



# Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

4609 MARTIN STREET SOUTH  
CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054

**Rev. William R. Lucas, Pastor**

Deacon Terrence Rumore  
Deacon Serge Brazzolotto  
Deacon E. Lee Robinson

**PARISH OFFICE | 205-525-5161**

Fax 205-525-5162  
Email [parish@ollpellcity.com](mailto:parish@ollpellcity.com)  
Hours Monday-Thursday  
9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Jim Mathis, *Director of Religious Education*  
Charmaine Welch, *Music Director*  
Shelly Hamman, *Parish Secretary*

**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**

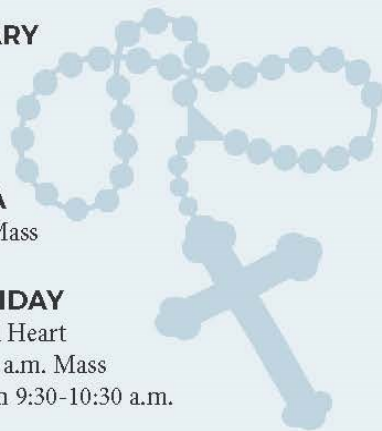
Novena to the Sacred Heart  
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass  
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

**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



[www.ollpellcity.com](http://www.ollpellcity.com)

*Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church*

*Saturday, January 28, 2023  
Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, January 29, 2023  
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am*

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*January 29, 2023*



*Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God. —Matthew 5:9*



January 30 - February 5

- Monday:** Paul Boyle Sr. by Bob & Karen Hand †
- Tuesday:** Fr. Henry McDaid by Fr. William Lucas †
- Wednesday:** Jacky Johnson Sr. by Bob & Karen Hand †
- Thursday:** Art DiMattia by Shirley Skeivelas †
- Friday:** Margaret Banks by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
- Saturday:** Gene Smith by Susan Moseley †
- Sunday:** Frances Matukus by the Surfsiders †  
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](mailto:sharonstice46@gmail.com) or call 205-613-1053.

*Weekly Readings January 30- February 5*

- Monday:** Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday:** Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
- Friday:** Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday:** Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

*Today's Readings*



**First Reading** — You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13).

**Psalm** — The Lord blesses the humble and gives them the heavenly kingdom (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

**Gospel** — Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

## BLESSING OF THROATS

This Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, is the Memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. It is also the traditional day to offer a blessing for the throat.

February 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. (Forty days after Christmas.) Here we recall the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem by Mary and Joseph. (Luke 2, 22-40) On this feast, candles for liturgical use are blessed.

On the following day, two of those blessed candles are shaped into a cross, which is then placed near the throat of the person being blessed. A prayer of blessing is invoked: "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." The recipient of the blessing responds, "Amen."

St. Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia. He was martyred sometime in the early fourth century. Legend has it that, as Blaise was being led to martyrdom, he encountered a mother and son. The son had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At the prayer of St. Blaise, the bone was dislodged, and the boy was saved.

The blessing of candles and throats are called *sacramentals*. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "These are sacred signs which bear a resemblance to the sacraments. They signify effects, particularly of a spiritual nature, which are obtained through the intercession of the Church. By them men are disposed to receive the chief effect of the sacraments, and various occasions of life are rendered holy." (CCC #1667)

We will also offer the Blessing of Throats following the weekend masses on February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.



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.

### 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).



Many thanks to Fr. Bill and the parishioners at OLL for launching the Baby Bottle Drive to benefit Ann's New Life Pregnancy Medical Center. May God bless you for all the years of prayer and support. Hope to see you at the Shower of Blessings on February 19, 2023, at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall! Sharon Stice

## Offertory Collection

July 2022 — June 2023

	Actual	Needed weekly
January 22 Offertory	\$4,186	\$6,774
Year to Date	\$229,300	\$203,220



**Chair: Jeff Reach**

jreach@protonmail.com

**Vice Chair: Bernie Funderburg**

boxacarbern1@aol.com

**Secretary: Brenda Rochford**

edenrochford@yahoo.com

**Mary Burns:** angels4maryb@gmail.com

**Leslie Hutto:** ljhutto@gmail.com

**Britton Falkner:** brittonfalkner@gmail.com

**Debbie Gossett:** debbiegossett@msn.com

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

**Cristy McKinney:** cmckinney9839@gmail.com

**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](mailto:frank.kathryn.w@gmail.com)



## Black & Indian Home Missions- Special Collection

Next weekend, February 4 & 5, our parish will take up the annual National Black & Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs and diocesan ministers depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! For more information you can visit [www.blackandindianmission.org](http://www.blackandindianmission.org).

