



Our Lady of the Lake & St. Ann

P A R I S H C O L L A B O R A T I V E

JANUARY 18, 2026 | SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PASTOR: FR. ROB JOHANSEN

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD.

— JOHN 1:29 —



OUR LADY OF THE LAKE PARISH COMMUNITY

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat. 3:00 - 4:00 pm

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Baptism and Wedding Information

Please Call Parish Office

Mass Times: Our Lady

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 8:00 am & 11:00 am

Daily Masses:

8:30 am: Wednesday & Friday

5:30 pm: Tuesday

First Fridays of Each Month:

Holy Hour/Benediction &

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Mass Times:

Sunday 9:30 am

Thursday 9:00 am

Adoration and Confession:

Thursday: 9:30 - 10:30 am after Mass

Baptism and Wedding Information

Welcome Visitors & New Parishioners

Bulletin Deadline for both Parishes: 3:00 pm on Friday | submit to bulletineditorolsa@gmail.com



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR....

So, we have now begun "Ordinary Time." Given that this is January, and that things usually settle down a bit from the busyness of Christmas and New Year, to me it usually feels like we're settling back down to "normal."

One of the things that wasn't quite so ordinary, that many people noticed and some have asked me about, was the unusual hat that I wore at most of our liturgies during the Christmas season. (You can see me wearing it in my picture above.) That hat is called a "Biretta." (Not to be confused with a Beretta, which is a brand of guns. No firearms are involved with ecclesiastical headgear!) The biretta is an ancient article of clerical vesture, going back to around the 10th century. It had its beginnings as a distinction of members of the nobility, and other persons of high status. Later its use was extended to bishops and other prelates, and by the 16th century it had also been adopted by ordinary priests. Originally it was plain, but by the 15th century the pom or tassel at the peak was added, although in some countries even today, such as Spain and Germany, the biretta typically does not have a pom. From the 16th century until the liturgical reforms after Vatican II, priests and deacons were required to wear the biretta for celebrations of the liturgy. Now the use of the Beretta has been made optional.



Birettas can be of different colors: the ordinary priest's biretta is black, with a black pom. A monsignor's biretta is black with a red pom, and may also have red piping. A bishop's biretta is purple, with a purple pom. A cardinal's biretta is red, and has no pom. A priest's or bishop's biretta has three corners, whereas a cardinal's biretta has four. (You can also see Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York pictured here in his red cardinal's biretta.) When a priest or prelate is "created" a cardinal, he receives his red biretta from the pope. Hence there has long been a colloquial expression for someone being made a cardinal that he "gets his red hat."

There is also an academic version of the biretta. Indeed, the academic cap or "mortarboard" traditionally worn by graduates with their academic gowns is derived from the academic biretta. The academic biretta is only worn by those possessing advanced degrees (the Licentiate and Doctorate) from Pontifical faculties, that is, faculties that are chartered by the Holy See. (There are 7 universities with such faculties in North America.) The academic biretta is also black, and has a black pom and colored piping according to the discipline in which the wearer has his degree. (For example, red for Sacred Theology and blue for Canon Law.) The biretta for those holding the Licentiate has 3 corners, and that for those with the Doctorate has 4 corners. So, right now my own academic biretta has a red pom and piping for Theology, and has three corners, for the Licentiate in Sacred Theology. (You can see the photo of me wearing it here.) When I complete my doctorate I will receive an academic biretta with four corners, again with red piping and pom. One note, though: the academic biretta is never worn in celebrations of the liturgy, only on academic or other formal occasions.



My biretta was given to me by a very old and dear friend when I was ordained. I usually wear it on major feasts, such as Christmas and Easter. I always make a point of wearing it on Pentecost. To find out why I do that, you'll have to wait until Pentecost!

~Father Rob

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH



OUR LADY PRAYER LIST

Janice and Tim Ackerson, Vicenta Baker, Jackijo Brewers, Marilyn Cobb, Louise Collins, Dale Deditch, Theresa Deka, Theresa Fox, Sharon Hartman, Matt Heflin, Cindy Hruska, Fr. Pat Kalich, Beverly Krueger, Jerry Marchetti, Betty Moore, Gloria Murphy, Bud Rose, Emmajane Sutula, Annlee Ziegert, *and all those in our prayer intention book!*



Saturday, January 17

4:30 pm | Beverly Krueger (L)

Sunday, January 18

8:00 am |

11:00 am | Frances Sandefur

Tuesday, January 20

5:30 pm | All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, January 21

8:30 am | Darryl Reynolds

Friday, January 23

8:30 am |

Saturday, January 24

4:30 pm |

Sunday, January 25

8:00 am | Mark Sedlar

11:00 am | Vincenta Baker

This Week at Our Lady

Saturday, January 17

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Confessions

Sunday, January 18

9:45 am - Confirmation Class

9:45 am - RE Class

11:00 am - Children's Liturgy

Tuesday, January 20

6:30 pm - Parish Council Meeting

Saturday, January 24

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Confessions

Sunday, January 25

9:30 am - OCIA Class

9:45 am - Confirmation Class



FINANCIAL CORNER

Our Lady of the Lake

1/4/26 Weekly Offertory \$ 2,444.00

On-Line Offertory \$ 1,251.63

You can scan the QR code to donate through on-line giving. Thank you for your generosity.



THANK YOU SO MUCH!



