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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, July 30, 2022
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, June 31, 2022
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 31, 2022

*Teach us to number our days aright, that we may
gain wisdom of heart.*
—Psalm 90:12



August 1 - August 7

- Monday:** Justin Hill by the Urbanak family †
- Tuesday:** Nathan Gagmon by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
- Wednesday:** Bettye Carrico by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
- Thursday:** Mary Sue Landman by Fr. William Lucas †
- Friday:** Rohan B. LaFleur by Charles & Libby LaFleur †
- Saturday:** Paul Boyle Sr. by Jerry & Brenda Kern †
- Sunday:** Carol Lindsay by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore †
For the People

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Ron & Diana Markevich, Walton Smith,
Juanita Crowson, Toni James, Bob Walsh,
Sarah Svetlay, Fred Brown, Silvia Moten,
Wayne Adams, Herb & Sherry Kuntz, Bill &
Loretta Frost, David & Audrey Springer,
Christine Jaks, Jeanie Reid, Ruth Stanley,
Jackie Thoma, Janice Stella, Frank Troncilli,
Angela Ledlow, Michael Brayman, Shannon
Ray, Mark Boyle, Lee Walser, Geri Bunt, Jay
Benson, Charles & Libby LaFleur, Bill Trussell,
Marcia Morteck, Paula Hereford, Margaret
Carroll, James Reilly, Benny Goodman, Greg
Randle, Julius Beavers Janie Gallegly,
Margaret Banks

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 August 1—August 7

- Monday:** Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday:** Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36
- Wednesday:** Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday:** Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23
- Friday:** Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28
- Saturday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
- Sunday:** Ez 3:17-21, Ps 117:1bc, 2; Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:35-10:1

Today's Readings



First Reading — Do not spend your life toiling for material gain (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Christ has raised you to new life, so seek now what is above (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11).

Gospel — Be on guard against all greed, for your life does not consist of earthly possessions, but of the riches of the reign of God (Luke 12:13-21).

THE PRIESTHOOD

A priest is a minister of Jesus Christ. A minister is one who serves. First, the priest serves Jesus Christ. His duty is to serve Jesus Christ in all he does. Second, he is an instrument Jesus Christ uses to serve His people. For example, when a priest pronounces absolution in the sacrament of Reconciliation, it is Jesus Christ who is forgiving sins.

“The priesthood of presbyters is conferred by a special sacrament which, by the anointing of the holy Spirit, puts a special stamp on them and so conforms them to Christ the priest in such a way that they are able to act in the person of Christ the head.” (“Ministry and Life of Priests, #2)

During the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest stands at the “head” of the altar because he is acting, “in persona Christi capitis”- in “the person of Christ the head”. In a way, the priest himself should disappear, so that people will recognize only Christ. There is only one priesthood, that of Jesus Christ, and the priest has a share in it.

One of the duties of a priest, both Old and New Testament, is to intercede to God for the needs of others. He does this during the sacramental liturgy, especially the Mass. He also does it during his personal prayer. A priest is a “man for others”.

A priest is a leader, but he is a servant leader. He shepherds sheep who are not his own. The flock belongs to Jesus Christ. But He chooses shepherds to tend and nurture His flock; to bind up their wounds, to defend them from predators, and help them find sustenance.

“The whole Christian people ought to be made aware that it is their duty to cooperate in their various ways, both in earnest prayer and by other means available to them, to ensure that the church will always have those priests who are needed for the fulfillment of its divine mission.” (Ministry and Life of Priests”, #11)

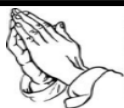
FIRST SATURDAY MASS

We will continue with our First Saturday Mass in August. The Mass will be held at 9:00 a.m. on August 6th. These Masses will be offered on a temporary basis for six months to see if there is interest in the parish for this devotion.

At Fatima, Mary promised to those who made the five consecutive First Saturdays that she would assist them at the hour of death with the grace of perseverance, which is necessary for salvation. To fulfill the devotion one must pray the rosary, go to confession, and receive communion, then spend 15 minutes in meditation on one of the mysteries of the rosary.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Catholic Church, RCIA may be what you are looking for. It is a process of learning the teachings of the Catholic Church and praying for God's guidance to help you decide if God is calling you to join the Church. Sessions begin on Tuesday, August 23rd. We begin each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. and finish no later than 8:30 p.m.



Mass at St. Vincent's Chapel

Wednesday morning Mass has resumed at St. Vincent's Hospital St. Clair. Mass is scheduled at **8:30 am**. The Mass is held in the chapel on the first floor. It is held every Wednesday, as long as Father Sexton or Father Bill are available.

