



# THE PARISH PRESS

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

October 2016

Rev. Eric Fowlkes, Pastor

Fr. Thomas Kalam, Assoc. Pastor

*"Love is a fruit in season at all times, and within*

*reach of every hand." Mother Teresa*

Dear Friends,

I always thank God for the wonderful loving community that Our Lady of the Lake parish is. We are a caring community reaching out to each other. We are trying our best to reflect Jesus to each other, Jesus who was the face of the Father's mercy. The leadership that is provided by our pastor Father Eric certainly helps us to be Christ-like. Personally I am in my dream parish here. The main reason I left India and came here was to escape being bogged down to administrative and academic assignments, that was my role as a priest in India. Father Eric's leadership liberates me for spiritual and pastoral services without worrying about other mundane matters. Now that Father Eric is gone for a much needed medical leave, thanks to our wonderful and dedicated staff under the leadership of Rhonda, and thanks to the proactive involvement of all of you, I continue to enjoy that freedom. Let us pray for a speedy recovery for Father Eric and his speedy return to us with his health restored.

As the year of mercy is drawing to a close, it would be beneficial for us to examine whether we are becoming the face of the Father's mercy to people around us as Jesus was. The ideal place to start this mission of mercy is our own homes and families. As they say, charity begins at home. After receiving the Nobel peace prize, Mother Teresa told people that the best way to promote world peace was "to go to your homes and love your family members." Let us conclude this year of mercy by being merciful, starting with the people we are very close to but whom we often take for granted.

May the good Lord be always with us,

*Father Thomas Kalam*



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## We hope you enjoy this issue of the Parish Press

Thank you to everyone who contributed articles, ideas, and pictures as well as those who help put the newsletter together.

**Blessings,**

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*Editor*

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*Communications  
Committee Chair*

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Check out our new  
Facebook page!

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OLOLCCTN](http://www.facebook.com/OLOLCCTN)

Sign up for  
Flocknote at  
[flocknote.com/OLOL](http://flocknote.com/OLOL)  
or text OLOLCC to  
84576

## Our Lady of the Lake Celebrates the Dedication of Historic Expansion

As Fr. Eric Fowlkes acknowledged on the evening of August 15, "Tonight is a historic night for our parish."

Approximately 800 parishioners and guests were in attendance for the dedication celebration of OLOL's newly expanded facilities. After the celebration of Mass for the Feast of the Assumption, Fr. Eric led the crowd in a procession to the portico entrance of St. Joseph Hall for the ribbon cutting followed by a blessing of the new facilities and reception.

A mariachi band and the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Color Corps helped to lead the procession from the front door of the sanctuary to the portico of St. Joseph Hall. Mayor Scott Foster joined Bishop David Choby and OLOL clergy for the ceremonial ribbon cutting. Next, Bishop Choby and Fr. Eric co-celebrated the Dedication Celebration Liturgy. Music was provided by the OLOL Choir. The evening concluded with a festive reception for parishioners and guests in St. Joseph Hall.

The \$9 million expansion project added 35,000 square feet to OLOL's church facilities, including 15 new classrooms/meeting rooms, a large multi-purpose room (St. Joseph Hall), and improved traffic flow/parking on the church campus.

Named in honor of the spouse of Blessed Mother Mary, the patron of OLOL, St. Joseph Hall is the largest meeting space in Sumner County. With 9,260 square feet of space, it has capacity to accommodate banquet seating for more than 600 people. With its full-service commercial kitchen, it is the perfect venue for large parish events. St. Joseph Hall can also be rented for community and private functions, such as weddings, banquets, meetings, etc.

"Our Lady of the Lake is a vibrant and growing parish that is one of the largest in the Diocese of Nashville. These new facilities are essential to support the growing Catholic faith community in this area. I appreciate Fr. Eric and Associate Pastor Fr. Thomas Kalam for their pastoral leadership during this stage of rapid growth in this region of the Diocese," said Bishop Choby.

OLOL was officially established in 1969. The original parish with 250 families moved into its first parish home on New Shackle Island Road in 1972. For the next 20 years, the parish grew steadily and continuously along with the population of the city of Hendersonville. A thirty-one acre plot of land was purchased on Stop Thirty Road, and Our Lady of the Lake built and dedicated its current church facility in 1999. Since that time, the OLOL parish community has more than doubled in size from 1,000 families in 1999 to 2,600 registered families today. The new facility expansion project doubled the size of OLOL's parish facilities to accommodate OLOL's growing faith family.

