



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

4609 MARTIN STREET SOUTH
CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054

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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

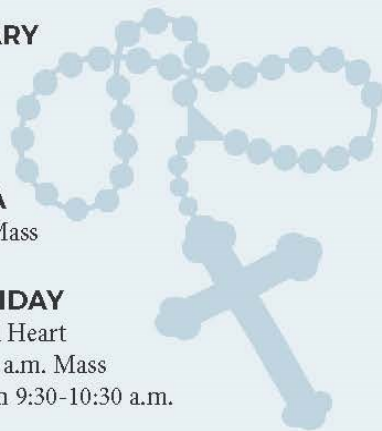
Novena to the Sacred Heart
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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 15, 2023
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 16, 2023
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Sunday of Divine Mercy April 16, 2023



Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed —John 20:29b



April 17 - April 23

- Monday:** Nancy Hanna Smith by Walton Smith †
- Tuesday:** Eili Irwin by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore †
- Wednesday:** James E. Gregg by KOC 12270 †
- Thursday:** Dianne Mitchell by Walton Smith †
- Friday:** Fr. Henry McDaid by Fr. William Lucas †
- Saturday:** Trudi & Andy McClay by the Zielinksis †
- Sunday:** For the People
Michael Brayman by Madelyn Guald

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, Micky Zielinski

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 17- April 23

- Monday:** Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-5; Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
- Friday:** Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Today's Readings



First Reading — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

Psalm — Be thankful to God who loves us forever (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

One of the priests of the Diocese of Birmingham once remarked, "Every Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday." That is true. However, Pope St. John Paul II, declared during his pontificate that the Second Sunday of the Octave of Easter would be observed as the Sunday of Divine Mercy in all Catholic dioceses.

The devotion to the Divine Mercy comes from the writings of St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who died in 1938. She received communications from Jesus that instructed her of the nature of God's mercy for the world. Her spiritual director told her to write down the messages she received. These became known as her diary. It was published after her death.

The devotion to the Divine Mercy is as easy as ABC. A- Ask for God's Mercy; B- Be Merciful; C- Completely trust in Jesus. There is a Chaplet of Divine Mercy, prayed on a rosary, though with different prayers.

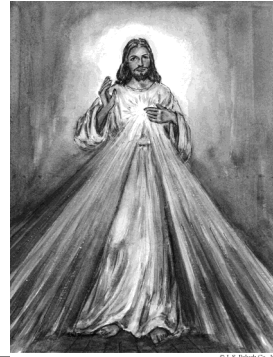
The Gospel reading for the Second Sunday of Easter is always John, 20, 19-31. In that passage, Jesus returns to the disciples on Easter Monday and says to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." The disciples are to be instruments of God's mercy in imitation of Jesus.

On this Sunday a special indulgence is granted that remits the temporal punishment of all sins. The usual conditions apply. You must go to confession within two weeks of Divine Mercy Sunday. You must have a complete detachment from the sins you confess. You must perform a pious act: in this case, recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

At Our Lady of the Lake, we will have a celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday afternoon beginning at 2:00 p.m. There will be Eucharistic Adoration and confession from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Then the Knights of Columbus of our parish will lead a recitation of the chaplet beginning at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome.

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
April 2 Offertory	\$10,849	\$6,774
Year to Date	\$315,314	\$270,960



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

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 current 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.

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.

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

Ann's New Life Pregnancy Center Run for Life 5K and fun walk

**Saturday, April 29
8:00 am**

Ann's first annual Run for Life 5K registration is now open and we want you to join us in helping families in our community who are facing an unplanned or stressful pregnancy. Register at runsignup.com/Race/AL/Cropwell/AnnsNewLife5KRunWalkforLife.



**ann's
New Life
Center**
FOR WOMEN

As part of your registration fee you will receive a race day t-shirt (while supplies last). You will also have the opportunity to win 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in your age category. We will have a food truck on site and you will have the opportunity to take a tour of our center and shop in Ann's Little Shop located right next door to the pregnancy center.

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.

