



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

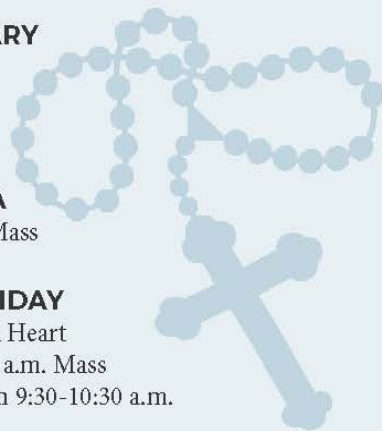
Novena to the Sacred Heart
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

Third Sunday of every month 7:00 p.m.
Second Wednesday of every month | *Exposicion del
Santisimo el segundo Miércoles de cada mes* 7:30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

August through May
Ages 3 years through High School



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Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

*Saturday, January 21, 2023
Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, January 22, 2023
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am*

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 22, 2023*



*They left their nets and followed him.
—Matthew 4:12-23*



January 23 - January 29

- Monday:** Hixey Stephens
by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore †
- Tuesday:** Art DiMattia by Shirley Skeivelas †
- Wednesday:** Sr. Eleanor Harrison
by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
- Thursday:** Doris Klein by Pat & Brenda Monte †
- Friday:** James Tyus by Fr. William Lucas †
- Saturday:** Alfonzo Gonzalez by James & Gloria Raynor †
- Sunday:** Deceased Members of KOC Council #12270 †
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, Tom Welch, Tommie Ann Johnson, Carl Wright

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 January 23—January 29

- Monday:** Heb 9:15, 24-28:1-6; Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday:** Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday:** Acts 22:3-16; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
- Thursday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-35
- Friday:** Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
- Sunday:** Zep 2:3, 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

Today's Readings



First Reading — The burdens that were once laid upon the people have been vanquished (Isaiah 8:23—9:3).

Psalm — The Lord guides and saves me (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

Gospel — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee teaching, proclaiming the gospel, and curing the people (Matthew 4:12-23).

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

“On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives, and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion.”

“In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23 when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.” (Source: USCCB)

Prayer: Pray for women considering abortion. Pray for those who work in and benefit from the abortion industry. Pray for God to change their minds and hearts. Pray for the people who are giving their time and effort to work “on the front lines” to bring a culture of life into this culture of death. Pray for those entrusted with authority to promote a culture of life in our society.

Penance: Whatever you normally give up for Lent, give that up on January 23rd. As we do during Lent, unite your sacrifice to the sacrifice of Christ on the cross for an outpouring of God’s mercy on the world. Abortion may be the clearest sign of the culture of death in the United States, but it is not the only one. Ending abortion, which can only be done with God’s grace, would be a significant step in building a culture of life, but far from the last step. Personal penance also changes the individual’s mind and heart. It may lead us to becoming more aware of the dignity of all human life.



You are invited to a Baby Shower to benefit Ann’s New Life Pregnancy Medical Center on **February 19, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church**, in the parish hall. Coffee and donuts will be served.

It’s baby bottle time. Please take a bottle today and return it with your spare-change at the Baby Shower.

Must Needed Items Include:

Aveeno Baby Mommy & Me Daily Bath time set, Johnson’s Baby Body Moisture wash, baby shampoo, Newborn baby caps (boys and girls), hooded baby towels and washcloths, sleep blankets (sleeveless zip-up bag, goes over jammies).

Size 5 Luvs and Huggies diapers, Size 6 diapers (Currently available at Bargain Hunt).

Vitafusion PreNatal Gummy Vitamins, Cowiewie Baby Bassinet with Bed Mattress and storage, Ingenuity Soothing baby bouncer, Ingenuity easy-fold baby swing, Dream on Me Zoom Portable playard (Gray).

Ann’s New Life Center has been Blessed beyond measure by members of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church. Thank you for all you do for the unborn.

Offertory Collection

July 2022 — June 2023

	Actual	Needed weekly
January 15 Offertory	\$5,102	\$6,774
Year to Date	\$225,094	\$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.**

Pre-Valentine's Half-Day Marriage Retreat

Join us for a fun and engaging retreat for married and engaged couples! The retreat will take place from 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. at the following locations (choose one):

Saturday, February 4th– Cathedral of St Paul (Birmingham)

Saturday, February 11th– Our Lady Queen of the Universe (Huntsville)

The event is sponsored by the Diocese of Birmingham and Worldwide Marriage Encounter and the event is FREE!

Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/CatholicMarriage>. For more information contact Frank and Kathryn Wessling 205-530-3607 or email frank.kathryn.w@gmail.com



HOMEBOUND AND HOSPITALIZED

If you are unable to get to Mass and would like to receive communion or have a visit from a priest or deacon, please call the parish office and let us know. The phone number is 205-525-5161.

Also, Deacon Serge's number is 205-753-3230; Deacon Lee's number is 205-936-9330; Deacon Terry's number is 205-253-9223.

