



# Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Jim Mathis, *Director of Religious Education*  
Charmaine Welch, *Music Director*  
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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**

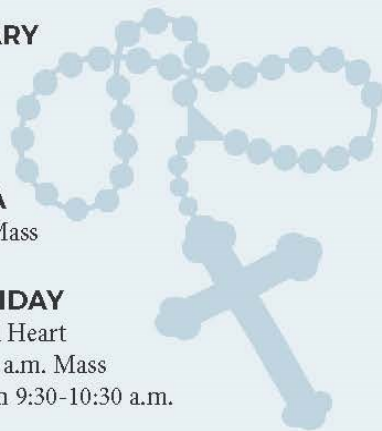
Novena to the Sacred Heart  
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass  
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

**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



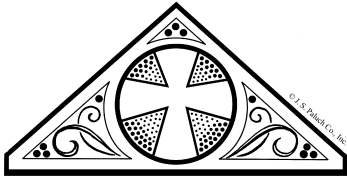
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## Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, February 25, 2023  
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, February 26, 2023  
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

### First Sunday Of Lent February 26, 2023



*"The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve" —Matthew 4:10*



February 27 - March 5

- Monday:** Rod Ryan by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore †
- Tuesday:** Frances Matukus by Shirley Skeivelas †
- Wednesday:** Art DiMattia by Shirley Skeivelas †
- Thursday:** Bernie & Bucky Funderburg  
by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
- Friday:** Rosemary Mateer by James & Gloria Raynor †
- Saturday:** Patti Benson by Jay Benson †
- Sunday:** For the People  
J.W. Hand 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 Mordek, 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](mailto:sharonstice46@gmail.com) or call 205-613-1053.

### Weekly Readings February 27- March 5

- Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
- Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

### Today's Readings



**First Reading** — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

**Psalm** — Have mercy on us sinners, O Lord (Psalm 51).

**Second Reading** — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19).

**Gospel** — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

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## THE ORDER OF PENANCE

The Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship has issued a new Order of Penance. The structure of the rite is the same, but the English translation has changed in small ways.

In the Introduction, there is an explanation of the meaning and purpose of the Sacrament of Penance. During Lent, this column will highlight some of the Introduction to prepare us for celebrating the sacrament either as an individual or a group.

The Introduction begins with a survey of the ministry of Reconciliation in the history of Salvation: "The Son of God, made man, dwelt among us so that he might free us from slavery to sin and call us out of darkness into his marvelous light. He therefore began his work on earth by preaching repentance: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" (Mark 1, 15)"

"Jesus, however, not only exhorted people to repent so as to leave their sins behind and turn to the Lord with all their heart, but he also welcomed sinners and reconciled them with the Father. After his Resurrection, he sent the Holy Spirit on the Apostles, that they might have the power to forgive sins and might receive the office of preaching repentance and forgiveness of sins to all the nations in his name."

"This victory over sin first shows itself in Baptism, in which the old self is crucified in Christ, that rising again with Christ, we should henceforth live for God. For this reason the Church confesses her faith in "one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.""

"But in addition, our Savior Jesus Christ, when he conferred on his Apostles the power to forgive sins, instituted the Sacrament of Penance in his Church, so that the faithful who had fallen into sin after their bath of regeneration might be renewed in grace and reconciled with God. For the Church "has both water and tears: the water of Baptism and the tears of Penance." (St. Ambrose)"

Next Week: Penance in the Life of the Church

## Knights of Columbus Prayer Service

Our Lady of the Lake Grotto

March 11, 2023

10:00 am

Everyone is welcome. Coffee & Donuts will be served.

In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held in the Parish Hall.

Contact Bernie Funderburg with questions at 205-405-6382



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.



## Offertory Collection

July 2022 — June 2023

	Actual	Needed weekly
February 12 Offertory	\$11,418	\$6,774
Year to Date	\$255,968	\$223,542



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

## The Word Among Us-Lent 2023

Please take The Word Among Us located in each foyer. These are Catholic Mass Readings and Daily Meditations for you to use during this Lenten season.

### Bottled Water Drive

The Pell City schools are still not allowing students to drink directly from the water fountains in their schools.

Therefore, we are collecting bottled water for the students to use (and reuse). Please place your donations of bottled water in the foyers of the church. Someone from the schools will pick them up each week.

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE  
WHO WILL BE RECEIVING SACRAMENTS  
DURING THE EASTER SEASON**

RCIA (To be received into the Church, Confirmed and receive Communion on Easter Sunday)

Gary Francis  
Vicki Hogan  
Julie Hawkins  
Marianne Mueller

Confirmation (Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart in Anniston)

John Sorci

**Bible Study Group**

Please join us for a special Bible Study every Tuesday morning at 9:45 am in the Parish Hall. We are studying the Book of Genesis.



