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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:

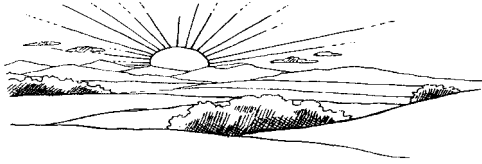
August through May. Ages 3 yrs. through
High School.

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, January 15, 2022
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 16, 2022
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 16, 2022

Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory. —Isaiah 62:2



Jan 17 - Jan 23

- Monday:** Gini Kerr by Marti Baird †
- Tuesday:** Sofia Granillo by Erasmo Herrera †
- Wednesday:** Jorge Gonzalez by James & Gloria Raynor †
- Thursday:** Paul Boyle by Susan Moseley
- Friday:** Cecil Rodgers by Bob & Karen Hand †
- Saturday:** Katie Freeman by Sharon Stice †
- Sunday:** Carolyn Allor by Bob & Karen Hand †
For the People

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 Troncalli, Angela Ledlow, Michael Brayman, Shannon Ray, Mark Boyle, Lee Walser, Judy Marston, Geri Bunt, Jay Benson, Charles & Libby LaFleur, Bill Trussell, Carol Lindsay

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 January 17—January 23

- Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
- Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21
- Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Today's Readings



First Reading — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen Zion and Jerusalem (Isaiah 62:1-5).

Psalm — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).

Second Reading — All the varied gifts and talents found in the Christian community are products of the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

Gospel — At a wedding festival in Cana, Jesus changes water into wine at his mother's request (John 2:1-11).

THE BIBLE AND RACE

According to Genesis, Chapter One, when God created Adam and Eve, He instructed them, "Be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and subdue it." (v. 28) The result of human beings "filling the earth" would be that people would look different. Those who settled closer to the equator would have darker skin and thicker hair. Those who settled farther from the equator would have lighter skin and thinner hair.

All races are created by God, who is the only God. Therefore, according to the Bible, there is no superior race. A superior race would necessitate more than one creator, which would be an affront to God's majesty. All people are descendants of Adam and Eve and, through them, Noah and his wife, and their sons and their wives. (Genesis, Chapters 7-9)

What about slavery? The slaves mentioned in the bible were members of conquered peoples who were defeated in wars. The slavery practiced in the 16th - 19th century was based on the belief that some people were "sub-human". Because of this belief, they could be the property of human beings (like pets). This practice was a contradiction of biblical revelation, though some people who should have known better practiced it. They committed blasphemy by claiming the bible sanctioned it.

People who say they believe in "racehorse theory", "replacement theory", "eugenics", "white separatism", and other white supremacy ideologies contradict the Revelation of God in the scriptures. The fact that they use Christian symbols and claim to be Christian is nonsense. Anyone who believes the Bible is truly the word of God cannot submit to these beliefs.

Having grown up in Birmingham, Alabama, I witnessed white supremacy first-hand. I still witness it today. Last November, standing in line to vote I heard several white males using the "N-word". Some of them were adorned with Christian symbols. White supremacy is alive and well. However, no one can be a white supremacist and believe the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. You must choose.

Columbarium News

We have started selling rights to use the niches in our Columbarium. Information packets are available in the parish office for interested parishioners.

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.

Offertory Collection

July 2021 — June 2022

	Actual	Needed weekly
Jan 9 Offertory	\$7,617	\$6,500
Year to Date	\$191,765	\$182,000



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

eGiving with Faith Direct

Our Lady of the Lake offers a secure way for you to support our parish offertory and second collections with Faith Direct.

Faith Direct enables parishioners to make contributions even when you can't make it to church. Through either direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card, you can apply the convenience of electronic giving to your parish offerings in much the same way as you do for other expenses.

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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.

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

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

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 January - 86 cans

Please consider donating \$1 per week

thank you!

Thank you so much for your continued support to the Christian Love Pantry. The financial contributions, weekly soup donations, management support through your board member, Tommy Graffo and the many volunteers from Our Lady of the Lake make a positive difference in our community.

Your contribution of \$3,700 in November helped provide over 75 pounds of food plus turkeys and chickens to 200 needy families for Thanksgiving.