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

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!

2023 Offertory Envelopes

The 2023 Offertory Envelopes have arrived! Please pick up yours in the Parish Hall. If you don't see yours in the Hall, please contact the parish office.



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Region 5– Alabama
Sean and Angie Murray
Fr. Tim Pfander
Alabama Eclesial Team**

Do your New Year's Resolutions Start to Fade?

Start again now with a renewed commitment to your spouse. What better way to celebrate the gift of your unique love than to make time to focus on each other and your marriage? Consider making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to renew those feelings you had during your first few years together.

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.wwme.org or by calling Frank and Kathryn Wessling at 205-530-3607.

Assignments

January 25, 2023 - January 29, 2023

WEDNESDAY MASS

1/25/2023 7:00 PM

Lector: Charmaine Welch

Ministers: Deacon

SATURDAY MASS-

1/28/2023 5:00 PM

Greeters: Paige Everett, Karen Hand

Lectors: Allen Ross, Pat Bluhm

Ministers: Susan Moseley, Parma Boyle

Altar Servers: Chris Gallegly, Jeff Reach

Ushers: Amy Carreker, Jim Gorman

SUNDAY MASS

1/29/2023 8:30 AM

Greeters: Poteracki/Alvarez family

Lectors: Jorge Solis, Dennis Veigl

Ministers: Tom Graffo, Larry Reese

James Raynor, Bernie Funderburg

Altar Servers: Stephen Reese, Roger Carreker

Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Dennis Veigl,
Matt Allor, Phillip Thomaston,

SUNDAY MASS

1/29/2023 11:15 AM

Greeters: Shirley Skeivelas, Willi family

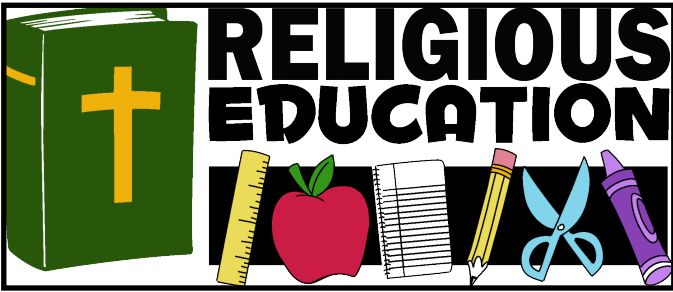
Lectors: Larry Foltz, Lexie Smith

Ministers: Lexie Smith, Sophie Alvarez,
TBD

Altar Servers: Destiny Markevich,
Tommie Ann Johnson

Ushers: Andy Payant, John Bluhm,
Emily 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.



Jesus Tells us to Repent

Today, we hear about Jesus beginning His mission of preaching and healing the sick. The very first thing He tells the people is that they should repent from their sins.

Why do we need to repent of our sins? Why don't we just stop thinking about the bad things we did and start trying to be good?

Well, pretend your soul is like a garden. When you sin, it's like making a big hole in the ground. You can't grow flowers in a hole, and someone might trip on it and make the hole bigger. That's what can happen with sins too-little sins can cause bigger ones.

When you are sorry for your sins and go to confession it's like filling in the holes and planting flowers where they used to be. Keep your soul like a good garden and make sure you don't have any holes in it!

Source: The Kids' Bulletin

FORMED
FAITH AT HOME

Parish Code: **JRQNH8**

Looking Ahead:

January 22nd - RE 9:45-11am.

January 25th - Youth Group @ 5:30pm.

January 29th - RE 9:45-11am.

February 1st- Youth Group @ 5:30 pm.



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 15- 325 cans
 Please consider donating \$1 per week

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The latest report from the Catholic Charities and Communities office shows the following for Our Lady of the Lake parish: Goal- \$60,000.00. Pledges and Contributions to date- \$37,931.00. That means we have only reached 63% of our goal.

If you have been planning to make a pledge or contribution to Catholic Charities and Communities, now is the time. The mailing address is:

Catholic Charities and Communities
 P. O. Box 12047
 Birmingham, AL 35202-2047

You can also pledge or contribute online at catholiccharitiesbhm.org. Please help.

Calendar for January 22, 2023—January 29, 2023

Sunday— January 22

Masses— 8:30 am & 11:15 am

RE— 9:45 am

Adult Education— Holy Moments 9:45 am

Monday— January 23

Mass 9:00 am

KOC Meeting— 6:00-8:00 pm

Adult Education— Holy Moments 7:00 pm

Tuesday— January 24

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study Group-9:45 am

RCIA— 7:00 pm

Wednesday—January 25

Youth Group— 5:30 pm

Mass 7:00 pm

Thursday— January 26

Mass 9:00 am

Legion of Mary 7:00 pm

Friday— January 27

Mass 9:00 am

Saturday — January 28

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday— January 29

KOC Mass— 8:30 am

Mass- 11:15 am

RE— 9:45 am

Adult Education— Holy Moments 9:45 am

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