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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, February 19, 2022
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, February 20, 2022
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 20, 2022

*"Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and
abounding in kindness." —Psalm 103:8*



Feb 21 - Feb 27

- Monday:** Jan Bowman by Sharon Stice †
Tuesday: Richard Smith by Walton Smith
Wednesday: Rafael Herrera by Erasmo Herrera †
Thursday: Fr. Paul Rohling by Terry & Rita Rumore
Friday: Saul Serrano by James & Gloria Raynor †
Saturday: Trudi & Andy McClay by the Zielinkis †
Sunday: For the People
Alvaro Amaya by Sharon Stice †

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Jacky Johnson, Ron & Diana Markevich,
Walton Smith, Juanita Crowson, Toni James,
Bob Walsh, Sarah Svetlay, Fred Brown, Silvia
Moten, Mary & Wayne Adams, Herb & Sherry
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, Tom Welch, Lance Stella,
Monsignor Sexton

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

Weekly Readings February 21—February 27

- Monday:** Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10,
15; Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4
-6; Mt 16:13-19
- Wednesday:** Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-
11; Mk 9:38-40
- Thursday:** Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20;
Mk 9:41-50
- Friday:** Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-
9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12
- Saturday:** Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3,
8; Mk 10:13-16
- Sunday:** Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-
16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk
6:39-45

Today's Readings



First Reading — David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

Gospel — Give to everyone who asks of you. Lend expecting nothing back (Luke 6:27-38).

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Pope St. Leo XIII first published a prayer to St. Michael the Archangel in 1886. It was based on the scripture passage found in the Book of Revelation, Chapter 12, 7-9, where God's angels, led by St. Michael defeat Satan and his angels and cast them out of Heaven. The devil and his angels were thrown down to earth (v. 9), where they wage war against the offspring of God, that is, the Church (v. 17).

There have been different editions of the prayer. There are official and unofficial translations. The one used in our parish is:

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in the hour of battle.

Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares

of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,

and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host,

by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan, and, with him,

all the other evil spirits who prowl about the world

seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

The prayer was prayed at the conclusion of weekday Mass in the parish before my arrival. In the Fall of 2018, when more revelations of clergy sexual abuse in the Church came to light, some parishioners asked if we could pray the prayer at Sunday Mass as well.

In Matthew, Chapter 16, Jesus promises Peter that "the gates of hell" will not prevail against the Church. Jesus never promised that the Devil would stop trying to destroy the Church, just that he would never succeed. Satan's goal is to separate us from God. We need spiritual help to prevent that from happening. God sends St. Michael the Archangel to assist us.

Weekend Columbarium Sales– February 19 and 20, 2022

We will be in the parish hall after each Mass this weekend selling the rights to use the niches in our Columbarium. Information packets will be available at that time 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 would like to purchase a niche or need more information.

Offertory Collection

July 2021 — June 2022

	Actual	Needed weekly
Feb 13 Offertory	\$10,033	\$6,500
Year to Date	\$227,050	\$214,500

Alabama Public Television to air New Documentary-Father James E. Coyle: Life and Legacy

February 24th at 8:30 pm CST

Faith in the place of fear, perseverance amidst persecution, the courage to combat the rhetoric of the Ku Klux Klan, all describe the character of a Birmingham, Alabama Catholic priest who faced his martyrdom on August 11, 1921. This documentary is because of what happened in Birmingham 100 years ago and should not be forgotten. Learn more at FatherCoyle.org.



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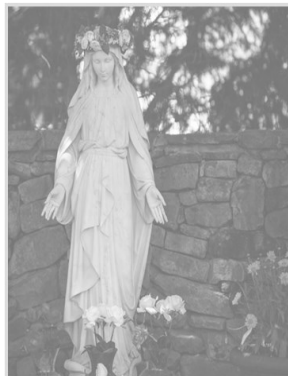
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Council meetings are open to all parishioners, and are typically on the third Wed. of the month after Mass.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR 8:30 MASS

The parish needs volunteers to assist at the altar for the 8:30 Sunday morning Mass. **You can be any age, adults included.** If you are interested, please speak to either Stephen Reese or Father Bill.



Knights of Columbus Prayer Service

*Our Lady of the Lake Grotto
Saturday March 5, 2022
10:00 am*

Everyone is Invited!

Donuts and coffee will be served.

In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held in the Parish Hall.

Contact Bernie Funderburg with questions at 205-405-6382

FINAL RESULTS FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The final report from the 2022 Catholic Charities Pledge Drive is in. The news is not good. Our parish goal was \$55,000. The amount pledged and contributed from our parish was \$50,534 (92%). Out of 317 accounts, 215 responded (68%).

Worse, for the Diocese of Birmingham as a whole, the goal was \$4,513,000. The total pledged and contributed was \$3,964,629. That figure is roughly 87% of the goal. Because a pledge drive can usually expect a 10% default rate on pledges, the expected income is projected to be \$950,000 below the goal. Cuts of up to 20% will need to be made to the apostolates funded by Catholic Charities.

If you plan to make a pledge or contribution to Catholic Charities for 2022, please do so as soon as possible. It would raise the morale of the people who labor in our diocese to bring the love of Jesus Christ to those in most need of it.

