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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. - 4:45 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.

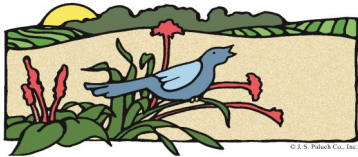
#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

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

## Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, September 3, 2022  
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, September 4, 2022  
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



Twenty-Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
September 4, 2022

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we  
may shout for joy and gladness all our days.  
—Psalm 90:14



September 5 - September 11

- Monday:** Betty Carrico by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
- Tuesday:** Sr. Philomena Deasy by Fr. William Lucas †
- Wednesday:** Mary Sue Landman by Bill & Dee Watkins †
- Thursday:** Justin Hill by the Urbanak Family †
- Friday:** Paul Smith by Walton Smith †
- Saturday:** Trudy & Andy McClay by the Zielinskis †
- Sunday:** For the People  
Jacky Johnson Sr.  
by Deacon Lee & Cheryl Robinson †

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

Ron & Diana Markevich, Walton Smith,  
Juanita Crowson, Toni James, Bob Walsh,  
Sarah Svetlay, Fred Brown, Silvia Moten,  
Wayne Adams, Herb & Sherry Kuntz, Bill &  
Loretta Frost, David & Audrey Springer,  
Christine Jaks, Jeanie Reid, Ruth Stanley,  
Jackie Thoma, Janice Stella, Frank Troncalli,  
Angela Ledlow, Michael Brayman, Shannon  
Ray, Mark Boyle, Lee Walser, Geri Bunt, Jay  
Benson, Charles & Libby LaFleur, Bill Trussell,  
Marcia Morteck, Paula Hereford, Margaret  
Carroll, James Reilly, Benny Goodman, Janie  
Gallegly, Margaret Banks

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 September 5—September 11

- Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday:** 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday:** Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
- Friday:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday:** 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49
- Sunday:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

## Today's Readings



**First Reading** — Who can ever know God's counsel unless God gives wisdom and sends the Holy Spirit from on high? (Wisdom 9:13-18b).

**Psalm** — In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (Psalm 90).

**Second Reading** — Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus, not as a slave but as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).

**Gospel** — To be a disciple of Jesus one must carry one's own cross and renounce all possessions (Luke 14:25-33).

## *Father Bill's Weekly Message*

### **BEING CHRIST TO OTHERS**

September is the month for the annual Catholic Charities and Communities pledge drive for 2023. The theme for this year's drive is, "Being Christ to Others."

Many of you have already received your pledge card in the mail. We will be collecting them at Mass the weekend of September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. However, if you want to mail them in now, that is not a problem. Send it in!

The donations given to Catholic Charities and Communities goes to support the many apostolates sponsored by the Diocese of Birmingham. But all the Diocese is asking for right now is a pledge of what you promise to contribute in 2023. You will have all 12 months of 2023 to fulfill your pledge.

Last year, the largest Catholic Charities and Communities allocation went to support our diocesan Catholic Social Services work. This includes the Centers of Concern located throughout the Diocese, Catholic Family Services, and Disaster Relief Services. Collectively, these apostolates assisted more than 52,000 people in 2021.

Another major focus of Catholic Charities and Communities funds is for education. This includes Catholic Schools, parish-based religious education, Catholic Campus Ministry, and Vocations. We are building up the future of the Church in North Alabama by forming more than 10,000 students in the Catholic faith. This includes the 14 seminarians who will be sponsored by our Diocese this Fall.

The cost of administration of the Catholic Charities and Communities pledge drive and office is 6%. That means 94 cents of every dollar given goes to assist the Diocese of Birmingham in bringing the love and mercy of Jesus Christ to those in most need of it.

Throughout the month of September, I will be giving more information about the Catholic Charities and Communities pledge drive and how you can be part of it.

### **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Catholic Church, RCIA may be what you are looking for. It is a process of learning the teachings of the Catholic Church and praying for God's guidance to help you decide if God is calling you to join the Church. Sessions began on Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. We begin each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. and finish no later than 8:30 p.m.

