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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.-10:30 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 19, 2022 Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 20, 2022 Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



Thírd Sunday of Lent March 20, 2022

Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.—Psalm 103:8



March 21 - March 27

Monday: Hazel Smallwood by Bob & Karen Hand †

Tuesday: Alice Zaucha by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore

Wednesday: Mary Laura Raynor by James & Gloria Raynor T

Thursday: Permanent Closing of Tuscaloosa West AL

Women's Ctr by Fr. William Lucas

Friday: JW Hand by Bob & Karen Hand †

Saturday: Deacon Serge Brazzolotto by the Rumores

Sunday: Ron Stasko by KOC 12270 †

For the People

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Jacky Johnson, Ron & Diana Markevich, Walton Smith, Juanita Crowson, Toni James, Bob Walsh, Sarah Svetlay, Fred Brown, Silvia Moten, Mary & Wayne Adams, Herb & Sherry Kuntz, Bill & Loretta Frost, David & Audrey Springer, Christine Jaks, Jeanie Reid, Ruth Stanley, Jackie Thoma, Frank Troncalli, Angela Ledlow, Michael Brayman, Shannon Ray, Mark Boyle, Lee Walser, Geri Bunt, Jay Benson, Charles & Libby LaFleur, Bill Trussell, Tom Welch, Lance Stella, Monsignor Sexton

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 or call 205-613-1053.

Weekly Readings March 21—March 27

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2,

3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-

5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt

18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-

13,15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-

9

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2,

6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7

-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk

1:26-38

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18

-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps

34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21;

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Today's Readings



First Reading — The LORD God appears to Moses and directs him to go and deliver the Israelites from Egypt (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — We are not to grumble like the people with Moses in the desert (1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12).

Gospel — If you do not repent, you will all perish (Luke 13:1-9).

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AWAKENING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST

In the most recent issue of One Voice magazine, Bishop Steven Raica wrote a column about Lent. He wrote: "We begin the liturgical season of Lent reminding ourselves about the weak, fragile nature of human life. We come into the world full of hope and promise, and then at the end, it seems everything just falls apart. It doesn't sound very optimistic or hopeful, does it?"

In regard to fasting, the bishop wrote: "Knowing that at the end of life I will be returning to God how I came, I realize I won't be able to take anything with me except myself. My fasting and abstinence are reminders that I can't have anything I want at any time I would like. Through fasting and abstinence, I get in touch with my desires and my cravings. Are these of God? Surprisingly, I also learn what I can live without! And you know what? Most of the time, I don't even miss them. My life has become more peaceful because I am detached from things and attached to Christ. I can see more clearly the power of God working in my life."

Next Week: What Bishop Raica wrote in One Voice about Works of Charity. (Almsgiving)

Lenten Buy One Give One (BOGO) Food Drive

Pope St. John Paul II stated on Feb. 16, 1997 that "Almsgiving, far from being reduced to an occasional offering of money, means assuming an attitude of sharing and acceptance. We only need to "open our eyes" to see beside us so many brothers and sisters who are suffering materially and spiritually. Thus Lent is a forceful invitation to solidarity." With this in mind we are asking each of you to help us, help those less fortunate than ourselves. An easy way to do this is when shopping at your favorite grocery store and you notice you are buying any dry good or canned good that has a "BOGO" buy one get one for free sale, please consider picking up that second item and donating it to the church.

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics who, with the sanction of the Church and under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of All Graces, serve the Church and their neighbor on a voluntary basis in about 170 countries. With the approval and support of the Popes and a great many Bishops, Priests and Religious, as well as the prayers and efforts of legionaries, the Legion, by the grace of God, has grown into a worldwide organization with several million members.



There will be representatives of the Legion of Mary here on March 26 & 27 to speak to the congregation at all Masses and invite parishioners to join.

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Next weekend, March 26th & 27th, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please consider how you can help support this special collection.

Surfsiders

start back up in April, meeting on April 20th at 10:00 am. Potluck lunch will be at 11:30 am. Join us for food and fun every third Wednesday of the month!

Offertory Collection

July 2021 — June 2022

	Actual	Needed weekly
Mar 13 Offertory	\$10,525	\$6,500
Year to Date	\$254,066	\$240,500



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

Building Fund Collection

July 2021 — June 2022

	Actual	Needed monthly
March Building Fund	\$4,121	\$2,152
Year to Date	\$49,591	\$19,906

The Christian Love Pantry

The Christian Love Pantry is helping the poor in the St. Clair County area. To assist them we are collecting canned soup at the church. You can leave donations in either vestibule.

There is also a box for cash donations in each vestibule. If you prefer, you may drop your donation at the parish office during normal office hours.



