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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:**

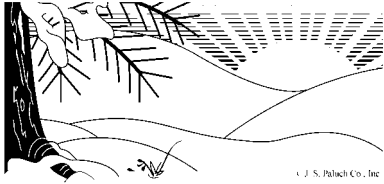
Third Sunday of every month at 7:00 p.m.  
Second Wednesday of every month— 7:30 p.m.  
Exposición del Santísimo el segundo Miércoles  
de cada mes @ 7:30 p.m.

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

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

## Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Sunday, December 26, 2021  
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph December 26, 2021

*Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. —1 John 3:2a*



Dec 27 - Jan 2

- Monday:** Larry Blythe by Fr. William Lucas †
- Tuesday:** James Lucas Jones by Walton Smith †
- Wednesday:** Adela Amaya by James & Gloria Raynor †
- Thursday:** Denny Gentry by the Brazzolottos †
- Friday:** Katie Freeman by Sharon Stice †
- Saturday:** For all Souls in Purgatory  
by James & Gloria Raynor †
- Sunday:** For the People  
Osvaldo Jimenez Sr by Sharon Stice †

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

Paul Boyle, Jacky Johnson, 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 Troncilli, 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](mailto:sharonstice46@gmail.com) or call 205-613-1053.

## Weekly Readings December 26—January 2

- Monday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
- Friday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
- Saturday:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
- Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

## Today's Readings



**First Reading** — Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the LORD, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: "As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD"(1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28).

**Psalm** — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84).

**Second Reading** — We are children of God when we believe in the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24).

**Gospel** — Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (Luke 2:41-52).

## **IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME!**

No, this message was not supposed to go out weeks or months ago. In the Catholic Church's Liturgical Calendar, sunset on December 24<sup>th</sup> is the **beginning** of the Christmas Season. It lasts until the completion of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (This year on January 9<sup>th</sup>).

Besides the Nativity of the Lord (December 25<sup>th</sup>), there are important feasts connected to the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. There is the Feast of the Holy Family (which we celebrate today). There is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (January 1<sup>st</sup>). There is the Epiphany of the Lord (observed this year on January 2<sup>nd</sup>). Finally, there is the Baptism of the Lord. In addition, there are important days honoring St. Stephen, St. John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents.

The readings and prayers focus on the true human nature of Jesus Christ. The Son of God, the Second Person of the Trinity, took on all the limitations of being human. He even experienced the shame of dying on a cross. (Philippians 2, 8) He is truly human (Christ) and truly God (Lord).

In the First Letter of St. John, we read: "This is how we can know the Spirit of God: every spirit that acknowledges Jesus Christ come in the flesh belongs to God, and every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus does not belong to God. This is the spirit of the antichrist that...is already in the world." (4, 2-3)

The Christmas Season is an opportunity to contemplate the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. God redeemed His creation and made it an instrument of salvation. Jesus saves us through His humanity as well as His divinity. The Church, founded by Jesus Christ, is the chosen instrument of salvation. Like Jesus, it is both human and divine. Salvation depends completely on Jesus Christ, but he has chosen His Church as the instrument of His saving grace.

Christ is born. He has come indeed. Merry Christmas!

# **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

## **Masses**

Friday, December 31, 2021– 5:00 pm

Saturday, January 1, 2022– 9:00 am



## **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](http://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	\$8,856	\$6,500
Year to Date	\$162,873	\$162,500



**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.**

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*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.*
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- *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.**

## Annual Respect Life Mass and Witness for Life Saturday, January 15, 2022

**Annual Respect Life Mass-Bishop Raica  
9:00 am  
Cathedral of St. Paul, 2120 3rd Ave. N,  
Birmingham, AL**

**Prayer Vigil and Witness for Life  
10:45 am  
Planned Parenthood, 1019 1st Ave. N,  
Birmingham, AL**

**For more information call 205-447-8796 or go to  
[www.birminghammarchforlife.com](http://www.birminghammarchforlife.com)**

## **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 12:00 pm on 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.

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

## **Columbarium News**

We are excited to announce that we are moving ahead on Our Lady of the Lake Columbarium. The Columbarium will consist of 80 niches which can hold the urns of two people. Contract for selection and use of the niches is allowed after full receipt of payment. Niche location selection is on a first come first served basis.

