



# Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

*Weekdays*

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 a.m.  
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

**CONFESSIONS**

Saturday 4:00-4:45 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

**MIRACULOUS  
MEDAL NOVENA**

Mondays following Mass

**EVERY FIRST FRIDAY**

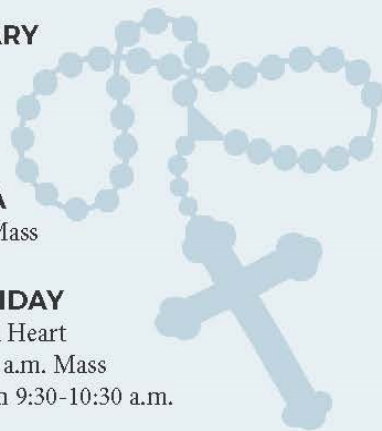
Novena to the Sacred Heart  
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass  
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

**HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION**

Third Sunday of every month 7:00 p.m.  
Second Wednesday of every month | *Exposicion del  
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## Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, January 14, 2023  
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 15, 2023  
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 15, 2023



*I will make you a light to the nations, that my  
salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*

—Isaiah 49:3, 5-6



January 16 - January 22

- Monday:** Enrique Perez †
- Tuesday:** Margaret Funderburg by Sharon Stice †
- Wednesday:** Tony McRae by Sharon Stice †
- Thursday:** Jorge Gonzalez by James & Gloria Raynor †
- Friday:** Paul Boyle Sr. by Parma Boyle †
- Saturday:** Paul Boyle Sr. by KOC 12270 †
- Sunday:** All Parishioners & Clergy by Parma Boyle  
For the People

#### *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, Lee Walser, Geri Bunt, Jay Benson, Charles  
& Libby LaFleur, Marcia Mortek, Benny  
Goodman, Margaret Banks, Jose Riveria, Helen  
Turner, George Sobolowski, Darrell & Teresa  
Reeser, Jimmy Hollis, William Konnor Stone,  
Bit Thomaston, Marti Baird, Pat Roberts

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 January 16—January 22

- Monday:** Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4;  
Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday:** Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-  
2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-  
8
- Wednesday:** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps  
110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday:** Heb 7:25—8:6; Ps 40:7-  
10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
- Friday:** Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10  
-14; Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday:** Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps  
47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21
- Sunday:** Is 8:23—9:3; Ps 27:1,  
4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-  
13, 17; Mt 4:12-23

### Today's Readings



**First Reading** — The glory of the Lord shows through Israel, a light to the nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

**Psalm** — I am here to do as you ask, O Lord (Psalm 40).

**Second Reading** — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

**Gospel** — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

## CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK

January 18<sup>th</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup> is Christian Unity Week in the United States. January 25<sup>th</sup> is the Liturgical Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, so the mainline Churches picked the week leading up to that feast as a time to strive for unity.

At the Last Supper, Jesus prayed, "I pray for those who will believe in me through their (the disciples') word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me." (John 17, 20-21) The unity of Christians is a missionary necessity because it helps people put faith in Jesus Christ.

However, if you read the New Testament, you understand that unity is a difficult goal to accomplish. There were disagreements between the apostles, between the Jewish and Gentile Christians, and even within local communities.

Since the 1950's, the Catholic Church has been working for theological unity with other Christians. It is a humbling experience because it necessitates the Catholic Church admitting our wrongs without insisting that other Christians admit their wrongs. Great strides have been made, especially with Orthodox Christians, though the war in Ukraine has been a setback to Christian unity. Both the Ukrainians and the Russians are Christian.

What is at stake in Christian unity is evangelization. Our divisions negatively impact the preaching of the Gospel and the conversion of people to Christianity. The mission entrusted to the Church by her risen Savior is compromised when those who say they follow Jesus fail to follow His teaching or way of life.

We can be proud of our Catholic faith. We can also learn from the faith and example of other Christians. All Christians need to grow in their faith. Christian Unity Week is an opportunity to strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ as the Savior of the world.

