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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.

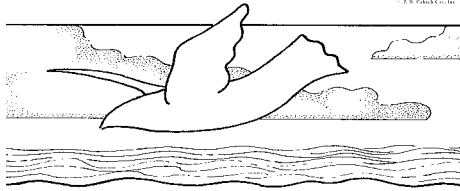
#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

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

## Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, January 8, 2022  
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 9, 2022  
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



### The Baptism of the Lord January 9, 2022

*He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal  
by the Holy Spirit. —Titus 3:5*



Jan 10 - Jan 16

- Monday:** David H. Huguley by Fr. William Lucas †
- Tuesday:** Osvaldo Jimenez by Terry & Rita Rumore †
- Wednesday:** Fr. Tony D'Angelo by Fr. William Lucas †
- Thursday:** Jan Bowman by Sharon Stice †
- Friday:** Socorro Granillo by Erasmo Herrera †
- Saturday:** Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore by the Brazzolottos
- Sunday:** Robert & Julia Paulitzky by the Brazzolottos  
For the People

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

Paul Boyle, Jacky & Tommie Ann 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 Troncalli, Angela Ledlow, Michael Brayman, Shannon Ray, Mark Boyle, Lee Walsler, Judy Marston, Geri Bunt, Jay Benson, Charles & Libby LaFleur, Bill Trussell

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 January 10—January 16

- Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
- Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

## Today's Readings



**First Reading** — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

**Psalm** — O bless the Lord, my soul (Psalm 104).

**Second Reading** — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7).

**Gospel** — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

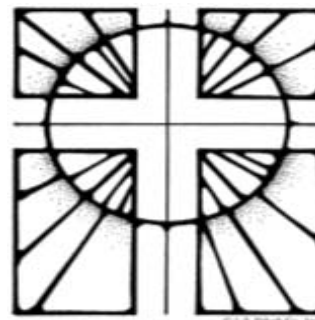
The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is the conclusion of the liturgical season of Christmas. That tells us this event reveals something about the humanity of Jesus Christ.

The Gospels tell us that John's baptism was a baptism of repentance, "for the forgiveness of sins." A person repented of their sins and was baptized by John as an outward sign of what had happened inside them. The actual baptism changed nothing. The repentance, the change of mind, had already taken place.

John tells the crowds that one mightier than him will come after him. John says, "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3, 11) That someone is Jesus Christ. The baptism given by Jesus Christ is different from the baptism given by John. It is superior to John's baptism. The baptism of Jesus Christ gives the Holy Spirit. It changes the person who receives it.

Then why did Jesus receive John's baptism? Jesus never sinned. He had no need to repent. Jesus accepting John's baptism shows His complete identification with humanity. As the Letter to the Hebrews states, "We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin." (4, 15) Jesus knows what is to be human. Therefore, we can approach Him when we need forgiveness of our sins. He will sympathize with us.

The baptism of Jesus in the Jordan river also prefigures His death on the cross. In Luke's Gospel Jesus says, "There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished." (12, 50) The Letter to the Philippians states, "(Jesus) humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. (2, 8) Jesus experienced everything we human beings experience, even death. He is trustworthy because He knows what it means to be human.



## Columbarium News

Information packets are available after each Mass next weekend (January 15-16th).

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 which is \$3,000. Niche location selection is on a first come first served basis.

The construction of the columbarium is scheduled to begin this summer and be completed by the end of 2022.

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

### 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
Jan 2 Offertory	\$3,867	\$6,500
Year to Date	\$183,483	\$175,500

## Building Fund Collection

July 2021 — June 2022

	Actual	Needed monthly
January Building Fund	\$1,517	\$2,152
Year to Date	\$38,099	\$14,526



**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.**



**The Social Concerns Committee would like to thank all of you who helped make our Christmas Giving Tree a success this year. We were able to help 130 children with your help either by donating or purchasing items from the Church Yard Sale or for taking a tag from the trees that were in the foyers and purchasing the gift listed. We would also like to thank all the wonderful volunteers who sorted gifts and helped with the shopping. The Giving Tree would not be possible without all of your help. Thank you again and God Bless!**

## 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)

*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*

**Saint Rose Academy Open House**

An open house for prospective families and students in 3-year-old kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade will take place on Sunday, **January 9, 2022, from 2 to 4 p.m.** Visitors are invited to tour the school and meet the teachers, staff and administrators who will all be there to answer questions.

