



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

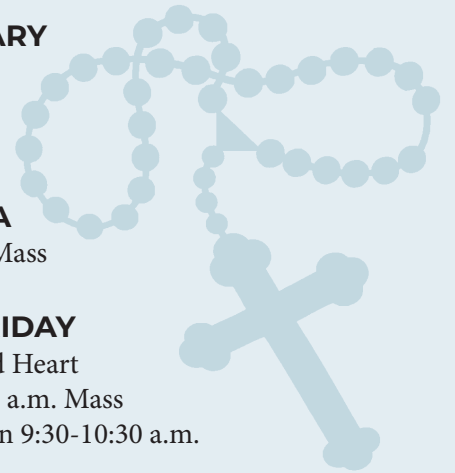
Novena to the Sacred Heart
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Ages 3 years through High School



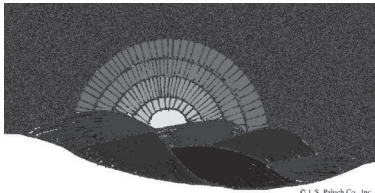
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Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, February 4, 2023
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, February 5, 2023
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 5, 2023



A light shines through the darkness for the upright. —Psalm 112:4



February 6 - February 12

- Monday:** Patty Blum by Marti Baird
- Tuesday:** Fr. Henry McDaid
by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore †
- Wednesday:** Cheryl Coburn by Sharon Stice †
- Thursday:** Eliezer de Gonzalez by James & Gloria Raynor †
- Friday:** Laisvunas Skeivelas by Shirley Skeivelas †
- Saturday:** Paul Boyle Sr. by Susan Moseley †
- Sunday:** For the People
Art DiMattia by Shirley Skeivelas †

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, Charles & Libby LaFleur, Marcia Mordek, Benny Goodman, Margaret Banks, Jose Riveria, Helen Turner, George Sobolowski, Darrell & Teresa Reeser, Jimmy Hollis, William Konnor Stone, Bit Thomaston, Marti Baird, Pat Roberts, 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 February 6- February 12

- Monday:** Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday:** Gn 1:20—2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday:** Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday:** Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday:** Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday:** Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

Today's Readings



First Reading — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

Psalm — One who is just is a model for the righteous (Psalm 112).

Second Reading — My message to you, says Paul, was not clever words of wisdom but the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

Gospel — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16).

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.

FOOD FOR THE POOR

Next week Father Jim Steuterman will be presiding and preaching at our weekend Masses. Father Steuterman will be here representing the organization Food For The Poor.

“In addition to feeding the hungry, providing access to lifesaving clean water, delivering essential medicines and medical supplies, and building sturdy homes, Food For The Poor is committed to building self-sustaining communities in the Caribbean and Latin America.”

Their goal to end poverty begins with developing communities where residents are empowered and flourish on their own through education and skills training. With God and faithful donors, the cycle of poverty can be broken for families in need, giving them a future filled with hope.

The Church is missionary in nature. Its mission is to bring the Good News of God's love in Jesus Christ to those in most need of it. St. Francis of Assisi is quoted to have said, “Preach the Gospel. Use words if necessary.” We reveal our faith in Jesus Christ most of all by how we live. Jesus taught, “Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” (Matthew 25, 40)

The Church is also catholic, that is, universal. Though we experience our faith most often in our parish, we are joined to all the people Christ died for, which is everyone. Jesus Christ is the savior of the world. There is no one beyond His reach. There is no one beyond His Church's reach.

Please prayerfully consider partnering with Food For The Poor as an instrument used to bring Christ's love to those in most need of it. There will be no special collection next weekend. Brochures will be available to voluntarily contribute. Father Steuterman will be available to answer any questions.



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. Please bring your filled baby bottles to the 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).

Priest Discernment Weekend

Friday, February 17-Sunday, February 19, 2023
Casa Maria Retreat Center, Birmingham AL
Men ages 18-35 years

Father Kevin Bazzel will lead this weekend of prayers, talks and fellowship for men discerning a call to priesthood. Father Wyman Vintson, Vocation Director will be present to answer questions about discernment, the application process and seminary life. The event is free, but registration is required.



Scan the QR code or visit
www.bhmdiocese.org/vocations to register.

Offertory Collection

July 2022 — June 2023

	Actual	Needed weekly
January 29 Offertory	\$7,007	\$6,774
Year to Date	\$236,317	\$209,994



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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 location

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



Parish Bulletins

We are now distributing hard copy bulletins 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.

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

Food for the Poor
February 11-12, 2023
Fr. James Steuterman

Fr. James Steuterman will speak at all Masses and share personal witness about Food for the Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out of the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Fr. Steuterman was ordained April 4, 1975 for the Diocese of Worcester. In addition to being a pastor at St. Richard of Chichester in Sterling, MA he serves as an alcohol-drug counselor and as a primary counselor at Catholic Charities.



You are invaluable to Families living in poverty.

