



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054

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Deacon Terrence Rumore
Deacon Serge Brazzotto
Deacon E. Lee Robinson

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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

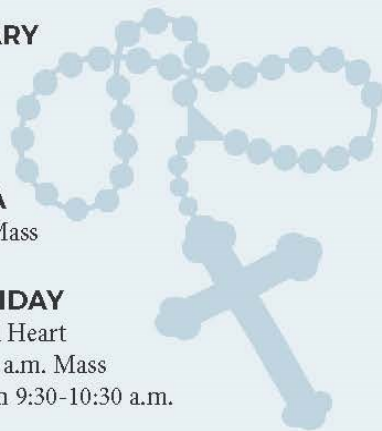
Novena to the Sacred Heart
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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



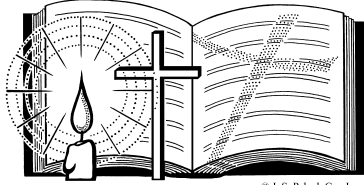
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Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, March 4, 2023
Mass 5:00 pm

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

Second Sunday Of Lent March 5, 2023



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*Christ Jesus who destroyed death and brought
life and immortality to light through the gospel.
—2 Timothy 1:10*



March 6 - March 12

- Monday:** Laisvunas Skeivelas by Shirley Skeivelas †
- Tuesday:** Frances Matukus by Marti Baird †
- Wednesday:** Betty & Yolie by Bob & Karen Hand †
- Thursday:** Don & Mary Lynne Williams
by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
- Friday:** Cheryl Coburn by Sharon Stice †
- Saturday:** Oliver Curran by Sharon Stice †
- Sunday:** Jeanie Reid by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
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, Charles & Libby
LaFleur, Marcia Mortek, Benny Goodman,
Margaret Banks, Jose Riveria, Helen Turner,
George Sobolowski, Darrell & Teresa Reeser,
Jimmy Hollis, William Konnor Stone, 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 March 6- March 12

- Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9,11,13; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
- Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday:** Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

Today's Readings



First Reading — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a).

Psalm — We rely on you, O God; show us mercy (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

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THE ORDER OF PENANCE

The second part of the Introduction of the revised Order of Penance is entitled, "The Reconciliation of Penitents in the Life of the Church". This part gives the reason for the sacrament of Penance in the Church's practice.

We read: "The members of the Church are exposed to temptation and unfortunately often fall into sin. Because of this, "while Christ, holy, innocent, and undefiled", knew nothing of sin but came to expiate only the sins of the people, the Church, at the same time holy and always in need of being purified, embracing in her bosom sinners, always follows the way of penance and renewal."

"In the sacrament of Penance the faithful truly "obtain pardon from the mercy of God for the offenses committed against him and are at the same time reconciled with the Church, which they have wounded by their sins and which by charity, example, and prayer seeks their conversion.""

"Because sin is an offense committed against God, which disrupts our friendship with him, repentance "ultimately implies that we should love God and entrust ourselves completely to him." The sinner, therefore, who by the grace of a merciful God, enters on the way of repentance, returns to the Father who "loved us first", to Christ who has given himself up for us, and to the Holy Spirit who has been poured out on us in abundance."

"But "there reigns among people, by the hidden and benign mystery of the divine will, a supernatural solidarity whereby the sin of one harms the others just as the holiness of one benefits the others," and so repentance always carries with it reconciliation with one's brothers and sisters, to whom sin always causes harm."

When we repent, we help one another, so that freed from sin by the grace of Christ, we may work together with others for justice and peace in the world.

Next Week: The structure of the rite.

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



Stations of the Cross Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

February 24 through
March 31, 2023

Thank You!

Dear Church Family,

Once again, our generosity has surpassed all understanding. The Director of Ann's New Life Center was unable to be with us last Sunday, she wanted you all to know about the success of the baby bottle drive and Shower of Blessings.

The initial baby bottle collection brought in \$4,762 in baby bottles alone plus a table of baby gifts and diapers at the shower.

Through your support of Fish Fries and BBQ Sales, the Knights of Columbus were able to donate \$3,000 for a total of \$7,762.

Thank You, and Father Bill for all you do for the unborn and their families. May God Bless You Always!
- Sharon Stice



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 at 7:00 pm. The menu will be 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 26 Offertory	\$7,582	\$6,774
Year to Date	\$269,716	\$237,090



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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.

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.

Dear Friends at Our Lady of the Lake.

Your cards and letters have meant so much to me. Thank you all for remembering me in your prayers. I miss you all, and pray for your well-being.

Sending you much love, Dorothy DiMattia

St. Patrick's Day- Dispensation of Abstinence



This year St. Patrick's Day, March 17th falls on a Lenten Friday. Bishop Raica has granted a dispensation of abstinence on this Friday to all Roman Catholics residing or visiting and present in the Diocese of Birmingham.

Those who use this dispensation from Friday abstinence are to undertake another penance, sacrifice or pious work of their choosing on St. Patrick's Day itself or on the day before or after St. Patrick's Day 2023 in solidarity with the entire Catholic Community.

**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 20th at Sacred Heart in Anniston)

John Sorci

**Daylight Savings Time Begins
Sunday, March 12, 2023**

**Make sure you set your clocks
ahead the evening before!**



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



Camp St Bernard

Camp St. Bernard is open for registration! They offer an overnight camp experience for kids ages 6-14 on the campus of St. Bernard Abbey and Prep School. Campers participate in various outdoor activities and get a chance to spend some quality time outdoors making new friends in a fun, safe and Catholic setting.

