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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, November 27, 2021  
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, November 28, 2021  
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



First Sunday of Advent  
November 28 2021

*I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do  
what is right and just in the land*  
—Jeremiah 33:15



Nov 29 - Dec 5

- Monday:** Claude Dobard by Madelyn Guald
- Tuesday:** Deacon Mark Squires by the Brazzolottos †
- Wednesday:** Ernestina Gonzalez by James & Gloria Raynor †
- Thursday:** Avaro Amaya by Sharon Stice †
- Friday:** Deacon Mike Branch by the Brazzolottos †  
Andrew Paulitzky by Robert & Julia Paulitzky †
- Saturday:** JW & Frances Hand by Bob & Karen Hand †
- Sunday:** For the People  
Mary Joe Sprouse by Walton Smith †

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

Paul Boyle, Jacky Johnson, Peggy Gessler,  
Ron & Diana Markevich, Walton Smith,  
Juanita Crowson, Toni James, Bob Walsh, Sarah  
Svetlay, Fred Brown, Silvia Moten, Mary  
& Wayne Adams, Herb Kuntz, Bill & Loretta  
Frost, David & Audrey Springer, Christine Jaks,  
Jeanie Reid, Ruth Stanley, Jackie Thoma, Cathy  
Funderburg Parker, Frank Troncalli, Angela  
Ledlow, Michael Brayman, Shannon Ray, Mark  
Boyle, Lee Walser, Judy Marston, Geri Bunt, Jay  
Benson, Charlès & Libby LaFleur

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 November 29—December 5

- Monday:** Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday:** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
- 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:** Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

## Today's Readings



**First Reading** — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

**Psalm** — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God (Thessalonians 3:12—4:2).

**Gospel** — There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

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## **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT- HOPE**

There are four Sundays during the season of Advent. This year, Advent lasts from the evening of November 27<sup>th</sup> until the evening of December 24<sup>th</sup>. (In the Jewish Calendar, the day begins at sunset.)

The theme of the First Sunday and week of Advent is **HOPE**. The Theological Virtue of Hope is the belief that we have a future controlled by God. It is more than wishful thinking. It is based on the word of Jesus Christ and the experience of the Church through history.

In 2007, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI authored an encyclical entitled, Spe Salvi, that is, In Hope We Were Saved. In the Introduction, he writes, "According to the Christian faith, "redemption" is not simply a given. Redemption is offered to us in the sense that we have been given hope, trustworthy hope, by virtue of which we can face our present: the present can be lived and accepted if it leads towards a goal, if we can be sure of this goal, and if this goal is great enough to justify the effort of the journey."

Ancient mariners sailed at night by the guidance of the North Star. It was a fixed point they could use to guide their journeys. They would not sail off-course because the North Star gave them reassurance that they were headed in the right direction, even if they had yet to reach their goal. The North Star was always ahead of them to point the way.

Hope is like that. It is a fixed point that reassures us we will reach our goal if we follow Jesus Christ, who is the Light of the World. Our hope is not in ourselves, no matter how capable we may be in "navigating" life. Our hope is in Jesus Christ, who is the North Star placed in plain sight to guide us.

Next week: The Second Sunday of Advent- Peace.



## Offertory Collection

July 2021 — June 2022

**Actual**

**Needed  
weekly**

Nov 21  
Offertory

No report for  
November 21

Year to  
Date



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

## Advent Wreath Candle Lighters Second Sunday of Advent

**Saturday, December 4**

**5:00 pm Mass—Tom Rosetti**

**Sunday, December 5**

**8:30 am Mass— The Gagliano Family**

**11:15 am Mass - The Dempsey Family**

### FUNDRAISING BANQUET FOR THE POOR OF JESUS CHRIST

The Friars and Sisters of the Poor of Jesus Christ serve in our diocese in the Birmingham area with the poor and homeless. Four of the friars recently attended Mass in our parish.

There is a fundraising banquet for their ministry on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Our Lady of Valley parish hall. If you would like to attend or sponsor a table, you can contact the sponsors of the banquet at [Ltsau@uab.edu](mailto:Ltsau@uab.edu) or call 205-913-3776.



### *Knights of Columbus Prayer Service*

*Our Lady of the Lake Grotto  
Saturday December 11, 2021 10:00 am*

Special Invitation to the Youth of the  
Parish!

Donuts and coffee will be served.

Contact Bernie Funderburg with questions  
at 205-405-6382

## Christmas Giving Tree



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The Christmas Giving Trees are up and filled with tags in both foyers. We will be helping 32 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.

### GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12th

Gifts will be distributed to the families on Sunday, December 19th

Except for bicycles, no request should cost more than \$35. 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.

### WEDNESDAY HOLY HOUR

We normally have a Holy Hour on the Second Wednesday of the month following the 7:00 p.m. Mass. Because the Second Wednesday in December is a Holy Day of Obligation (The Immaculate Conception), we are moving the Holy Hour to **the First Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** following the 7:00 Mass. Please come for a time of adoration.