Goal -400 cans/month

Cans donated to date in March – 291 cans

Please consider donating \$1 per week

Our Lady of the Lake
Eucharistic Minister and Lector Training
Saturday, April 2nd 9:00-11:00 am

Please attend this training even if you are already serving so that you receive the most current instructions.

EASTER BASKETS FOR THE NEEDY IN OUR COMMUNITY

OLL Social Concerns will be assembling Easter Baskets for the needy in our community. If you would like to donate candy or small toy items, please place in the blue containers in each foyer.

We will collecting items all through March with the goal of giving out 100 Easter baskets. Rosaries and

church information will also be included in the basket.

If you have any questions, please contact Cristy McKinney at 256-239-9839.



KOC Council 12270 Lenten Fish Fries

Knights of Columbus Council 12270 will be sponsoring Lenten fish fries every Friday evening during Lent beginning March 4 through April 8. Serving will be from 5:00 to

6:30 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross. The menu will consist of fried fish, baked fish, hush puppies, steamed vegetables, French fries, macaroni and cheese, and coleslaw.

- 2-piece dinner (2 sides) \$10
- 1-piece dinner (2 sides) \$8
- Child's plate (cheese pizza, 1 side) \$4

All proceeds will be used to fund the numerous charitable activities KOC Council 12270 supports.

COME BE A PILGRIM

St. Francis of Assisi, Tuscaloosa, has organized two pilgrimages for 2022.

June 14-25, 2022-Travel to Oberammergau, Germany for a 5 hour production of the Passion Play that is offered only every 10 years. After the play, we travel to Paris and Lourdes visiting beautiful churches, holy sites and the grotto where Our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette.

August 23-September 2, 2022- Travel to the Holy Land. We will experience the Sea of Galilee, pray at Jesus' birthplace, walk the Via Dolorosa to Calvary and celebrate Mass at Jesus' tomb in Jerusalem.

Our pilgrimage priests will offer Mass daily on both pilgrimages

Email Patti Remmert at pattiremmert@gmail.com or call at 2056-799-5741 for a brochure and more information.

Patti and Deacon Bill Remmert



Although it is still several weeks away, prepare for Easter in a special way this year. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to your spouse and God. You don't need it-YOU DESERVE a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!

The next weekend in the diocese of Birmingham is scheduled on March 25-27, 2022 at St.Bernard Abbey in Cullman. You can get more information or register online www.wwme.org or by calling Frank and Kathryn Wessling at 205-530-3607.

Assignments

March 23, 2022 - March 27, 2022

WEDNESDAY MASS

3/23/2022 7:00 PM

Lector: Sarah Brazzolotto

Ministers: Deacon

SATURDAY MASS

3/26/2022 5:00 PM

Greeters: Pat Sobolowski, Paige Everett

Lector: Allen Ross

Ministers: Deacon, Parma Boyle
Altar Server: Bernie & Cory Funderburg
Ushers: Karen Hand, Sam Marston

SUNDAY MASS

3/27/2022 8:30 AM

Greeters: D&J Beavers, Amelia Reese
Lectors: Dennis Veigl, Karen Reese
Ministers: Deacon, Stephen Reese

Altar Server:

Ushers: Phillip Thomaston, Dennis Veigl

Grant Stice, Belia Solis

3/27/2022 11:15 AM

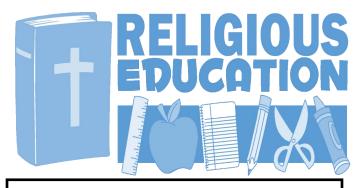
Greeters: The Bluhm Family

Lectors: Gloria Raynor, Bernie Funderburg

Ministers: Deacon, James Raynor
Altar Servers: Caleb & Logan Bluhm
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Katie Boyle

Jerrold Bluhm, Andy Payant

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



Looking at Jesus

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus took three of His apostles up a mountain where they saw Him shining like the sun and talking with Moses and Elijah. They were talking about how Jesus was going to go to Jerusalem and be killed. The apostles were amazed and confused.

Jesus let the apostles see Him in glory to help them understand why He had to suffer and die. We won't see Jesus in His glory until we see Him in Heaven, but it is good us to think about the things that He and Moses and Elijah were talking about.

Look at a crucifix or picture of Jesus on the cross every day. Think about how much He loves you, and about how you act toward Him. What can you do to love Him better? Lent is a good time to try and find ways to love Jesus more.

Source: The Kids' Bulletin



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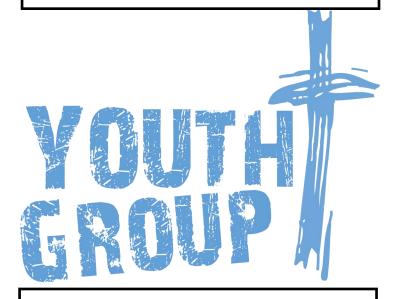
Looking Ahead:

March 20th - Religious Education 9:45AM - 11AM. (Grades 9-12 Confession)

March 27th - SPRING BREAK! No RE.

