



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Deacon Serge Brazzolotto
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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

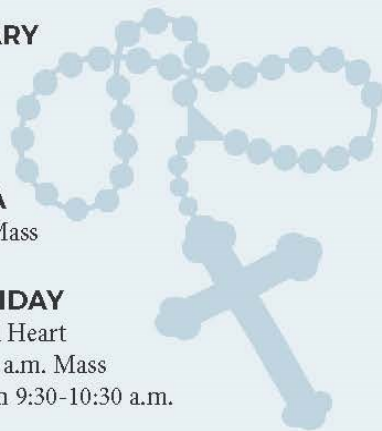
Novena to the Sacred Heart
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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 April 1, 2023
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 2, 2023
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



*Palm Sunday
of the
Passion of the
Lord
April 2, 2023*

*"My God, my God, why have you
abandoned me?"*

-Psalm 22



April 3 - April 9

- Monday:** Ross & Lillie Rumore by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore †
- Tuesday:** Oliver Curran by Sharon Stice †
- Wednesday:** Rose Ballard by Bob & Karen Hand †
- Thursday:** Bit Thomaston By Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
Art DiMattia by Shirley Skeivelas †
- Friday:** No Mass
- Saturday:** Tim Smith Jr. by Walton Smith †
- Sunday:** For the People
Marvin Sprouse by Walton Smith †

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, Mary LaFleur, Greg & Robin Becnel, Bob Van Gundy

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 April 3- April 9

- Monday:** Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
- Friday:** Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42
- Saturday:** a) Gn 1:1—2:2; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 b) Gn 22:1-18; Ps 16:5, 8-11 c) Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18 d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13 e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ps 19:8-11 g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 h) Rom 6:3-11 i) Mt 28:1-10
- Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

Today's Readings



Gospel at the Procession with the Palms— Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11)

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — O my God, why have you cast me off? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14—27:66).

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HOLY WEEK

We are beginning that special week of the year we call Holy Week. During this week we recount the words and deeds of Jesus Christ from His entry into Jerusalem through His passion and death and concluding with His resurrection. There is no other week like it during the Liturgical Year.

From Ash Wednesday through Palm Sunday is Forty days. Our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during that time is designed to prepare us to enter more deeply into the spiritual dimension of these events. If we have entered whole-heartedly into the disciplines of Lent, we should expect a more powerful experience of Holy Week.

Lent is about loosening our attachment to the things of this world so we can strengthen our attachment to the Creator of this world. We sometimes fall into the trap of worshipping the creation instead of the Creator. We give more importance to material things than we do to God. We pray, fast, and give alms in order to put our lives back in their proper order. We die to self in order to live for God.

In the events of Holy Week Jesus gives the ultimate example of living for God. His prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane captures this: "Father; if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done." (Luke 22, 42)

Jesus' passion and death were God's will. We committed the sins, but Jesus suffered the punishments for our sins. He was innocent, but willingly suffered for the guilty.

Jesus' resurrection from the dead was also God's will. When we die to self and live for God, the result is new life. That new life is better than the old life of living for ourselves. Jesus shows us the way. It is the way of the cross.



Stations of the Cross

Our Lady of the Lake
Catholic Church

April 7, 2023

3:00 pm

Swieconka* Blessing of the Baskets

Bishop Steven Raica

Cathedral of St. Paul

Holy Saturday, April 8th

9:00 am

All are Welcome!

Swieconka (sh-vee-en-soon-kah) is one of the most enduring and beloved Polish traditions. Baskets containing a sampling of Easter foods are brought to the church to be blessed on Holy Saturday. The basket is traditionally lined with a white linen or lace napkin and decorated with sprigs of boxwood (bukspan), the typical evergreen. This food is shared on Easter morning in a ritual breaking of the fast. Observing the beautiful foods and creations of other parishioners is one of the special joys of the event.

ADORATION FOLLOWING HOLY THURSDAY MASS

Following the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 6th, we will have Eucharistic Adoration in the church until Midnight. Everyone is invited to attend. A sign-up sheet is available in either foyer.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONFESSION DURING HOLY WEEK

Monday, April 3: Following Morning Mass (9:30 a.m.)

Wednesday, April 5: Before Evening Mass (6:00 p.m.)

Friday, April 7 (Good Friday): 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 8 (Holy Saturday): 4:00-5:30 p.m.

You may also call the office to arrange a private confession with Father Bill.

Offertory Collection

July 2022 — June 2023

	Actual	Needed weekly
March 26 Offertory	No report due to early submission of bulletin	\$6,774

Year to Date



Chair: Jeff Reach jreach@protonmail.com

Vice Chair: Bernie Funderburg boxacarbern1@aol.com

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Cristy McKinney: cmckinney9839@gmail.com

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The parish's Pastoral Council is a consultative body of nine parishioners who advise Father Bill on the pastoral needs of the parish. If you or someone you know would be interested in serving a three-year term on the Council, please contact Father Bill or Jeff Reach. See Jeff's contact information above.