## HOLY MOMENTS BOOK STUDY

Father Bill is leading a four-week book study on Holy Moments during the month of January. It will take place between the masses on Sunday and on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. starting January 8th through January 30th.

Pick up a book located in each foyer and join us at the book study!



## Surfsiders

The Surfsiders will have their monthly meeting this Wednesday, January 18 at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall. This includes a potluck lunch, games and fellowship. All seniors are invited! You need not be Catholic to attend.

## Attention Liturgical Ministers!

**If you are scheduled to serve or substitute for someone at Mass as an Altar Server, Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Usher or Greeter, please be at the Church at least 15 minutes before Mass and recognize your presence on the schedule at the back of the church. It is important to know that everyone is here before Mass starts.**



## Offertory Collection

July 2022 — June 2023

	Actual	Needed weekly
January 8 Offertory	\$6,912	\$6,774
Year to Date	\$215,857	\$196,446



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

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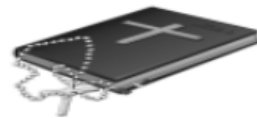
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### **2023 Offertory Envelopes**

**We are still waiting on the 2023 Offertory Envelopes to arrive. In the meantime, please be sure and put your check or cash in a plain envelope with your name (and number if you know it) and we'll make sure you get credited with your donation.**

### **Bible Study Group**

Please join us for a special Bible Study every Tuesday morning at 9:45 am in the Parish Hall. We are finishing up the Gospel of John and will soon start on the Book of Genesis.



### **SILENCE BEFORE AND AFTER MASS**

The 15 minutes before Mass and the 15 minutes following Mass are used by some people as a time for prayerful preparation and thanksgiving. That is why we try to maintain a "reverential silence" in the church during those times. Fellowship is also a part of our faith, but the place for that is in the foyers of the church or outside. Please try to be respectful of the needs of others and maintain a reverential silence in the church before and after Mass.

Father Bill

## Change of Address or Contact Information?

Please let us know at the parish office if you have changed any of the below information so we can keep our records up to date.

- Change of address
- Change of phone number, including dropping a land-line
- Change of email address

Call us at 205-525-5161 or email at [parish@ollpellcity.com](mailto:parish@ollpellcity.com).

### **Padre Pio Prayer Group**

The Padre Pio Prayer group will meet on Saturday January 21st at 10:00 am at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Homewood, AL. All are welcome to join us for an hour of prayer/rosary/adoration and Holy Mass led by Fr. Jim Hedderman.

For more information contact Angela Kolar at [angkolar@att.net](mailto:angkolar@att.net) or 205-410-2033



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The next weekend in the diocese of Birmingham is scheduled on March 10-12, 2023 at St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman.

You can get more information or register online at [www.wvme.org](http://www.wvme.org) or by calling Frank and Kathryn Wessling at 205-530-3607.