## 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. Please be sure and join us for the last weekend session held January 29th between Masses and Monday, January 30th at 7:00 pm.

## Parish Bulletins

Starting next weekend, there be hard copy bulletins passed out after Mass for anyone that wants one. We will still e-mail the bulletin to those on the JS Paluch distribution. However, the email will be send from the church email (parish@ollpellcity.com) and should be received on the Thursday before the weekend.

## 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**

**Celebrate Valentine's Day with a gift for the person who loves you– your spouse. Make time for one another by focusing your attention on each other during the next Marriage Encounter Weekend. Step forward during this month of love to a renewed commitment to your spouse.**

**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](http://www.wwme.org) or by calling Frank and Kathryn Wessling at 205-530-3607.**

## Assignments

*February 1, 2023 - February 5, 2023*

### **WEDNESDAY MASS**

**2/1/2023 7:00 PM**

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

### **SATURDAY MASS-**

**2/4/2023 5:00 PM**

**Greeters:** Dawn Adamson, Loretta Frost  
**Lectors:** Susan Moseley, Marguerite Gorman  
**Ministers:** Dawn Adamson, Tom Graffo  
**Altar Servers:** Tom Michaels, Buddy Adamson  
**Ushers:** Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

### **SUNDAY MASS**

**2/5/2023 8:30 AM**

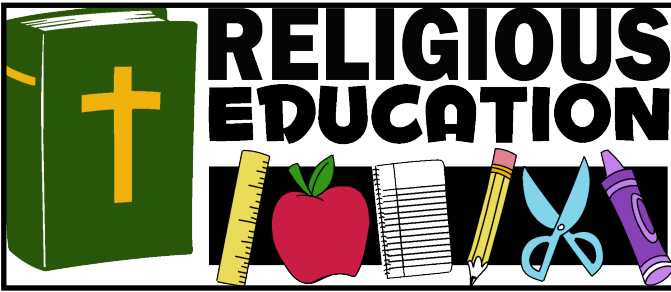
**Greeters:** J&B Paulitzky, B&L Menefee  
**Lectors:** Patrick Everett, Karen Reese  
**Ministers:** Brenda Rochford, Anita Allor  
Ronnie Thomas, Carly Sadler  
**Altar Servers:** Marty Poteracki, Andy Payant  
**Ushers:** Michael Gagliano, Bart Perry,  
Robert Paulitzky, Phillip Thomaston

### **SUNDAY MASS**

**2/5/2023 11:15 AM**

**Greeters:** Maria Jimenez,  
P. Cowert/P. LopezdeVictoria  
**Lectors:** Stephanie Fischer,  
Michael Poteracki  
**Ministers:** Sonia Lewis, Chris Gallegly  
Buddy Spradley, Bernie Funderburg  
**Altar Servers:** Caleb & Logen Bluhm  
**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.**



### How to be Happy! The Beatitudes

1. *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* If you share your nice things and don't let your stuff be the most important thing in your life, then you will be happy.
2. *Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.* If you are sad now, remember that in Heaven there will be no more suffering.
3. *Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.* God will make sure you get everything you need.
4. *Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.* If you try to do what is right, then God will make the right things happen.
5. *Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.* If you forgive other people when they hurt you, then God will forgive you when you are sorry for your sins against Him.
6. *Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.* If God is the center of your life, then your heart is pure and ready to see Him in Heaven when you die.
7. *Blessed be the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.* God loves peace, and loves it when we try to avoid getting into fights.
8. *Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* If you suffer for the truth, God will give you a joyful reward!

