



# Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

4609 MARTIN STREET SOUTH  
CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054

## Rev. William P. Lucas, Pastor

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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

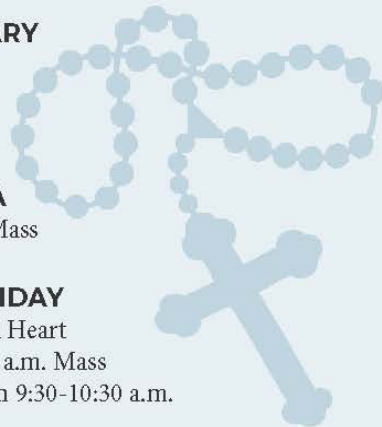
Novena to the Sacred Heart  
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass  
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

## HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

Third Sunday of every month 7:00 p.m.  
Second Wednesday of every month | *Exposicion del  
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 August 19, 2023  
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, August 20, 2023  
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



Twentieth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
August 20, 2023

*Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be  
acceptable on my altar, for my house shall be  
called a house of prayer for all peoples.*  
-Isaiah 56:7



August 21 - August 27

- Monday:** Malvina Cueria by Susan Moseley †
- Tuesday:** Jeff & Catherine Hahn by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
- Wednesday:** Curtis Hoover by the Walsh & Hoover families †
- Thursday:** Beth Godwin by Walton Smith
- Friday:** Walton Smith by Jerry & Brenda Kern
- Saturday:** Arthur Di Mattia by KOC 12270 †
- 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, 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, Janie Gallegly, 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](mailto:sharonstice46@gmail.com) or call 205-613-1053.

## Weekly Readings August 21- August 27

- Monday:** Jdg 2:11-19; Ps 106; Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday:** Jdg 6:11-24a; Ps 85; Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday:** Jdg 9:6-15; Ps 21; Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday:** Rev 21:9b-14; Ps 145; Jn 1:45-51
- Friday:** Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146; Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday:** Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128; Mt 23:1-12
- Sunday:** Is 22:19-23; Ps 138; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

## Today's Readings



**First Reading** — Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).

**Psalm** — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67)

**Second Reading** — For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).

**Gospel** — "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish" (Matthew 15:21-28).

## The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 22<sup>nd</sup> is the Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the old calendar, the memorial was observed on May 31<sup>st</sup> - hence the tradition of a "May Crowning". The revision of the liturgical calendar following the Second Vatican Council moved the memorial to the eighth day in the octave of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary to emphasize the connection between the two doctrines.

In the Old Testament, the Queen of Israel or Judah was the **mother** of the king, rather than the wife of the king. This gave legitimacy to the king's claim to the throne, since he was the legitimate son of the previous king. King David had many sons with his many wives, but Solomon, the son of Bathsheba, was chosen as his successor. When Solomon became king, Bathsheba became queen.

Jesus Christ is our King. That means Mary is our Queen. If we recognize Jesus as our king, as subjects of the kingdom of God, then we recognize Mary, His mother, as our queen. As is the case with all titles given to Mary, it comes from her relationship to her son and savior.

As our Queen, Mary intercedes to Christ the King for our needs. She is compassionate. She takes to heart the needs of the Father's children because they are her children as well. Her example of humility is one from which we can all learn. As we read in Psalm 51: "A humbled, contrite heart, O God, you will not spurn."

Jesus Christ proved His love for us by "dying for us sinners." Mary proved her love for us by saying, "Yes" to being the mother of Jesus Christ; to being the Mother of God. The Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary reminds us of the depths and lengths of God's love for us.

## CATHOLIC TRIVIA NIGHT

Come and share in a potluck supper and play Catholic Trivia on **Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> following the 5:00 p.m. Mass.** Prizes will be given for the winners, though everyone who learns more about the Catholic faith is a winner! Sign up sheets for participants can be found in the foyers.

## Knights of Columbus Labor Day Barbecue Sale

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church  
Friday, September 1, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.  
through Saturday, September 2, 2023.

\$40 for Boston butts

\$30 for large pork ribs

\$15 for a whole chicken



All meat will be freshly smoked with KOC "special dry rub". All proceeds will be used to fund the numerous charitable activities KOC Council 12270 supports. Our Lady of the Lake is located at 4609 Martin St (Hwy 231 South) in Pell City.



## 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 22<sup>nd</sup>**. 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
August 13 Offertory	\$5,046	\$7,264
Year to Date	\$53,680	\$50,848

## Is God Calling you to become a Lay Dominican?

Did you know that Birmingham has a Lay Dominican chapter? Adult men and women who have been Sacramental Catholics for at least two years are invited to learn about the Dominican Laity and see if this is where God may be calling you. The pillars of Lay Dominican life center around prayer, study, apostolate (sharing our faith with others in ways appropriate to the laity), and community (monthly meetings on Sunday afternoons in Birmingham). As lay member of the Dominican Order, we are drawn together by the love of St. Dominic, and invite you to consider joining us! To learn more, contact Pam Leverett, chapter president at [elliegrace798@gmail.com](mailto:elliegrace798@gmail.com).



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



*Legion of Mary*

The Legion of Mary focuses on prayer and visiting the sick and shut-ins. We have both Active and Auxiliary (praying) members. Interested? You are welcome to come to our meeting as a guest! Active members meet weekly at 7:00 pm on Thursdays in the Parish Hall conference room.

For more information, contact Martha Hayes at (205) 812-6126.

## Pro Life Corner

The Pell City center is now open, T/W/TH, and every first Saturday of each month. There have been 12-14 client appointments every single day they are open. Center needs include size 4 and size 6 diapers.