Bible Study Group

Please join us for a special Bible Study studying the Book of Sirach. The group will meet each Tuesday morning at 9:45 am in the Parish Hall.



Offertory Collection

July 2022 — June 2023

	Actual	Needed weekly
July 17 Offertory	\$4,896	\$6,774
Year to Date	\$21,090	\$20,322



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

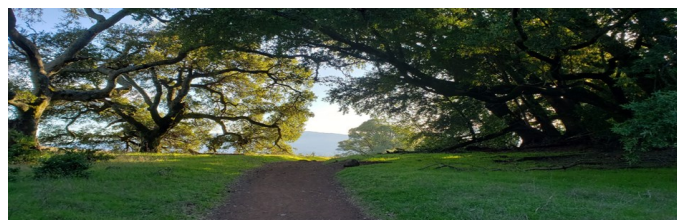


Holy Land Gifts Olive Wood Carvings September 3 and 4, 2022 Masses

The Rashmawi family who are volunteer members from the Roman Catholic Church in Bethlehem, will be selling their olive wood gifts.

They will speak to us about the dire Christian situation in the Holy Land. Their religious crafts are made in home workshops by Catholic families who make their day to day living by selling them to pilgrims and tourists that visit the holy sites and shrines.

The Christian community relies on services offered to pilgrims as a main source of income for the community. Olive wood items and carvings are the only tangible products they can produce and export. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment opportunities and monetary funds for 600 Catholic Families in Bethlehem. Please consider these gifts for your family, friends, and yourself and be as generous as God is to you.



THE HEALING ROAD: MOVING THROUGH THE CHANGE WEEKEND RETREAT

**FRIDAY AUGUST 26—SUNDAY AUGUST 28,
2022**

**Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat
107 Holy Trinity Rd
Ft. Mitchell, AL 36856**

Everyone experiences at one time or another life events that bring them to their knees, where Hope and Light fade. The Healing Road retreat participant has an opportunity to tune in to God's healing presence in the context of prayer fellowship and wisdom words.

Check in Friday night from 6-7 pm EST. Retreat begins at 7 pm EST and ends after lunch on Sunday.

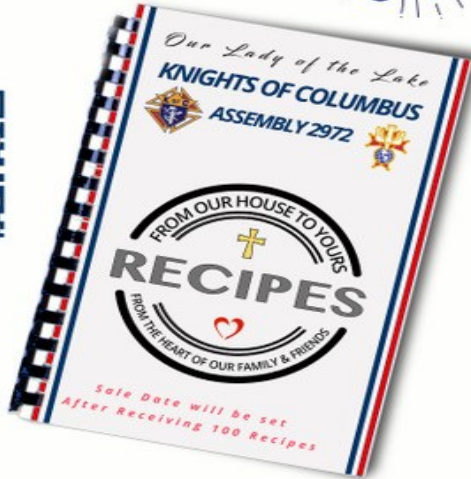
Contact Cindy Hoover, MCA at 334-614-8669 or email cjhoover_99@yahoo.com. Cost is \$200/person (\$85 non-refundable). Day Hop is \$95/person (\$40 non-refundable).

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Our Lady of the Lake Recipe Book.

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Honor Guard Uniform Fund

<https://ollpellcity.com/recipe-submittal/>



Let's Remember a Priest Killed in the Line of Duty

Annual Father James E. Coyle Memorial Mass
Celebrant, Bishop Steven J. Raica
Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.
Reception and Reflections on Father Coyle
Cathedral of St. Paul
2120 3rd Ave North
Birmingham, AL
205-447-8796 or www.fathercoyle.org

On August 11, 1921 Fr. Coyle was shot and fatally wounded as he sat in the swing on his rectory front porch by an enraged minister whose daughter's marriage to a dark-skinned Puerto Rican Father Coyle had presided over less than two hours before he was shot.

