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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 18, 2021
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 19, 2021
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



Fourth Sunday of Advent December 19, 2021

*O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven and see;
take care of this vine, and protect what your right
hand has planted. —Psalm 80:15-16*



Dec 20 - Dec 26

- Monday:** Robert Hollis by Bob & Karen Hand †
- Tuesday:** Carmen Perez by James & Gloria Raynor †
- Wednesday:** Harry Scruggs by the Brazzolottos †
- Thursday:** Katie Freeman by the RCIA Class †
- Friday:** Evangelina Morales by Erasmo Herrera †
- Saturday:** Guadalupe Estrada by Erasmo Herrera †
- Sunday:** For the People
Hugh Crowson by the Brazzolottos †

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, Frank
Troncalli, Angela Ledlow, Michael Brayman,
Shannon Ray, Mark Boyle, Lee Walsler, 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 20—December 26

- Monday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday:** Sg 2:8-14; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
- Wednesday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
- Thursday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
- Friday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
- Saturday:** Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
- Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:41-52

Today's Readings



First Reading — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

Gospel — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: LOVE

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we light all the candles on the Advent wreath. The theme for that Sunday and week of Advent is love. St. Paul writes, "There are three things that remain; faith, hope, and love, but the greatest of these is love." St. John reminds us, "God is love and all who live in love live in God."

The Greek word used in these two passages for love is "agape". Agape is the love that puts the beloved's needs ahead of one's own. At the Last Supper, Jesus told His disciples, "There is no greater love than this; to lay down one's life for one's friends." Jesus demonstrated the greatest love by giving His life for us on the cross.

Jesus also demonstrated His love for us by becoming human. As St. Paul writes, "He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself." The Incarnation of Jesus Christ is also a sign of God's love for us.

Love is expressed through humility. Jesus was born in a stable rather than a palace. He was wrapped in cloth bands rather than silk robes. His crib was a feed trough for animals. As an adult He spent His time and energy with the lowly of His day: the poor, the sick, the disturbed, anyone in need of compassion and healing.

The Crucifix is a symbol of God's love. So is the manger. God humbled Himself to be with us. Chapter One in John's Gospel proclaims, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." He literally says, "He pitched his tent in our camp."

The celebration of the birth of Christ is the acknowledgment of God's love for sinful humanity. It is also a call to imitate Jesus in His humility. Christ's love is a model to be imitated rather than just admired.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONFESSION

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

- 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.

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.

You can also give electronically by going to the Diocese of Birmingham web site at www.bhmdiocese.org and clicking on the Catholic Charities link.

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
Dec 12 Offertory	No offertory to report	\$6,500
Year to Date	\$153,588	



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

THE LITERACY COUNCIL
OF CENTRAL ALABAMA



*The Literacy Council of St. Clair County offers
Programs in the following areas:*

- *Adults learn to read or improve your reading skills. Our reading classes are normally taught "one on one". The classes will help with your reading skills and comprehension of what you have read.*
- *Assist you in preparing to get your GED.*
- *ESOL Classes (English for Speakers of Other Languages) The classes are offered every Tuesday night, upstairs, at the Pell City Municipal Complex, (The Pell City Library location).*

All classes are free and flexible scheduling is available. Call 205-378-9072 for more information

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.**

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



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 either 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 December –105 cans

Please consider donating \$1 per week

2021 Contributions

In order for your Contributions to the parish to be included for 2021 year, please have them to the church office by Wednesday, December 29, 2021.

If you use e-giving through Faithdirect, you can contribute right up to December 31, 2021.

One Voice Magazine

A reminder that there will not be an envelope in the 2022 offertory envelopes for a One Voice contribution. You are no longer obligated to send in \$17 annually to help defray the cost of One Voice.

The One Voice Magazine is sent to all registered parishioners. If you are not receiving this magazine, please contact the parish office at 205-525-5161.

Church Bell Tower Under Construction



As you may have noticed, construction has begun on the north side of the church on the Bell Tower.

Construction is progressing as planned and we expect that work will be completed sometime after the first of the year.

