



# Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Jim Mathis, *Director of Religious Education*  
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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

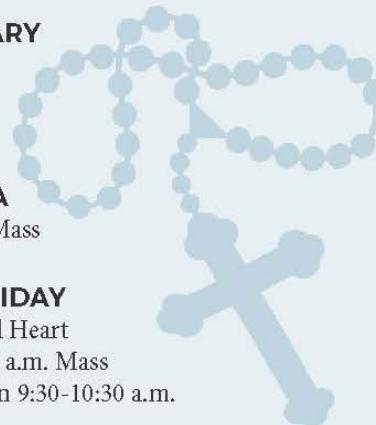
Novena to the Sacred Heart  
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass  
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

## HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

Third Sunday of every month 7:00 p.m.  
Second Wednesday of every month | *Exposicion del  
Santísimo 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 June 24, 2023  
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, June 25, 2023  
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

### Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 25, 2023



Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed...."  
-Matthew 10:26



June 26 - July 2

- Monday:** Nancy Ross by Sharon Stice †
- Tuesday:** Tom Welch by Bill & Debbie Drescher †
- Wednesday:** Allen McClendon Sr. by Sharon Stice †
- Thursday:** Barbara Stubblefield by Madelyn Guald
- Friday:** Pope Benedict by Fr. William Lucas †
- Saturday:** Edward Smallwood by Bob & Karen Hand †
- Sunday:** Teresa Wolff by Tabor Wolff †  
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 Walser, 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, Micky Zielinski, Jim Reilly, Connie Parsons, Mari Culver, Janie Gallegly

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](mailto:sharonstice46@gmail.com) or call 205-613-1053.

### Weekly Readings June 26- July 2

- Monday:** Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33; Mt 7:1-5
- Tuesday:** Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15; Mt 7:6, 12-14
- Wednesday:** Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105; Mt 7:15-20
- Thursday:** Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Ps 34; Mt 16:13-19
- Friday:** Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128; Mt 8:1-4
- Saturday:** Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 & 53, 54-55; Mt 8:5-17
- Sunday:** 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

### Today's Readings



**First Reading** — The LORD is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph (Jeremiah 20:10-13).

**Psalm** — Lord, in your great love, answer me (Psalm 69:8).

**Second Reading** — Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men (Romans 5:12-15).

**Gospel** — What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops (Matthew 10:26-33).

**MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL**

As Deacon Serge informed us in his recent homily, Mass attendance is below 40% in the United States and below 10% in Europe. Part of the reason is because of the secularization of those societies and part of the reason is that the birth rate has fallen below "replacement rate." There are fewer children to motivate their parents to participate in a parish.

However, the opposite is true in the Southern Hemisphere. In South America, Africa, and Asia the Catholic population is growing. (As are the populations of other Christian denominations.) The future of the Church seems to be in the Southern Hemisphere.

The dioceses being supported by this year's Mission Cooperative Appeal come mostly from the Southern Hemisphere. There are two dioceses from Central America, two from Africa, and two from Asia. The reason for that is that these dioceses are in impoverished areas where the Catholic population is large and/or growing.

The Catholics in these countries do not have the income to support the needs of the Church. In the United States we have the income and the opportunity to help the Church in these dioceses. These mission dioceses will benefit greatly from this collection.

The Catholic Church is missionary in nature. Our purpose is to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to everyone. As St Francis of Assisi wrote, sometimes we use words. We have an opportunity to further the gospel of Jesus Christ by supporting this collection. In that way we are partnering with the Catholic Church in these six dioceses. We are doing what we can to further the gospel.

Please be generous.



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**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.

**Summer Faith Forum with  
John Paul Stepnowski**

**OLL Parish Hall  
9:45 am (between the  
Sunday Masses)**

**July 2, July 16**

Join John Paul Stepnowski, our summer seminarian, for several informal meetings in the Parish Hall.

**July 2, 2023-** The Christian Distinction: What Philosophy Can Tell Us About God

**July 16, 2023-** Reading the Lives of the Saints

**Altar Servers needed!**

We are seeking Altar Servers for the 11:15 am Mass to serve on a rotating schedule.

Please see  
Deacon Lee to  
volunteer. Training  
will be provided.





## Offertory Collection

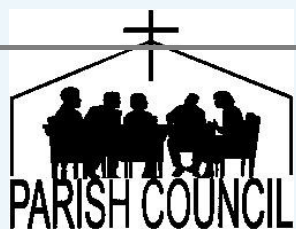
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**Actual**      **Needed**

June 18  
Offertory

Offertory  
numbers not  
available this  
week

Year to Date



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**Council meetings are open to all  
parishioners, and are typically on the**

## UPDATE ON THE COLUMBARIUM CONSTRUCTION

We have received word from the contractor that the manufacture of the columbarium niches is behind schedule. The new date for the beginning of site preparation is the first week of July. The estimated date for completion will be the middle of October. Hopefully we can get the project completed before the end of the year.

