



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054

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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

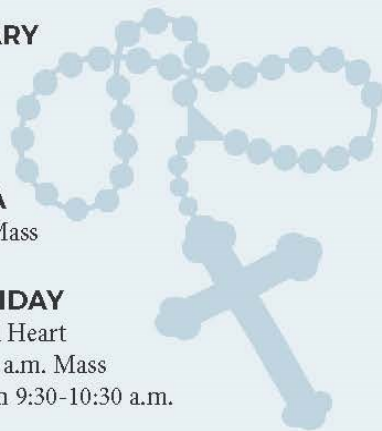
Novena to the Sacred Heart
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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 8, 2023
Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, April 9, 2023
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am*



*Easter Sunday of
the
Resurrection of the
Lord
April 9, 2023*

*Let us be joyful in this day
of the Lord*

-Psalm 118



April 10 - April 16

- Monday:** Paul Boyle III by Parma Boyle †
- Tuesday:** Audrey Springer by Jared Musgrove
- Wednesday:** Joe Stanley by James & Gloria Raynor †
- Thursday:** Ron & Dianna Markevich
by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
- Friday:** Paul Centilli by Deacon Lee & Cheryl Robinson †
- Saturday:** Michael Smith by Walton Smith
- Sunday:** Lillie Rumore by Bob & Karen Hand †
For the People

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

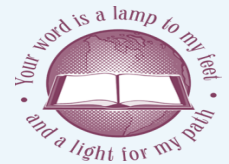
Ron & Diana Markevich, Walton Smith, Juanita Crowson, Toni James, Bob Walsh, Sarah Svetlay, Fred Brown, Sylvia Moten, Wayne Adams, Herb & Sherry Kuntz, Bill & Loretta Frost, David & Audrey Springer, Christine Jaks, Jeanie Reid, Ruth Stanley, Jackie Thoma, Janice Stella, Frank Troncalli, Angela Ledlow, Michael Brayman, Shannon Ray, Lee Walsler, 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, 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 10- April 16

- Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
- Friday:** Acts 4:1-12, Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday:** Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Today's Readings



First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm — Let us be joyful in this day of the Lord (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9).

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ALLELUIA!

“Alleluia!” “Praise the Lord!” Despite our best efforts to choose death over life, God has defeated death in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Every Sunday is a day to celebrate the resurrection, but especially this Sunday!

We still live in a culture of death, just look around, but the love of God is stronger than death. The love of God is stronger than any force that would oppose God or His will.

When we went to sleep last night, we were certain the sun would rise this morning. We should have the same faith that the Son of God will save us from sin and death. It has happened enough where there is no reason for doubt.

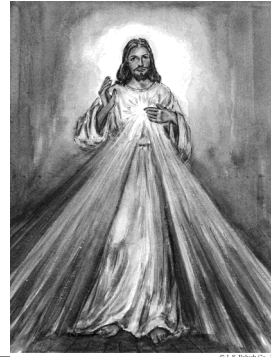
The question is do we want the life Christ provides for us or do we want some other way of life? We know where the way of Jesus Christ leads: to resurrection and new life. But Christ leaves us free to choose some other way if we desire. In choosing Christ's way, we are choosing long-term gain. But we are always free to choose some other way which gives us short-term gain. Whatever way that is, it leads to long-term ruin.

So, rejoice! Jesus Christ has saved us, not because we deserve it, but because He loves us. His love is undying. It endures forever. We are free to reject His love. We are also free to accept it.

The love of God has conquered sin and death in Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

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 at the office or Jeff Reach at 205-835-9355.



**Divine Mercy
Sunday
April 16, 2023
Celebration
2:00-3:30 pm**



Surfsiders

The Surfsiders will have their monthly meeting **Wednesday, April 19th 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.

Material, Emotional and Spiritual Poverty

Poverty is, perhaps, most obvious in a material sense. Many in emotional poverty, however, may be more apparent in sowing destruction in their own lives and the lives of others. Those in need of spiritual fulfillment, exhibit their pain by seeking grace in all the wrong places. Bishop Raica is asking for your help in reaching out to those in poverty throughout our diocese. Please join this mission by scanning the QR code to give today to Catholic Charities and Communities of the Diocese of Birmingham.