***Save the Date!***  
***Magnificat Breakfast***  
***April 15, 2023, 9:30 am-12:30 pm***  
***Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall***  
***Speaker: Michelle Laque Johnson***



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

**Although it is still a little over a month away, prepare for Easter in a special way this year. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to your spouse and God. You don't need it—YOU DESERVE a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! 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*

*March 1 2023 - March 5, 2023*

**WEDNESDAY MASS**

**3/1/2023 7:00 PM**

**Lector:** Teri Gagliano  
**Ministers:** Deacon

**SATURDAY MASS**

**3/4/2023 5:00 PM**

**Greeters:** Dawn Adamson, Karen Hand  
**Lectors:** Allen Ross, Marguerite Gorman  
**Ministers:** Susan Moseley, Dawn Adamson  
**Altar Servers:** Tom Michaels, Buddy Adamson  
**Ushers:** Karen Hand, Sam Marston

**SUNDAY MASS**

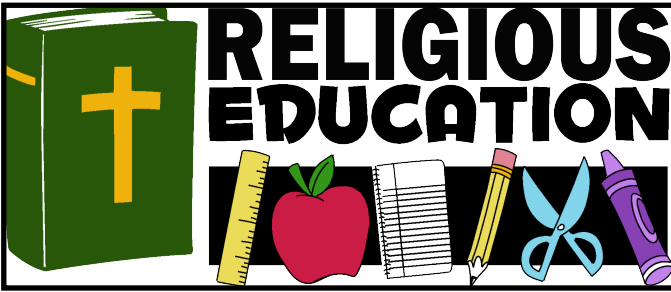
**3/5/2023 8:30 AM**

**Greeters:** The Menefees, The Thomastons  
**Lectors:** Robert Lewis, Mary Burns  
**Ministers:** Anita Allor, Jorge Solis, Brenda Rochford, Michael Gagliano  
**Altar Servers:** Tom Graffo, Marty Poteracki  
**Ushers:** Michael Gagliano, Belia Solis, Dennis Veigl, Phillip Thomaston

**3/5/2023 11:15 AM**

**Greeters:** Sonya Lewis, R&C Betz  
**Lectors:** Michael Poteracki, Gloria Raynor  
**Ministers:** Lexie Smith Chris Gallegly, James Raynor, Sonja Lewis  
**Altar Servers:** TBD  
**Ushers:** Chris Gallegly, Lexie Smith, Danny Smith, Jeff Smith

**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.**



**Lent: Getting ready for Jesus' death and resurrection**

Lent is the special time when we prepare for the celebration of Jesus passion, death, and resurrection. We get our souls ready by doing prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Prayer is talking with God. We need to talk with God even more than we need to talk to our family and friends. Lent is a good time to get into a habit of talking with God every day.

Fasting is eating less than you normally would. It's a good idea to give up a little something you like for Lent. Giving things up helps us remember we need God, not just food.

Almsgiving means giving to those who are in need. It helps us to be generous like God. Maybe you have a bit of money you can give to the poor or to the church.

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


**Looking Ahead:**

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

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

**March 12th - R.E. 9:45-11am**

**March 26th—Confirmation Retreat**



**PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS PREPARING TO RECEIVE SACRAMENTS:**

<p><b>First Communion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alex</li> <li>Aiden</li> <li>Alison</li> <li>Tyus</li> <li>Jalissa</li> <li>Elizabeth</li> <li>Blaze</li> </ul>	<p><b>Confirmation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Karter</li> <li>Boyce</li> <li>Kelly</li> <li>Hunter</li> <li>Emily</li> <li>Tyran</li> <li>Raul</li> <li>Harper</li> </ul>
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**First Communion:**  
May 7, 2023 | 8:30am  
Our Lady of the Lake

**Confirmation:**  
May 20, 2023 | 10:00am  
Sacred Heart - Anniston



**LENT IS COMING!**

Join our faith community—and nearly 13,000 Catholic communities across the United States— in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from either foyer of the church starting February 19!

During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the impact of global hunger and climate change on vulnerable communities around the world, and we will pray, fast and give alms to help our sisters and brothers in need.

Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

“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. 26th, 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.

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](http://www.prometours.com/shrines-of-iberia) or contact

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

[office@prorome.com](mailto:office@prorome.com)

*Calendar for February 26, 2023—March 5 2023*

**Sunday— February 26**

Mass— 8:30 & 11:15

RE— 9:45 am

**Monday— February 27**

Mass 9:00 am

KOC Meeting— 6:00-8:00 pm

**Tuesday— February 28**

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study Group—9:45 am

RCIA— 7:00 pm

**Wednesday—March 1**

Mass 7:00 pm

Youth Group— 5:30 pm

**Thursday— March 2**

Mass 9:00 am

Legion of Mary 7:00 pm

**Friday— March 3**

Mass 9:00 am

First Friday Adoration—9:30-10:30 am

KOC Fish Fry— 5:00-6:30 pm

Stations of the Cross— 7:00 pm

**Saturday — March 4**

First Saturday Mass— 9:00 am

Rosary Guild— 10:00 am

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass 5:00 pm

**Sunday— March 5**

Mass— 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE— 9:45 am