Attention, Ladies of the Parish!

If you have left dishes from past parish events, please pick up in the parish hall as soon as possible. If they are not picked up, we will assume they are donated and put them away in the cupboards.
Thank you!



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

MARRIED COUPLES: Does gardening and spring planting give you or your spouse a sense of wonder and fulfillment? On your wedding day, you lovingly planted the seeds of a lifelong relationship. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you the "gardening tools" you need to help your marriage grow and blossom. 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.wme.org or by calling Frank and Kathryn Wessling at 205-530-3607.

Assignments

February 8 2023 - February 12, 2023

WEDNESDAY MASS

2/8/2023 7:00 PM

Lector: Bernie Funderburg
Ministers: Deacon

SATURDAY MASS-

2/11/2023 5:00 PM

Greeters: Loretta Frost, Paige Everett
Lectors: Martha Hayes, Sonia Dale
Ministers: Buddy Spradley, Susan Moseley
Altar Servers: James Raynor, David Blaylock
Ushers: Karen Hand, Sam Marston

SUNDAY MASS

2/12/2023 8:30 AM

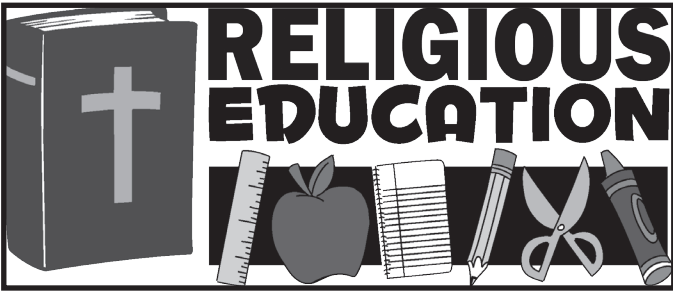
Greeters: D&J Beavers, Diana Stephens
Lectors: Shelly Hamman, Dennis Veigl
Ministers: Michael Gagliano, Teri Gagliano, Patrick Everett, Jane Snider
Altar Servers: Tom Graffo, Henry Cardenas
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Bill Bethell, Dennis Veigl, Phillip Thomaston

SUNDAY MASS

2/12/2023 11:15 AM

Greeters: R&C Betz, Shirley Skeivelas
Lectors: Bernie Funderburg, Sarah Brazzolotto
Ministers: James Raynor, Sophie Alvarez, Lexie Smith, Chris Gallegly
Altar Servers: Ethan Myers, Destiny Markevich
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, John Bluhm, Andy Payant, 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.



You are the Salt and Light!

Jesus says we are all the salt of the earth. Have you ever tasted food that wasn't salty enough? It can taste pretty bland. But do you notice when food has the right amount of salt? Usually, we don't think about it. It's kind of hiding in the food and making it taste good. Jesus wants us to be like the "salt" in the world, with the goodness and truth that He gives us.

Jesus also says that we are the light of the world. Can you imagine a completely dark world: no sun or lights or anything? It would be pretty scary. You'd never know what was happening or where you were going. That's what the world can be like for people who don't have the light of God's truth. It's our job to bring the truth to the world so that everyone can see that God loves them.

We have to bring God's light everywhere we go. But we must be gentle with people who don't understand the truth. Otherwise, it would be like shining a light in someone's eyes and they wouldn't be able to see anything. We need to start out like little candles, lighting the way so that people can follow us toward God.

Source: The Kids' Bulletin

Looking Ahead:

**February 5th - RE 9:45-11am;
1st Communion Parent Meeting
9:45am.**

February 12th - R.E. 9:45-11am.

February 19th - No R.E.

Presidents' Day observed.



FORMED

FAITH AT HOME

Parish Code: JRQNH8

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 29- 485 cans
 Please consider donating \$1 per week

SOCIAL CONCERNS NEEDS CORNER

Needed this week of February 6, 2023:

- Baby bottles
- Baby Crib

Have any of these items? (Used or New)
 Know of another basic need?

Please contact Mari Culver at **205-447-2626** to see if the item is still needed, or if you know of a basic need in our community.

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 catholic-charitiesbhm.org. Please help.

Calendar for February 5, 2023—February 12, 2023

Sunday— February 5

Mass— 8:30 & 11:15 am

Blessing of the Throats-after Mass

RE— 9:45 am

First Communion Parent Meeting— 9:45 am

Monday— February 6

Mass 9:00 am

Tuesday— February 7

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study Group-9:45 am

RCIA— 7:00 pm

Wednesday—February 8

Youth Group— 5:30 pm

Mass 7:00 pm

Adoration/Holy Hour (Spanish)-7:30 pm

Thursday— February 9

Mass 9:00 am

Legion of Mary 7:00 pm

Friday— February 10

Mass 9:00 am

Saturday — February 11

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass 5:00 pm (Food for the Poor)

Sunday— February 12

Mass— 8:30 & 11:15 am (Food for the Poor)

RE— 9:45 am

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