



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

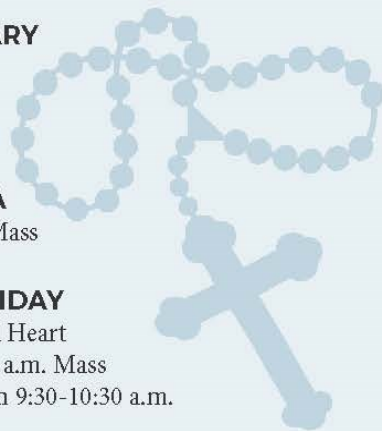
Novena to the Sacred Heart
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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



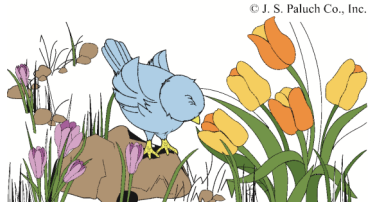
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Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday April 22, 2023
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 23, 2023
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Third Sunday of Easter April 23, 2023



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You have made known to me the paths of life
—Acts 2:28



April 24 - April 30

- Monday:** Todd Brayman by Madelyn Guald
Tuesday: Richard Smith by Walton Smith
Wednesday: Rebecca Rosado by Deacon Lee & Cheryl Robinson †
Thursday: Marie Battaglia by Parma Boyle †
Friday: Joe Yester by James & Gloria Raynor †
Saturday: Katherine Nannenhorn by the Zielinksis †
Sunday: Deceased Members of Council #12270 †
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, 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, 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 24- April 30

- Monday:** Acts 6:18-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
- Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
- Friday:** Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
- Sunday:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Today's Readings



First Reading — God has raised the crucified Jesus, who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us (Acts 2:14, 22-33).

Psalm — Our God shows us the way to live (Psalm 16).

Second Reading — Our faith and hope are in God who raised Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:17-21).

Gospel — Through his words and in the breaking of the bread, the risen Christ made himself known to two disciples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).

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MISSIONARY CHURCH

Next weekend we have a special collection for Catholic Home Missions. This collection goes to dioceses throughout the United States and its dependencies to help with the spreading of the Gospel.

Not every diocese is considered a Mission Diocese, but the Church is Missionary in nature. The Church "goes out" to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with those who need to hear it. Pope Francis, in his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, wrote that he envisions a Church of "missionary disciples" who go forth to bring the love of Jesus Christ to those in most need of it.

The Diocese of Birmingham is considered a "Mission Diocese." We bring in priests and religious to help us spread the Gospel. When I was ordained in 1990, 40% of our diocesan priests were born in Ireland. These brave men left their homeland to minister in Alabama.

There were religious sisters and brothers from around the world who came to our diocese to serve the Church and its members. We may remember the Benedictines, the Trinitarians, the Sisters of Mercy, the Vincentians, the Daughters of Charity and many other religious congregations who ministered in our diocese.

Today, the Church is experiencing tremendous growth in Asia, Africa, and South America. So, it is no surprise that missionaries are coming from those places to minister in the Diocese of Birmingham. At the same time, priests and religious are going from the United States to be missionaries in other countries. That is because the Church is missionary in nature. The Good News of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, is too important to keep it to ourselves. It must be proclaimed to the whole world!

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.



Strengthening the Church at Home

Next weekend, April 29th and 30th, the bishops are inviting Catholics across the country to contribute to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

Over the years this annual Appeal has helped to support programs in religious education, evangelization, youth ministry, seminarian education and ministry training in mission dioceses, including the Diocese of Birmingham. Without the Catholic Home Mission Appeal, these essential ministries would not be possible in many dioceses of the United States.

Please be generous in this year's appeal to strengthen the Church at Home. During a difficult economy, it is important to remember our Catholic brothers and sisters who are struggling also and whose dioceses need our support.