More information can be found at campstbernard.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.

Assignments

March 8 2023 - March 12, 2023

WEDNESDAY MASS

3/8/2023 7:00 PM

Lector: Gloria Raynor
Ministers: Deacon

SATURDAY MASS

3/11/2023 5:00 PM

Greeters: Paige Everett, Dawn Adamson
Lectors: Pat Blum, Martha Hayes
Ministers: Parma Boyle, Tom Graffo
Altar Servers: James Raynor, David Blaylock
Ushers: Amy Carreker, Jim Gorman

SUNDAY MASS

3/12/2023 8:30 AM

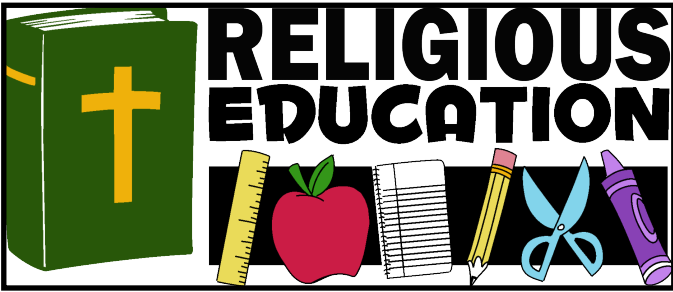
Greeters: S&S Alvarez, Alexis Allor
Lectors: Carey Monistere, Teri Gagliano
Ministers: Jane Snider, Patrick Everett
Edgar Solis, Anita Allor
Altar Servers: Sophie Alvarez, Ronni Thomas
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Paul Thomas
Teri Gagliano

3/12/2023 11:15 AM

Greeters: The Bluhm Family
Lectors: Miranda Bryant, Doug Ross
Ministers: Bernie Funderburg, Gloria Raynor
Chris Gallegly, Lexie Smith
Altar Servers: Ethan Myers, Tommie Johnson
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Jerrold Bluhm,
Emily Bluhm, John Bluhm

ATTENTION:

**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.**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Jesus Shows His Glory

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus took three of His apostles up a mountain and gave them a vision of His true glory. He shone as bright as the sun—so bright they could hardly look at Him. But did you know that what they saw was only a tiny bit of the true glory of God?

It was so beautiful that Peter wanted Him to stay that way. He offered to build tents for Jesus and Moses and Elijah, who appeared with Him. But the joy of this moment wasn't meant to last forever. It was just a little taste of Heaven. , they knew they had a reason to hope even when He was killed.

Sometimes, we have awful things to suffer through too. Maybe a friend will move away, or one of our grandparents will die. But we never have to give up hope because we know that eventually, everyone who loves Jesus will live in total happiness in Heaven.

Looking Ahead:

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

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

March 19th - R.E. 9:45-11am

March 25th - Confirmation Retreat, St. Bernard's, Cullman, AL.

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

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

SOCCKER AND A BROKEN RESERVOIR

In the Dry Corridor of Honduras, climate change causes persistent drought, making farming nearly impossible. With support from Catholic Relief Services, Rony, a farmer, repaired an old reservoir and installed a new irrigation system to improve his harvests. Now Rony can send his son to a soccer academy to pursue his dream of becoming a professional player. How can you work like Rony to support others' needs and dreams? Visit csrcricebowl.org to learn more.

PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS PREPARING TO RECEIVE SACRAMENTS:



First Communion:

Alex Sorci
Aiden Le
Allison Schillaci
Tyus Boyle
Julissa luis Vasquez
Elizabeth Palomera
Blaze Smith

Confirmation:

Karter Perry
Boyce Yancey
Kelly Medrano
Hunter Smith
Tyran Taylor
Raul Torres
Emily Bluhm
Isabelle Boyle
Emily Boyle

First Communion:
May 7, 2023 | 8:30am
Our Lady of the Lake

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

SOCIAL CONCERNS NEEDS CORNER

Needed this week of March 5th, 2023:

*2-3 BR House for rent or rent to own (REASONABLE) for a very nice couple and one child. Both have jobs and references. Anywhere in the area is 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.

Legion of Mary Auxiliaries & Friends



Legion of Mary

Annual Acies Ceremony

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Cullman, Alabama

Saturday, March 18th

10:00 am- Legion prayers and Rosary

11:00 am- Holy Mass

Lunch will follow in the Parish Life Center.

All are Welcome!

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 for February - 358 cans
Please consider donating \$1 per week

Calendar for March 5, 2023—March 12 2023

Sunday— March 5

Mass— 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE— 9:45 am

Monday— March 6

Mass 9:00 am

Tuesday— March 7

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study Group-9:45 am

RCIA— 7:00 pm

Wednesday—March 8

Mass 7:00 pm

Youth Group— 5:30 pm

Adoration/Holy Hour (Spanish) 7:30-8:30 pm

Thursday— March 9

Mass 9:00 am

Legion of Mary 7:00 pm

Friday— March 10

Mass 9:00 am

KOC Fish Fry— 5:00-6:30 pm

Stations of the Cross— 7:00 pm

Saturday — March 11

KOC Prayer Service— 10:00 am— Grotto

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday— March 12

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Mass— 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE— 9:45 am