Source: *The Kids' Bulletin*

**FORMED**  
FAITH AT HOME

Parish Code: **JRQNH8**

### Looking Ahead:

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

February 5th - RE 9:45-11am;

**1st Communion Parent**

**Meeting 9:45am.**

February 8th - Youth Group

@ 5:30pm.

**YOUTH  
GROUP**



### Join us for Youth Group!

**Jr. Youth Group**

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

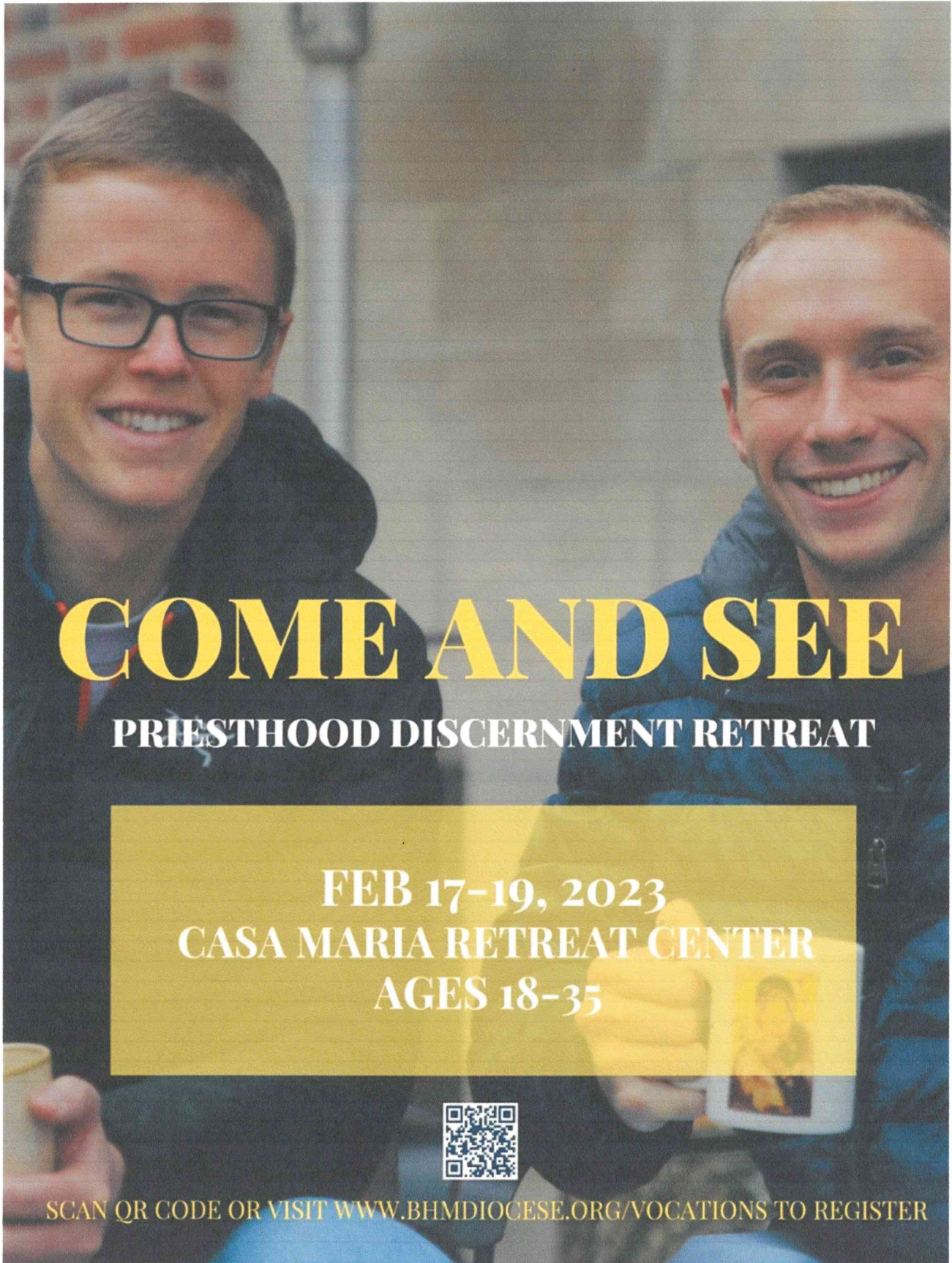
**Sr. Youth Group**

**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



**COME AND SEE**  
**PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT RETREAT**

**FEB 17-19, 2023**  
**CASA MARIA RETREAT CENTER**  
**AGES 18-35**



SCAN QR CODE OR VISIT [WWW.BHMDIOCESE.ORG/VOCATIONS](http://WWW.BHMDIOCESE.ORG/VOCATIONS) TO REGISTER

## 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 22- 385 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](http://catholiccharitiesbhm.org). Please help.

### Calendar for January 29, 2023—February 5, 2023

#### **Sunday— January 29**

KOC Mass— 8:30 am

Mass- 11:15 am

RE— 9:45 am

Adult Education— Holy Moments 9:45 am

#### **Monday— January 30**

Mass 9:00 am

Adult Education— Holy Moments 7:00 pm

#### **Tuesday— January 31**

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study Group-9:45 am

RCIA— 7:00 pm

#### **Wednesday—February 1**

Youth Group— 5:30 pm

Mass 7:00 pm

#### **Thursday— February 2**

Mass 9:00 am

Legion of Mary 7:00 pm

#### **Friday— February 3**

Mass 9:00 am

Blessing of the Throats during Mass

First Friday Adoration 10:30 am-11:30 am

#### **Saturday — February 4**

First Saturday Mass-9:00 am

Rosary Guild— 10:00 am

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass 5:00 pm

Blessing of the Throats-after Mass

#### **Sunday— February 5**

Mass— 8:30 & 11:15 am

