



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

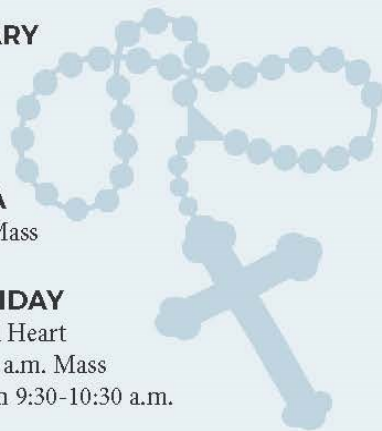
Novena to the Sacred Heart
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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 29, 2023
Mass 5:00 pm

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter April 30, 2023



He himself bore our sins in his body
upon the cross —1 Peter 2:24



May 1- May 7

- Monday:** Elizabeth (Gene) Smith by Walton Smith †
- Tuesday:** Andy McClay by Bob & Karen Hand †
- Wednesday:** Andy McClay by the Zielinskis †
- Thursday:** Alva Walton by Walton Smith †
- Friday:** Alcira Gonzalez by James & Gloria Raynor †
- Saturday:** Joe Stanley by KOC 12270 †
- Sunday:** For the People
Alvaro Amaya by James & Gloria Raynor †

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 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, Jim Reilly

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 May 1- May 7

- Monday:** Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
- Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
- Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
- Friday:** Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
- Sunday:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

Today's Readings



First Reading — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized (Acts 2:14a, 36-41).

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

Second Reading — Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20b-25).

Gospel — The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10).

THE EASTER SEASON

The Easter Season lasts for 50 days. It ends at the conclusion of Pentecost Sunday, on May 28th this year. We have been through three weeks of Easter. There are four weeks to go.

The liturgy during the Easter Season invites us to contemplate the teachings of Jesus Christ. These words come from the Risen Lord rather than from some wise human being. We look at the words and actions of Jesus through the lens of the resurrection. We can appreciate them anew as the words of God.

Perhaps that is why the Easter Season is longer than the Season of Lent. It takes more time for us to grasp the meaning of Jesus' teaching. And we will also observe Easter every year, so whatever we miss this year we can contemplate next year.

Jesus Christ is alive. His words are living words that He speaks today rather than words of a figure from the past that must be understood in their historical context. Jesus is the truth. His WORDS apply to every generation, not exclusively to one generation.

For catechumens, those who were initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil, the 50 days of Easter are called the period of *Mystagogue*. It is a time of a more complete revealing of the mystery of faith. The same can be true for all of us. Contemplating the Word of God, we can all deepen our faith in Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord.

Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Senior Sunday and End of the Year RE Reception

Sunday, May 21, 2023
8:30 Mass

We will honor our High School Seniors graduating with the Class of 2023 during the 8:30 Mass.

A reception will follow in the Parish Hall for the Seniors and their families as well as RE children and their families to celebrate the end of Religious Education for the year.



MAY CROWNING May 14, 2023 After 8:30 am Mass

Join us by the Grotto to crown our Blessed Mother. In the event of inclement weather, the Crowning will take place in the Hall.

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.

SILENCE BEFORE AND AFTER MASS

The 15 minutes before Mass and the 15 minutes following Mass are used by some people as a time for prayerful preparation and thanksgiving. That is why we try to maintain a "reverential silence" in the church during those times. Fellowship is also a part of our faith, but the place for that is in the foyers of the church or outside. Please try to be respectful of the needs of others and maintain a reverential silence in the church before and after Mass.

Father Bill

Mass at St. Vincent's Chapel

Wednesday morning Mass is held at St. Vincent's Hospital St. Clair. at **8:30 am**. The Mass is held in the chapel on the first floor. It is held every Wednesday, as long as Father Sexton or Father Bill are available.



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Job Openings in the Diocese

PART-TIME BOOKKEEPER

The Cathedral of Saint Paul seeks a qualified bookkeeper for a part-time (25 hours), on-site position. Applicants should have some familiarity with accounts payable and receivable. Experience with QuickBooks and Microsoft Excel is preferred. A complete job listing may be found on Indeed at: <https://www.indeed.com/job/part-time-bookkeeper-site-17529c1647568cfe>

PART-TIME BOOKKEEPER AND PART-TIME SECRETARY/ADMINISTRATION

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Adamsville has two part time positions open. If you are interested in applying for either position, please fill out an application, found on the Diocesan Website. Completed applications can be sent by email to saintpat@catholicjewel.com or brought to the church office Monday – Thursday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm or mailed via USPS.

Assignments

May 3 2023 - May 7, 2023

WEDNESDAY MASS

5/3/2023 7:00 PM

Lector: Susan Moseley
Ministers: Deacon

SATURDAY MASS

5/6/2023 5:00 PM

Greeters: Allen Ross, Paige Everett
Lectors: Allen Ross, Sarah Brazzolotto
Ministers: Edgar Solis, Susan Moseley
Altar Servers: Tom Michaels, James Raynor
Ushers: Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

SUNDAY MASS

5/7/2023 8:30 AM

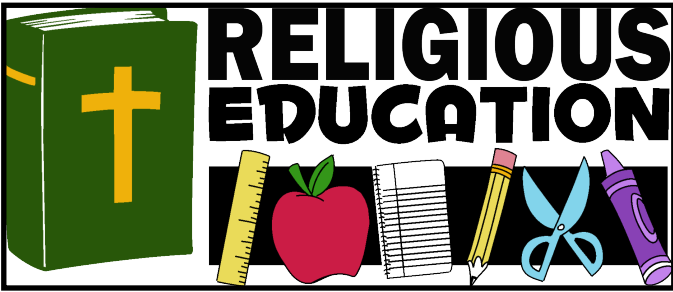
Greeters: Brenda Rochford, D&J Beavers
Lectors: Shelly Hamman, Patrick Everett
Ministers: Stephen Reese, Teri Gagliano
Sophie Alvarez, Carly Sadler
Altar Servers: Marty Poteracki, Roger Carreker
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Belia Solis
Phillip Thomaston, Bill Bethell

5/7/2023 11:15 AM

Greeters: Gracie Troncalli
P Cowart & P Lopez
Lectors: Bernie Funderburg,
Michael Poteracki
Ministers: Lexie Smith, Chris Gallegly
Sonya Lewis, Buddy Spradley
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

The Sheep and the Shepherd

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us about His sheep. Do you know His sheep are? We are His sheep! He loves us and protects us just like a shepherd cares for his sheep. And what do the sheep do in return? They listen to His voice and follow Him.

We also hear about Jesus being called the "Lamb of God." When He became man, He was like one of the sheep in God's sheepfold. But He was not the same as all the rest of us. He never did any sins Himself, but he died for us on the cross to save us from our sins. That is why at every Mass we say, "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us."

Now that Jesus is not visibly here on earth, He has left us another shepherd to care for His flock. Do you know who that is? It's the pope! God gives him grace to guide and protect the Church. Can you say a Hail Mary for Pope Francis today?

Looking Ahead:

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 30

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

Monday— May 1

Mass 9:00 am

Tuesday— May 2

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

Wednesday—May 3

Youth Group— 5:30 pm
Mass -7:00 pm

Thursday— May 4

Mass-9:00
Legion of Mary— 7:00 pm

Friday— May 5

Mass 9:00
First Friday Adoration— 9:30 am

Saturday — May 6

First Saturday Mass-9:00 am
Rosary Guild— 10:00 am
Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm
Mass-5:00 pm

Sunday— May 7

Masses— 8:30 am & 11:15 am
First Communion-11:15 am
w/ Reception Following
RE 9:45 am