



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

4609 MARTIN STREET SOUTH
CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054

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9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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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

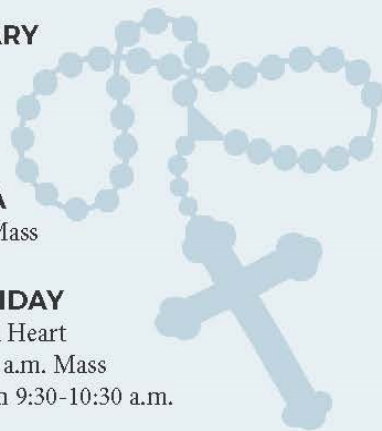
Novena to the Sacred Heart
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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, February 18, 2023
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, February 19, 2023
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time
February 19, 2023



“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly father” —Matthew 5:44-45



February 20 - February 26

- Monday:** James Tyus by Sharon Stice †
- Tuesday:** Cheryl Coburn by Fr. William Lucas †
- Wednesday:** James D. Gutsell by KOC 12270 †
- Thursday:** Doris Klein by Pat & Brenda Monte †
- Friday:** Hazel Smallwood Waldon by Bob & Karen Hand †
- Saturday:** Saul Serrano by James & Gloria Raynor †
- Sunday:** For the People
Paul Boyle III by Bob & Karen Hand †

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 Morteck, Benny Goodman, Margaret Banks, Jose Riveria, Helen Turner, George Sobolowski, Darrell & Teresa Reeser, Jimmy Hollis, William Konnor Stone, Marti Baird, Pat Roberts, Tommie Ann Johnson, Bill & Dee Watkins

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 20- February 26

- Monday:** Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday:** Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
- Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
- Friday:** Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
- Sunday:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

Today's Readings



First Reading — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

Psalm — Our God shows mercy and graciousness (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

Gospel — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

LENT IS NEAR

This Wednesday, February 22nd, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the "Great Fast" of Lent. The season of Lent will last until the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on April 6th, Holy Thursday.

The character of Lent is penitential. It is a season of repentance for the ways we have ignored God in our day-to-day lives. It is a season of hope because we believe our penance can purify our relationship with God and makes us more open to His influence. We believe if we reach out to God by reforming our lives, God is already there waiting for us.

There are three primary disciplines of Lent: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving.

Prayer: We spend more time in public and personal prayer in order to soften our hearts to God's influence. We try to remove the distractions from our world in order to have a "trained ear" to listen for God's voice.

Fasting: "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." (Deuteronomy 8, 3) We can live a day without food, but we cannot live a day without God. Fasting gets our priorities in order.

Almsgiving: By being more aware of the poor in our midst, we become more aware of our own poverty before God. Also, as Jesus said, "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25, 40)

Lent is God's gift to us, not our gift to God. Each year God gives us this opportunity to reform our lives and live with minds and hearts renewed. As we strive to become better people, God is showering His grace upon us to help us. We most often focus on what we are doing for Lent, but God is active as well.

May you have a joyful Lent!

Ash Wednesday Masses February 22, 2023

Our Lady of the Lake
9:00 am and 7:00 pm

St. Vincent St. Clair Hospital Chapel
12:00 pm

Join us for

**Stations of the
Cross**
Our Lady of the Lake
Catholic Church



February 24 through March 31, 2023

7:00 pm



**KOC Council
12270
Lenten Fish Fries**

Knights of Columbus Council 12270 will be sponsoring Lenten fish fries every Friday evening during Lent beginning **February 24 through March 31**. Serving will be from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross. The menu will consist of fried fish, baked fish, hush puppies, steamed vegetables, French fries, macaroni and cheese, and coleslaw.

2-piece dinner (2 sides) \$10

1-piece dinner (2 sides) \$8

Child's plate (cheese pizza, 1 side) \$4

All proceeds will be used to fund the numerous charitable activities KOC Council 12270 supports.

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Revenue and Expenses

For the Six Months Ending December 31, 2022

	Actual	Budget	Over/(under) Budget	% of Budget Used
Operating Revenue	\$206,543	\$178,125	\$28,418	
Building Revenue	\$46,911	\$21,051	\$25,861	
Social Concerns Revenue	\$15,801	\$12,951	\$2,850	
Other Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total Revenue	\$269,256	\$212,127	\$57,129	127%
Total Operating Expense	\$214,571	\$190,727	\$23,844	113%
Total Capital Expenses	\$110,618	\$351	\$110,267	



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

Lenten Regulations

Lent runs from Ash Wednesday (February 22) until the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (April 6). "The faithful, listening more intensely to the word of God and devoting themselves to prayer, are prepared through a spirit of repentance to renew their baptismal promises (at Easter)." (Ceremonial of Bishops, #249)

Fasting: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast for those ages 18 through 59. Only one full meal is allowed, though a person may eat two smaller meals to maintain strength.

Abstinence: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, plus all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat for those ages 14 and older.

Confession: It is recommended that all Catholics celebrate the sacrament of Penance during the Lent or Easter seasons (February 22-May 28).

UPDATE ON THE COLUMBARIUM

On January 10th all parties involved in the building of our columbarium signed the construction contract. The production of the niches by Eikoff Manufacturers has begun. That process will take a minimum of six months. Goodgame Construction, the contractor, will begin site preparation in the Spring. Niches in the columbarium are still available. If you are interested, call Shelly at the office: 205-525-5161.

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!



To my Dear Friends and family of Our Lady of the Lake Parish Community I would like to say "Thank You So Much" from the bottom of my heart for the prayers, love and support that you gave to me and my family after the loss of my beloved husband, Tom. —Charmaine

Offertory Envelopes

If you haven't picked up your offertory envelopes in the Parish Hall, please so as soon as possible. After February 19th, they will be available by contacting the parish office.