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## Pro Life Corner

### **BUY A TAG = SAVE A BABY**

Tag Fee of \$50 = \$41.25 to Alabama Pro-Life Agencies

**Switching to a  
Choose Life Tag  
is EASY!**

Take your renewal notice to the DMV and ask for the Choose Life Tag. \$50 will be added to your renewal fee. For link to personalize your tag or more information visit: [ChooseLifeAlabama.org](http://ChooseLifeAlabama.org)



NEW  
TAG  
DESIGN

**Christ Be Our Light**  
**Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat**  
**Fort Mitchell, Alabama**  
**July 7-9, 2023**



**Check In: Friday, 6:00-7:00pm EST**

Let us take some time away from the busyness of our lives to discover some of the ways that the Light of Christ grows in us through our spiritual greening process. We may discover in our time together the places where we need to take the Light of Christ through a new understanding of spiritual growth, in coming to know ourselves, and in discerning our walk with the Lord. There will be time for the celebration of Mass together, Meditation, Prayer, Conferences, Adoration, Sharing and time for Quiet and Stillness.

**Retreat Fees:**

Weekend: \$190.00 per person (includes \$85.00 non-refundable deposit)

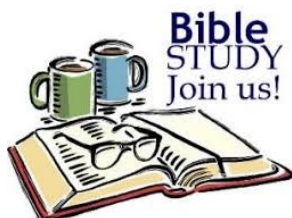
Day Hop: \$85.00 per person (includes \$40.00 non-refundable deposit)

Register at [www.msbt.org/btsr](http://www.msbt.org/btsr)

**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



**Our Lady of the Lake**  
**Bible Study**

Please join us for a special Bible Study every Tuesday morning at 9:45 am in the Parish Hall. We are just beginning to study the Gospel of Mark.

*Assignments*

*June 28 2023 - July 2, 2023*

**WEDNESDAY MASS**

**6/28/2023 7:00 PM**

**Lector:** Charmaine Welch  
**Ministers:** Deacon

**SATURDAY MASS**

**7/01/2023 5:00 PM**

**Greeters:** Dawn Adamson, Paige Everett  
**Lectors:** Marguerite Gorman, Sarah Brazzolotto  
**Ministers:** Edgar Solis, Dawn Adamson  
**Altar Servers:** Buddy Adamson, Dennis Veigl  
**Ushers:** Amy Carreker, Jim Gorman

**SUNDAY MASS**

**7/02/2023 8:30 AM**

**Greeters:** Bill Bethell, Amelia Reese  
**Lectors:** Patrick Everett, Karen Reese  
**Ministers:** Stephen Reese, Teri Gagliano Jane Snider, Carly Sadler  
**Altar Servers:** Roger Carreker, Jeff Reach  
**Ushers:** Michael Gagliano, Robert Paulitzky Phillip Thomaston,

**7/02/2023 11:15 AM**

**Greeters:** Shirley Skeivelas, R& C Betz  
**Lectors:** Stephanie Fischer Bernie Funderburg  
**Ministers:** Chris Gallegly, Lexie Smith Sonya Lewis, John Paul Stepnowski  
**Altar Servers:** John 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.**



### Vacation Bible School!

VBS is coming! July 24-28th, kids will explore the galaxy as part of **Stellar VBS!** Together, they will learn how Jesus shined his light into our world to bring hope, love, forgiveness, and joy! Kids can expect a week full of epic adventures, fun crafts, music, and games to help them grow in friendship with Jesus. Registration forms for both participants and volunteers can be found ONLINE at:

[vbspro.events/p/ollstellar](https://vbspro.events/p/ollstellar)

Contact Jim Mathis, DRE for any comments, questions, or concerns!

[Jimmathis.oll@gmail.com](mailto:Jimmathis.oll@gmail.com)  
205-405-6028

**Looking Ahead:**

**July 24-28th - VBS!**

**5:30PM-8PM.**

**Registration is OPEN!**

**FORMED**

**FAITH AT HOME**

**Parish Code: JRQNH8**

***WE NEED YOU TO  
VOLUNTEER FOR:***

**Vacation Bible School!**

Apply to volunteer  
online using the link!

[vbspro.events/p/  
ollstellar](https://vbspro.events/p/ollstellar)



## NEW VENUE

### Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Birmingham 22st Annual Conference on July 21 and 22

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual CCROB Conference will be held on **July 21 and 22, 2023** at **JOHN CARROLL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**, 300 Lakeshore Parkway, Birmingham, AL 35209. The conference theme is **"Victory in Jesus."** The main speaker will be **Father James Blount** along with **Father Eric Gami and Teresa Ragusa**.

Because of the recent demand to hear Father Blount everyone **MUST PRE-REGISTER** to attend the conference. The registration fee for individuals is \$25 and \$65 for a family of 3 or more. Register online at [www.catholiccharismaticrenewal.org](http://www.catholiccharismaticrenewal.org) or mail registration to: CCROB, 1222 Hueytown Rd, Hueytown, AL 35023. For further information contact Sally Smith at 205-983-4150. Everyone is welcome!



### *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**

**Month to Date for June - 118 cans**

**Please consider donating \$1 per week**

Calendar for June 25, 2023—July 2, 2023

#### **Sunday– June 25**

Masses– 8:30 am & 11:15 am

#### **Monday– June 26**

Mass 9:00 am

KOC Meeting– 6:30-8:00 pm

#### **Tuesday– June 27**

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study Group-9:45 am

#### **Wednesday–June 28**

Mass -7:00 pm

#### **Thursday– June 29**

Mass-9:00

Legion of Mary– 7:00 pm

#### **Friday– June 30**

Mass– 9:00 am

#### **Saturday – July 1**

First Saturday Mass– 9:00 am

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass-5:00 pm

#### **Sunday– July 2**

Masses– 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Summer Faith Forum– Parish Hall 9:45 am