## *Assignments*

*January 18, 2023 - January 22, 2023*

### **WEDNESDAY MASS**

**1/18/2023 7:00 PM**

**Lector:** Susan Moseley

**Ministers:** Deacon

### **SATURDAY MASS-**

**1/21/2023 5:00 PM**

**Greeters:** Dawn Adamson, Allen Ross

**Lectors:** Susan Moseley, Buddy Spradley

**Ministers:** Martha Hayes, Buddy Spradley

**Altar Servers:** Tom Graffo, Dennis Veigl

**Ushers:** Karen Hand, Sam Marston

### **SUNDAY MASS**

**1/22/2023 8:30 AM**

**Greeters:** Crapet/Freeman/Landman/Price

**Lectors:** Mary Burns, Carey Monistere

**Ministers:** Patrick Everett, Teri Gagliano,  
Jorge Solis, Edgar Solis

**Altar Servers:** Michael Gagliano  
Henry Cardenas

**Ushers:** Matt Allor, Phillip Thomaston,  
Robert Paulitzky

### **SUNDAY MASS**

**1/22/2023 11:15 AM**

**Greeters:** The Bluhm Family

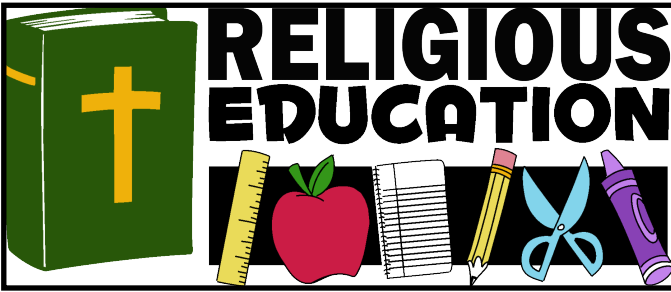
**Lectors:** Gloria Raynor  
Bernie Funderburg

**Ministers:** Sonya Lewis, Chris Gallegly,  
Sophie Alvarez, Lexie Smith

**Altar Servers:** Jhon Paul & Natalie Rodgers

**Ushers:** Chris Gallegly, Jerrold Bluhm,  
Lexie Smith, John Bluhm

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.



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## John the Baptist

Everybody thought that John the Baptist was a great preacher and prophet. Some people thought that he might even be the Messiah who would save their people. But John knew that was not his job. When Jesus came to him at the river to be baptized, John pointed at him and told the people, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" He told the People that he was not the great one; Jesus was.

Saint John the Baptist is an example to all of us. If we are really good, then our lives will show other people the way to Jesus.

John the Baptist taught the people by telling them to repent of their sins and be baptized. God wants some people to teach about Him by teaching and preaching to the people. But for most of us, the best way to teach others about God is by living a good life and loving God. If you really do your best to love God, then your life will be like St. John the Baptist's and point the way to Jesus.

What is something that you can do today to lead someone to Jesus?

*Source: The Kids' Bulletin*

# FORMED

FAITH AT HOME

Parish Code: JRQNH8

## Looking Ahead:

January 15th - No RE, MLK Jr. Holiday

January 18th - Youth Group @  
5:30pm

January 22nd - RE 9:45-11am

January 25th - Youth Group @  
5:30pm

January 29th - RE 9:45-11am



## Join us for Youth Group!

**Jr. Youth Group**

**K-6th - Meets in the RE Building.**

**Sr. Youth Group**

**7-12th - Meets in the Parish Hall.**

*Join us for food, fellowship and fun as we grow closer to each other and our Lord!*

“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**  
**Actual thru January 8- 242 cans**  
 Please consider donating \$1 per week



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## WREATH MATCH

STARTING SATURDAY,  
 DEC 18, THROUGH JAN. 15, 2023  
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 ASSEMBLY 2972,  
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Calendar for January 15, 2023—January 22, 2023

### Sunday— January 15

Masses— 8:30 am & 11:15 am  
 Adult Education— Holy Moments 9:45 am  
 Holy Hour— 7:00 pm

### Monday— January 16 —ML King Day

Parish Office Closed  
 Mass 9:00 am  
 Adult Education— Holy Moments 7:00 pm

### Tuesday— January 17

Mass 9:00 am  
 Bible Study Group—9:45 am  
 RCIA— 7:00 pm

### Wednesday—January 18

Surfsiders— 10:00 am  
 Youth Group— 5:30 pm  
 Mass 7:00 pm  
 Pastoral Council— 7:30 pm

### Thursday— January 19

Mass 9:00 am  
 Liturgy Committee— 6:00 pm  
 Legion of Mary 7:00 pm

### Friday— January 20

Mass 9:00 am

### Saturday — January 21

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm  
 Mass 5:00 pm  
 Pilgrim Virgin— 6:30 pm

### Sunday— January 22

Masses— 8:30 am & 11:15 am  
 RE— 9:45 am  
 Adult Education— Holy Moments 9:45 am

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