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 16 Offertory	\$4,336	\$6,774
Year to Date	\$331,102	\$284,508



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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 Kylemore 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 26 2023 - April 30, 2023

WEDNESDAY MASS

4/26/2023 7:00 PM

Lector: Bernie Funderburg
Ministers: Deacon

SATURDAY MASS

4/29/2023 5:00 PM

Greeters: Paige Everett, Loretta Frost
Lectors: Buddy Spradley, Susan Mosely
Ministers: Allen Ross, Martha Hayes
Altar Servers: Chris Gallegly, Andy Payant
Ushers: Amy Carreker, Jim Gorman

SUNDAY MASS

4/30/2023 8:30 AM

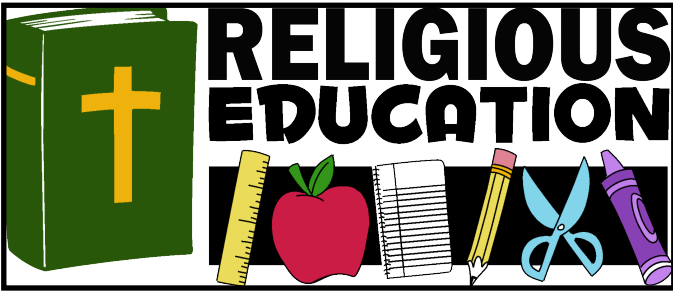
Greeters: Crapet/Freeman/Landman
Diana Stephens
Lectors: Robert Lewis, Carl Rochford
Ministers: Stephen Reese, Larry Reese
Tom Graffo, Jorge Solis
Altar Servers: Jeff Reach, David Blaylock
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Matt Allor
Phillip Thomaston, Dennis Veigl

4/30/2023 11:15 AM

Greeters: R&C Betz, Shirley Skeivelas
Lectors: Miranda Bryant, Stephanie Fischer
Ministers: Sonya Lewis, Gloria Raynor
Bernie Funderburg, TBD
Altar Servers: Ethan Myers
Tommie Ann Johnson
Ushers: 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

Reading the Scriptures

In today's Gospel reading two disciples were walking together and thinking sadly about how Jesus had just been tortured and killed. Then Jesus started walking with them— but they didn't recognize Him. He explained to them what the Scriptures had said about Him suffering and dying. He helped them to understand what God's plan had been.

Every time we go to Mass we hear about Jesus in the Gospel reading. But we don't need to wait until Mass to learn about Jesus. You can read the Bible every day. God wants us to know Him better so we can love Him more. And the more we love Him we happier we will be.

Do you have a children's Bible? Maybe your Mom or Dad can read to you from the big Bible a little every morning or night. Reading saint stories also helps us to know God through His friends. Try to read or listen to some of the Bible or the life of a saint every day!

Looking Ahead:

Apr. 23 - R.E. 9:45-11am

Apr 26 - Youth Group— 5:30 pm

Apr. 29 - Communion Retreat and Banners 2:00 pm-5:00 pm

Apr. 30 - R.E. 9:45-11 am

May 3 - Youth Group— 5:30 pm

May 7 - R.E. 9:45-11am/First Communion 11:15am and Reception

May 14 - R.E. 9:45-11am / May Crowning

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Senior Sunday and End of Year Celebration

We invite all RE students, seniors, and their families to join us for an end of year celebration in the Parish Hall **May 21st 9:45-11am.** Refreshments will be provided.

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

Knights of Columbus Council 12270 High School Senior Scholarships

The Knights of Columbus are taking applications for their annual scholarships. Our Lady of the Lake high school seniors may request an application by contacting Carl Rochford at:

Rochfordc@bellsouth.net or 205-383-7200



Deadline for submission is May 5, 2023 with awards made at Senior Sunday, May 21, 2023.

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 Gospel of Matthew.



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 - 231 cans

Please consider donating \$1 per week



Sunday– April 23

Mass– 8:30 & 11:15 am
RE 9:45 am

Monday– April 24

Mass 9:00 am
KOC Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm

Tuesday– April 25

Mass 9:00 am
Bible Study Group-9:45 am

Wednesday–April 26

Youth Group– 5:30 pm
Mass -7:00 pm

Thursday– April 27

Mass-9:00
Legion of Mary– 7:00 pm

Friday– April 28

Mass 9:00

Saturday – April 29

First Communion Retreat-2:00 pm
Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm
Mass-5:00 pm

Sunday– April 30

KOC Mass– 8:30
Mass-11:15 am
RE 9:45 am