### **REMINDER FOR EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

It is part of your duty to clean and store the Sacred Vessels after Mass and prepare for the next Mass if applicable. Thanks for your service to our church.

### **Bible Study Group**

Please join us for a special Bible Study studying the Book of Sirach. The group will meet each Tuesday morning at 9:45 am in the Parish Hall.



### **PARISH STEWARDSHIP DRIVE**

**The weekend of September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> has been set for our annual Parish Stewardship Drive. It is an opportunity for parishioners to commit to serving in the many ministries we have in our parish.**

**Representatives from the various ministries active in our parish will be available in the parish hall following all weekend masses to answer any questions you may have about their ministry and to sign up new and current members.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDER for the weekend of September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>!**



**Time, Talent & Treasure**

## Offertory Collection

July 2022 — June 2023

	Actual	Needed weekly
<b>August 28 Offertory</b>	\$8,892	\$6,774
<b>Year to Date</b>	\$61,365	\$60,966

## Building Fund Collection

July 2022 — June 2023

	Actual	Needed Monthly
<b>Building Fund- Month of August</b>	\$4,726	\$2,540
<b>Year to Date</b>	\$9,379	\$5,715



**Chair: Jeff Reach**

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

### Access to the Church

If you have been given the privilege of a key to access church buildings, it is your responsibility to lock up after you leave and turn off the lights. Thank you!

### Bottled Water Drive

Once again, the Pell City schools are not allowing students to drink directly from the water fountains in their schools. Therefore, we are collecting bottled water for the students to use (and reuse). Please place your donations of bottled water in the foyers of the church. Someone from the schools will pick them up each week.

### Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center Fundraising Banquet

**Thursday, October 6, 2022 7:00 PM**

**The Club**

**Robert S. Smith Drive, Birmingham, AL**

Keynote, Attorney Eric Johnston, Author of the  
Alabama Human Life Protection Act

Please make your reservation now, consider hosting a table of eight or make a life-saving donation. There is no charge to attend but an appeal will be made to support this work of mercy and hope.

To register or donate:

205-447-8796

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21250 7th Ave South, Birmingham, AL 35233

## Mass at St. Vincent's Chapel

Wednesday morning Mass has resumed at St. Vincent's Hospital St. Clair. Mass is scheduled at **8:30 am**. The Mass is held in the chapel on the first floor. It is held every Wednesday, as long as Father Sexton or Father Bill are available.



## Hospitality Committee and Funeral Receptions

We are in need of volunteers who would be willing to help prepare a dish or help in set up/clean up for receptions, funerals, parish dinners, etc..

If God is putting in your heart to help out with this ministry, please reach out to Shirley Skeivelas at [shirleyseden@yahoo.com](mailto:shirleyseden@yahoo.com) or call 205-473-4740.

Please contact Shirley even if you are helping currently to make sure our contact list is accurate.

## KOC Prayer Service Saturday September 10, 2022 10:00 am Our Lady of the Lake Grotto



Everyone is invited!  
Coffee and donuts will be served.

In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held in the Parish Hall.