Saint Rose is a private, Catholic, co-educational school, owned and operated by the Dominican Sisters of the Saint Cecilia Congregation in Nashville, TN. The school is located at 1401 22<sup>nd</sup> Street S., Birmingham, AL 35205. Visit us at [www.strosebhm.org](http://www.strosebhm.org) for more information.

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*Assignments*

*January 12 - January 16, 2022*

**WEDNESDAY MASS**

**1/12/2022 7:00 PM**

**Lector:** Sarah Brazzolotto  
**Ministers:** Deacon

**SATURDAY EVENING MASS**

**1/15/2022 5:00 PM**

**Greeters:** Paige Everett, Jan Spencer  
**Lector:** Buddy Spradley  
**Ministers:** Deacon, Allen Ross  
**Altar Server:** Chris Gallegly, Tom Michaels  
**Ushers:** Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

**SUNDAY MASS**

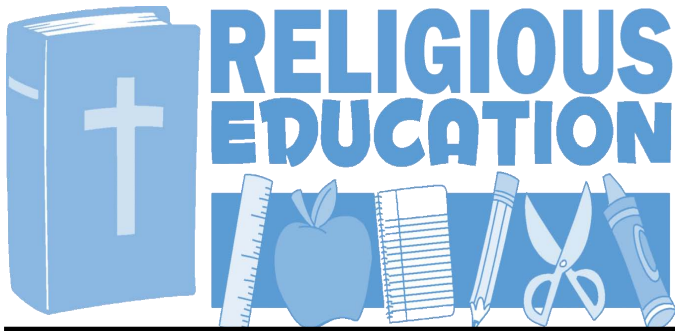
**1/16/2022 8:30 AM**

**Greeters:** Crapet/Freeman/Landman family  
**Lectors:** Karen Reese, Dennis Veigl  
**Ministers:** Deacon, Sophie Poteracki  
**Altar Server:**  
**Ushers:** Bit Thomaston, Belia Solis, Joaquina Reyes, Laura Headley

**1/16/2022 11:15 AM**

**Greeters:** R&C Betz, Shirley Skeivelas  
**Lectors:** Doug Ross, Gloria Raynor  
**Ministers:** Deacon, James Raynor  
**Altar Server:** Destiny Markevich, Ethan Myers  
**Ushers:** Chris Gallegly, Gregg Becnel, Lexie Smith, Andy Payant

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



### The Baptism of the Lord

Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus. After living with his mother for thirty years and working as an ordinary carpenter, it was time for Jesus to start His special work.

What was Jesus' special work? It was showing people the way to God and taking away their sins.

When you were baptized God was getting YOU ready for a special job too. He was giving you grace so that you could grow closer to Him and bring other people closer to Him too.

How can YOU help bring others closer to God?

Source: The Kids' Bulletin

**FORMED**  
FAITH AT HOME

Parish Code: **JRQNH8**

### Looking Ahead:

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

**January 10th - First Reconciliation 6PM.**

**January 16th - Religious Education 9:45AM-11AM.**



*Youth group will begin meeting again on Wednesday, January 12th at 6:00PM! Join us for food, fellowship and to dive into the Word of our Lord!*

*"After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him,"*

**- Matthew 3:16**

### 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 Knights of Columbus is a sponsor for Wreaths Across America at the St. Clair Memorial Cemetery. Wreaths Across America is having a huge promotion on wreaths for 2022. They will match all wreaths purchased through January 14, 2022. Each wreath is \$15. For the Knights to get credit please use the link below to purchase. Thanks for your support!

<https://ollpellcity.com/wreaths-across-america/>

**Sunday January 9**  
Masses 8:30 & 11:15 am  
RE-9:45 am

**Monday— January 10**  
Mass 9:00 am  
First Reconciliation-6:00 pm

**Tuesday— January 11**  
Mass 9:00 am  
RCIA— 7:00 pm

**Wednesday—January 12**  
Mass 7:00 pm  
Youth Group— 6:00 pm  
Adoration/Holy Hour— 7:30-8:30 pm



**Thursday— January 13**  
Mass 9:00 am

**Friday— January 14**  
Mass 9:00 am

**Saturday— January 15**  
Confirmation Retreat-all day  
Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm  
Mass 5:00 pm  
Pilgrim Virgin— 6:30 pm

**Sunday January 16**  
Masses 8:30 & 11:15 am  
RE-9:45 am  
Holy Hour 7:00-8:00 pm



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