You will hear about the Columbarium plans in a short presentation during Masses the weekend of January 8th.

Information packets will be available after each Mass the weekend of January 15th.

You can also contact the office at 205-525-5161 during normal office hours if you need more information.

*Assignments—December 29 - January 2, 2022*

### **WEDNESDAY MASS**

**12/29/2021 7:00 PM**

Lector: Teri Gagliano  
Ministers: Deacon

### **FRIDAY EVENING MASS—SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD**

**12/31/2021 5:00 PM**

Greeters: Jan Spencer, Loretta Frost  
Lector: Alexis Allor, Carl Rochford  
Ministers: Deacon  
Altar Servers:  
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Jim Dale,  
Jim Gorman, Karen Hand

### **SATURDAY MORNING MASS—SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD**

**1/1/2022 9:00 AM**

Greeters: Crapet/Freeman/Landman families  
Lector: Mary Burns, Shelly Hamman  
Ministers: Deacon  
Altar Servers:  
Ushers: Amy Carreker, TBD

### **SATURDAY EVENING MASS- EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**1/1/2022 5:00 PM**

Greeters: Allen Ross, Pat Sobolowski  
Lector: Sonia Dale  
Ministers: Deacon, Sara Reese  
Altar Servers: Marty Poteracki, James Raynor  
Ushers: Karen Hand, Sam Marston

### **SUNDAY MASS- EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

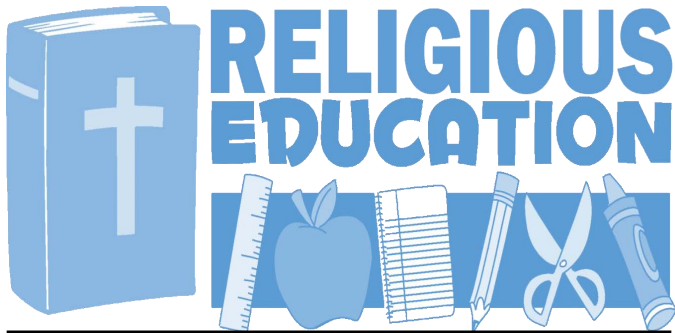
**1/2/2022 8:30 AM**

Greeters: H&M Houk, Bob & LouElla Menefee  
Lectors: Carey Monistere, Robert Lewis  
Ministers: Deacon, Joe Hoffert  
Altar Servers:  
Ushers: Matt Allor, Bill Bethel,  
Bit & Phillip Thomaston

**1/2/2022 11:15 AM**

Greeters: Shirley Skeivelas, Maria Jimenez  
Lectors: Bernie Funderburg, Mary Adams  
Ministers: Deacon, Anna Rosato Brown  
Altar Servers: Jhon Paul & Natalie Rodgers  
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Lexie Smith,  
Jerrold Bluhm, Andy Payant

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



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Jesus is Born!

Christmas is one of the most important days in the year. Who is Jesus? He is God. He is also a real man. When Adam and Eve sinned they lost the privilege of going to Heaven. Now people needed to pay back for their sins, but no sacrifice they could make could ever be big enough. Only a perfect man could make a perfect sacrifice. Because God loved us so much, He became a man to die for us!

God loved us so much that He made Himself into a poor baby. Doesn't that just make you want to love Him more? Today, or in the next few days, spend some time looking at a nativity scene and think about Baby Jesus and how much God loves us.

*Source: The Kids' Bulletin*

**FORMED**  
FAITH AT HOME

Parish Code: **JRQNH8**

## Looking Ahead:

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**

*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!*

*"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Emmanuel."*

**- Isaiah 7:14**

### 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 26**  
Masses 8:30 & 11:15 am  
No Religious Education

**Monday— December 27**  
Mass 9:00 am

**Tuesday— December 28**  
Mass 9:00 am

**Wednesday—December 29**  
Mass 7:00 pm

**Thursday— December 30**  
Mass 9:00 am  
Parish Office Closed

**Friday— December 31**  
Mass 9:00 am  
Mass 5:00 pm Solemnity of Mary

**Saturday— January 1 Solemnity of Mary**  
Mass 9:00 am  
Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm  
Mass 5:00 pm-Epiphany of the Lord

**Sunday January 2- Epiphany of the Lord**  
Masses 8:30 & 11:15 am  
No Religious Education

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