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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:**

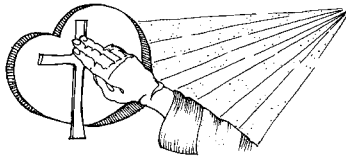
August through May. Ages 3 yrs. through  
High School.

## Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, March 20, 2021  
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 21, 2021  
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Fifth Sunday of Lent  
March 21, 2021



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*I will place my law within them, and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*  
—Jeremiah 31:33



March 22 - March 28

**Monday:** Sherry Criswell by Lee & Cheryl Robinson  
**Tuesday:** Joe Yester by the Brazzolottos †  
**Wednesday:** Tom Lucas by Johnson & Ledlow families †  
**Thursday:** Gene Smith by Susan Moseley †  
**Friday:** Robert M Sellers by Fr William Lucas †  
**Saturday:** Theresa Wolf by the Brazzolottos †  
**Sunday:** Ron Stasko by KOC 12270 †  
For the People

### Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Paul Boyle, Jacky Johnson, Peggy Gessler, Gail Layton, Diana Markevich, Dorothy DiMattia, Walton Smith, Juanita Crowson, Kelly Dale, Toni James, Bob Walsh, Sarah Svetlay, Charles & Libby Lafleur, Fred Brown, Jan Bowman, Silvia Moten, Wayne Adams, Herb Kuntz, Bill Frost, Audrey Springer, Patsy de Victoria, Christine Jaks, Jeanie Reid, Ruth Stanley, Nancy Ross, Jackie Thoma, Robert Paulitzky, Cathy Funderburg Parker, Tommy Dickerson, Fr. Gray Bean, Dan Moynihan

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 ~ March 22—March 28

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

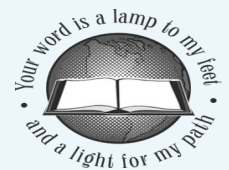
**Thursday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday:** Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47 [15:1-39]

## Today's Readings



**First Reading** — I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

**Psalm** — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51).

**Second Reading** — Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:7-9).

**Gospel** — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33).

## **WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE JESUS**

In today's Gospel passage, a group of Greek Jews ask to see Jesus. What they are asking for is to meet Jesus. As is normal in John's Gospel, Jesus invites them to a deeper level of faith. They are curious. Jesus wants them to be committed to Him.

Jesus tells them that they will see who He truly is when He is lifted up on the Cross. It is then that Jesus will draw the whole world to Himself and, through Him, to the Father. Through His passion, death, and resurrection Jesus will manifest (glorify) the Father. Jesus will show what true love is. At the Last Supper Jesus will tell His disciples, "There is no greater love than this; to lay down one's life for one's friends." On Good Friday, Jesus acted out the "greatest love." He did more than lay down His life for His friends. He laid down His life for His enemies as well.

If we want to recognize Jesus Christ in our lives and in the world, we will have to imitate His example. Jesus gives His disciples a new commandment, "Love one another as I have loved you." We are called to more than admiration for Jesus. We are called to imitation of Jesus' love. "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." In order to see Jesus, we must die to self and live for God.

Lent is an opportunity to practice focusing less on ourselves and more on God. To follow Jesus means to follow His example. Jesus did everything He did to glorify the Father, that is, to show people God's presence in the world. We pray more, we give up things, and we give to the poor so that God's influence over us will increase. These Lenten disciplines are a way of imitating Jesus. The result should be that the Father is glorified.

### **Permanent Diaconate Program Seeks Interested Men**

The Permanent Diaconate has been present in the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama since 1973. With the arrival of Bishop Raica in 2020, and at his direction, the Office of the Permanent Diaconate is looking to identify men who are interested in the Permanent Diaconate for the next formation class. Although the date for the start of the new class has not been set by Bishop Raica, the Office of the Permanent Diaconate will begin to develop a list of men who are interested in obtaining more information about the formation process. It is hoped that once the current restrictions have been relaxed, and after additional review by Bishop Raica, there will be more informational sessions and an opportunity for men, and their wives, to learn more about the Permanent Diaconate and the formation process in the future. Men who are interested in the Permanent Diaconate can contact Deacon Rosko via email at [crosko@bhmdiocese.org](mailto:crosko@bhmdiocese.org).

## Offertory Collection

July 2020 — June 2021

	Actual	Needed
March 14 Offertory	\$6,547	\$5,558
Year to Date	\$225,213	\$205,646

## Building Fund Collection

July 2020 — June 2021

	Actual	Needed
March 7 & 14 Offertory	\$3,380	\$1356
Year to Date	\$33,635	\$25,086



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**Council meetings are open to all  
parishioners, and are typically on the  
third Wed. of the month after Mass.**

## Parish Communal Penance Service

Please join us for a Lenten  
Communal Penance Service

Wednesday, March 24, 2021  
7:00 pm.

Father Bill and Father  
Sexton will both be available  
for confessions.



## BELL TOWER FUND DRIVE

The parish has received architectural renderings for a tower to house a bell. The bell has been purchased and fitted for automatic ringing. The total cost of the project is approximately \$100,000.00. We have a pledge of \$25,000.00. The rest of the cost will need to be raised **before** a contract can be signed by Bishop Raica and construction can begin.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, make the check out to Our Lady of the Lake and write "Bell Tower" on the check. Updates on the progress of the fund-raising will be included in future bulletins. You may also donate online though Faithdirect. Indicate in the donor notes that your contribution is for the Bell Tower. See the OLL website for information on how to sign up for online giving at [ollpellcity.com/collection-basket](http://ollpellcity.com/collection-basket)

Computer-generated renderings of the bell tower can be found in either foyer of the church.

