

Welcome to the Catholic Faith Communities

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE & ST. JAMES

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December 17, 2017 3rd Sunday of Advent

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

6:30 pm Confessions

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:00 am Confessions

8:30 am Mass † John Sobolik

9:00 am Holy Hour

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

10:30 am Mass Janelle Manning

Monday, December 25

**10:30 am Christmas Day Mass
Tri-Parish**

ST. JAMES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00 am Holy Hour

9:00 am Mass † Peter Gilles

9:30 am Confessions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

4:30 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Mass † Ambrose Klinnert

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

**4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass
† Carol Baland**

St. Edward

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:00 am Confessions

8:30 am Mass

9:00 am Holy Hour

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

8:00 am Confessions

8:30 am Mass

6:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass



God of the meek and the simple,
strip away the complexity we make for ourselves.
Free us from the things we think we should do,
and turn our minds and hearts to what you ask of us.
Help us to let go of worry and anxiety, judgment and
resentment, anger and self-righteousness.
May we faithfully embrace trust, gratitude, simplicity
and contentedness. Amen.

"Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the
Lord. ... Make your hearts firm,
because the coming of the Lord is at hand." Jas 5:7a, 8b

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Today we celebrate Gaudete Sunday, Gaudete meaning rejoice in Latin. We rejoice this Sunday, knowing that Jesus' coming is so close that we can feel it in our very being. We will sing, " My soul rejoices in my God" in the responsorial psalm. Let us take a moment today to put all the Christmas planning and worries aside and reflect on the wonderful gift God gave us in Jesus.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In what way do I witness the presence of Jesus in my life as I prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus into the world two thousand years ago?



Like Saint Francis of Assisi, let us be transformed by the love of Christ in order to live in simplicity and joy.

Our Lady of the Lake - 218-864-5619

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

10:30 AM MASS

Money Counters...Dec. 19.....Veronica, Lenny
Rosary.....Eileen Y
Lectors.....Steve N
Ushers.....Bob E, Jeff G, Dave & David H
Eucharistic Ministers.....Jean C, Jan H
.....Grace & Steve G, Joannie G, Jodi H
Altar Servers.....Jonah G, Thomas H
Money Baggers.....Jodi & Carolyn
Good Samaritan Mass 9:30Lenny M



MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

10:30 AM MASS

Rosary.....Volunteer
Lector.....Brett H
Ushers.....Darrell T, Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers. Jan H, Ruby V, Helen T
Altar Servers.....Isaac H, Volunteer
Money Baggers.....Volunteers

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

3:15 pm Rosary Good Samaritan

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

6:30 pm Confessions

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

5:30 pm Edge/Life Teen

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

No Faith Formation Pre K-5

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Edge - Life Teen

Classes Wednesday, December 20

Meal: Bosek, Worum

Faith Formation Pre K-5

NO Classes Sunday, December 24

FLOWER DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

If you would like to make a donation for Christmas Poinsettias, there are envelopes available in the pews. On the envelope, write the name of the person in whose memory you are making a donation and then place the envelope in the collection or turn it into the office.

Today, let us be still and listen to the voice of God. Let us listen to words which give us clear direction for how we are to live. If our sinfulness has made God seem out of reach or out of sight, let us turn to Him and return to Him. He will, once again, focus our priorities and open His arms. Let us trust in God's mercy, remember His kindness, and be grateful for His faithfulness. In our sacrament of reconciliation, let us be mindful of those times when we have failed to follow God's commandments and have contributed to strife and disunity. And let us resolve, once again, to cooperate in God's plan for our salvation.

RECURRING EVENTS

Mondays	3:15 pm Rosary Good Samaritan
First & Third Tuesday	9:30 am Mission Sewing Group
Second Tuesday	3:00 pm Direction for Our Times Prayer Group
	3:15 pm Good Samaritan Mass
Second Wednesday	2:15 pm Parish Service Group serves at Good Samaritan
2nd & 4th Saturday	8:00 am Men of Mary

Parish Office: 9:00 am-12:00 pm/1:00 pm-4:00 pm -**Bookkeeper:** Pat Jensen Phone 218-864-5619 -**Email** church@ollsj.org

Home Communion: Jean Cool - 218-864-5026 - **Prayer Chain:** Marge Condiff 218-864-8955 **Trustees:** Jim Altstadt 218-849-0999 & Jan Hallberg 218-864-5067 **Pastoral Council:** Brett Hallberg 612-669-3505, Richard Miller, Juan Herrera, Sheila Newark, Jodi Himmelpach, David Marso, Grace Girard & Joe Hjelmstad. **Finance Council:** Mark Cory 218-731-5577, Dawn Stavaas, Dave Schwieters & Rick Bleichner.

Our Lady of the Lake Mission Statement "Aided by the intercession of Our Lady of the Lake, we reach out with welcoming hospitality and focus on helping each person to develop a vibrant, Christ centered spiritual life through communal worship."

St. James - 218-495-2185

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 4:30 PM CONFESSIONS 5:00 PM MASS

Rosary.....B Novacek
Lectors.....EB Floersch, M Weaver
Eucharistic Ministers.....C & M Biegler
.....A Larson
Hospitality.....Hess Family
Gift Bearers.....Bakken Family
Ushers.....G Barry, D Adams., S & P Jensen
Altar Servers.....Ben, Caden
Money Baggers.....C Biegler, S Rocholl

4:00 PM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS

Lectors.....P Kusnierek, D Gerst
Eucharistic Ministers.....C Loecken
.....D Floersch, M Hauge
Hospitality.....Meek Family
Gift Bearers.....McKenzie Family
Ushers.....J Quaal, J & H Klinnert
Altar Servers.....Jayden, Jack

PRAYER CHAIN

We are going to re-do the prayer chain. Anyone who would rather receive their prayer requests by email, please notify Emma at 495-2173 (no email) or Kattie Meek at Kattiemeeek99@hotmail.com if you would prefer to continue with the phone where each person calls the next number on the list. Please let us know. Thank you Emma.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

Faith Formation **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** following 5:00 pm Mass also serving potluck

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:00 am Sewing

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:30 am Bible Study

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

Faith Formation following Mass

Faith Formation serves potluck the 1st, 3rd and 4th Saturdays they have class.