"Today, we give praise and thanksgiving to God as we celebrate the completion of our new parish facilities, which will have a profound impact on our parish community for many years to come," said Fr. Eric.

HFR Design served as the architect for the project with Carter Group LLC, as general contractor. Representatives from both organizations were in attendance and were thanked by Fr. Eric and the parish community.





**See more photos of this special event**

<https://my.forever.com/shared/albums/OjhpBE1may0>

## Saints for October, November & December

### October 15

*Memorial Day of St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church, Patroness of Spain, headaches, people in religious orders. (A.D. 1515-1582)*

"Let nothing trouble you, let nothing make you afraid... God alone is enough." (St. Teresa of Jesus, Teresa of Avila)

### November 23

*Memorial Day of St. Columban, Patron Saint of motorcyclists, against floods. (A.D. 543-615)*

"May I love and contemplate you alone, and may my lamp ever burn and shine before you." (St. Columban)

### December 23

*Feast of St. John of Kanty, Priest and Theologian, Patron Saint of Lithuania and Poland. (A.D. 1390-1473)*

"Fight all error, but do it with good humor, patience, kindness, and love. Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause." (St. John of Kanty)



Pope Francis Coat of Arms

## Intentions of the Holy Father

by Deb Heine, *Parish Press*

### October

- ♦ **Universal: Journalists** That journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics.
- ♦ **For Evangelization: World Mission Day** That World Mission Day may renew within all Christian communities the joy of the Gospel and the responsibility to announce it.

### November

- ♦ **Universal: Countries Receiving Refugees** That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.
- ♦ **For Evangelization: Collaboration of Priests and Laity** That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

### December

- ♦ **Universal: End to Child-Soldiers** That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.
- ♦ **For Evangelization: Europe** That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.





The OLOL Welcome Committee



Photos from our August Newcomers Dinner

## Welcome Committee News

*by Emily Helms*

On the evening of August 25th, the Welcoming Committee hosted a dinner for Newcomers to the parish. Approximately 25 newcomers attended the dinner and enjoyed the fellowship. Several representatives of parish ministries were present to provide the newcomers with information about opportunities to become involved in the parish.

If you are interested in joining this group, send an email to [ololwelcom-inglouise@gmail.com](mailto:ololwelcom-inglouise@gmail.com).



## Evangelization Committee

*by Vicki Joubert*

SCOTT HAHN will be here Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup>. He will be giving three talks and lunch will be catered by Chik-Fil-A. Tickets are \$350. There will be an opportunity to buy his books and CDs in the Narthex. We cannot wait for this exciting event.

Please get your tickets through Eventbrite as that will be the quickest and easiest way. It is safe and convenient as well. Go to [ololconline.com](http://ololconline.com) and click the link

Look forward to seeing you. God Bless!

# LOLO Youth Fall Newsletter

## UNFINISHED at Lifeteen

By Patti Deffendall

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7

Do you know you are an "unfinished" work?  
God is not finished calling you.  
God is not finished loving you.  
God is not finished teaching you.  
God is not finished changing you.  
God is not finished creating something beautiful in you.  
God wants the world to see and know Him through you.  
You are God's Unfinished masterpiece.

### FALL SEMESTER: SOCIAL JUSTICE

When we serve the poor, something beautiful grows in our hearts. We are trying to change their lives, but most often, they change ours too. St. Mother Teresa knew. Pope Francis knows. At Lifeteen, we want to experience God's work in us as we serve the poor this semester. We will break open the topics of Hunger, Thirst, the unborn, and the elderly. We will visit places where people are giving to the "least of these." In service, Catholicism becomes **actions** and does not remain only **thoughts** alone.

LOLO Lifeteen is open to high school students in the 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Teens and adults grow in our understanding and love of the Catholic faith through dynamic Wednesday night liturgies, talks, games, and small group discussions. Each Wednesday, teams of loving parents serve delicious homemade dinners, and we share a meal together as a Lifeteen family. To register for OLOL Lifeteen, please contact Patti at 615.944.8986.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL GAMES** after CCD are played in the St. Joseph Hall from 7:45 PM-8:15 PM on Wednesday nights. Everyone is welcome.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

Financial Aid is available to students who would like to attend Camp Hidden Lake in June 2017. Registration for camp is required.