Offertory Collection

July 2022 — June 2023

	Actual	Needed weekly
March 26 Offertory	\$4,519	\$6,774
Year to Date	\$304,465	\$264,186

Building Fund Collection

July 2022 — June 2023

	Actual	Needed Monthly
Building Fund– Month of March	\$3,985	\$2,540
Year to Date	\$42,574	\$24,765



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

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

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.



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

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.

Magnificat Prayer Breakfast

April 15, 2023

9:30 am-12:30 pm

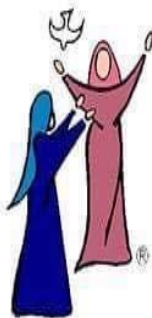
**Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall
1728 Oxmoor Road
Birmingham, AL 35209**

**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 12 2023 - April 16, 2023

WEDNESDAY MASS

4/12/2023 7:00 PM

Lector: Gloria Raynor

Ministers: Deacon

SATURDAY MASS

4/15/2023 5:00 PM

Greeters: Allen Ross, Dawn Adamson

Lectors: Allen Ross, Marguerite Gorman

Ministers: Susan Moseley, Dawn Adamson

Altar Servers: Marty Poteracki, David Blaylock

Ushers: Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

SUNDAY MASS

4/16/2023 8:30 AM

Greeters: Shelly Hamman, Brenda Rochford

Lectors: Mary Burns, Dennis Veigl

Ministers: Anita Allor, Jorge Solis,
Brenda Rochford, Michael Gagliano

Altar Servers: Sophie Alvarez, Ronni Thomas

Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Bart Perry
Belia Solis, Bill Bethell

4/16/2023 11:15 AM

Greeters: Maria Jimenez, Shirley Skeivelas

Lectors: Doug Ross, Lexie Smith

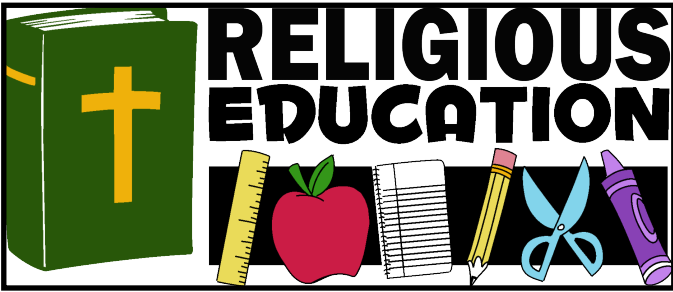
Ministers: James Raynor, Gloria Raynor,
Chris Gallegly, Sonya Lewis

Altar Servers: Caleb & Logan Bluhm

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 is Risen!

Today we celebrate the greatest feast day in the year! Jesus has come back to life! Alleluia!

Jesus died on the cross on Good Friday to take away our sins. But, He didn't just die—He came back to life again so that we could come back to life one day too.

The Apostles were afraid when Jesus was killed. They were very sad and tried to comfort each other. Imagine their surprise when Mary Magdalene came rushing in and told them that the body of Jesus was gone from the tomb! Peter and John ran to see. When they saw the empty tomb they knew what had happened. Jesus had come back to life!!

Source: The Kids' Bulletin

Looking Ahead:

April 9th - Easter Sunday

Easter Egg Hunt 9:45am

RCIA Reception after 11:15 Mass

April 12th— Youth Group— 5:30 pm

April 16th— RE 9:45 am

April 19th— Youth Group— 5:30 pm

April 23rd— RE 9:45 am

April 26th- Youth group— 5:30 pm

April 30th—RE 9:45 am/ First Communion

Retreat— 2:00 pm



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

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.

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 now and will move to the Gospel of Matthew soon.



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 March - 135 cans

Please consider donating \$1 per week



Sunday- April 9- Easter Sunday

Mass- 8:30 & 11:15 am

Easter Egg Hunt between Masses

RCIA Reception-after 11:15 Mass

No RE

Monday- April 10

Mass 9:00 am

Tuesday- April 11

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study Group-9:45 am

RCIA- 7:00 pm

Wednesday-April 12

Youth Group- 5:30 pm

Spanish Mass -7:00 pm

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

Thursday- April 13

Mass-9:00

Legion of Mary- 7:00 pm

Friday- April 14

Mass 9:00 am

Saturday - April 15

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass-5:00 pm

Pilgrim Virgin- 6:30 pm

Sunday- April 16

Mass- 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE 9:45 am

Divine Mercy Celebration 2:00-3:30 pm

No Holy Hour