**Thanks for all of the love and support the OLL parish family have given us. We are amazed at such generous, loving, prayerful people in this parish. Blessings to all!**

**Lee & Kim Walser Family**



## Assignments—December 1 ~ December 5

### WEDNESDAY MASS

**12/1/2021 7:00 PM**

**Lector:** Charmaine Welch

**Ministers:** Deacon

### SATURDAY MASS

**12/4/2021 5:00 PM**

**Greeters:** Dawn Adamson, Allen Ross

**Lector:** Sara Reese

**Ministers:** Deacon, Susan Moseley

**Altar Servers:** Larry & Stephen Reese

**Ushers:** Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

### SUNDAY MASS

**12/5/2021 8:30 AM**

**Greeters:** Bob & LouElla Menefee,  
Phillip & Bit Thomaston

**Lectors:** Mary Burns, Carly Sadler

**Ministers:** Deacon, Jorge Solis

**Altar Servers:**

**Ushers:** Phillip Thomaston, Dennis Veigl,  
Grant Stice, Belia Solis

**12/5/2021 11:15 AM**

**Greeters:** Maria Jimenez, Ray & Charlene Betz

**Lectors:** Bernie Funderburg, Mary Adams

**Ministers:** Deacon, Lexie Smith

**Altar Servers:** Logan Bluhm, Destiny Markevich

**Ushers:** Chris Gallegly, Katie Boyle,  
Andy Payant, Jerrold Bluhm

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



### The Christian Love Pantry

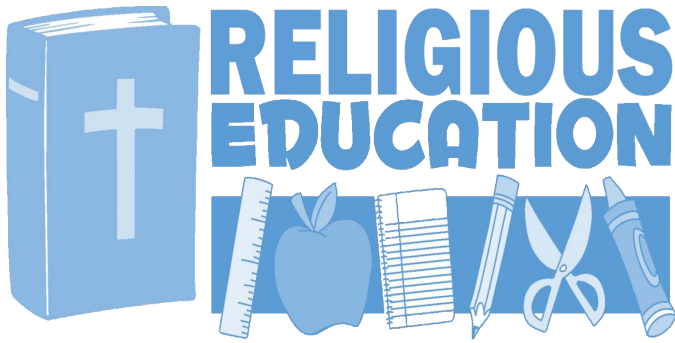
The Christian Love Pantry is helping the poor in the St. Clair County area. To assist them we are collecting canned soup at the church. You can leave donations in the South vestibule.

There is also 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**

**Cans donated to date in November –263 cans**

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



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## 1st Sunday of Advent

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of **preparation** that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

# FORMED

FAITH AT HOME

Parish Code: JRQNH8

## Looking Ahead:

**November 28th** - R.E. 9:45AM-11AM. 1st Sunday of Advent.

**Reconciliation for 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades.**

**December 5th** - R.E. 9:45AM – 11AM. 2nd Sunday of Advent.

**Reconciliation for 6th, 7th, and 8th Grades.**

# YOUTH GROUP



*Youth Group will continue to meet every Wednesday at 6PM. Students in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us for food, fellowship, and reflection on His Word! Bring a friend!*

"Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed--not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence--continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling"

—Philippians 2:12

### BOTTLED WATER COLLECTION

Because of Covid, local children are not able to use water fountains in their schools. Our parish will be collecting bottled water to donate to the local schools. Just leave the donations in the foyers of the church or in the parish hall when they are open.

Thank you.



### Our Lady of the Lake Christmas Dinner



*Sunday, December 12, 2021  
Celebrations  
4:00-6:00 pm*

*Please join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ as a parish family. Our special friend from the North Pole will join us for pictures.*

*Please bring a favorite dish to share. The Knights will provide the main course. We will need mashed potatoes, gravy, mac & cheese, dressing, casseroles and desserts.*

*If you have any questions, contact Karen Hand at 205-338-9737 or Gloria Rodgers at 256-487-1966*

### Sunday November 28– 1st Sunday of Advent

Mass 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE-9:45 am

RE Reconciliation-3rd, 4th and 5th grades

### Monday– November 29

Mass 9:00 am

### Tuesday– November 30

Mass 9:00 am

RCIA–7:00 pm

### Wednesday–December 1

Youth Group-6:00 pm

Mass 7:00 pm

Adoration/Holy Hour 7:30-8:30 pm

### Thursday– December 2

Mass 9:00 am

### Friday– December 3

Mass 9:00 am

First Friday Adoration-9:30-10:30 am

### Saturday– December 4

Reconciliation 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass 5:00 pm

### Sunday December 5– 2nd Sunday of Advent

Mass 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE-9:45 am

RE Reconciliation-6th, 7th and 8th grades

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