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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.

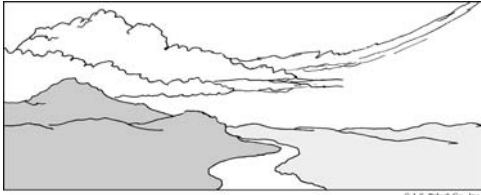
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

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

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, December 4, 2021
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 5, 2021
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



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Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021

God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low. —Baruch 5:7



Dec 6 - Dec 12

- Monday:** Phyllis Barrett by the Brazzolottos
- Tuesday:** Mickey Zielinski by Terry & Rita Rumore
- Wednesday:** Fr. Michael Wrigley by the Brazzolottos †
- Thursday:** Carolyn O'Grady by Madelyn Guald
- Friday:** Manuela Chaparro & Eusbio Morales
by the McKinneys †
- Saturday:** Trudi & Andy McClay the Zielinskis †
- Sunday:** For the People
Joe Yester by the Brazzolottos †

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

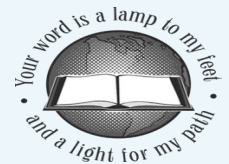
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Frost, David & Audrey Springer, Christine Jaks,
Jeanie Reid, Ruth Stanley, Jackie Thoma, Cathy
Funderburg Parker, Frank Troncalli, Angela
Ledlow, Michael Brayman, Shannon Ray, Mark
Boyle, Lee Walser, Judy Marston, Geri Bunt, Jay
Benson, Charles & Libby 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 or call 205-613-1053.

Weekly Readings December 6—December 12

- Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14;
Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3,
10ac,11-13; Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4;
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-
38
- Thursday:** Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-
13ab; Mt 11:11-15
- Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt
11:16-19
- Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac,
3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt
17:9a,10-13
- Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4,
5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Today's Readings



First Reading — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy (Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6).

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT- PEACE

During the Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent we light two candles. The first candle represents hope. The second candle represents peace.

The Hebrew word for peace is *Shalom*. *Shalom* means that everything is the way it is supposed to be. Everything is the way God created it to be. That is what Jesus is talking about when He says at the Last Supper, "Peace is my gift to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you." (John 14, 27)

The Roman Empire brought the *Pax Romana*, that is, the Peace of Rome. They maintained it at the point of a spear. Rome used its military might to subjugate peoples. Anyone who threatened the empire's dominance was eliminated. There were winners and losers. The emperor (Caesar) was given the titles "Son of the gods", "Savior", and "Prince of Peace". He was even worshipped by the offering of incense to his image.

St. Luke's Gospel refers to Jesus as, "the Son of God" (1, 35), "savior", and "Lord" (2, 11). The title "Lord" is reserved for God alone. Luke is forcing his readers to make a choice: Whose way will bring you peace, Caesar's or Jesus'? Whose kingdom will you live in, Caesar's or Jesus'? Who will you serve, Caesar or Jesus?

The Peace of Jesus Christ comes when our lives are ordered according to God's plan. It is not dependent on dominating one group or another. Outside forces cannot steal it from us. It comes from the belief that our lives are proceeding according to God's plan, even if we don't know what's next. If we cooperate with God's plan for our lives, we will experience a peace the world cannot give.

Advent is an opportunity to order our lives according to God's plan, so we can experience the peace that only Jesus Christ can give.

Next Week: Third Sunday of Advent- Joy.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONFESSION

As we approach Christmas, Father Bill will be available for confessions at additional times:

- Friday, December 17th following Morning Mass.
- Sunday, December 19th from 9:45-11:00 a.m.
- Monday, December 20th following Morning Mass.
- Wednesday, December 22nd from 6:00-6:45 p.m.
- Thursday, December 23rd following Morning Mass.
- Friday, December 24th from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

He is always available by appointment at 205-525-5161.

Advent Communal Penance Service

Please join us Wednesday, December 15th for a Communal Penance Service at 7:00 pm in the church. Father Bill and Father Sexton will be available for confessions that evening.



SILENCE BEFORE AND AFTER MASS

The 15 minutes before Mass and the 15 minutes following Mass are used by some people as a time for prayerful preparation and thanksgiving. That is why we try to maintain a "reverential silence" in the church during those times. Fellowship is also a part of our faith, but the place for that is in the foyers of the church or outside. Please try to be respectful of the needs of others and maintain a reverential silence in the church before and after Mass.

Father Bill

Offertory Collection

July 2021 — June 2022

	Actual	Needed weekly
Nov 28 Offertory	\$6,253	\$6,500
Year to Date	\$145,583	\$143,000



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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 Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 11

5:00 pm Mass—James & Jane Reilly

Sunday, December 12

8:30 am Mass—Bart Perry Family

11:15 am Mass —Wes Myers Family

Permanent Diaconate Formation Program to begin in 2022

The next formation class for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese is scheduled to begin in March 2022.

Men who are interested in learning more about the Permanent Diaconate formation program are invited to attend an information session which will be held on **Saturday, December 11, 2021** at the following locations.