### 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE SERVICE TRIPS

Keep your eyes on the bulletin for monthly service opportunities for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to serve others. Thanks to everyone who came to the OLOL Clean-up day and served our parish family.

### SEALED! With the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The Catholic Diocesan Retreat for 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be held at the new Catholic Pastoral Center on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, from 8 AM – 5:30 PM. Registration is \$30. A t-shirt and lunch are included. Registration is online at [Dioceseofnashville.com/sealed](http://Dioceseofnashville.com/sealed). Financial assistance is available upon request. Registration closes on October 21<sup>st</sup>, so please register soon.

### GIRLTALK

"I CHOOSE THE SKY" is the Scriptural Devotion book that tells the stories of women in the Bible who can teach us what God had in mind when He created women. We can learn from our brave sisters in Christ as well as from the ones who failed and found the love of Jesus to lift them back up again. Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month in the new youth room from 6:30-8 PM.

### COLLEGE NIGHT

College life is more than classes, homework, laundry, practices and parties. College life challenges your faith, and maybe you are looking for some answers from the Church that make sense in today's culture. College Night is a connect group for students ages 18- 22 that meets on Monday nights from 6:30-8 PM in the new youth room from September 19- November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**\*THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP QUILT RAFFLE AND THE SEPTEMBER BAKE SALE.\***



## Catholic Youth in Action

Below are photos from "Steubenville Atlanta" which was an amazing Catholic Youth Conference that we attended in July. The featured musician was Ike Ndolo. So much fun!





# LOL in ACTION

## Moms Plus

We invite all moms to join us on Wednesday mornings from 9:30am-11:30 AM, in classroom 209, during the school year. Daycare is provided. Our meeting activities and topics include craft projects, speakers, bible study, garden day, casual social time and fellowship. Can't make it during the week? We also do Moms Night Out, family night outings, playdates, dinner with Santa, Easter egg hunt, and much more.

**NEW!** Twice a semester, we will offer a Thursday evening meeting. Check our website for the calendar for date!

[www.ololmomsplus.com](http://www.ololmomsplus.com)

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
Wiggles Giggles Spring  
Consignement Sale is  
May 4-6, 2017

Our proceeds from the consignment sale are donated back to the church through:

- \* VBS Assistance
- \* Youth Mission Trip Sponsorship
- \* St. Bertin
- \* Haiti Medical Team
- \* Little Flowers

### For more information

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## Mission for St. Bertin in Haiti

by Diane Huggins and Therese Casler

*"Make us worthy, Lord, to serve the people who live and die in poverty and hunger." St. Teresa of Calcutta.*

Thanks to the faithful prayers and financial support of OLOL parishioners, many wonderful things are happening to serve the poor people at St. Bertin, our twin parish in Petit Bourg de Port Margot, Haiti. Our ministry is inspired by the example of recently canonized St. Teresa of Calcutta, who devoted her life to serving the poor.

**St. Bertin School** - This summer, our annual fundraiser for the school raised more than \$50,000, exceeding our goal! These funds will ensure the ongoing education of more than 600 students and provide a worthy wage for the teachers at St. Bertin School. The new secondary school will open when school starts on September 12, and 40 students will begin 7<sup>th</sup> grade. This is so exciting, because for the first time ever, students at St. Bertin School will be able to continue their education beyond the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Thanks to the support of OLOL, we are making the future brighter for the children of St. Bertin!

**Sea Container Collection** - The Fall Sea Container Collection Drive is underway through the weekend of October 4. Thanks to our bi-annual collection drives, OLOL is able to send needed items that are otherwise unavailable to the people of St. Bertin. School supplies, over-the-counter medical supplies, personal hygiene, kitchenware, linens and other items are being collected for the next sea container shipment in Spring 2017.

**COPES** - You will be pleased to know that a portion of the money we send to St. Bertin on a monthly basis is used to help for the poorest of the poor through COPES, which is the St. Vincent de Paul Society ministry at St. Bertin. COPES distributes food, needed supplies from sea container shipments and monetary support to many elderly, blind and disabled individuals on a regular basis.