Blessing of the Throats-after Mass

RE— 9:45 am

Protecting **Seniors**  
 Nationwide



**Call Today!**

**Toll Free 1.877.801.8608**

**\$29.95/Mo. billed quarterly**



- One Free Month
- No Long-Term Contract
- Price Guarantee
- Easy Self Installation



**FINDaPARISH.com**

**Check It Out Today!**

*The Most Complete  
Online National  
Directory of  
Catholic Parishes*



**State Farm™**

**BART PERRY**  
STATE FARM AGENCY

205-525-0726 [www.BartPerry.com](http://www.BartPerry.com)

*Please Patronize*

The Sponsors Who Appear On This Bulletin.  
It Is Through Their Support That This Bulletin Is Made Possible.  
Business Owners Interested In Advertising Please Call  
**J.S. Paluch at 1-800-438-8931**



**Knights of Columbus  
Council 12270**



Pell City, AL



**If You Live Alone You Need MDMedAlert!**

✓Ambulance      **24 Hour Protection at HOME and AWAY!**  
✓Police ✓Fire      FREE Shipping  
✓Friends/Family      FREE Activation      Solutions as Low as **\$19.<sup>95</sup>** a month  
NO Long Term Contracts



"I have peace of mind... Mom remains independent."

**MDMedAlert**  
Safe-Guarding America's Seniors Nationwide!

**CALL NOW! 800.809.3352**

GPS Tracking w/Fall Detection  
Nationwide, No Land Line Needed  
EASY Set-up, NO Contract  
24/7 365 Monitoring in the USA



As Shown GPS, Lowest Price Guaranteed!

**This Button SAVES Lives!**

**ONE PARISH**

Download Our Free App or Visit  
<https://www.oneparish.com>

Grow in your faith,  
find a Mass, and  
connect with your  
Catholic Community  
with OneParish!



**catholicmatch®**

Alabama



**CatholicMatch.com/myAL**

**Get this weekly bulletin delivered by email - for FREE!**

Sign up here:  
[www.jspaluch.com/subscribe](http://www.jspaluch.com/subscribe)

Courtesy of J.S. Paluch Company, Inc.