Prince of Peace Church, Hoover, AL 9:00 am
St. Francis Xavier Church, Birmingham, AL 10:00 am
Good Shepherd Church, Huntsville, AL 9:30 am
St. John the Baptist Church, Madison, AL 10:00 am

Wives are also invited to attend these sessions. Each session will last approximately 90 minutes.

Men who cannot attend these information sessions but who are interested in starting the formation process are encouraged to go to the diocesan website (www.bhmdiocese.org) and click on the Permanent Diaconate heading to get more information. Questions can be directed to Deacon Chris Rosko at Crosko@bhmdiocese.org.

Catholic Charities and Communities

There is still time to make a pledge or donation to Catholic Charities and Communities for 2022. Any pledges made before December 31st will be added to this year's pledge drive. If you need a pledge card, they are available in the parish office.

Christmas Giving Tree



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.

The Social Concerns Committee would like to thank you in advance for making Christmas special for so many.

**The 2022 Calendars are here!
Please take one located in each
foyer of the church.**



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

Assignments—December 8 ~ December 12

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

12/8/2021 9:00 AM

Greeters: Paige Everett, Sonya Lewis
Lector: Susan Moseley
Ministers: Deacon
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Robert Paulitzky

12/8/2021 7:00 PM

Greeters: Dennis & Sandy Veigl, Dawn Adamson
Lector: Sarah Brazzolotto
Ministers: Deacon
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Bit Thomaston

SATURDAY MASS

12/11/2021 5:00 PM

Greeters: Allen Ross, Karen Hand
Lector: Allen Ross
Ministers: Deacon, Parma Boyle
Altar Servers: Bernie & Cory Funderburg
Ushers: Karen Hand, Sam Marston

SUNDAY MASS

12/12/2021 8:30 AM

Greeters: The Perry Family
Lectors: Gloria Raynor, Joe Hoffert
Ministers: Deacon, Brenda Rochford
Altar Servers:
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Bill Bethel, Carly & Brandon Sadler

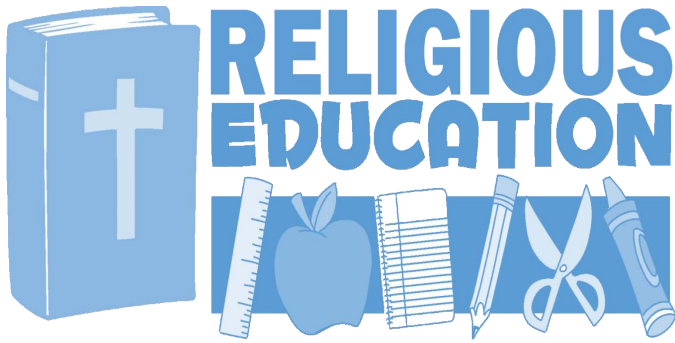
12/12/2021 11:15 AM

Greeters: Shirley Skeivelas, Ray & Charlene Betz
Lectors: Mark Johnson Jr., Douglas Ross
Ministers: Deacon, Chris Gallegly
Altar Servers: Jhon Paul & Natalie Rodgers
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Caleb Bluhm, John Bluhm

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

2022 Offertory Envelopes

Please pick up your offertory envelopes for calendar year 2022 in the Parish Hall. If you do not see yours, please call the office at 205-525-5161.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Advent Wreath

Advent is a time of joy, when we happily look forward to the coming of Jesus. Today's Gospel reading tells about how Saint John the Baptist went around telling everyone to repent and prepare for the coming of the Messiah.

An **Advent wreath** is a symbol of the coming of Jesus, our Light, into the world. It has three purple candles and one pink candle. One candle is lit on the first week of Advent, and one more is added every week until Christmas. Every week it gets a bit brighter because we are getting closer to Jesus' coming at Christmas.

The purple candles stand for repentance-being sorry and making up for our sins. The pink candle represents joy. It is lit on the 3rd week of Advent because we rejoice that the waiting is half over.

Source: The Kids' Bulletin

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FAITH AT HOME

Parish Code: **JRQNH8**

Looking Ahead:

December 5th - R.E. 9:45AM – 11AM. 2nd Sunday of Advent. Reconciliation for 6th, 7th, and 8th Grades.

December 12th - R.E. 9:45AM-11AM. 3rd Sunday of Advent. Reconciliation for 9th grade and High School students.

December 19th - NO R.E.

December 26th - NO R.E.



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!

"You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!"

- Isaiah 40:9

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 December 5— 2nd Sunday of Advent

Mass 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE-9:45 am

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

Monday— December 6

Mass 9:00 am

Tuesday— December 7

Mass 9:00 am

RCIA—7:00 pm

Wed—December 8-Immaculate Conception

Masses 9:00 am & 7:00 pm

Youth Group-6:00 pm

Thursday— December 9

Mass 9:00 am

Friday— December 10

Mass 9:00 am

Saturday— December 11

Reconciliation 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday December 12— 3rd Sunday of Advent

Masses 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE-9:45 am

RE Reconciliation— High School
Parish Christmas Dinner-Celebrations 4:00-6:00 pm

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