Thank you to everyone who stayed and helped put away all the Christmas decorations in the church last Sunday. Many hands do indeed make light work.



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Chili Cook off on February 7th. You are invited to show off your "Chili Skills"! More information to follow, but start tuning up those recipes!



There are quite a few Poinsettia flowers left, please feel free to take them home to winter over and plant outside in the summer!

Parish Council and Parish Finance Council

We would like to say Thank You" to those who give of their time to serve in these important ministries of our Parish.

Bill Eustice
Margaret Evans
Nicole Linton
Lisa Corridor-Letter
Jerry Marchetti

Amy Traxler
Pat Bellaire **
Patricia Eustice
Jeff Kozinski
Christine Slabaugh
Tom Marosz *

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Thank
you!

** Thanks to Pat Bellaire for her many years of service to the Council. She will be ending her service at the end of this Month.



SAINT ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday, January 18
 9:30 am | Gregory Popp
 Thursday, January 22
 9:00 am | All Souls in Purgatory
 Sunday, January 25

This Week at St. Ann

Sunday, January 18

9:30 am - RE Mass and Class

Wednesday, January 21

6:30 pm - Finance Council Mtg.

Thursday, January 22

9:30 am - Adoration/Confession

10:30 am - Rosary

Sunday, January 25

9:30 am - OCIA (Our Lady)

10:30 am - Birthday Sunday

ST. ANN PRAYER LIST

Richard Accoe, Mary Fosdick, Judy Greenwood, Ron Grzeskiewicz, Russell Hanson, Fr. Pat Kalich, Peggy Long, Rosalyn Marcyan, May Myers, Carla Novotny, Sue O'Brien, John Palmer, Mike Petersen, Mary Ann Scheibelhut, Mary Schoenborn, Carol Squier, Stefany Veenhoven and *all those in our prayer intention book.*

Parish Finance Council

This Wednesday there is a Finance Council meeting and we want to say "Thank You" to those who give of their time to serve in this very important ministry.

- David Almack
- Carole Derucki
- David Scalise
- Mary Schoenborn
- JD Walker

FLYERS & POSTERS

Please bring any items you would like displayed on the bulletin boards or information table to the parish office for approval. Any religious items, prayer cards, books, flyers or literature can only be put out by office staff. Thank you for adhering to this policy.

FINANCIAL CORNER

St. Ann

01/04/26 Weekly Offertory \$ 5,403.00*

On-Line Offertory \$ 420.00

* Includes annual donation

You can scan the QR code to donate through on-line giving. Thank you for your generosity.



Thank you again to all who have donated to St. Ann Christian Services. You will find updates on a couple of projects we support on the information table. You will find updates from Padre Bob on the "El Sitio" ministry in El Salvador, Father Swamy's "Shanthi Dham" ministry, and our adopted Princess.



This past Sunday marked the conclusion of the Christmas season, and members of the St. Ann Parish family came together to celebrate with a Christmas breakfast following Mass. Thank you to all who attended and to those who helped make the morning such a welcoming and joyful gathering. We also thank everyone who helped take down the Christmas decorations afterward.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS



Calling all Men...LIVE a Cursillo Weekend! Cursillo provides a method for you to sustain a life close to Christ! Discover an enhanced relation with God. Discussions led by a team of Catholic lay people and Spiritual Advisors will emphasize: *

- ***The meaning of Grace and the Sacraments and***

strengthen our union with God. The next Men's weekend is February 26—March 1 in Sturgis. For more information contact Deacon Andy Boyd at 260-350-8597.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

It's common to hear belief in Jesus and the Church mocked as blind faith and credulity. But in reality, it is deeply human and rational. Think about it: we rely on the testimony of others constantly. I trust chemists who certify the safety of toothpaste and cleaning products. I trust engineers when I use a microwave or drive over a bridge. Why? Because they have studied and seen what I have not, and their testimony proves itself in daily life. That kind of trust is not irrational; it is how human knowledge works.

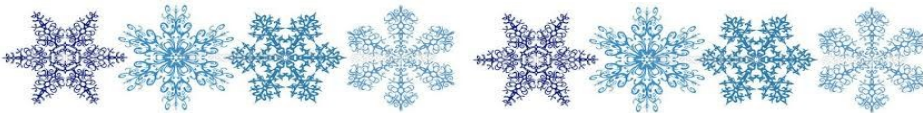
In today's Gospel, John the Baptist declares: **"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God"** (John 1:34). That is the language of an eyewitness. It invites us into a very human act: trusting someone who has directly encountered something — or Someone — we have not yet fully seen ourselves.

The Church's faith is built on this kind of reliable sight-based testimony. The Apostles did not make abstract claims. They saw, followed, suffered for, and proclaimed Jesus Christ. Over centuries, their witness — carried in Scripture, in the lives of the saints, and in the sacramental life of the Church — has proven dependable. We come to know its truth by assenting to it, by living and studying it, praying with it, trusting it.

Faith in Christ is not a childish leap into the dark. It is a step into the light of testimony that proves itself over time.

— Father John Muir

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A VALENTINE BLESSING

Our Lady and St. Ann will both be offering a special blessing to all couples who accepted the vocation of married life. Plan to come celebrate Mass at any of the weekend Masses on February 14 & 15 at either parish to receive a marriage blessing. May this opportunity remind us to build a culture of love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family.



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