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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.-11:00 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.-High School

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

SUNDAY MASS IS NOW ON FACEBOOK: OUR LADY OF
THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH
OR THE WEB PAGE @ OLLPELLCITY.COM
CLICK ON MASS-RECORDED SERVICE BUTTON

CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER
9:30-1:30 PM DAILY
(limit of 10 people at a time)

Third Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2020



*You have made known to me the paths
of life; you will fill me with joy in
your presence—Acts 2:28*



April 27 - May 3

Monday: Marie Battaglia by Paul & Parma Boyle †
Tuesday: Katherine Nannenhorn by the Zielinksis †
Wednesday: OLL Parishioners by the Brazzolottos
Thursday: Fr. Frank Milienewicz by Fr. Bill Lucas †
Friday: Rita Martens— by the Brazzolottos †
Saturday: Trudy & Andy McClay by the Zielinksis †
Sunday: For the People

****Sunday's Mass Intentions are
offered at the 11:15 am Mass****

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

*Paul Boyle, Jacky Johnson, Peggy Gessler, Gail
Layton, Tom Michaels, Teresa Wolf, Diana
Markevich, Dorothy DiMattia, Walton Smith,
Juanita Crowson, Kelly Dale, Toni James, Bob
Walsh, Sarah Svetlay, Charles & Libby Lafleur,
Kevin Reilly, Rosemary Mateer, Lance Stella,
Wayne Lowery*

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 call Sharon Stice at 205-
338-0207, or email: sharonstice46@gmail.com.

Weekly Readings ~ April 27—May 3

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24,
26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a; Ps
31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17,
21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a,
4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9,
16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9: 1-20; Ps 117:1bc,
2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-
17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-
6; 1Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Today's Readings



First Reading — God has raised the crucified
Jesus, who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us.
(Acts 2:14, 22-33)

Psalm — Lord, you will show us the path of life.
(Psalm 16)

Second Reading — Our faith and hope are in God,
who raised Jesus from the dead. (1 Peter 1:17-21)

Gospel — Through his words and in the breaking
of the bread, the risen Christ made himself known
to two disciples on their way to Emmaus.
(Luke 24: 13-35)

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THE GOOD NEWS

Television, radio, and internet news broadcasts always start off with “bad news”. That is because research shows that we pay attention to bad news more than good news. The “good news” stories appear at the end of the broadcast after the consumer has had the opportunity to see or hear all the advertisements. After all, news broadcasts are a business.

We blame the media and politicians for “going negative”, but, really, we are to blame. “Going Negative” pays off for them because they attract more interest that way. If we changed our habits and became less interested in bad news, they would change their habits and propagate less of it. We are in control of what we consume.

A confessor once told me, “The biggest dog is the one that gets fed the most.” He was trying to tell me if I changed my daily habits and did more penance and prayer, my sins would decrease. If I spent less time in front of the television and computer screen, my sins would decrease. If I fed my spirit with “nutritious food”, I would be spiritually healthier. If I consumed “junk food”, I would be spiritually unhealthy.

The “Good News” concerns Jesus Christ and people in so far as they serve Jesus Christ. God is supposed to receive the glory, not human beings. If you **follow** (an important word) television, radio, and social media only to find out what people are doing, you will be **led** (another important word) to bad news. If you seek to follow Jesus Christ and to be led by the Holy Spirit, you will discover Good News. It won't be reported. It will be revealed. Then you can become the reporter of the Good News.

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April 9, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

I have done a poor job in communicating to you the implications of the many decisions made by civil and Church authorities concerning the Church's liturgy and the Covid-19 virus. I will try to be more specific:

- On March 17th, Bishop Robert Baker suspended all public liturgies in the Diocese of Birmingham through April 3, 2020. The Bishop extended that suspension through April 30, 2020.
- On April 3rd, Alabama Governor Kay Ivey issued a Stay-at-Home Order for the State of Alabama from 5:00 p.m. April 4th through April 30, 2020. Indoor religious services are allowed if there are fewer than 10 people who can maintain a six-foot distance from each other.

As the result of these two orders:

- A private Mass is allowed as long as there are fewer than 10 people in attendance who can maintain a six-foot distance from each other.
- Group Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, Stations of the Cross, Divine Mercy Celebrations, Weddings, Funerals, and other public liturgies held on the of Our Lady of the Lake church, parish hall, religious education building and any other parish buildings and property are suspended through April 30th. These would qualify as public liturgies.
- Because there are no public liturgies, there is no need for liturgical ministers. This would include Lectors, Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, Greeters, Altar Servers, and any other lay liturgical ministers.
- The liturgies for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday will be videoed and posted on the Our Lady of the Lake Facebook page and You Tube. The link is available on the parish web site. Until the suspension of public masses is lifted, the Mass for Sunday will be videoed and posted in the same manner.
- In a letter mailed to all registered parishioners on March 18th and posted on the parish web site, it was stated that the church building is open every day from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. for private prayer, as long as there are fewer than 10 people who can maintain a six-foot distance from each other.
- The deacons and I are available to distribute communion to individuals by appointment either in the church building or at the individual's home. (I am in the parish office every day.)
- I am available for confession for individuals by appointment, either in the parish hall or the individual's home. (I am in the parish office every day.)
- I am available for the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for individuals by appointment, either at the church or at the individual's home. By state law, a priest is only allowed to visit someone in a hospital or nursing home if death is immanent.

