



# Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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**

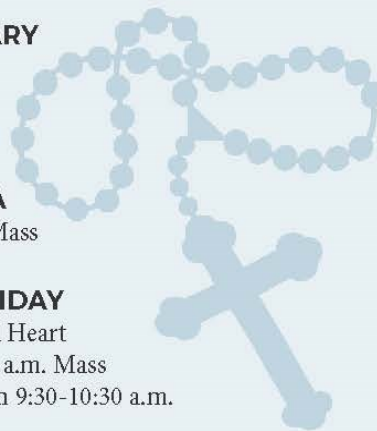
Novena to the Sacred Heart  
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass  
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

**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



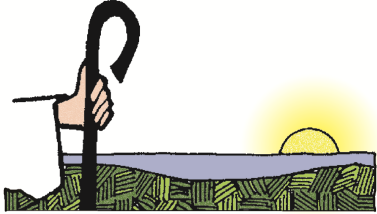
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## Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, March 18, 2023  
Mass 5:00 pm

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

### Fourth Sunday Of Lent March 19, 2023



*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.* —Psalm 23:1



March 20 - March 26

- Monday:** Fr. Henry McDaid by Fr. William Lucas †
- Tuesday:** Nancy Ross by Deacon Lee & Cheryl Robinson †
- Wednesday:** Tom & Rita Fleming  
by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore †
- Thursday:** Mary Laura Raynor by James & Gloria Raynor †
- Friday:** William Johnson by KOC 12270 †
- Saturday:** Judy Keen Martin by Joe & Sarah Svetlay †
- Sunday:** For the People  
Paul Boyle Sr. 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 Troncilli, 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, Pat Roberts, Tommie Ann Johnson, Bill & Dee Watkins, Emily Bell Smith, Mary LaFleur

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 March 20- March 26

- Monday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
- Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
- Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday:** Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

### Today's Readings



**First Reading** — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

**Psalm** — My shepherd is the Lord; I shall not want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).

**Gospel** — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see! (John 9:1-41).

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## THE ORDER OF PENANCE

The Fourth part of the Introduction to the revised Order of Penance is entitled: "The Necessity and Usefulness of This Sacrament".

From the Introduction: "Just as the wound of sin is varied and manifold in the life of individuals and of the community, so too the remedy which Penance offers to us is of various kinds. Thus, those who have fallen away by grave sin from the communion of the love of God are called back through the Sacrament of Penance to the life that they had lost. And those who fall into venial sins as a result of daily weakness receive strength through the repeated celebration of Penance, in order to attain the full freedom of the children of God."

"a) To obtain the saving remedy of the Sacrament of Penance, according to the design of the merciful God, the faithful must confess to the Priest each and every grave sin which, after examining his (her) conscience, he (she) can remember."

"b) Moreover, the frequent and diligent use of this Sacrament is very useful, even for venial sins. For it is...a continuous striving to perfect the grace of Baptism, so that, as we carry in our bodies the death of Jesus Christ, the life of Jesus may be manifested in us more and more." (2Corinthians 4: 10)

"In order that this Sacrament of salvation may really exercise its power in Christ's faithful, it is necessary that it should take root in their whole life and move them to more fervent service of God and their brothers and sisters."

"Regular celebration of this Sacrament is thus always an act in which the Church proclaims her faith, gives thanks to God for the freedom by which Christ has made us free, and offers her life as a spiritual sacrifice in praise of the glory of God as she hastens to meet Christ."



## Stations of the Cross

Our Lady of the Lake  
Catholic Church

February 24 through  
March 31, 2023

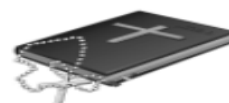


## COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

The Communal Penance Service for Lent will be **Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** There will be a Liturgy of the Word, a communal Examination of Conscience, and opportunity for individual confessions. This is a great way to prepare for Holy Week. All are invited to attend.

## 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 12 Offertory	No report this week.	\$6,774
Year to Date		

## 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!

Niches are still available. If you are interested, call Shelly at the parish office: 205-525-5161.



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

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## 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 [catholiccharitiesbhm.org](http://catholiccharitiesbhm.org). Please help.