Pro Life Corner

2023 Ann's New Life Pregnancy Medical Center Statistics from Center Director, Gabrielle Martin.

- 61 Individuals as of today
- 3 of them males ~Thank God for getting the Daddy's involved!
- 129 Total appointments
- 34 of those Appointments were for Pregnancy Tests
- 36 of those Appointments were for Ultrasounds

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

RCIA (To be received into the Church on April 11th)

Jerry Patty

Confirmation (Saturday, May 20th at Sacred Heart in Anniston — John Sorci

HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION

It is traditional on Holy Thursday to take up a collection for the poor. This year's collection will go to Catholic Charities and Communities to make up for the shortfall in parish pledges and contributions during the Catholic Charities and Communities annual Pledge Drive.

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- \$38,941.00. That means we have only reached 65% 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. Please help.

MEDICAID EXPANSION

With the reversal of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision, abortion is now illegal in Alabama. That means the expansion of Medicaid is a Pro-life issue. With more poor women carrying their babies to term, pre-natal and post-natal care will need to be increased, especially in rural areas of our state.

If you support mothers and their babies, then logically you must support an increase in medical care for women and children as an alternative to abortion. In Alabama, that means the expansion of Medicaid.

Contact your local senator and representative in the Alabama State Legislature and ask them to consider Medicaid expansion in the next legislative session. Use your Pro-life stance as the reason you believe Medicaid needs to be expanded. Write to: (Legislator's Name)
Alabama Legislature
11 South Union Street
Montgomery, AL 36130
Legislators also have email addresses and local offices. Information can be found on the Alabama Legislature website.

Magnificat Prayer Breakfast

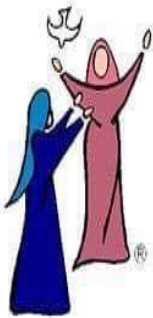
April 15, 2023

9:30 am-12:30 pm

**Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall
1728 Oxmoor Road
Birmingham, AL 35209**

**Speaker: Michelle Laque Johnson, Author of
Walking the Way of the Cross for Caregivers**

**Cost \$20.00 (Ticket sales end April 10)
E-mail: magnificat0296@gmail.com
Contact: Donna 205-408-0308**



What is Magnificat?

Magnificat is a ministry to Catholic women whose purpose is to help women be open to the Holy Spirit through a deeper commitment of their lives to Jesus Christ. The entire scene of the Visitation in Luke 1:46 is the inspiration for the Magnificat Ministry, which adopts the name of Mary's hymn of praise and the spirit of this Biblical encounter between Mary and Elizabeth.

Magnificat meals are held four times a year. The program includes a shared meal, praise and worship, and a speaker who shares God's work in her life. The Magnificat Ministry also provides other opportunities for spiritual growth, such as: Retreats, Bible Studies, Life in the Spirit Seminars, and Intercessory Prayer Groups.

Assignments

April 5 2023 - April 9, 2023

WEDNESDAY MASS

4/5/2023 7:00 PM

Lector: Teri Gagliano
Ministers: Deacon

HOLY THURSDAY

4/6/2023 7:00 PM

Greeters: Diana Stephens, B&D Freeman
Lector: Mary Burns, Karen Reese
Ministers: Deacons
Altar Servers: Jhon Paul & Natalie Rodgers
Ushers: Michael & Teri Gagliano

GOOD FRIDAY

4/7/2023 7:00 PM

Greeters: The Bluhm family
Lector: Sarah Brazzolotto, Buddy Spradley
Ministers: Deacons
Altar Servers: John Paul & Natalie Rodgers
Ushers: Michael & Teri Gagliano

SATURDAY MASS -EASTER VIGIL

4/8/2023 8:00 PM

Greeters: Gagliano/Thomas/Sadler
Lectors: Alexis Allor/Susan Moseley,
Jorge Solis, Larry Foltz
Ministers: Deacons
Altar Servers: James Raynor, Roger Carreker
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Matt Allor

SUNDAY MASS

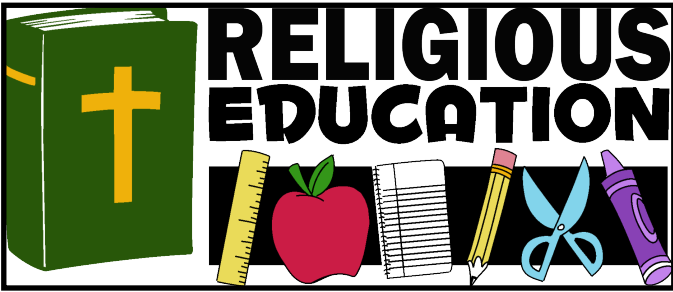
-EASTER SUNDAY

4/9/2023 8:30 AM

Greeters: Crapet/Freeman/Landman/Price
Lectors: Meagan Price, Carl Rochford
Ministers: Teri Gagliano, Ronni Thomas
Brenda Rochford, Jane Snider
Altar Servers: John Bryant, Henry Cardenas
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Matt Allor
Dennis Veigl, Phillip Thomaston

