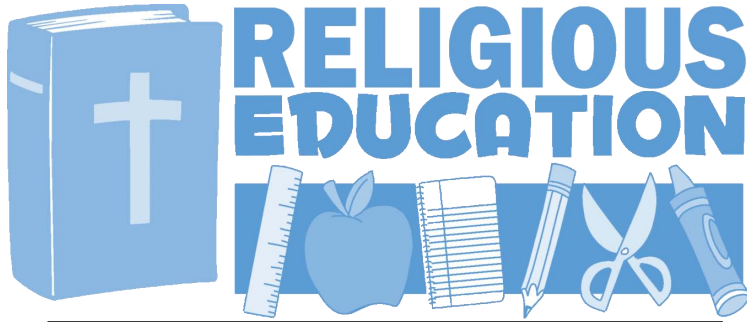
**If you are unable to keep your assignment, please find a substitute.**

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

As we relax the restrictions on the celebration of the Mass, we need more Liturgical Ministers. If you are interested in continuing or starting to serve in these ministries, contact the following people:

- Lectors- Anita Allor 256-343-6767
- Ushers- Michael Gagliano 205-937-8933
- Cantor/Choir- Charmaine Welch 205-913-4967
- Greeters- Parma Boyle 205-338-2767
- Altar Servers- Stephen Reese 205-937-5658
- Altar Care/Cleaning- Susan Moseley 205-613-6431

You can always call the church office and let us know of your interest. (205-525-5161)



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Calling Catechists:

- Are you interested in becoming a catechist for the upcoming year?

Contact the DRE:

Jim Mathis

jimmathis.oll@gmail.com

(205) 405-6028

- OR -

Visit the link below:

<https://forms.gle/ZDbAGthoinBscddCA>

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## FAITH AT HOME

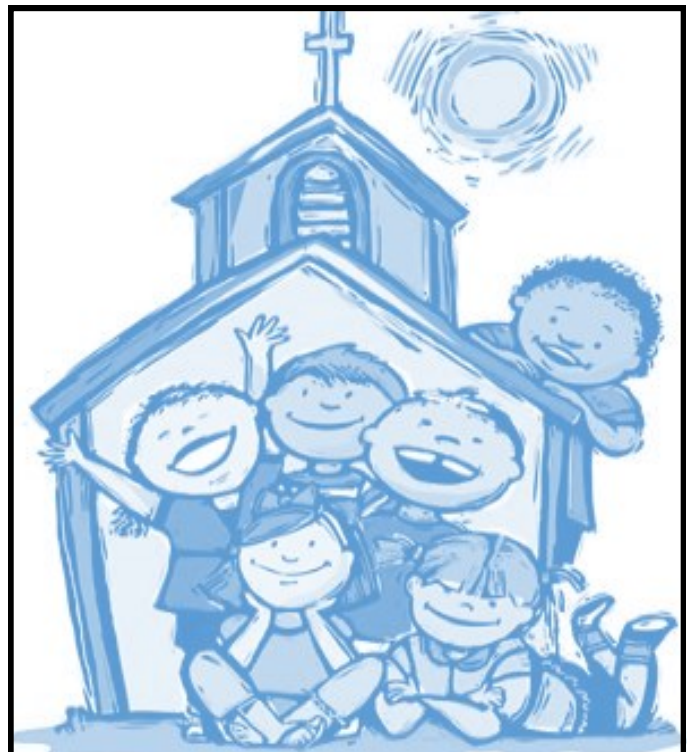
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## Looking Ahead:

**July 11th** - Religious Education Registration in the Parish Hall.

**August 1st** - Religious Education Teachers' Meeting 9:45 AM. Parish Hall.

**August 22nd** - Religious Education Breakfast | Classes begin.



*"Lord, teach me to be generous. Teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed thy wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, save that of knowing that I do your will."*

- St. Ignatius of Loyola

**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.

**Attention Altar Servers**

A mandatory Altar Server training for all current and new altar servers will be held on two dates. You may choose the one to attend.



**Saturday, July 17, 2021 or  
Saturday July 24, 2021  
10:00-11:00 am  
Our Lady of the Lake Church**

Please consider serving at the Altar of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The only requirement is that the altar server be at least in the 3rd grade.

For questions, contact Stephen Reese at srees71@gmail.com or call 205-937-5658

**Sunday-July 4- Independence Day**

Mass 8:30 & 11:15 am

**Monday- July 5**

Parish Office Closed  
Mass 9:00 am

**Tuesday- July 6**

Mass 9:00 am

**Wednesday-July 7**

Mass 7:00 pm

**Thursday- July 8**

Mass 9:00 am

**Friday- July 9**

Mass 9:00 am

**Saturday- July 10**

Reconciliation 4:00-4:45 pm  
Mass 5:00 pm

**Sunday-July 11**

Mass 8:30 & 11:15 am

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## Questions and Answers on the U.S. Bishops' Vote to Draft a Document on the Meaning of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church

Since the conclusion of the Spring Plenary Assembly of the U.S. bishops last week, there has been much attention on the vote taken to draft a document on the Eucharist. The question of whether or not to deny any individual or groups Holy Communion was not on the ballot. The vote by the bishops last week tasked the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Doctrine to begin the drafting of a teaching document on the Eucharist.

The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life. The importance of nurturing an ever deeper understanding of the beauty and mystery of the Eucharist in our lives is not a new topic for the bishops. The document being drafted is not meant to be disciplinary in nature, nor is it targeted at any one individual or class of persons. It will include a section on the Church's teaching on the responsibility of every Catholic, including bishops, to live in accordance with the truth, goodness and beauty of the Eucharist we celebrate.

Below are a few commonly asked questions on the meeting and on this topic at issue.

### **Why are the bishops doing this now?**

For some time now, a major concern of the bishops has been the declining belief and understanding of the Eucharist among the Catholic faithful. This was a deep enough concern, that the theme of the bishops' [strategic plan](#) for 2021-2024 is *Created Anew by the Body and Blood of Christ: Source of Our Healing and Hope*. This important document on the Eucharist will serve as a foundation for the multi-year Eucharistic Revival Project, a major national effort to reignite Eucharistic faith in our country. It was clear from the intensity and passion expressed in the individual interventions made by the bishops during last week's meeting that each bishop deeply loves the Eucharist.

### **Did the bishops vote to ban politicians from receiving Holy Communion?**

No, this was not up for vote or debate. The bishops made no decision about barring anyone from receiving Holy Communion. Each Catholic - regardless of whether they hold public office or not - is called to continual conversion, and the U.S. bishops have repeatedly emphasized the obligation of all Catholics to support human life and dignity and other fundamental principles of Catholic moral and social teaching.

### **Are the bishops going to issue a national policy on withholding Communion from politicians?**

No. There will be no national policy on withholding Communion from politicians. The intent is to present a clear understanding of the Church's teachings to bring heightened awareness among the faithful of how the Eucharist can transform our lives and bring us closer to our creator and the life he wants for us.

### **Did the Vatican tell the bishops not to move forward on drafting the document?**

No. The Holy See did encourage the bishops to engage in dialogue and broad consultation. Last week's meeting was the first part of that process. It is important to note that collaboration and consultation among the bishops will be key in the drafting of this document.