## Opportunities for Confession During Lent

Mondays- 9:30-10:00 a.m. (Following Mass)

Wednesdays- 6:00-6:45 p.m. (Before Mass)

Fridays- 9:30-10:00 a.m. (Following Mass)

Saturdays- 4:00-4:45 p.m. (Before Mass)

Wednesday, March 24-Communal Penance Service

Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> - Between Morning Masses

## NEW DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our current Director of Religious Education, Kelly Cardenas, will be leaving that position after May 16th.

We thank Kelly for guiding the religious education of our parish during this most difficult year.

The parish will be hiring a new Director of Religious Education. If you are interested in finding out more information about this paid, part time position, contact Father Bill at the office. The number is 205-525-5161.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION

The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body. The Pastor consults the members to get feedback on pastoral initiatives and to find out the needs of the parish.

The Council is made up of nine members serving staggered three-year terms. The year begins in July and ends the following June. Elections for new members are held in May.

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else as a candidate, contact the parish office. **If you nominate someone else, be sure to get their permission before nominating them.**



Swieconka\*Blessing of the Baskets

Bishop Steven Raica

Cathedral of St. Paul

Holy Saturday, April 3rd

9:00 am

All are welcome!

\*Swieconka (sh-vee-en-soon-kah) is one of the most enduring and beloved Polish traditions. Baskets containing a sampling of Easter foods are brought to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday. The food is shared on Easter morning in a ritual breaking of the fast. Observing the beautiful foods and creations of other parishioners is one of the special joys of the event.

*Assignments—March 24~ March 28*

## WEDNESDAY –NO MASS COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE- 3/24/2021 7:00 PM



## SATURDAY MASS PALM SUNDAY 3/27/2021 5:00 PM

**Greeters:** Tammy McRae, Lydia Smith  
**Lector:** Sonia Dale, Allen Ross  
**Ministers:** Deacon  
**Ushers:** Bob Nicholas, Tommie Ann Johnson

## SUNDAY MASS PALM SUNDAY 3/28/2021 8:30 AM

**Greeters:** Bill Bethel, Alexis Allor  
**Lector:** Alexis Allor, Jorge Solis  
**Ministers:** Deacon  
**Ushers:** Matt Allor, Dennis Veigl  
Bill Bethel, John Cardenas

3/28/2021 11:15 AM

**Greeters:** A&W Struzik, Shirley Skeivelas  
**Lector:** Lexie Smith, Larry Foltz  
**Ministers:** Deacon  
**Ushers:** Chris Gallegly, Lexie Smith  
John Bluhm, Jerrold Bluhm

**If you are unable to keep your assignment, please find a substitute.**



Please return rice bowls and/or donate by March 28th!

For faith formation this LENT, visit **FORMED.ORG!**

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Looking Ahead...

March 21—RE: 9:45 am—11 am/  
**Youth Group Luncheon (5th-12th grade) immediately after the 11:15 mass!**

March 23—RCIA at 7 pm

March 28—NO RE! PALM SUNDAY



March 30—RCIA

\*\*\*\*\*3/29-4/4\*\*\*\*\*

**SPRING BREAK/HOLY WEEK**

April 1—Holy Thursday, Mass at 7 pm

April 2—Good Friday, Mass at 7 pm

April 3—Easter Vigil Mass at 8 pm

April 4—Easter Mass at 8:30 am and 11:15 am

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**Youth Group**

*(Grades 5th thru 12th!)*

Join us for **FOOD, FUN, and FELLOWSHIP!** This Sunday, March 21st after the 11:15 mass!

\*\*\*For More information contact our Youth Ministers, Carly Sadler (205)837-8888 & Jordan Rawson (205)863-5787\*\*\*

(Follow Us on Facebook and Instagram!)

**VISITS TO THOSE STUCK AT HOME**

If you or someone you know would like a phone call or a visit from Father Bill or one of the deacons, please let us know. We would like to encourage anyone who feels discouraged at this time. We can visit in person or over the phone. We can bring communion if desired. The phone numbers are:

- Father Bill Lucas, 205-383-8134
  - Deacon Terry Rumore, 205-253-9223
  - Deacon Lee Robinson, 205-936-9330;
  - Deacon Serge Brazzotto, 205-753-3230.
- You may also call the office at 205-525-5161.

*Calendar for March 21 - March 28 2021*

**Sunday- March 21**  
 Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am  
 RE 9:45-11:00 am  
 Youth Group 12:15-2:00 pm  
 Holy Hour- 7:00-8:00 pm  
 Confessions 7:00-8:00 pm



**Monday- March 22**  
 Mass 9:00 am  
 Confessions 9:30-10:00 am

**Tuesday- March 23**  
 Mass 9:00 am  
 RCIA- 7:00 pm

**Wednesday- March 24**  
 Communal Penance Svc-7:00 pm

**Thursday- March 25**  
 Mass 9:00 am

**Friday- March 26**  
 Mass 9:00 am  
 Confessions 9:30-10:00 am  
 Stations of the Cross- 7:00 pm

**Saturday- March 27**  
 Reconciliation 4:00-4:45 pm  
 Mass 5:00 pm

**Sunday- March 28- Palm Sunday**  
 Spring Break Starts -No RE  
 Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am  
 Confessions 9:45-11:00 pm

**Our Lady of the Lake  
 Holy Week Mass  
 Schedule**



**Palm Sunday- Saturday, March 27-**  
 Mass 5:00 pm and **Sunday, March 28-**  
 8:30 am & 11:15 am

**Holy Thursday- April 1,** Mass of the  
 Lord's Supper-7:00 pm

**Good Friday-April 2-** Stations of the  
 Cross-3:00 pm

Celebration of the Lord's Passion-7:00  
 pm

**Easter Vigil- April 3-** 8:00 pm

**Easter Sunday- April 4-** 8:30 & 11:15  
 am

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