"Father Cole was a martyr to duty"

The Rt. Rev. Edward Allen, Bishop of Mobile— 8/12/1921

Assignments

August 3, 2022 - August 7, 2022

WEDNESDAY MASS

8/3/2022 7:00 PM

Lector: Charmaine Welch
Ministers: Deacon

SATURDAY MASS

8/6/2022 5:00 PM

Greeters: Paige Everett, Loretta Frost
Lector: Allen Ross
Ministers: Tom Graffo, Susan Moseley
Altar Servers: Bernie & Corey Funderburg
Ushers: Amy Carreker, Jim Gorman

SUNDAY MASS

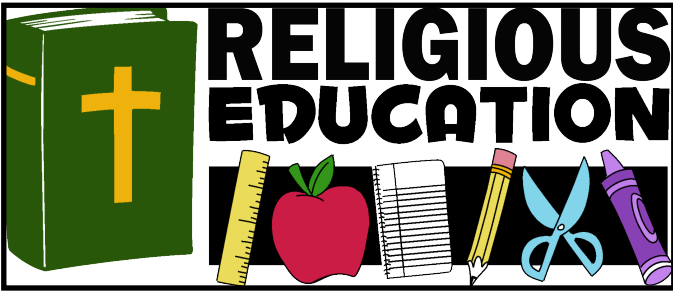
8/7/2022 8:30 AM

Greeters: Crapet/Freeman/Landman
Lectors: Meagan Price, Alexis Allor
Ministers: Sonya Lewis, Anita Allor
Altar Server: John Bryant, Jeff Reach
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Bill Bethel,
Bart Perry

8/7/2022 11:15 AM

Greeters: The Bluhm Family
Lectors: Gloria Raynor, Larry Foltz
Ministers: James Raynor, Sophie Alvarez
Altar Servers: Jhon Paul & Natalie Rodgers
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Katie Boyle,
Emily Bluhm, Lexie Smith

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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Interested in volunteering to be a Catechist?

If you are interested in being a Catechist for this upcoming school year, please contact Jim by phone or email.

Jim Mathis, DRE.

205.405.6028

jimmathis.oll@gmail.com

FORMED

FAITH AT HOME

Parish Code: JRQNH8

Looking Ahead:

**July 31st - Back to School Bash
4PM at OLL!**

**August 21st - First day of RE /
Reception / Parent Meeting
9:45AM.**



R.E. Registration!

**[http://ollpellcity.com/
home/religious-
education/](http://ollpellcity.com/home/religious-education/)**

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”

- Mark 12:30

eGiving 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 direct debit to your parish offerings in much the same way as you do for other expenses.

You may enroll by visiting our website, or logging in directly to faith.direct/AL1065.

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 as of July 17 - 181 cans

Please consider donating \$1 per week



Sunday— July 31

Knights of Columbus Mass 8:30 am
Mass 11:15 am
Back to School Social-4:00 pm- Church Grounds

Monday— August 1

Mass 9:00 am

Tuesday— August 2

Mass 9:00 am
Bible Study Group-9:45 am

Wednesday—August 3

Mass 7:00 pm

Thursday— August 4

Mass 9:00 am
Legion of Mary— 7:00 pm

Friday— August 5

Mass 9:00 am
First Friday Adoration— 9:30-10:30 am

Saturday— August 6

First Saturday Mass— 9:00 am
Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday— August 7

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am
Catechists' Retreat—2:00 pm

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NOVENA TO ST. JOHN MARIE BAPTISTE VIANNEY

IN PREPARATION FOR THE TRANSFERRED FEAST OF THE SECONDARY PATRON OF THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA

DAY 1 – JULY 30

We have not deserved to pray — but God, in his goodness, has permitted us to speak with Him. — St. John Vianney.

Saint John Marie Baptiste Vianney, you were born of a deeply religious mother; from her you received the Holy Faith; you learned to love God and to pray. At a young age, you were seen kneeling in front of the statue of Mary. Your soul was supernaturally carried towards the things on High. Despite the high cost, you answered your vocation! Against many obstacles and contradictions, you had to fight and suffer to become the perfect priest which you were. But your deep spirit of faith supported you in all these battles.

O most holy Saint John Vianney, you were a priest who was outstanding in pastoral zeal. May priests today be filled with that zeal, faithful to their calling, refreshed in their labors by the Holy Spirit, supported by their fellow workers and appreciated by those whose lives they touch. Dear Curé of Ars, pray for us, but especially for all priests!

Holy Priest of Ars, I have confidence in your intercession. Pray for me during this novena, and especially for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood for the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

DAY 2 – JULY 31

When we pray with attention, with humility of mind and of heart, we penetrate the Bosom of God,

Saint John Marie Baptiste Vianney, you were so adamant against sin, yet so sympathetic and so ready to welcome the sinner. I come to you today as if you were still alive, as if I were kneeling at your feet and you could hear me. Bend towards me, listen to the repentant miserable deeds of mine.

Priest of the Lord, inexhaustible Confessor, obtain for me the horror for sin. You wanted us first to avoid the occasion of sin. I want to take your advice and make the resolution to break bad habits and to avoid the dangerous occasions of sin. Help me today to examine my conscience.

