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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. - 4:45 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, December 10, 2022  
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 11, 2022  
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

### Third Sunday of Advent December 11, 2022



*Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.*  
—Matthew 11:10



December 12 - December 18

- Monday:** Edward Smallwood by Bob & Karen Hand †
- Tuesday:** Sr. Janet Marie Flemming  
by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
- Wednesday:** Patti Benson by Sharon Stice †
- Thursday:** Flor Gonzalez by James & Gloria Raynor †
- Friday:** Theresa Smith by Walton Smith †
- Saturday:** Trudi & Andy McClay by the Zielinskis †
- Sunday:** Tony McRae by Sharon Stice †  
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, Sylvia Moten, Wayne Adams, Herb & Sherry Kuntz, Bill & Loretta Frost, David & Audrey Springer, Christine Jaks, Jeanie Reid, Ruth Stanley, Jackie Thoma, Janice Stella, Frank Troncalli, Angela Ledlow, Michael Brayman, Shannon Ray, Lee Walser, Geri Bunt, Jay Benson, Charles & Libby LaFleur, Marcia Mortek, Benny Goodman, Margaret Banks, Jose Riveria, Helen Turner, George Sobolowski, Darrell & Teresa Reeser, Jimmy Hollis, William Konnor Stone, Bit Thomaston, Marti Baird

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 12—December 18

- Monday:** Zec 2:14-17; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday:** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
- Thursday:** Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
- Friday:** Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
- Saturday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- Sunday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

### Today's Readings



**First Reading** — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. Tired bodies will receive strength. Aching hearts will be made glad (Isaiah 11:35:1-6a,10).

**Psalm** — The Lord saves us when he comes (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

**Gospel** — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

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## REJOICE

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent. It is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*, from the Latin word meaning, "rejoice." The rose-colored candle is lighted on the Advent Wreath and rose-colored vestment may be worn.

The entrance antiphon for the Mass today comes from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians, Chapter 4, verses 4 & 5: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near."

It is important to remember that St. Paul is writing these words from prison. He believes his imprisonment is leading to the furthering of the Gospel. He believes his suffering is inspiring others to greater faith. He believes that his circumstances are leading to the purification of the Church's faith as well as his own personal faith.

Why do we rejoice today? Because the Lord is near. Whatever is happening in our lives and in our world, we can endure it with the strength provided by Christ. Every day is an opportunity to purify our faith because we believe God will never give us more than we can handle. We do not bear our crosses alone. Jesus Christ helps us to carry them.

Another translation of, "Your kindness should be known to all." Is "Everyone should see how unselfish you are." By putting the needs of others ahead of our own needs, we will find the lasting joy that the passing things of this world cannot give. Advent can be a time of joy if we focus on the needs of others rather than our own needs.

If we hope, we should hope in the Lord. If we seek peace, we should seek peace in the Lord. If we rejoice, we should rejoice in the Lord. And if we love, we should be instruments of God's love for the world. That way, Christmas will find us greeting Christ with minds and hearts renewed. We will be able to rejoice in the Lord always.

## Communal Penance Service

The parish communal penance service for Advent will be held on **Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 pm**. Father Bill and Father Sexton will both be available for confessions. This is a good way to prepare for the Christmas season!

## Our Lady of the Lake 2022 Christmas Mass Schedule

**Saturday, December 24 – 4:30 pm**

**Saturday, December 24 - 8:30 pm**

**Sunday, December 25 – 9:00 am**



**The Choir will be singing Christmas Carols  
1/2 hour before each Christmas Eve Mass.**

## MISSA EN ESPANOL (MASS IN SPANISH)

Beginning on January 11th, the monthly Second Wednesday Mass and Holy Hour will be in Spanish. The new missalette contains the English translation on the facing page. All are invited to attend, but the readings and prayers will be in Spanish.

*Empezando el 11 de Enero, el segundo Miercoles la misa y Hora Santa serán en español.*

*El nuevo missal contiene la traduccion al Ingles en la pagina principal. Todos estan invitados pero las lecturas y oraciones serán en español.*

## Offertory Collection

July 2022 — June 2023

	Actual	Needed weekly
December 4 Offertory	\$6,830	\$6,774
Year to Date	\$153,611	\$155,802



**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.**



## Advent Wreath Candle Lighters

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Saturday, December 17, 2022**

5:00 pm Mass— Sam & Glenda Marston

**Sunday, December 18, 2022**

8:30 am Mass—The Solis Family

11:15 am Mass—The Funderburg Family



## MANANITAS

On Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> we will observe the *Mananitas*, the Prayer at Dawn for the Virgin Mary on the Solemnity of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will begin in the church at 6:00 a.m. The prayers will be in both Spanish and English. A continental breakfast will be served afterwards.

### MAÑANITAS A LA VIRGEN

El lunes, 12 de Diciembre celebraremos a la Virgen María por la solémnidad de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe con la Mañanitas al amanecer. Iniciaremos en la Iglesia a las 6:00 a.m. Las oraciones serán en Inglés y Español. Finalizaremos con un almuerzo continental.

## POSADAS

At the monthly Pilgrim Virgin gathering on December 17<sup>th</sup>, we will be doing the *Posadas*, the welcoming of the Holy Family to the Inn. A meal with “more than enough” will follow. We will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome.

*Durante la celebración mensual de la Virgen Peregrina el 17 de Diciembre, celebraremos Una posada, para recordar y meditar el camino de la Sagrada Familia y su bienvenida al meson, habrá piñata y dulces para los niños y cena. Iniciaremos a las 6:30 p.m en el salón parroquial. Todos son bienvenidos.*

## Bishop Robert Barron's

# "THE CREED"

The keys that unlock the beliefs of the Christian Faith are stated in the Nicene Creed, which we pray at every Sunday Mass. This formal statement of Faith is the foundation of Christianity, and to this day, most Christians around the world would subscribe to it.