4/9/2023 11:15 AM

Greeters: Brenda Monte, Cowart/Lopez
Lectors: Michael Poteracki, Stephanie Fisher
Ministers: Buddy Spradley, Sonya Lewis,
Lexie Smith, Bernie Funderburg
Altar Servers: Destiny Markevich, Ethan Myers
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Lexie Smith,
Jeff Smith, Danny Smith



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Holy Week

The Sunday before Jesus died, He came riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. All the people cheered for Him. They laid down their cloaks and palm branches on the road to honor Him. That was Palm Sunday.

On the first Holy Thursday, Jesus offered the first Mass ever. He took bread and wine and changed them into His Body and Blood and have them to His Apostles to eat and drink. The same thing happens at every Mass when the priest says Jesus' words at the Consecration. We don't see the bread or wine change, but they are still really Jesus, offering Himself to God for us.

Good Friday is the day that Jesus died on the cross. The leaders of the Jews got the people to turn against Him. After an unfair trial, Jesus was whipped harshly and made to carry a cross up a hill. Then He was nailed to the cross and hung there until He died. Only His mother and a few of His friends were with him.

Jesus is God and could have stopped the people from killing Him, but He chose to die for you. Because we sin, we don't deserve to go to Heaven. Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins so that we could go to Heaven!

Source: The Kids' Bulletin

Looking Ahead:

April 2nd - Palm Sunday / R.E. 9:45-11am / Living Stations –8:00 pm

April 9th - Easter Sunday

Easter Egg Hunt 9:45am

RCIA Reception after 11:15 Mass

April 16th– RE 9:45 am

April 23rd– RE 9:45 am

CRS Rice Bowls

Please turn in your Rice Bowls during Holy Week. You may leave them in the foyers to be picked up.

PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS PREPARING TO RECEIVE SACRAMENTS:



First Communion:

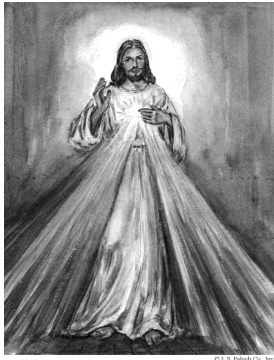
Alex Sorci
Aiden Le
Allison Schillaci
Tyus Boyle
Julissa Luis Vasquez
Elizabeth Palomera
Blaze Smith

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



**Divine Mercy
Sunday
April 16, 2023
Chaplet and
Benediction
2:00-3:30 pm**

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**Holy Week
Worship Schedule
April 3-7th**

Services at Noon followed by lunch
(Nursery available)

Monday, April 3
Rev. Dr. John Thweatt
First Baptist Church

Tuesday, April 4
Rev. Dr. Jordan Wilson
Harvest Center Church of God

Wednesday, April 5
Father Bill Lucas
Our Lady of the Lake

Thursday, April 6
Pastor Shulanda Keller
Greater New Destiny Church

Friday, April 7
Rev. Dr. Rachel Gonía
First United Methodist Church

*Maundy Thursday Service - April 6th @ 7pm in the Sanctuary
Good Friday Service - April 7th @ 7pm in the Beacon*

Calendar for April 2, 2023—April 9, 2023

Sunday— April 2— Palm Sunday

Mass— 8:30 & 11:15 am
No RE

Confessions between Masses
Living Stations—8:00 pm

Monday— April 3

Mass 9:00 am
Confessions— 9:30 am

Tuesday— April 4

No Mass

Bible Study Group—9:45 am

Chrim Mass— 10:30 am

RCIA— 7:00 pm

Wednesday—April 5

Holy Week Services—United Methodist Church

Father Bill 12:00 pm with lunch to follow

Confessions— 6:00 pm

Mass—7:00 pm

Thursday— April 6 -Holy Thursday

Parish Office Closed

Thursday of the Lord's Supper— 7:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration until Midnight

Friday— April 7 -Good Friday

Confessions—9:00 am

Stations of the Cross— 3:00 pm

The Passion of the Lord—7:00 pm

Saturday — April 8-Easter Vigil

Confessions 4:00-5:30 pm

Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

Sunday— April - Easter Sunday

Mass— 8:30 & 11:15 am

Easter Egg Hunt between Masses

RCIA Reception—after 11:15 Mass

No RE