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 February - 353 cans
Please consider donating \$1 per week



Celebrate this year Valentine with a gift for the person who loves you-your spouse. Make time for one another by focusing your attention on each other during the next Marriage Encounter weekend. Step forward during this month of love to a renewed commitment to your spouse.

The next weekend in the diocese of Birmingham is scheduled on March 25-27, 2022 at St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman. You can get more information or register online www.wwme.org or by calling Frank and Kathryn Wessling at 205-530-3607.

Assignments

February 23, 2022 - February 27, 2022

WEDNESDAY MASS

2/23/2022 7:00 PM

Lector: Bernie Funderburg

Ministers: Deacon

SATURDAY EVENING MASS

2/26/2022 5:00 PM

Greeters: Karen Hand, Dawn Adamson

Lector: Sarah Brazzolotto

Ministers: Deacon, Susan Moseley

Altar Server: M. Gagliano, Tom Graffo

Ushers: Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

SUNDAY MASS

2/27/2022 8:30 AM

Greeters: Bill Bethel, Shelly Hamman

Lectors: Jane Snider, Jorge Solis

Ministers: Deacon, Joe Hoffert

Altar Server:

Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Bill Bethel, John Cardenas, Laura Headley

2/27/2022 11:15 AM

Greeters: Maria Jimenez, Patrick Cowart
Patsy Lopez de Victoria

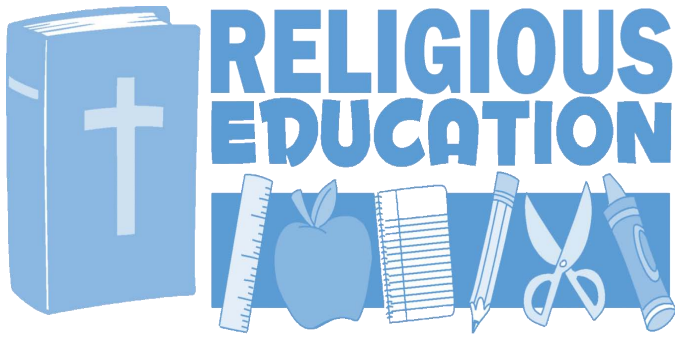
Lectors: Doug Ross, Mary Adams

Ministers: Deacon, Bernie Funderburg

Altar Servers: Tommie Johnson, Destiny Markevich

Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Emily Bluhm
Katie Boyle, Lexie Smith

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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Being Merciful

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells us to be more kind and generous to other than they are to us. He tells us that the way we treat others is how God will treat us.

Has anyone ever been unkind to you and you felt like getting even by being mean back?

Jesus tells us that what we should do instead is be extra kind to that person. Sometimes we do mean or selfish things too, and we hope that God will forgive us.

What our Lord is talking about is called **mercy**. Mercy means being nicer to a person than they deserve. God is the most merciful of all and we should try our best to be like Him. Next time someone is mean to you, ask Jesus to help you forgive that person and be kind to them.

Source: The Kids' Bulletin

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FAITH AT HOME

Parish Code: **JRQNH8**

Looking Ahead:

February 20th - No R.E.

February 27th - Religious Education 9:45AM - 11AM.

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

March 13th - Religious Education 9:45AM - 11AM.



Check out our new youth and adult ministries! Join us on Wednesdays at 6PM for food, fellowship, and reflection on His Word! ALL ages are welcome!

Contact Jim Mathis for more information:

jimmathis.oll@gmail.com

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous hand."

- Isaiah 41:10



Shower of Blessings February 27, 2022

Please join us for the Shower of Blessings on February 27th between Masses in the Parish Hall.

Father Bill will be the speaker for our shower which benefits Ann's New Life Center. Please bring your filled baby bottles to the Shower of Blessings or leave them in the foyer or church office to pick up.

Ann's New Life Center has been blessed with all items that go into a diaper bag, but have no diaper bags. A special request this year from the Director, Gabby Martin is for diaper bags and diaper backpacks. In addition, there is a need for copy paper, stamps and baby wipes.

Thank you!

Pontifical Servers

The *Pontifical Servers* consists of a group of well-trained young men (8th grade through college age) who serve at those sacred liturgies and other ceremonies at which the bishop presides, both in the Cathedral of St. Paul and throughout the diocese. With the recommendation of their pastors, new servers are invited to register at <https://bhmdiocese.org/pontifical-altar-servers>. More information about the group as well as training and fraternal opportunities can be found on the same website.

Sunday February 20

Mass 8:30 & 11:15 am

No RE

Holy Hour— 7:00-8:00 pm



Monday— February 21

Mass 9:00 am

Tuesday— February 22

Mass 9:00 am

RCIA— 7:00 pm

Wednesday—February 23

Mass 7:00 pm

Youth Group— 6:00 pm

Adult Religious Study Group— 6:00 pm

Thursday— February 24

Mass 9:00 am

Liturgy Committee— 6:00 pm

Friday— February 25

Mass 9:00 am

Saturday— February 26

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday February 27

Mass 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE— 9:45 AM

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