2nd Saturday work group serves the potluck.

RECURRING EVENTS

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| 2nd Monday | 9:00 am Circle 3 |
| 4th Monday | 7:00 pm CCW (Jan. April, July, Oct.) |
| Every Tuesday | 9:00 am Quilting Group |
| 2nd Tuesday | 6:30 pm Liturgy Meeting |
| 3rd Wednesday | 12:00 pm Senior Cards & Potluck |
| 4th Thursday | 6:00 pm Finance Council
7:00 pm Pastoral Council
(Jan. April, July, Oct.) |
| Every Friday | 9:30 am Bible Study (Not in Summer)
8:00 am St. James Men
We meet for the Rosary, fellowship, intercessory prayer and to review the weekend's Mass reading.
Please join us. |
| 2nd & 4th Saturdays | |

WE WILL HAVE PASTORAL COUNCIL

ELECTIONS DECEMBER 23RD

One woman and one man will be elected from the following list: **Women** (Pat Ellerbusch, Kelly Kraft, Amanda Stramer) **Men** (Paul Hess and Adam Meek)

Bookkeeper/Secretary: Pat Chermak 612-840-6289 **PLEASE SEND ALL INFORMATION FOR THE BULLETIN BY MONDAY NOON.**
New Member Registration and for the ill of the Parish: Arlene Larson 218-864-8279 **Prayer Chain:** Emma Ciliberti: 218-495-2173
Trustees: Denny Floersch: 218-205-5300 Dennis Fagerstrom 218-826-6729 **Pastoral Council:** Frank McKenzie: 218-826-6745

ST. James Mission Statement "In the 21st Century, the Lord is calling the whole church to the great work of "New Evangelization", that is, of helping every Christian grow in the knowledge, understanding and love of their Catholic Faith in order to propose and hand faith to others".

Vocations Mass

St. Henry, Perham January 11, 2018
(Note Second Tuesday)

6:00 pm Holy Hour with confessions
7:00 pm Mass

REFLECTION - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

There is one ... coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." Untying sandal straps was no prestigious job. In the days of John the Baptist, those straps would have been especially unpleasant to deal with. Besides the usual odors that accompany sockless leather footwear, there would have been the grime and dirt from the sandy roads and paths that swirled around the people who went everywhere on foot. Taking off someone's shoes upon their arrival was the task of the lowly servants. So when John says he's unworthy of doing this task for the "one who is coming after me," he is putting himself in a very humble position. And rightly so. John realizes that the Christ-the Anointed One, the Messiah is so far above him, so far above any of us, that we are truly unworthy of him. Indeed, the Son of God is not just the greatest of men; he is God-made-man and in his presence we most appropriately should bow in humble homage. Yet this God chose to stoop down to our human level and walk among us. He chose to get his sandals dirty.

And still today he chooses to allow us to encounter him as a friend and companion.

But as John reminds us by his example, this encounter with the Lord is not the result of our own merits or accomplishments. We are sinners who stand in need of Christ's help. But thanks be to God, he is always willing to extend this help to us. As St. Paul says in today's epistle, "May the God of peace make you perfectly holy." Indeed it is God who does the perfecting, not us by our own power. So let us approach the Lord this Advent season with a spirit of hopeful humility, trusting that God alone can make us worthy of welcoming his Son.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Pope Francis, Bishop Kettler, Fathers Paul Folsom, LeRoy Schik, LeRoy Maus, Timothy Wenzel, Stephen Beauclair OSB, Vincent Lieser, Stanley Wieser, Cletus Connor OSB, Robert Kieffer and all our Seminarians. Please also pray for our soldiers, all people living in fear around the world, and for the sanctity of all life.

Happy Birthday

- Dec. 17:** Mathias Christianson, Brien Poser
Dec 18: Joshua Bertrand, Darwin Krause, Vincent Schaefer, Frank Vogel
Dec. 19: Timothy McCarte, Ashley Quaal
Dec. 20: John Thoemke
Dec. 22: Phyllis Kusnierek, Devin Meek
Dec. 23: Judith Wicklund
Dec. 24: Nicholas Drusch, Steve Jensen, Patricia Schaefer, Kailie Robinson

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Our Lady of the Lake

Tuesday, December 19

6:30- 7:30 pm Individual Confessions

Sunday, December 24

10:30 am Mass

Monday, December 25

10:30 am Christmas Day Mass

Monday, January 1

10:30 am Mary Mother of God

✠George Schmidt

St. James

Sunday, December 17

4:00 pm Advent Prayer Service

5:00 pm Reconciliation Service

Monday, December 18

6:00 - 7:00 pm Individual Confessions

Saturday, December 23

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, December 24

4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

Monday, January 1 Mary, Mother of God

8:30 am Mass

DECEMBER 17, 2017

Sunday: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11/Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 /1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Jerimiah 23:5-8/Psalms 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Matthew 1:18-25

Tuesday: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a/Psalms 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Luke 1:5-25

Wednesday: Isaiah 7:10-14/Psalms 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Luke 1:26-38

Thursday: Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Psalms 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Luke 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Samuel 1:24-28/1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Luke 1:46-56

Saturday: Malaki 3:1-4, 23-24/Psalms 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Luke 1:57-66

Next Sunday: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/Romans 16:25-27/Luke 1:26-38