**October Mission Trip** - A group from OLOL will visit St. Bertin October 11-16. Therese Casler's granddaughter Jordan Wales will be traveling with the group for her high school senior project to deliver three portable libraries with books for preschool, primary and secondary school students. Arlene Gomez will meet with staff at a new medical clinic at St. Bertin to determine how OLOL's medical mission will collaborate with and support clinic staff in the future. Volunteer Denny Rosenhagen will look into a well project funded by OLOL to ensure a reliable water source for St. Bertin. And we will meet with Father Jean Baptist Geordani, pastor of St. Bertin, and school administrators to review the use of funds provided by OLOL in order to ensure the greatest benefit to St. Bertin parish community.

Thanks for all you do to support our mission for St. Bertin in Haiti. We welcome new volunteers. To get involved, contact Diane Huggins at [dphuggins@comcast.net](mailto:dphuggins@comcast.net) or 615.476.2667 or Therese Casler at [theresecasler@gmail.com](mailto:theresecasler@gmail.com) or 615.519.1863.



# OLOL in ACTION

## Our Lady of the Lake History

By Emily Helms

In 1999 when the parish moved into our current building, Monica Nimmo assisted with much of the interior decorating. She set aside the wall of the hallway off the Narthex to be used as a Stewardship wall. It was to be a wall with photos of the parish in action. The wall was to have words written on it to explain the photos and purpose of displaying them. She approached Louise Thompson (pictured right) and asked if she could help put the finishing touch on the wall. Louise, along with Carol Savage applied letter decals to the wall using Monica's words:

*The Purest Faith... Love in Action At Our Lady of the Lake.*

Photos are now being gathered, printed and changed out on a rotation by Emily Helms. Please check out the wall in the hallway across from the restrooms and nursery and return often to see new photos.



## Parish Clean Up Day - September 17, 2016

by Michelle Wisner

Thank you to everyone who put in a little elbow grease to help make the church look good as new. Your hard work is appreciated!





# Baptisms

Congratulations to all!

*For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."*

**1 Corinthians 12:13**



Derek Alvarenga	Madeline Henry	Liam Reyes
Jimena Andrade	Sarahi Hernandez	Aldo Rincon
Stephanie Aradillas	Lillian Hinton	Henry Rippy
Victor Bautista	Hayden Jones	Juan Rodriguez
Olivia Bernal	Jeremy Juanico	Julio Rubi
Owen Burris	Nicholas Lester	Michael Rubright
Xavier Calvillo	Daniel Lopez	Nicole Sanchez
Ellie Casteneda	Mia Martinez	Joan Sandoval
Jazmin Cebreno	Corbin McNutt	Roy Silva
Kathea Celestre	Gant Meadows	London Silva
Colton Craig	Melany Medrano	Rosemary Silva
Denver Crowe	Melissa Medrano	Mia Silva
Delnora Darden	Jonathan Meza	Lucas Tinajero
Devvan Darden	Harper Moreland	Sophia Tinajero
Dallas Darden	Daniel Murillo	Alan Torrez
Christopher Davis	Rory O'Conner	Nathan Torrez
Ruby Denu	Janice Ocampo	Genesis Valencia
Emerson Duke	Daleyza Olvera	Angel Villalobos
Melanie Espinoza	Daniel Olvera	Kylana Wallace
Michael Garza	Nahomi Patino	John Wallace
Yandel Gomez	Peyton Petro	Graham Watson
Brianna Gomez	Abdias Picaz	Isabella Webster
Dylan Gomez	Jennifer Picaz	Joseph Wierzbicki
Samantha Gonzalez	Dylan Ramos	Bella Wierzbicki
Fernando Gonzalez	Jose Ramos	Savannah Williams
Colton Grimes	Jayden Reyes	Guadalupe Zambrano
Sebastian Hasoon	Ailyn Reyes	

## Deaths

Our heartfelt condolences to the families of:

- George Haufler
- Richard Smith
- Paul Wiseman
- Hans Holzen
- Billy King
- Barabara Fahey

## Marriages

Our very best to the newlyweds:

- Juan Reyes and Yesenia Perez
- Tylor Eckenrod and Caroline Smith
- Arnel Picanza and Debra Ramos
- Andrew Regnier and Jennifer George
- Elder Garcia and Elida Arevalo
- Asha Patel and David Nivison



## Welcome New Members

Please join us in welcoming the following families who have recently registered at Our Lady of the Lake.