Volunteer opportunities are currently limited to people willing to just show up and clean toys for Ann's Little Shop.

ANLC Director, Gabrielle Martin  
Phone # 205-338-4580  
Text #256-346-5257

**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

**Catholic Charismatic Monthly Mass**  
**Our Lady of Sorrows**

2nd Thursday of the month (the next one is September 14th)

Confessions: 6:15 pm Mass: 7:00 pm

Individual Prayer is available after Mass.

For more information contact Ray Makofsky at 205-999-8947

**Magnificat Prayer Breakfast**

St. Elias Maronite Church Parish Hall on

Saturday, August 26th

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Speaker, Jennifer Molina, author of "Grandma Taught Me to Love Mary."

Tickets are \$20 and includes a catered breakfast. They are available online at <http://BirminghamMagnificat.org> or by contacting Lucy at (205) 529-0259 or from Alpha Church Supply.

No tickets are sold at the door or after August 20<sup>th</sup>.

**GUADALUPE RADIO NETWORK'S**  
**5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Marty@GRNOnline.com)

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



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*Assignments*

*August 23, 2023 - August 27, 2023*

**WEDNESDAY MASS**

**8/23/2023 7:00 PM**

Lector: Sarah Brazzolotto

Ministers: Deacon

**SATURDAY MASS**

**8/26/2023 5:00 PM**

Greeters: Allen Ross, Dawn Adamson

Lectors: Pat Blum, Allen Ross

Ministers: Edgar Solis, Dawn Adamson

Altar Servers: Bernie & Corey Funderburg

Ushers: Karen Hand, Sam Marston

**SUNDAY MASS**

**8/27/2023 8:30 AM**

Greeters: Poteracki/Alvarez family

Lectors: Meagan Price, Jorge Solis

Ministers: Jane Snider, Patrick Everett

Edgar Solis, Anita Allor

Altar Servers: Sophie Alvarez, Ronni Thomas

Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Matt Allor

Bart Perry, Phillip Thomaston

**8/27/2023 11:15 AM**

Greeters: Shirley Skeivelas, Brenda Monte

Lectors: Stephanie Fischer, Larry Foltz

Ministers: Chris Gallegly, Sonya Lewis,

James Raynor, Lexie Smith

Altar Servers: Logan Bluhm,

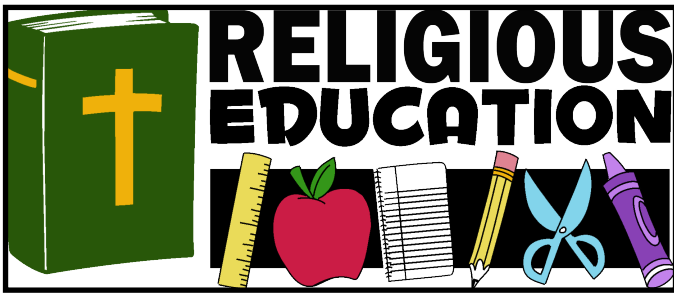
Jhon Paul Rodgers

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.**



### Does God Only Care for the Chosen People?

Long ago God had set aside the Israelites as His chosen people. He gave them laws and prophets and set up a covenant with them, that they would be His people and He would be their God. He promised them that He would send them a Savior.

When Jesus the Savior came, His first mission was to care for God's chosen people. In today's Gospel reading, however, a woman who was not an Israelite came to ask Jesus for help. At first Jesus refused— He had been sent to God's children and "it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." But the woman said, "even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the Master's table." She knew that Jesus could help her. When He saw how much faith she had, He did what she asked and cured her daughter.

Jesus wasn't trying to make the woman give up. He was giving her a chance to show how much humility and faith she had. Jesus used this to show the people that God will let anyone who believes, like this woman, become part of His chosen people.

[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)



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Parish code:

# JRQNH8

### Looking Ahead:

Aug 20th - RE 9:45-11am

Aug 26th - Trivia Night at 6PM!

Aug 27th - RE 9:45-11am

Aug 30th - Youth Group Kick-off  
@ South of Sanity Farms 6PM.



### Youth Group Kickoff!

Join us on Wednesday,  
Aug 30th, 6PM at  
South of Sanity Farms  
as we kickoff Youth  
Group! Food and fun  
provided!

## UPDATE ON THE COLUMBARIUM

The site preparation is underway! Some of the forms for the columbarium units and the memorial wall have been poured. The recent rains have delayed work. We still anticipate mid-October for the niches to arrive. Please pray for the intercession of St. Joseph the worker for the safety of the workers and a successful completion of the project.

## PAINTING THE INSIDE OF THE CHURCH

The painting of the inside of the church building is complete. We thank Matt "Michaelangelo" Allor for his tireless work along with Jay Benson, Bob Nicholas, and John Paul Stepnowski. It had been more than 20 years since the inside of the church had been painted. The "new" look has brightened our worship space!



## *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**

**Total for August to date – 164 cans**

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

*Calendar for August 20, 2023—August 27 2023*

### **Sunday– August 20**

Masses- 8:30 am & 11:15 am

RE – 9:45 am

Holy Hour– 7:00 pm



### **Monday– August 21**

Mass 9:00 am

### **Tuesday– August 22**

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study– 9:45 am

RCIA– 7:00 pm

### **Wednesday–August 23**

Mass -7:00 pm

### **Thursday– August 24**

Mass-9:00

Legion of Mary- 7:00 pm

### **Friday– August 25**

Mass– 9:00 am

### **Saturday – August 26**

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass-5:00 pm

Catholic Trivia Night– 6:00 pm

### **Sunday– August 27**

Masses- 8:30 am & 11:15 am

RE – 9:45 am