Contact Bernie Funderburg with questions at 205-405-6382

## Assignments

September 7, 2022 - September 11, 2022

### **WEDNESDAY MASS**

**9/7/2022 7:00 PM**

**Lector:** Charmaine Welch

**Ministers:** Deacon

### **SATURDAY MASS**

**9/10/2022 5:00 PM**

**Greeters:** Paige Everett, Loretta Frost

**Lector:** Allen Ross

**Ministers:** Tom Graffo, Susan Moseley

**Altar Servers:** James Raynor, Larry Reese

**Ushers:** Karen Hand, Sam Marston

### **SUNDAY MASS**

**9/11/2022 8:30 AM**

**Greeters:** Alexis Allor, D & S Veigl

**Lectors:** Patrick Everett, Buddy Spradley

**Ministers:** Teri Gagliano, Ronni Thomas

**Altar Servers:** Michael Gagliano,  
Buddy Adamson

**Ushers:** Belia Solis, Henry Cardenas,  
Dennis Veigl

**9/11/2022 11:15 AM**

**Greeters:** The Bluhm Family

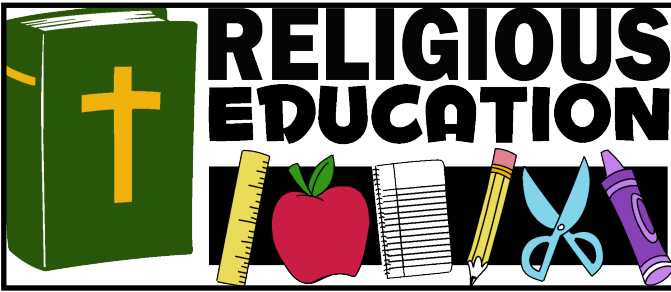
**Lectors:** Stephanie Fischer,  
Bernie Funderburg

**Ministers:** Sonya Lewis, Lexie Smith

**Altar Servers:** Ethan Myers,  
Tommie Ann Johnson

**Ushers:** Chris Gallegly, John Bluhm,  
Emily Bluhm, Andy Payant

**If you are unable to keep your assignment, please find a substitute. Arrive 15 minutes ahead of Mass and sign in at the back of the church.**



### Family and Friends, or God?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple."

You probably thought that God doesn't want us to hate anyone, right? Well, He doesn't! What Jesus was saying was that we should love God more than we love the people closest to us. He means that we should be ready to do what God wants even if that means losing or family or best friends.

Normally, God wants us to stay close to the people we love, but what if you had to choose between doing the right thing or keeping your friends? Are you ready to give up anything or anyone that would stop you from loving God?

Source: The Kids' Bulletin



Parish Code: JRQNH8

### Looking Ahead:

September 4 - No R.E.

September 7th - Adult / Youth Group 5:30pm in Parish Hall

September 11 - R.E. 9:45-11am. Food drive continues!



### R.E. Registration!

<http://ollpellcity.com/home/religious-education/>

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."

- Mark 12:30



## 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 August – 324 cans**  
Please consider donating \$1 per week

## **OLL Parish Picnic and New Member Reception Sunday, September 18, 2022 Church Grounds After 11:15 Mass Adult & Kids Games, Prizes! Bring a lawn chair!**

Sign up sheets are in the foyer to bring a dish to share. Knights of Columbus will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. There will also be a Stewardship Drive that same morning in the Parish Hall.



### Calendar for Sept. 4, 2022—Sept. 11, 2022

#### Sunday– September 4

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

No RE

Holy Land Gifts at all Masses

#### Monday– September 5 Labor Day

Parish Office Closed

Mass 9:00 am

#### Tuesday– September 6

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study Group-9:45 am

RCIA– 7:00 pm

#### Wednesday–September 7

Adult/Youth Group– 5:30 pm

Mass 7:00 pm

#### Thursday– September 8

Mass 9:00 am

Legion of Mary– 7:00 pm

#### Friday– September 9

Mass 9:00 am

#### Saturday– September 10

KOC Prayer Service @ Grotto– 10:00 am

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass 5:00 pm

#### Sunday– September 11

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

RE 9:45 am

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**Saturday**  
**10.22.2022**  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Shrine of the  
Most Blessed  
Sacrament**  
Hanceville, AL

# DIOCESAN FAMILY 2022 *festival*

Join parishioners, clergy, and religious from across our diocese!  
It is a time to celebrate life in abundance and give thanks for all the blessings we receive from God.

## FOOD FELLOWSHIP FUN

**10:00 a.m.**

Mass on the piazza with Bishop Raica

**11:30 a.m.**

Festivities, food and diocesan soccer tournament

**4:00 p.m.**

Championship soccer match





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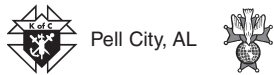
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