Assignments—December 22 - December 26, 2021

WEDNESDAY MASS

12/22/2021 7:00 PM

Lector: Susan Moseley
Ministers: Deacon

FRIDAY CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

12/24/2021 4:30 PM

Greeters: H&M Houk, Pat Sobolowski
Lector: Mary Burns
Ministers: Deacon
Altar Servers: Destiny Markevich, Ethan Myers
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Laura Headley, Bart Perry, Phillip Thomaston

12/24/2021 8:30 PM

Greeters: Alexis Allor, Bill Bethell
Lector: Susan Moseley, Alexis Allor
Ministers: Deacon, Anita Allor
Altar Servers:
Ushers: Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

SATURDAY CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

12/25/2021 9:00 AM

Greeters: Maria Jimenez, Tommie Ann Johnson
Lector: Marguerite Gorman, Lexie Smith
Ministers: Deacon
Altar Servers:
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Lexie Smith

NO 5:00 PM MASS ON SATURDAY THE 25TH

SUNDAY MASS

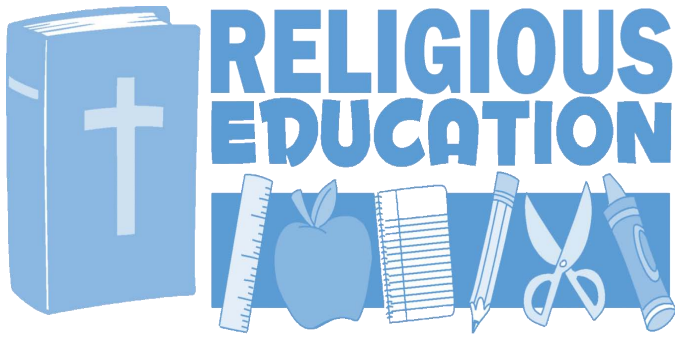
12/26/2021 8:30 AM

Greeters: Amelia Reese, Becky & Darren Freeman
Lectors: Patrick Everett, Shelly Hamman
Ministers: Deacon, Stephen Reese
Altar Servers:
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Teri Gagliano, Ronni Gagliano, Carly Sadler

12/26/2021 11:15 AM

Greeters: J & J Bluhm, C & E Bluhm
Lectors: Mark Johnson Jr., Lexie Smith
Ministers: Deacon, Doug Ross
Altar Servers:
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Katie Boyle, Jerrold Bluhm, Andy Payant

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



Christmas is almost here!

Christmas is almost here! Isn't it exciting? It's like when it's getting really close to your birthday, except that people all over the world are going to be celebrating Christmas! We should help make Jesus' birthday as special as we can. Today, all four of the candles on the Advent wreath will be lit. This represents the light of Jesus coming closer and getting brighter. Jesus is the light of the world. If we want to make Christmas beautiful, then we should make our own lives shine with the love of Jesus.

Does your family have a Christmas tree? Are there lights on it? Do you have Christmas lights on your house? All the little lights you see can represent all the people whose lives are lit up with the love of God. Or maybe they can represent all the good things you can do to brighten up other people's lives! Think of some things you can do this week to love God and bring His love to your family, friends, and neighbors!

Source: The Kids' Bulletin

FORMED
FAITH AT HOME

Parish Code: **JRQNH8**

Looking Ahead:

December 19th - NO R.E.

December 26th - NO R.E.

January 2nd - NO R.E.

January 9th - Religious Education is back from break. 9:45AM-11AM.

January 10th - First Reconciliation 6PM.



Youth Group will NOT meet until after the 1st of the Year. Enjoy your holidays! More details to come on JUNIOR Youth Group meetings which will begin when we are back from the holidays. Be on the lookout!

"There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light."

- John 1:6-8

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.

The Catholic Diocese of Birmingham The Office of Black Catholic Ministry

Presents

A Diocesan Prayer Breakfast in Commemoration of

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Saturday, January 8, 2022
10:00 AM

Cathedral of St Paul Life Center
2120 Third Avenue North,
Birmingham, AL



*“Where Do We Go from Here?
Chaos or Community”*

A Personal Reflection by Very Reverend Kevin Fausz, CM— Pastor of Holy Redeemer and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Churches, San Antonio, TX

Tickets \$25.00

To purchase, call the Office of Black Ministry at 205-838-8313

Sunday December 19— 4th Sunday of Advent

Masses 8:30 & 11:15 am
Reconciliation 9:45-11:00 am
No Religious Education
Holy Hour— 7:00-8:00 pm

Monday— December 20

Mass 9:00 am
Reconciliation following morning Mass

Tuesday— December 21

Mass 9:00 am

Wednesday—December 22

Mass 7:00 pm
Reconciliation— 6:00-6:45 pm
Parish Office Closed

Thursday— December 23

Mass 9:00 am
Reconciliation following morning Mass
Parish Office Closed

Friday— December 24 Christmas Eve

Reconciliation— 3:00-4:00 pm
Mass 4:30 and 8:30 pm
Christmas Carols 1/2 hour before each Mass

Saturday— December 25 Christmas Day

Mass 9:00 am
No 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday December 26

Masses 8:30 & 11:15 am

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