



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

4609 MARTIN STREET SOUTH
CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054

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Deacon Serge Brazzolotto
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

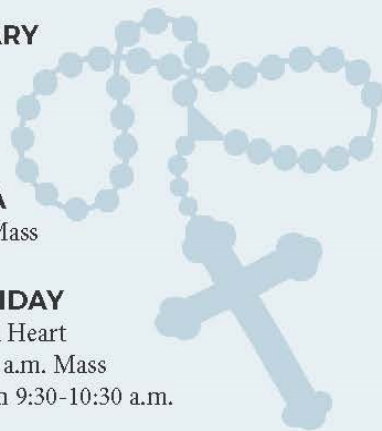
Novena to the Sacred Heart
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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



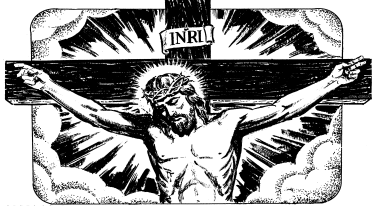
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Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, March 11, 2023
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 12, 2023
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Third Sunday Of Lent March 12, 2023



*While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
—Romans 5:8*



March 13 - March 19

- Monday:** Cissy Tortorano by Dennis & Sandy Veigl †
- Tuesday:** Crystal & Mark Welford
by James & Gloria Raynor †
- Wednesday:** John E. Manning by KOC 12270 †
- Thursday:** Pete Battaglia by Parma Boyle †
- Friday:** Frances Hand by Bob & Karen Hand †
- Saturday:** Robert Moore by KOC 12270 †
- Sunday:** John Mitchell 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, Emily Bell Smith

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 13- March 19

- Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
- Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

Today's Readings



First Reading — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the LORD heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

Psalm — Listen to God's voice today; be not hardhearted (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

Gospel — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again. (John 4:5-42).

THE ORDER OF PENANCE

The Third Part to the Introduction of the New Order of Penance is "The Sacrament of Penance and Its Parts". This section details the four "actions" which are part of the sacramental rite.

First there is **Contrition**, which is "heartfelt sorrow and detestation for the sin committed, with resolve not to sin again." This is "so that one begins to consider, to judge, and to order one's life, having been overcome by the holiness and love of God." We must believe in God's love for us before we can experience true contrition.

The second action is **Confession**. The Introduction defines this as an encounter between the penitent and Christ, acting through the ministry of the priest. "This inward examination of the heart and outward accusation, made in the light of God's mercy, requires in the penitent the willingness to open his or her heart to the minister of God; and in the minister, a spiritual judgment, acting in the person of Christ."

The third action is **Satisfaction**. The Introduction states, "True conversion is achieved by satisfaction (an act of penance) for sins, by amendment of life, and also by reparation of injury." The penance should restore the penitent to a balanced relationship with God and anyone harmed by their sin.

The fourth action is **Absolution**. Following the prayer of the penitent, the Introduction states, "Through the sign of absolution, God grants pardon to the sinner who manifests his or her conversion to the Church's minister in sacramental confession, and thus the Sacrament of Penance is completed." Absolution is the "efficacious sign" in which the spiritual punishment for the sins is remitted (cancelled).

This is the normal order of the sacramental celebration. In certain circumstances, especially in danger of death, the order may be shortened. These four movements of the sacramental rite ensure a complete celebration of the sacrament and its effects.



Stations of the Cross

Our Lady of the Lake
Catholic Church

February 24 through
March 31, 2023

Dispensation of Abstinence

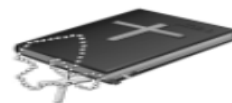
This year St. Patrick's Day, March 17th falls on a Lenten Friday. Bishop Raica has granted a dispensation of abstinence on this Friday to all Roman Catholics residing or visiting and present in the Diocese of Birmingham.

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.



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.



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
March 5 Offertory	\$6,634	\$6,774
Year to Date	\$276,350	\$243,864

Building Fund Collection

July 2022 — June 2023

	Actual	Needed Monthly
Building Fund- Month of February	\$6,434	\$2,540
Year to Date	\$38,589	\$22,225



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

UPDATE ON THE COLUMBARIUM

We met with the architect and the contractor. The niches are being manufactured. Site preparation will begin in May and should be completed in time for the delivery of the niches in August. This all depends on the weather, as this is an all-outdoor project. There will be some disruption to parking on the South side of the church during site preparation. St. Joseph, patron saint of builders, pray for us!