Every day things are changing. I will try to keep up and inform you of the changes.

Father Bill Lucas



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in
Your
Calendar*

**OUR LADY OF THE LAKE
50TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**

**Sunday, September 13, 2020
After 11:15 Mass**

We need your help!
If you know of any past members that we can contact to invite to the event, please let us know.

Karen Hand
205-405-1049
wmkhand@yahoo.com

Mark McRae
MMcRae237@yahoo.com

Prayer Line

If you need someone to pray for any intention, an online prayer option is being provided by the Good Shepherd Ministries. Email your request to GSM-prayers@yahoo.com. You can also request prayer through regular mail at:

GSM Prayers
P.O. Box 316
Cropwell, AL 35054

Weekly

Offertory

July 2019 — June 2020

	Actual*	Needed
Last Week	\$3,668.00	\$6,692.00
Year to Date	\$326,853.98	\$287,756.00

*Please note the actual total includes Seminarian Fund, Building Fund & Special Collections which are not part of the general operating budget.

Perfect Contrition and Spiritual Communion

What to do if you cannot go to Confession or Holy Communion due to the Covid-19 coronavirus



If you have to self-isolate or are quarantined due to the COVID-19 coronavirus, It is unlikely that you will be able to receive the sacraments as normal.

In these circumstances, there are devotions through which you can receive absolution for your sins (under certain conditions), and the consolation of Eucharistic grace.

These devotions are officially encouraged by the Church and have been practiced by saints.

How to make an Act of Perfect Contrition

Through an act of Perfect Contrition, you receive pardon for your sins outside of confession, even mortal sins, on condition that you determine to amend your life and make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as this becomes possible for you.

Perfect Contrition is a grace from God, so sincerely ask for this gift throughout the day prior to making your act of contrition: “My God, grant me perfect contrition for all my sins”.

1. In reality or imagination kneel at the foot of a crucifix and say to yourself; “Jesus, my God and my Savior, in the midst of your agony, you remembered me, you suffered for me, you wished to wipe away my sins”.
2. Contrition is ‘perfect’ if you repent of your sins because you love God and are sorry for offending Him and causing the sufferings of Christ on the cross. Before the Crucified Christ remember your sins, repent of them because they have brought our Lord to his sufferings on the Cross. Promise him, that with His help, you will not sin again.
3. Recited, slowly and sincerely, an act of contrition focused on the goodness of God and your love of Jesus: “O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you and by the help of your grace I will not sin again. Amen”.

How to make a Spiritual Communion

The key to Spiritual Communion is to grow in your heart a constant desire for the Blessed Sacrament.

1. If you are aware of serious or mortal sin, make an Act of Perfect Contrition.
2. Imagine the sacred words and action of the Mass or watch online or on TV.
3. Make all those acts of faith, humility, sorrow, adoration, love and desire that you usually express before Holy Communion.
4. Desire, with earnest longing, to receive our Lord present — Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity — in the Blessed Sacrament.
5. Say this prayer of St. Alphonsus de’ Ligouri: “My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You are already there, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You; do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen.
6. After moments of silent adoration make all those acts of faith, humility, love, thanksgiving and offering that you usually express through prayers after Holy Communion.

Youth

Our Lake of the Lake Parish Religious Education Suspension

All religious education classes have been suspended due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) concerns. This includes our First Communion classes and all OLL Youth groups.

Please continue to pray for those affected by the virus, as well as for their families and caretakers.



**Please pray for our First Communion
and First Reconciliation class:**

**Wyatt Dale, Haleigh Taylor,
Logan Bluhm, Alene Gurrola,
Analuz Gurrola**

Job Opening

Sonya Lewis, our current Director of Religious Education (DRE), has decided to resign her position, effective June 6th. This is a part-time position (25 hours per week). If you or someone you know is interested, contact Father Bill at the church office.

Church Directories Have Arrived!

The OLL Pictorial Church Directory have been delivered. A copy is available to those who have a picture printed in the directory. The directories are labeled with your last name and located in the north foyer of the church.

The church is open from 9:30am—1:30 pm daily with only 10 people allowed at a time. Please remember the social distancing guidelines as you pick up your directory.

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