Please join us as we explore the Creed with Bishop Robert Barron in a new Study . Only two sessions remain. Presentations will be on Sunday between the Masses and again on Monday night at 7:00 pm

**December 11-12** - Episode. 5 – Holy Spirit, the Giver of Life...

**December 18-19** - Episode. 6 – One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church....



## *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 December– 69 cans**  
Please consider donating \$1 per week

## *Assignments*

*December 14, 2022 - December 18, 2022*

### **WEDNESDAY MASS**

**12/14/2022 7:00 PM**

**Lector:** Teri Gagliano  
**Ministers:** Deacon

### **SATURDAY MASS**

**12/17/2022 5:00 PM**

**Greeters:** Karen Hand, Dawn Adamson  
**Lector:** Martha Hayes  
Marguerite Gorman  
**Ministers:** Edgar Solis, Dawn Adamson  
**Altar Servers:** John Bryant, Chris Gallegly  
**Ushers:** Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

### **SUNDAY MASS**

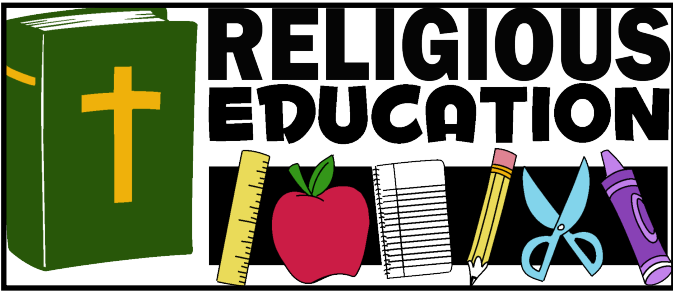
**12/18/2022 8:30 AM**

**Greeters:** Bill Bethell, Dennis Veigl  
**Lectors:** Mary Burns, Dennis Veigl  
**Ministers:** Carly Sadler, Patrick Everett,  
Jorge Solis, Stephen Reese  
**Altar Servers:** Sophie Alvarez, Ronni Thomas  
**Ushers:** Michael Gagliano, Bill Bethell  
Phillip Thomaston, Belia Solis

**12/18/2022 11:15 AM**

**Greeters:** Sonya Lewis, Brenda Monte  
**Lectors:** Lexie Smith, Larry Foltz  
**Ministers:** Sonja Lewis, Bernie Funderburg,  
Lexie Smith, Buddy Spradley  
**Altar Servers:** Tommie Ann Johnson  
Ethan Myers  
**Ushers:** Lexie Smith, Andy Payant,  
Emily Bluhm. TBD

If you are unable to keep your assignment, please find a substitute. Arrive 15 minutes ahead of Mass and sign in at the back of the church.



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Advent is Half Over

Today is the third Sunday of Advent. That means that half the wait is over! If you have an advent wreath, this is the week to light the pink candle. Pink is a symbol of joy we have because we're halfway to Christmas.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the people that John the Baptist was a prophet and messenger. A prophet is someone who tells the truth. In the Old Testament the prophets told God's people the truth about God. Saint John was a prophet because he told the people that the Messiah, or savior, was coming soon and that they needed to repent of their sins.

Saint John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus by calling people to repentance. You can help prepare for Christmas by thinking and talking about how Jesus came to earth on the first Christmas. Can you tell somebody the story of the first Christmas today?

*Source: The Kids' Bulletin*

# FORMED

FAITH AT HOME

Parish Code: JRQNH8

## Looking Ahead:

December 11th - RE 9:45am-11am.  
Student Confessions (1st Reconciliation)

December 18th - RE 9:45am-11am

December 25th - Mass 9am; NO R.E.

**Merry Christmas!**

**January 1st - Happy New Year! No R.E.**

**January 8th - R.E. Second Semester begins.**



## Youth Group!

*Join us on Wednesday nights 5:30-7pm for food, fellowship, and fun!*

*Jr. Youth - K-5*

*Sr. Youth - 6-12*

“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



*Save The Date*  
**For National Wreaths  
 Across America Day!**  
**December 17, 2022**




Contact John Bryant for additional details.  
 japb@mindspring.com / 205-541-1604

**HOMEBOUND AND HOSPITALIZED**

If you are unable to get to Mass and would like to receive communion or have a visit from a priest or deacon, please call the parish office and let us know.

The phone number is 205-525-5161.

Also, Deacon Serge's number is 205-753-3230; Deacon Lee's number is 205-936-9330; Deacon Terry's number is 205-253-9223.

**Ushers Needed!**

We are in need of Ushers for the 11:15 am Mass on Sundays. Please see Michael Gagliano 205-937-8933 to volunteer.

**Sunday— December 11— 3rd Sunday Advent**

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE— 9:45 am

First Reconciliation

Confirmation Class Confessions

Adult Ed-The Creed— 9:45 am

**Monday— December 12**

Prayer at Dawn-

Our Lady of Guadalupe— 6:00 am

Mass 9:00 am

Adult Education-The Creed-7:00 pm

**Tuesday— December 13**

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study Group-9:45 am

RCIA— 7:00 pm

**Wednesday—December 14**

Mass 7:00 pm

Youth Group— 5:30 pm

Holy Hour/Adoration— 7:30 pm



**Thursday— December 15**

Communal Penance Service- 7:00 pm

**Friday— December 16**

Mass 9:00 am

**Saturday— December 17**

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass 5:00 pm

Pilgrim Virgin-Posadas— 6:30 pm

**Sunday— December 18— 4th Sunday Advent**

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE— 9:45 am

Adult Ed-The Creed— 9:45 am

Confessions Between Masses

Holy Hour— 7:00 pm



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