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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:**

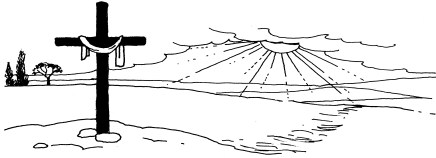
August through May. Ages 3 yrs. through  
High School.

## Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, March 27, 2021  
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 28, 2021  
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord March 28, 2021



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*[Christ Jesus] humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.  
—Philippians 2:8*



March 29 - April 4

**Monday:** Jason & Susan Poyer by the Brazzolottos  
**Tuesday:** Anna Ellison by Jerry & Brenda Kern †  
**Wednesday:** James Lucas Jones by Walton Smith  
**Thursday:** Carolyn O'Grady by Madelyn Guald  
**Friday:** No Mass  
**Saturday:** Nickki Harrell by the Brazzolottos †  
**Sunday:** Harry Reich by Dianne Hart †  
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 29—April 4

**Monday:** Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11  
**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38  
**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25  
**Thursday:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15  
**Friday:** Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42  
**Saturday:** a) Gn 1:1—2:2; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; b) Gn 22:1-18; Ps 16:5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7  
**Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

## Today's Readings



**Gospel at the Procession with Palms** — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10).

**First Reading** — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

**Psalm** — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

**Second Reading** — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

**Gospel** — The account of Christ's passion according to Mark (Mark 14:1—15:47 [15:1-39]).

## **HOLY WEEK 2021**

Perhaps the best thing that can be said about Holy Week this year is that it is not the same as Holy Week last year. There is no lock down. Whoever wants to attend Mass can, as long as they maintain social distancing. We are not yet back to normal. Maybe that is a good thing.

In truth, every Holy Week should be different for us. The readings are the same every year. The liturgies are the same every year. But we are supposed to be different. The difference in us makes Holy Week different each year.

Hardships bring with them opportunities. The lives of the saints teach us that suffering can lead to a purification of our faith. We can depend more on God and less on the comforts we turn to sometimes without thinking. We can spend more time in prayer, deepening our relationship with God. We can be concerned about the suffering of others and be less self-absorbed. In other words, this past year has been a lot like Lent: an opportunity to purify our faith.

How did we use the opportunity God gave us in the past year? Did we deepen our relationship to Him, turning to Him more than we usually do? Did we become new people? Better people? On Easter Sunday we make a renewal of our Baptismal promises. We renew our rejection of sin and commitment to God. In order to be sincere in what we say, we must practice the disciplines of Lent in a wholehearted way. Holy Week is the final opportunity to purify our faith before Easter.

When it comes to repentance, it is never too late to begin. Today we can shift our focus away from ourselves and the world. We can renew our focus on God. The events of Holy Week changed the world. Only we can decide if those same events make a difference in our lives.

### **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



**Chair: Jennifer Rosato:**

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**Bart Perry:** brpgep07@yahoo.com

**Allen Ross:** allentross5555@gmail.com

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

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 more 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 Holy Week

Monday-3/29 9:30-10:00 a.m. (Following Mass)  
Wednesday-3/31 6:00-6:45 p.m. (Before Mass)  
Good Friday-4/2 9:30-10:00 a.m.  
Saturday-4/3 4:00-4:45 p.m.

## 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.

## Lenten Regulations

The annual observance of Lent is the special season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter. Through its twofold theme of repentance and baptism, the season of Lent disposes both the catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. Catechumens are led to the Sacraments of Initiation by means of the Rite of Election, the scrutinies, and Catechesis. The faithful, listening more intently to the word of God and devoting themselves to prayer, are prepared through a spirit of repentance to renew their baptismal promises.

The Catholic Church, in an attempt to help Catholics do at least a minimum during Lent, asks all Catholics to fast and abstain from meat on certain days. Fasting means to limit food to one full meal a day with the possibility of two smaller meals (not adding up to a full meal) as needed. Abstinence means not eating meat, although fish is allowed. Catholics are asked to observe all days of fasting and abstinence which is one of the precepts of the Church.

Catholics 14 years of age or older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Catholics between the ages of 14 and 59 are also to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If one's work or health make it inadvisable to fast or abstain from meat, they are not obligated to do so.

## Assignments—March 31~ April 4

### WEDNESDAY MASS

**3/31/2021 7:00 PM**

**Lector:** Sarah Brazzolotto  
**Ministers:** Deacon

### HOLY THURSDAY MASS

**4/1/2021 7:00 PM**

**Greeters:** Malinda Hoffman, Allen Ross  
**Lector:** Carey Monistere  
**Ministers:** Deacon  
**Ushers:** Michael Gagliano

### GOOD FRIDAY-THE LORD'S PASSION

**4/2/2021 7:00 PM**

**Greeters:** Bob & LouElla Menefee,  
Tammy McRae  
**Lector:** Mary Burns  
**Ministers:** Deacon  
**Ushers:** Michael Gagliano

### EASTER VIGIL-SATURDAY

**4/3/2021 8:00 PM**

**Greeters:** Jan Spencer, Pat Sobolowski  
**Lector:** Bart Perry, Gail Perry  
**Ministers:** Deacon  
**Ushers:** Mark McRae, Amy Carreker

### EASTER SUNDAY MASS

**4/4/2021 8:30 AM**

**Greeters:** Gagliano Family  
**Lector:** Shelly Hamman  
**Ministers:** Deacon  
**Ushers:** Matt Allor, Bart Perry  
Phillip & Bit Thomaston

**4/4/2021 11:15 AM**

**Greeters:** TBD  
**Lector:** Douglas Ross  
**Ministers:** Deacon  
**Ushers:** Chris Gallegly, Andy Payant  
John Bluhm, Emily Bluhm

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



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*"Hosanna"*

*Blessed is he*

*who comes in the name of the Lord*

*Blessed is the king of Israel!*

JOHN 12:13

Looking Ahead...

March 28—NO RE! PALM SUNDAY

March 30—RCIA @ 7 pm

\*\*\*\*\*3/29—4/4\*\*\*\*\*



**SPRING BREAK/HOLY WEEK**

April 1—Holy Thursday, Mass at 7 pm

April 2—Good Friday, Service 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! Sunday, April  
18th after the 11:15 mass!*

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

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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 28 - April 4 2021*

**Sunday- March 28- Palm Sunday**

Spring Break Starts -No RE  
 Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am  
 Confessions 9:45-11:00 pm

**Monday- March 29**

Mass 9:00 am  
 Confessions 9:30-10:00 am

**Tuesday- March 30**

Mass 9:00 am  
 Chrism Mass 11:00 am (Clergy Only)  
 RCIA- 7:00 pm

**Wednesday-March 31**

Parish Office Closed  
 Confessions 6:00-6:45 pm  
 Mass 7:00 pm

**Thursday- April 1 Holy Thursday**

Parish Office Closed  
 Mass 7:00 pm  
 Adoration until Midnight

**Friday- April 2 Good Friday**

Confessions 9:30-10:00 am  
 Stations of the Cross- 3:00 pm  
 The Lord's Passion -7:00 pm

**Saturday- April 3 Easter Vigil**

Reconciliation 4:00-4:45 pm  
 Mass 8:00 pm

**Sunday- April 4- Easter Sunday**

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am  
 No RE

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



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

Adoration until Midnight

**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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