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DAY 4 – AUGUST 2

It is a beautiful thought, my children, that we have a sacrament that heals the wounds of our souls! — St. John Vianney

O Holy Priest of Ars, you knew how important was a good confession for the Christian life. It was to procure the happy fruits of millions of souls that you agreed to be in an uncomfortable confessional, which was like a prison, up to 15 to 16 hours on certain days.

I will try to develop the habit of frequent confession, to prepare properly each time and to have always regret for my sins, so that the grace of final perseverance but also the sanctification of my soul will be assured. Ask this grace for me.

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DAY 3 – AUGUST 1

How good is the Good God! The angels sin, and are cast into hell. Man sins, and God promises him a Deliverer. What have we done to deserve this favor? — St. John Vianney

DAY 5 – AUGUST 3

When we have just received communion, if we were asked what are we taking away to our homes, we might answer, 'I am taking away Heaven!' — St. John Vianney

O Holy Priest of Ars, whose only comfort in this world was the real presence of Jesus in the tabernacle was it not your great joy to distribute the Eucharist to the pilgrims who visited you? You refused Communion to the souls who refused to reform but to souls of goodwill you opened wide the doors of the Eucharistic Feast.

You, who each day at Holy Mass received Holy Communion with great love, give me some of your fervor. With freedom from mortal sin, obtain for me a sincere desire to profit from receiving Holy Communion.

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DAY 6 – AUGUST 4

In Heaven, faith and hope will exist no more for the mist which obscures our reason will be dispelled... But love; oh we shall be inherited with it! We shall be drowned, lost in that ocean of divine love, annihilated in that immense charity of the Heart of Jesus! So that charity is a forerunner of Heaven. — St. John Vianney

Saint John Marie Baptiste Vianney, because of your love of God you showed great charity towards your neighbor. You could not preach on the Love of God without burning tears of love. During your last years, it seemed as though you could not talk about anything else or live for anything else. Thus you sacrificed yourself to your neighbor by consoling, absolving and sanctifying them to the limits of your strength.

Your charity inspires me to greater love of God, a love which is shown more by acts than by words. Help me to love my neighbor generously as Christ loves them.

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DAY 7 – AUGUST 5

See, my children, if we really wish to be saved, we must determine, once and for all, to labor in earnest for our salvation; our soul is like a garden in which the weeds are ever ready to choke the good plants and flowers that have been sown in it. — St. John Vianney

O Holy Priest of Ars, the infamous attacks of the devil which you had to suffer and the trials which disheartened you by fatigue would not make you give up the sublime task of converting souls. The devil came to you for many years to disturb your short rest but you won because of mortification and prayer.

Powerful protector, you know the temptor's desire to harm my baptized and believing soul. He would have me sin, by rejecting the Holy Sacraments and the life of virtue. But good Saint of Ars, dispel from me the traces of the enemy.

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DAY 8 – AUGUST 6

Three things are wanted to preserve purity: the presence of God, prayer and the sacraments. — St. John Vianney

O Holy Priest of Ars, a witness of your life made this magnificent praise of you: "We would have taken him for an angel in a mortal body."

You so effused purity: the modesty and the exquisite piety radiated from your body. With such charm and with such enthusiasm you preached to others about these beautiful virtues which you said resembled the perfume of a vineyard in bloom.

Please I beg you to join your entreaties to those of Mary Immaculate and Saint Philomena in order that I guard always,

as God asks me, the purity of my heart. You, who have directed so many souls towards the heights of virtue, defend me in temptations and obtain for me the strength to conquer them.

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DAY 9 – AUGUST 7

To love the good God with our whole heart is to prefer Him to everything...to love nothing that is incompatible with the love of God. To love the good God with our whole mind is to think of Him often, and to make it our principal study to know Him well. To love the good God with all our strength is to employ our possessions, our health, and our talents, in serving Him and glorifying Him. It is to refer all our actions to Him, as our last end. — St. John Vianney

O Holy Priest of Ars, your precious remains are contained in a magnificent reliquary, the donation from the priests of France. But this earthly glory is only a very pale image of the unspeakable glory which you are enjoying with God. During the time you were on earth, you used to repeat in your dejected hours, "one will rest in the other life." It is done, you are in eternal peace, and eternal happiness. I desire to follow you one day. Until then, I hear you saying to me:

"You should work and fight as long as you are in the world."

Teach me then to work for the salvation of my soul, to spread the good news and good example and to do good towards those around me in order that I will receive the happiness of the Elect with you.

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