



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

4609 MARTIN STREET SOUTH
CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054



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Deacon Terrence Rumore
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 July 22, 2023
Mass 5:00 pm

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



Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
July 23, 2023

He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom.

-Matthew 13:24-43



July 24 - July 30

- Monday:** Valerie Kern by Jerry & Brenda Kern
- Tuesday:** Don Naman by KOC 12270 †
- Wednesday:** Mary LaFleur by Charles & Libby LaFleur
- Thursday:** Tom Welch by Kristin Sessions †
- Friday:** Isabel Amaya by James & Gloria Raynor †
- Saturday:** Trudi & Andy McClay by the Zielinskis †
- Sunday:** Deceased Members of KOC #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, 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, Micky Zielinski, Jim Reilly, Connie Parsons, Janie Gallegly, Marti Bell, Valerie Kern

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 July 24- July 30

- Monday:** Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126; Mt 20:20-28
- Wednesday:** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78; Mt 13:1-9
- Thursday:** Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17
- Friday:** Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday:** Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50; Jn 11:19-27
- Sunday:** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119; Rm 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

Today's Readings



First Reading — For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

Psalm — Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86).

Second Reading — The one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will (Romans 8:26-27).

Gospel — The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field (Matthew 13:24-43).

BEING A CATHOLIC

Recently one of our parishioners, Mari Culver, died. Before she died, Mari was placed on hospice care. Mari had no relatives nearby, so she asked for help from Deacon Jim Barrett and his wife Concepcion, who she knew from Resurrection parish in Clanton.

Mari wanted to stay in her own trailer in Pell City. This required a lot of work to make it livable. Deacon Jim and his wife enlisted help from people they knew. If you have ever had to care for a dying loved one in the final weeks of their life, you know how exhausting that can be. They needed more help.

Parishioners here at Our Lady of the Lake stepped up to the task. They organized members to bring food, to sit and pray with Mari, to bring her communion, and to do whatever she needed at the direction of Deacon Jim and Concepcion. They gave their time and love so that Mari would be cared for the way she cared for others. They helped Deacon Jim and Concepcion survive a difficult time.

These people demonstrated what it means to **be** a Catholic. Catholicism is more than doctrine. It is a way of life. These disciples of Jesus Christ may not be able to explain Catholic dogma, but they showed they understood how to live as followers of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit guided their actions.

For me, it was confirmation that these people understood what it means to be Catholic. They exhibited faith. I pray each day that all the parishioners of Our Lady of the Lake parish will grow in faith. What those parishioners did was an answer to prayer: Mari's, Deacon Jim and Concepcion's, and mine.



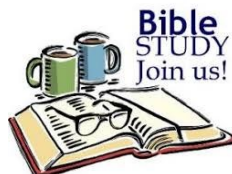
Mass at St Vincent's Chapel

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.



Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary meets every Thursday night at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. All are invited to attend!



**Bible
STUDY**
Join us!

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 studying the Gospel of Mark.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Catholic Church, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) begins on **Tuesday, August 22nd**. The group learns about the Catholic faith, prays together, and enjoys fellowship each week from 7:00-8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Father Bill, Deacon Lee, or Allen Ross.

Offertory Collection

July 2023 — June 2024

Actual

**Needed
weekly**

**July 16
Offertory**

Offertory
numbers not
available this
week.

Year to Date



Chair: Jeff Reach jreach@protonmail.com

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boxacarbern1@aol.com

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Meagan Price: Meaganfrances
freeman@gmail.com

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

UPDATE ON THE COLUMBARIUM CONSTRUCTION

As you may have noticed, site preparation for the columbarium has begun. The estimated date for completion is still expected to be the middle of October. Hopefully we can get the project completed before the end of the year.