Pilgrimage to Ireland

August 7-18, 2023

Sponsored by St. Francis University Parish

With Fr. Ackerman as our spiritual director, we will have daily Mass at holy sites, a day at the shrine of Our Lady of Knock Mass at Kilemore Abbey and travel through St. Patrick's country to Down Patrick where he is buried. While in Ireland we will enjoy the beauty of the Emerald Isle, experiencing the hospitality and traditions of the locals on a sheep farm and in the pubs. We only have 6 places left in our group of 35. Please contact Patti Rimmert at 205-799-5741 or pattirimmert@gmail.com for more information.

Assignments

April 19 2023 - April 23, 2023

WEDNESDAY MASS

4/19/2023 7:00 PM

Lector: Sarah Brazzolotto
Ministers: Deacon

SATURDAY MASS

4/22/2023 5:00 PM

Greeters: Karen Hand, Allen Ross
Lectors: Pat Blum, Martha Hayes
Ministers: Parma Boyle, Tom Graffo
Altar Servers: James Raynor, Dennis Veigl
Ushers: Karen Hand, Sam Marston

SUNDAY MASS

4/23/2023 8:30 AM

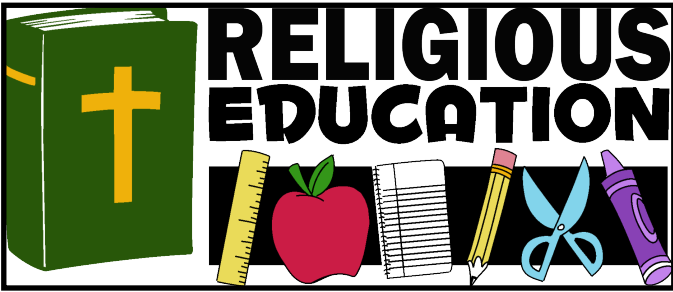
Greeters: Shelly Hamman, J&B Paulitzky
Lectors: Teri Gagliano, Carey Monistere
Ministers: Jane Snider, Patrick Everett
Edgar Solis, Ronni Thomas
Altar Servers: Michael Gagliano, Henry Cardenas
Ushers: Phillip Thomaston, Bill Bethell,
Dennis Veigl, TBD

4/23/2023 11:15 AM

Greeters: Sonya Lewis, Shirley Skeivelas
Lectors: Larry Foltz, Mary Adams
Ministers: James Raynor, Lexie Smith
Bernie Funderburg, TBD
Altar Servers: Jhon Paul & Natalie Rodgers
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, 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

Divine Mercy Sunday

In today's Gospel we hear about the first time that Jesus came to the Apostles after he rose from the dead. He breathed on them and told them that they had the power to forgive sins. Jesus had just given us the Sacrament of Confession—now a priest could hear our sins and tell us that God forgives us.

Today, the second Sunday of Easter, is also the feast of Divine Mercy. Mercy means being treated well even though we don't deserve it. God is so merciful that He wants to forgive ALL our sins, no matter how bad. All we have to do is be sorry and go to Confession.

God's Divine Mercy is so great that even the worst sinner in the world can be saved from Hell if he asks for it. But even our little sins hurt Jesus, so we need to ask God for mercy too. Don't ever imagine that God can't forgive you. Jesus died on the cross that you would be able to go to Heaven!

Looking Ahead:

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

May 3rd– Youth Group– 5:30 pm

May 7th– First Holy Communion @ 11:15 am Mass



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 April month to date - 90 cans

Please consider donating \$1 per week



Sunday– April 16

Mass– 8:30 & 11:15 am
RE 9:45 am

Divine Mercy Celebration 2:00-3:30 pm
No Holy Hour

Monday– April 17

Mass 9:00 am

Tuesday– April 18

Mass 9:00 am
Bible Study Group-9:45 am
RCIA (final)– 7:00 pm

Wednesday–April 19

Surfsiders– 10:00 am
Youth Group– 5:30 pm
Mass -7:00 pm
Pastoral Council– 7:30 pm

Thursday– April 20

Mass-9:00
Legion of Mary– 7:00 pm

Friday– April 21

Mass 9:00

Saturday – April 22

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm
Mass-5:00 pm

Sunday– April 23

Mass– 8:30 & 11:15 am
RE 9:45 am