**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

**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**



**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](http://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 22 2023 - March 26, 2023*

**WEDNESDAY MASS**

**3/22/2023 7:00 PM**

**Lector:** Bernie Funderburg  
**Ministers:** Deacon

**SATURDAY MASS**

**3/25/2023 5:00 PM**

**Greeters:** Karen Hand, Paige Everett  
**Lectors:** Allen Ross, Sarah Brazzolotto  
**Ministers:** Edgar Solis, Susan Moseley  
**Altar Servers:** Tom Graffo, Andy Payant  
**Ushers:** Karen Hand, Sam Marston

**SUNDAY MASS**

**3/26/2023 8:30 AM**

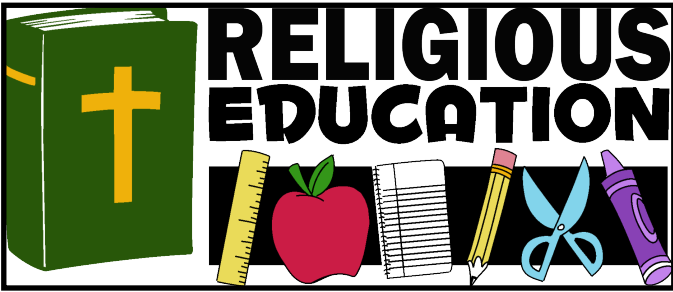
**Greeters:** D&J Beavers, Amelia Reese  
**Lectors:** Shelly Hamman, Dennis Veigl  
**Ministers:** Michael Gagliano, Brenda Rochford  
Jorge Solis, Anita Allor  
**Altar Servers:** Stephen Reese, Larry Reese  
**Ushers:** Michael Gagliano, Bill Bethell,  
Belia Solis, Phillip Thomaston

**3/26/2023 11:15 AM**

**Greeters:** P Cowart, Patsy Lopez  
**Lectors:** Lexie Smith, Stephanie Fischer  
**Ministers:** Sonya Lewis, James Raynor  
Chris Gallegly, Gloria Raynor  
**Altar Servers:** Destiny Markevich, Ethan Myers  
**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 Heals a Blind Man

In today's Gospel story, Jesus met a man who couldn't see. This man was born blind. Jesus decided to heal the man. He took some dirt, and he mixed it with his own spit, to make mud! Umm, eww? Then he spread that mud on the blind man's eyes! Jesus told him to go wash up in a pool, and when the man did, he could see again! It was a miracle! Some people weren't too happy about this, though. Some people didn't believe it was the same man as the one who had been born blind. Some people were angry because Jesus did "work" on the Holy Sabbath day, since He made mud and healed someone. They were so suspicious and upset that they missed out on appreciating this great miracle. They closed their eyes, in a way.

Did you know we have eyes in our hearts? Not actual eyeballs, of course...but we can think about seeing with our hearts when we consider our attitudes towards God and one another. If your thoughts and your actions are focused on yourself, it's hard to have a "vision" or see outside your own little problems and needs. You might be able to look at things with your eyes, but you'll be "blinded" to what God is doing, or to the things other people need and are doing. It's like closing your eyes, or wearing goggles that don't let you look around.

## Looking Ahead:

**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

**April 2nd** - Palm Sunday / R.E. 9:45-11am / Living Stations

**April 9th** - Easter Sunday Celebration / Easter Egg Hunt 9:45am

## *FOURTH WEEK OF LENT*

### SHARING SUCCESS

Most people in Turkana, Kenya raise livestock, and a few are farmers. But the hot and dry climate makes this work difficult—and climate change is making it even harder. Rebecca and Lotiang participated in a Catholic Relief Services program that installed a water well and taught them new farming techniques. They can support their family with their crops and are teaching others in their community what they learned. How can you use your skills and knowledge to help others? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://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  
Harper Taylor

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

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

## *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**  
Please consider donating \$1 per week



## **Attention Liturgical Ministers!**

**If you are scheduled to serve or substitute for someone at Mass as an Altar Server, Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Usher or Greeter, please be at the Church at least 15 minutes before Mass and recognize your presence on the schedule at the back of the church. It is important to know that everyone is here before Mass starts.**



## Calendar for March 19, 2023—March 26 2023

### **Sunday— March 19**

Mass— 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE— 9:45 am

Confessions—Grades 2-4

Holy Hour— 7:00 pm

### **Monday— March 20**

Mass 9:00 am

### **Tuesday— March 21**

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study Group—9:45 am

RCIA— 7:00 pm

### **Wednesday—March 22**

Youth Group— 5:30 pm

Mass 7:00 pm

### **Thursday— March 23**

Mass 9:00 am

Legion of Mary 7:00 pm

### **Friday— March 24**

Mass 9:00 am

KOC Fish Fry— 5:00-6:30 pm

Stations of the Cross— 7:00 pm

### **Saturday — March 25**

Confirmation Retreat—St. Bernards, Cullman

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass 5:00 pm

### **Sunday— March 26**

Mass— 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE— 9:45 am

Confessions—Confirmation Class