April 3rd - SPRING BREAK! No RE.

April 10th– Religious Education 9:45-11AM.



Check out our new youth and adult ministries! Join us on Wednesdays at 6PM for food, fellowship, and reflection on His Word! ALL ages are welcome!

Contact Jim Mathis for more information:
jimmathis.oll@gmail.com

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only."

- Luke 4:8

The CHOSEN

As we prepare spiritually to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday, we will be showing Season 2 of The Chosen during Lent.

There will be 8 presentations and each episode will be shown on Sunday between the Masses and again on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm for those who cannot make it on Sunday.

We encourage everyone to come to spend some time in meditation as we learn more about the life of Jesus and his followers.

Episode 3 – March 20 and 21

Episode 4 - March 27 and 28

Episode 5 – April 3 and 4

Episode 6 – April 10 and 11

Episode 7 – April 24 and 25

Episode 8 - May 15 and 16

No Presentation on April 17 and 18 due to Easter Sunday, May 1 and 2 due to First Holy Communion and May 8 and 9 due to Mother's Day.

Morning of Reflection with Bishop Baker St. Paul's Cathedral Saturday, March 26, 2022 8:30 am-1:00 pm

It is a privilege to pray for our priests! Seven Sisters Apostolate has a mission to pray for individual priests in small groups of only seven. Each woman chooses a different day of the week and offers one Holy Hour. Thus, the priest receives a Holy Hour every day. It is a blessing for the priest and the intercessor. We are inviting all Seven Sisters and any women who are interested to come and be refreshed and learn more about the value of these hours. Learn more by contacting Coby Soeherman at 205-835-1792 (call or text) or email: sevensistersbirmingham@gmail.com

Calendar for March 20, 2022—March 27, 2022

<u>Sunday- March 20</u> Mass 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE- 9:45 AM

Confessions- Grades 9-12 Adult Ed- The Chosen-9:45 am Holy Hour- 7:00-8:00 am



Monday- March 21

Mass 9:00 am Adult Ed-The Chosen 7:00 pm

Tuesday- March 22

Mass 9:00 am RCIA- 7:00 pm

Wednesday-March 23

Mass 7:00 pm

Youth Groups/Adult Religious Study-6:00 pm

Thursday- March 24

Mass 9:00 am Liturgy Meeting-6:00 pm

Friday-March 25

Mass 9:00 am
KOC Fish Fry 5:00-6:30 pm
Stations of the Cross- 7:00 pm

Saturday- March 26

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday- March 27

Mass 8:30 & 11:15 am
No RE –Spring Break
Adult Ed– The Chosen-9:45 am



Dear Families,

This Lent, our parish will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a program that invites us to reflect on the challenges of global hunger—and our Gospel call to care for our global human family.

CRS Rice Bowl gives us a wonderful opportunity to encounter different people from around the world, know more about their lives and recognize them as our sisters and brothers. We will see how, through our **prayer**, we encounter Jesus, who is present in the face of every member of our human family. When we **fast**, we encounter the obstacles that prevent us from fully loving God and our neighbor. And when we **give alms**, we share in solidarity with those who need our support.

By joining our prayers, fasts and alms this Lent with those of other parishes and Catholic schools in the United States, we will help millions of women, men and children around the world whose economic challenges have been exacerbated by the pandemic. Together as a Church, through CRS Rice Bowl, we can contribute to the efforts of those who seek to build a better world for themselves and their communities.

CRS Rice Bowl provides many resources for daily reflection throughout the liturgical season. Consider these suggestions in your family's Lenten plan:

- Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar each day to guide your prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- Read the Stories of Hope and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey.
- Use the CRS Rice Bowl recipes to prepare simple, meatless meals on the Fridays of Lent to eat in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world.
- Visit crsricebowl.org to watch videos of the people and communities you support through your Lenten gifts to CRS Rice Bowl.

Your sacrifices during this holy season have the power to change lives by providing enough nutritious food for families to thrive. And by practicing the pillars of Lent through CRS Rice Bowl, I hope both your faith and connection to our one human family deepens.

CRS Rice Bowls will be collected at the end of Lent, so stay tuned to learn more. Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl with your family.

Sincerely,



Jim Mathis

FOR LIFE



This Lent, be transformed—and transform the world—by practicing:

- Daily prayer.
- Weekly fasting.
- Almsgiving.

Journey with CRS Rice Bowl to encounter God and our global family. What you give up for Lent changes lives!

Find stories, videos and more at crsricebowl.org

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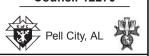
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