Our Parish family is a large and active one and is always in need of newcomers involvement.

For additional questions or volunteer opportunities, please contact:

### Louise Thompson

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inglouise@gmail.com

**John & Ashley Allbritton**  
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615-571-4116

**Janae & Robert Anderson**  
Lily, Gracie, Olivia  
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Gallatin TN 37066  
203-887-8769

**Olivia Brooks**  
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Nashville TN 37211  
615-613-1853

**Graham & Susan Campbell**  
Cameron, Colton  
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Gallatin TN 37066

**Ted & Deborah Burger**  
Jason, Emily  
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H'ville, TN 37075

**Scotty & Jeffin Bush**  
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H'ville TN 37075  
615-566-2088

**Ben & Marianne Cesare**  
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Gallatin TN 37066  
615-675-5192

**Anne Coble**  
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Gallatin TN 3706  
847-209-0839

**Quinn & Emily Cowan**  
109 Bentree Dr  
H'ville TN 37075  
615-347-4838

**Clifton & Bevva Darden**  
Dallas, Devvan, Delndra  
Dominique  
156 N Shadowhaven Way  
H'ville TN 37075

**Sarah & Ray Durlin**  
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H'ville TN 37075  
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**Craig and Vickie Ennis**  
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714-350-6954

**Jesse & Marsha Fortney**  
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H'ville TN 37075  
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**Kirt & Marcy Godbay**  
Trent, Matthew  
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H'ville TN 37075

**Terry & Carol Gower**  
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**Pamela Hall**  
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H'ville TN 37075  
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**Bob & Dawn Holecek**  
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H'ville TN 37075  
414-758-8522

**Riley & Lauren Jennings**  
James "Davis"  
116 Crooked Creek Ln  
H'ville TN 37075



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## Our Lady of the Lake New Members, continued

**Michael & Dana Kiesner**

Abby, Stephen  
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Gallatin TN 37066  
612-723-8671

**Steve & Tiffany Knight**

Peyton, Parker  
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Gallatin TN 37066  
615-456-4242

**Megan & Ron McCaslin**

1043 Smoke Rise Ln  
H'ville TN 37075  
954-240-4487

**Matthew & Megan Morahan**

111 Lake Ridge Dr  
H'ville TN 37075  
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**Rosalie Nicolosi**

The Hearth at Hendersonville  
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**Dorothy & Pierre Noel**

Kamby, Mebino, MePrina  
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H'ville TN 37075  
615-839-8039

**Mike & Sandy Overa**

1289 Twelve Stones Crossing  
Goodlettsville TN 37072  
615-992-3088

**Belinda Peach**

141 Braxton Park Ln  
Goodlettsville TN 37072  
615-851-2462

**Joshua & Andie Perona**

178 Bradford Circle  
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**Daniel & Casie Ramirez**

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**Arnel & Debra Ramos-Pacanza**

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**Matthew Rivard**

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931-626-6252

**Rafael (Fello) & Maggie Rodriguez**

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615-696-6119

**John Shire**

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**Tim & Bridget Shoecraft**

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121 Sumner Meadows Ln  
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**Tommy & Emily Staggs**

138 Ballentrae Dr  
H'ville TN 37075  
615-602-8799

**Jerry & Marsha Taylor**

256 Black Thorn Ln  
Gallatin TN 37066  
615-461-7368

**Peter & Lynn Voss**

203 Chaple Ct S  
H'ville TN 37075  
901-481-6575

**Cory & Kimberly Wade**

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## **Mass Schedule at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church**

**Saturday Mass** 5:00 PM (fulfills Sunday Worship obligation)

**Sunday Masses\*** 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Spanish Mass 6:00 PM

### **Weekday Masses**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:15 AM

Friday (Communion Service) 6:30 AM

Wednesday Youth Mass (when school is in session) 6:15 PM

**Reconciliation** Saturday, 4:00 - 4:50 PM or by appointment

\* Nursery for infants & toddlers provided at Sunday morning Masses

Our hearts and doors are open. We hope to see you here.



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