Catholic Relief Service Collection

Next weekend, March 18th & 19th, we will take up a second collection-The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



**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

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.



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

Surfsiders



The Surfsiders will have their monthly meeting this Wednesday, March 15th at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall. This includes a potluck lunch, games and fellowship. All seniors are invited! You need not be Catholic to attend.

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 15 2023 - March 19, 2023

WEDNESDAY MASS

3/15/2023 7:00 PM

Lector: Sarah Brazzolotto
Ministers: Deacon

SATURDAY MASS

3/18/2023 5:00 PM

Greeters: Loretta Frost, Karen Hand
Lectors: Buddy Spradley, Susan Moseley
Ministers: Martha Hayes, Allen Ross
Altar Servers: John Bryant, Chris Gallegly
Ushers: Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

SUNDAY MASS

3/19/2023 8:30 AM

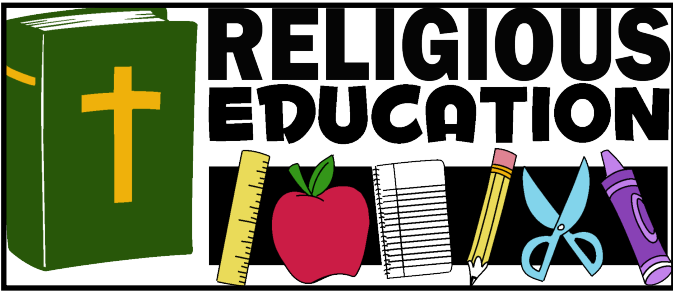
Greeters: Bill Bethell, B&L Menefee
Lectors: Patrick Everett, Karen Reese
Ministers: Stephen Reese, Teri Gagliano
Sophie Alvarez, Ronni Thomas
Altar Servers: Buddy Adamson,
Michael Gagliano
Ushers: Phillip Thomaston, Bart Perry
Matt Allor

3/19/2023 11:15 AM

Greeters: Shirley Skeivelas, Maria Jimenez
Lectors: Larry Foltz, Mary Adams
Ministers: James Raynor, Bernie Funderburg
Sonya Lewis, Lexie Smith
Altar Servers: Caleb & Logan Bluhm
Ushers: Lexie Smith, Danny Smith,
Jeff Smith

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

Water...

In today's first reading, the Israelites in the desert are thirsty and ask Moses for water. So, God tells him to strike a big rock with his staff and water comes out. In the Gospel reading, Jesus tells the Samaritan woman that He can give her living water so that she will never be thirsty.

Water is a symbol of life. In the first story, the people in the desert would have died if they didn't get water. Now Jesus gives us His life, which is grace. We receive it especially in Holy Communion. This is the living water that He is talking about. Our souls need His grace to stay alive.

When you have a drink of water, think about how your body needs water to stay alive and how your soul needs God's grace. Saying a prayer is kind of like giving your soul a little drink!

Looking Ahead:

March 12th - R.E. 9:45-11am / *Grades 5-7*
Confessions

March 19th - R.E. 9:45-11am / *Grades 2-4*
Confessions

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

March 26th - R.E. 9:45-11am. / *Confirmation Class Confessions*

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

FROM FARMING TO FISHING

Raul and Rhodora were coconut farmers in their town in the Philippines, but it took a lot of work before they made money. They participated in a Catholic Relief Services program that helped them build their own fishpond to raise and sell fish. The fish provide nutritious food for their family and more accessible income, enabling Raul and Rhodora's granddaughters to attend school. What changes have you made in your professional, personal or spiritual life that have benefited others? Visit crsricebowl.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 12th, 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 to date March - 123 cans
Please consider donating \$1 per week

Calendar for March 12, 2023—March 19, 2023

Sunday— March 12

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Mass— 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE— 9:45 am

Monday— March 13

Mass 9:00 am

Tuesday— March 14

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study Group-9:45 am

RCIA— 7:00 pm

Wednesday—March 15

Surfsiders— 10:00 am

Youth Group— 5:30 pm

Mass 7:00 pm

Pastoral Council— 7:30 pm

Thursday— March 16

Mass 9:00 am

Liturgy Committee Meeting— 6:00 pm

Legion of Mary 7:00 pm

Friday— March 17

Mass 9:00 am

KOC Fish Fry— 5:00-6:30 pm

Stations of the Cross— 7:00 pm

Saturday — March 18

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass 5:00 pm

Pilgrim Virgin— 6:30 pm

Sunday— March 19

Mass— 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE— 9:45 am

Holy Hour— 7:00 pm