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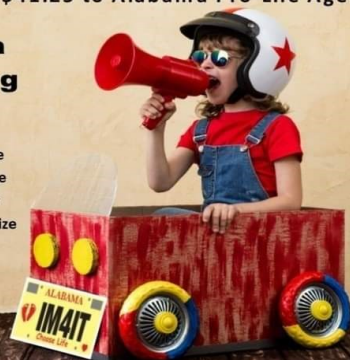
Pro Life Corner

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NEW
TAG
DESIGN



**Let's Remember a Priest Killed in the Line of Duty
Annual Father James E. Coyle Memorial Mass**

Celebrant, Most Reverend Thomas J. Rodi, D.D.
Archbishop of Mobile

Friday, August 11, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

Reception and Reflections on Father Coyle

Cathedral of St. Paul

2120 3rd Ave North

Birmingham, AL

205-447-8796 or www.fathercoyle.org

"Father Coyle was a martyr to duty"

The Rt. Rev. Edward Allen, Bishop of Mobile— 8/12/1921

Assignments

July 26 2023 - July 30, 2023

WEDNESDAY MASS

7/26/2023 7:00 PM

Lector: Susan Moseley

Ministers: Deacon

SATURDAY MASS

7/29/2023 5:00 PM

Greeters: Paige Everett, Allen Ross

Lectors: Pat Blum, Sarah Brazzolotto

Ministers: Allen Ross, Martha Hayes

Altar Servers: Chris Gallegly, Andy Payant

Ushers: Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

SUNDAY MASS

7/30/2023 8:30 AM

Greeters: Brenda Rochford, Diana Stephens

Lectors: Jorge Solis, Dennis Veigl

Ministers: Stephen Reese, Larry Reese

Tom Graffo, James Raynor

Altar Servers: Jeff Reach, Roger Carreker

Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Bill Bethell,

Dennis Veigl, Phillip Thomaston,

7/30/2023 11:15 AM

Greeters: P Cowart/P Lopez,

Gracie Troncalli

Lectors: Stephanie Fischer, Gloria Raynor

Ministers: Lexie Smith, Sonya Lewis,

Gloria Raynor

Altar Servers: Ethan Myers,

Tommie Ann Johnson

Ushers: 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.

GUADALUPE RADIO NETWORK'S

5th ANNUAL

"FISHERS OF MEN" BENEFIT DINNER



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Fr. Bill Casey, CPM



2023 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Laney and Gary Gagnon

Thursday, August 24, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

Vestavia Country Club. 400 Beaumont Dr. Birmingham.

To purchase tickets or a table, email Marty@GRNOnline.com

Or go to our website GRNOnline.com or call (832) 971-9240, or scan the QR code



Guadalupe Radio Network
Catholic Radio in Alabama



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

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

Jimmathis.oll@gmail.com
205-405-6028

Looking Ahead:

July 24-28th - VBS! 5:30PM
-8PM.

August 13– RE Begins
Breakfast & Orientation

FORMED
FAITH AT HOME

Parish Code: JRQNH8



Mark your calendars!

Religious Education begins
on Sunday, August 13th at
9:45 am



Attention Liturgical Ministers!

If you are scheduled to serve or substitute for someone at Mass as an Altar Server, Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Usher or Greeter, **please** be at the Church at least 15 minutes before Mass and recognize your presence on the schedule at the back of the church. It is important to know that everyone is here before Mass starts.



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 July – 323 cans

Please consider donating \$1 per week

Thanks to all who donated soup and other canned goods in Mari Culver's memory!

Sunday– July 23

Masses– 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Monday– July 24

Mass 9:00 am

KOC Meeting– 6:30-8:00 pm

Vacation Bible School– 5:30-8:00 pm

Tuesday– July 25

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study– 9:45 am

Vacation Bible School– 5:30-8:00 pm

Wednesday–July 26

Mass -7:00 pm

Vacation Bible School– 5:30-8:00 pm

Thursday– July 27

Mass-9:00

Legion of Mary– 7:00 pm

Vacation Bible School– 5:30-8:00 pm

Friday– July 28

Mass– 9:00 am

Vacation Bible School– 5:30-8:00 pm

Saturday – July 29

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass-5:00 pm

Sunday– July 30

KOC Mass- 8:30 am

Mass-11:15 am