**Alan Foster Director,
Christian Love Pantry**

Assignments

January 19, 2022 - January 23, 2022

WEDNESDAY MASS

1/19/2022 7:00 PM

Lector: Bernie Funderburg

Ministers: Deacon

SATURDAY EVENING MASS

1/22/2022 5:00 PM

Greeters: Pat Sobolowski, Jan Spencer

Lector: Sara Reese

Ministers: Deacon, Susan Moseley

Altar Server: Bernie Funderburg,
Cory Funderburg

Ushers: Karen Hand, Sam Marston

SUNDAY MASS

1/23/2022 8:30 AM

Greeters: Brenda Rochford, D&J Beavers

Lectors: Carl Rochford, Sara Brazzolotto

Ministers: Deacon, Brenda Rochford

Altar Server:

Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Bill Bethel,
Carly & Brandon Sadler

1/23/2022 11:15 AM

Greeters: Gracie Troncalli, Frank Troncalli

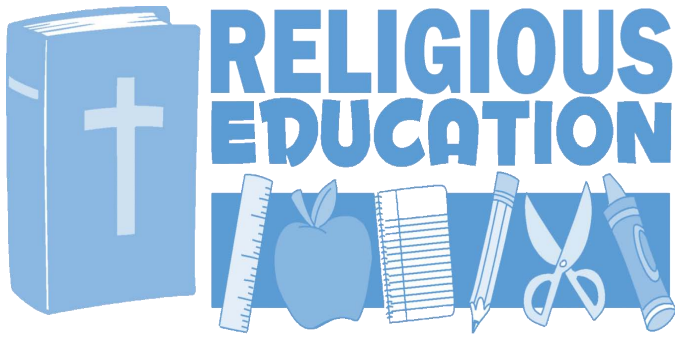
Lectors: Mark Johnson Jr., Lexie Smith

Ministers: Deacon, Doug Ross

Altar Server: Tommie Johnson,
Caleb Bluhm

Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Gregg Becnel
Lexie Smith, Emily Bluhm

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



The Start of Ordinary Time

Now that the Christmas season has officially ended for us Catholics, we have reached what is known as Ordinary Time in the Liturgical Year. Poinsettias begin to wilt, the vestments worn during mass return to green, and all of the nativity scenes and wreaths are packed away until next Advent.

Oftentimes, Catholics associate Ordinary time with mundaneness, or, a lack of excitement due to its name. However, Ordinary Time was named in reference to *ordinance*, or *ordinal*. Father Bill likens it to the military usage of the word *ordinance*, which is synonymous with "to reach a target".

When understood this way, then Ordinary Time becomes a time of continued preparation for the season that is to come: Lent and Easter. Some things you can do to take the monotony out of your Ordinary Time routine are: focus on the life of Christ, learn about the lives of Saints, and try new prayers and devotions with your family.

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FAITH AT HOME

Parish Code: **JRQNH8**

Looking Ahead:

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

January 23rd - Religious Education 9:45AM -11AM.

January 30th - Religious Education 9:45AM -11AM.

February 6th - Religious Education 9:45AM -11AM.



Youth group will begin meeting again on Wednesday, January 19th at 6:00PM! Join us for food, fellowship and to dive into the Word of our Lord!

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

-2 Corinthians 5:17

You are invited to dialogue



Wednesday, January 19, 2022
Sacred Heart of Jesus, Anniston, AL
6:00-8:00 pm

Pope Francis has invited all the People of God into a special period of dialogue, listening to the Holy Spirit and to one another to discover how we can more closely and fruitfully journey together as the Body of Christ.

Father Bill invites all to a special dialogue session convened by Bishop Raica for the people of our parish community and those within our parish boundaries, and other parishes in our region.

To learn more about this period of prayerful consultation, please visit:

Calendar for January 16, 2022—January 23, 2022

Sunday January 16

Masses 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE-9:45 am

Holy Hour 7:00-8:00 pm



Monday— January 17 MLK Jr. Day

Mass 9:00 am

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday— January 18

Mass 9:00 am

RCIA— 7:00 pm

Wednesday—January 19

Mass 7:00 pm

Youth Group— 6:00 pm

Pastoral Council— 7:30 pm

Thursday— January 20

Mass 9:00 am

Friday— January 21

Mass 9:00 am

Saturday— January 22

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass 5:00 pm

Pilgrim Virgin-6:30 pm Parish Hall

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