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

MARRIED COUPLES: "Come Drink the Water of Renewed Love". Give your marriage the best tune-up it has ever received. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy. 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

February 22 2023 - February 26, 2023

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

2/22/2023 9:00 AM

Greeters: Allen Ross, Brenda Monte
Lector: Mary Adams
Ministers: Deacon
Ushers: Bob Nicholas, Karen Hand

2/22/2023 7:00 PM

Greeters: Poteracki/Alvarez
Gagliano/Sadler/Thomas
Lector: Teri Gagliano, Robert Lewis
Ministers: Deacon
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston

SATURDAY MASS

2/25/2023 5:00 PM

Greeters: Karen Hand, Dawn Adamson
Lectors: Allen Ross, Pat Blum
Ministers: Tom Graffo, Parma Boyle
Altar Servers: Bernie & Cory Funderburg
Ushers: Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

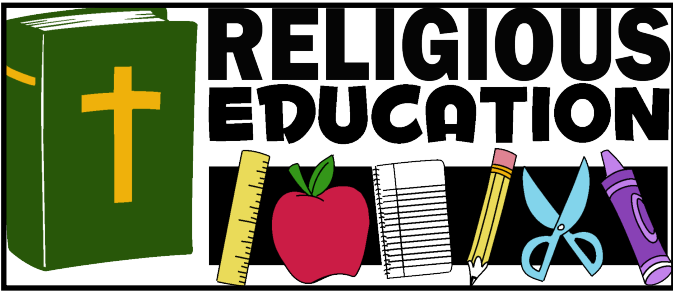
SUNDAY MASS

2/26/2023 8:30 AM

Greeters: The Rochfords, The Veigls
Lectors: Alexis Allor, Meagan Price
Ministers: Brenda Rochford, Ronni Thomas
Michael Gagliano, Carly Sadler
Altar Servers: Sophie Alvarez, Ronni Thomas
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Bill Bethell,
Dennis Veigl, Phillip Thomaston

2/26/2023 11:15 AM

Greeters: The Bluhm Family
Lectors: Gloria Raynor, Larry Foltz
Ministers: Bernie Funderburg, Lexie Smith
Chris Gallegly, Sonya Lewis
Altar Servers: Caleb & Logan Bluhm
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, John Bluhm,
Emily Bluhm, Jerrold Bluhm



Ash Wednesday

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, which is the first day of Lent. Lent is a special time in which we prepare to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Lent is a time of repentance. We make sacrifices and try to improve our lives to become more like Jesus. Jesus never sinned but He gave up His life to pay for our sins. That is why we make sacrifices out of love for God and to make up for our sins. We offer our sacrifices to God the Father, just as Jesus on the cross offered up His life to God the Father.

On Ash Wednesday if you go to Mass you can receive ashes on your forehead. The ashes are a sign of repentance. They remind us that without God we are nothing and that someday we will die and be buried. Bu they can also remind us that if we do have God living in us, after we die we will rise from the dead, just as Jesus did on Easter, after He died on the cross.

Source: The Kids' Bulletin

FORMED
FAITH AT HOME

Parish Code: **JRQNH8**

Looking Ahead:

February 19th - Burning of the Palms between Masses at the Bell Tower.

No RE

February 26th - R.E. 9:45-11am

March 5th - R.E. 9:45-11am

March 12th - R.E. 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

**SOCIAL CONCERNS NEEDS CORNER
Needed this week of Feb. 19th, 2023:**

*3 BR House for rent or rent to own (REASONABLE) for a very nice couple and two well behaved older children. Both have jobs and references. Prefer Pell City, but nearby areas are fine.

*Shed or Camper (REASONABLE) for semi-homeless man.

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.



**Pilgrimage to Portugal,
Spain and France
with Father Vincent Bresowar**

October 9-19, 2023

\$4,600/person

(includes airfare from Atlanta)

Join Father Vincent Bresowar of the Diocese of Birmingham, Alabama on the trip of a lifetime this fall!

This pilgrimage begins in Lisbon, Portugal and concludes in Barcelona, Spain. Along the way we will visit some of the most incredible sacred sites found throughout the Iberian Peninsula, such as Fátima and Coimbra (Portugal); Salamanca, Ávila, Segovia, San Sebastian and Montserrat (Spain); and Lourdes (France). We've selected beautiful four-star hotels for this pilgrimage, a private coach and two professional guides will accompany us throughout the journey. There are only forty spaces available. Everything is included in the cost except daily lunch.

For more information or to register, please visit

www.prometours.com/shrines-of-iberia or contact

ProRome Tours directly at (434) 953-1112 or by email at

office@prorome.com

Calendar for February 19, 2023—February 26 2023

Sunday— February 19

Mass— 8:30 & 11:15 am

Burning of Palms-after 8:30 Mass

Shower of Blessings-10:00 am Parish Hall

Holy Hour-7:00 pm

Monday— February 20

Mass 9:00 am

Tuesday— February 21

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study Group-9:45 am

RCIA— 7:00 pm

Wednesday—February 22— Ash Wednesday

Masses 9:00 am and 7:00 pm

Youth Group— 5:30 pm

Thursday— February 23

Mass 9:00 am

Legion of Mary 7:00 pm

Friday— February 24

Mass 9:00 am

KOC Fish Fry— 5:00-6:30 pm

Stations of the Cross— 7:00 pm

Saturday — February 25

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday— February 26

Mass— 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE— 9:45 am