



# Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

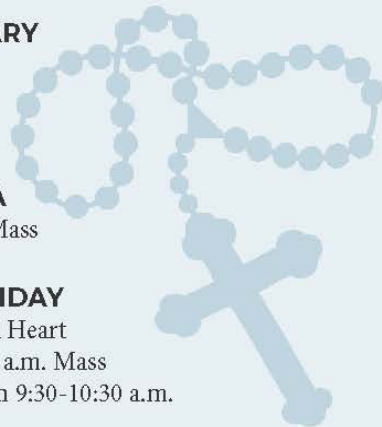
Novena to the Sacred Heart  
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass  
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

## 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

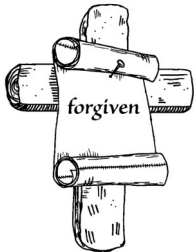


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## Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday September 16, 2023  
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, September 17, 2023  
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



Twenty-Fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
September 17, 2023

So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless  
each of you forgives your brother from your  
heart. -Matthew 18:35



September 18 - September 24

- Monday:** Gene Smith by Susan Moseley †
- Tuesday:** David Smith by Walton Smith
- Wednesday:** Wayne Adams by Jerry & Brenda Kern †
- Thursday:** Marie Battaglia by Parma Boyle †
- Friday:** Frances Matukus by Bob & Karen Hand †
- Saturday:** Charles Pearce by David & Audrey Springer
- Sunday:** Frances Matukus by Marti Baird †  
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 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, Micky Zielinski, Jim Reilly, Connie Parsons, Janie Gallegly, Valerie Kern, Gayle Huff, Dolores Morales

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 September 18- September 24

- Monday:** 1 Tim 2:1-8; Ps 28; Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday:** 1 Tim 3:1-13; Ps 101; Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday:** 1 Tim 3:14-16; Ps 111; Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19; Mt 9:9-13
- Friday:** 1 Tim 6:2c-12; Ps 49; Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday:** 1 Tim 6:13-16; Ps 100; Lk 8:4-15
- Sunday:** Is 55:6-9; Ps 145; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

## Today's Readings



**First Reading** — Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30—28:7).

**Psalm** — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

**Second Reading** — For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and living. (Romans 14:7-9).

**Gospel** — So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).

## **STEWARDSHIP**

Next weekend our parish will have a stewardship drive. Different organizations and ministries will be looking for volunteers to give their time and talent to bring Jesus Christ's love to those in need of it.

In the New Testament Jesus tells parables about stewards who are left in charge of their masters' possessions while the master is absent. That is what a steward is: someone who takes care of what belongs to another. They are not the owner, but they are to do what the owner would do in the owner's absence. St. Paul refers to the apostles as, "stewards of the mysteries of God." (1Corinthians 4, 1)

Stewardship in the Church means serving God by using our time and talent to be His instruments in representing the Catholic Church wherever we are. There are many ministries sponsored by the parish and the Diocese of Birmingham that need people to serve.

The Stewardship Fair in our parish next weekend is not about getting something. It is about giving our time and talent to make our parish an instrument Jesus Christ can use to bring His mercy and salvation to all in need of it.

Following all masses, representatives from the different ministries will be available in the parish hall to answer questions and to sign up volunteers. Later, each ministry will have its own training or orientation to get you started in service. We also ask those who are already serving to re-commit themselves for another year.

St. Theresa of Avila (1515-1582) wrote, "Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes with which Christ looks out with compassion to the world. Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now."

The Stewardship Fair is an opportunity to become Christ's instrument in the world.



## **Our Lady of the Lake Parish Picnic**

**Sunday, September 24, 2023**

**Church Grounds  
After 11:15 Mass**

The Knights of Columbus will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring your favorite food to share. We'll need side dishes, salads, desserts and drinks (sodas, water, tea).

We'll also need help with cleanup!

Come join the fun! There will be a Bouncy House, Bingo, Door Prizes and a 50/50 drawing.

Note there will also be a Stewardship Fair in the Parish Hall after all Masses that weekend.

### **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 each week.

### **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.

## Offertory Collection

July 2023 — June 2024

	Actual	Needed weekly
Sept 3 Offertory	\$5,874	\$7,264
Year to Date	\$75,448	\$72,640

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

We announce the upcoming marriage of Julie Maria Hawkins and James Kelly Mathis, both of Our Lady of the Lake parish, who will celebrate the sacrament of Matrimony in our church on October 7<sup>th</sup>.



**Chair: Brenda Rochford**

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Meagan Price: meaganfprice@gmail.com

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

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP DRIVE

September 23rd & 24th

after all Masses

Parish Hall

**Please join us for our annual Stewardship Fair. It is an opportunity for parishioners to commit to serving in the many ministries we have in our parish.**

**Representatives from the various ministries active in our parish will be available to answer any questions you may have about their ministry and to sign up new parishioners and recommit current volunteers.**



Time, Talent & Treasure

## Surfsiders

The Surfsiders will have their monthly meeting Wednesday, September 20th at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall. This includes a potluck lunch, games and fellowship. All seniors are invited! You need not be Catholic to attend.



Catholic Charismatic Monthly Mass  
Our Lady of Sorrows  
October 12, 2023

2nd Thursday of the month  
Confessions: 6:15 pm Mass: 7:00 pm  
Individual Prayer is available after Mass.

St. Elias Bingo Luncheon  
Wednesday, September 27, 2023

11:00 am-2:00 pm  
Tickets-\$15



Ticket price includes a delicious Lebanese lunch and free bingo card. Tickets can be purchased at the door along with more bingo cards.

Take-out is available by calling ahead to 205-837-5566.  
All proceeds go to the orphanages in Lebanon who are in need of help. Call St. Elias at 205-251-5057 for more information.

## Pro Life Corner

Ann's New Life Medical Pregnancy Center is getting low on baby wipes. Donations can be brought to the Center at 3440 Martin St. S. Suite 1, Cropwell, AL.

They are open T/W/Th beginning at 10:00 a.m., and the first Saturday of each month from 10:00-1:00.

**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

## Assignments

September 20, 2023 - September 24, 2023

### WEDNESDAY MASS

**9/20/2023 7:00 PM**

Lector: Teri Gagliano  
Ministers: Deacon

### SATURDAY MASS

**9/23/2023 5:00 PM**

Greeters: Allen Ross, Dawn Adamson  
Lectors: Sarah Brazzolotto, Susan Moseley  
Ministers: Parma Boyle, Buddy Spradley  
Altar Servers: Tom Michaels, Andy Payant  
Ushers: Amy Carreker, Jim Gorman

### SUNDAY MASS

**9/24/2023 8:30 AM**

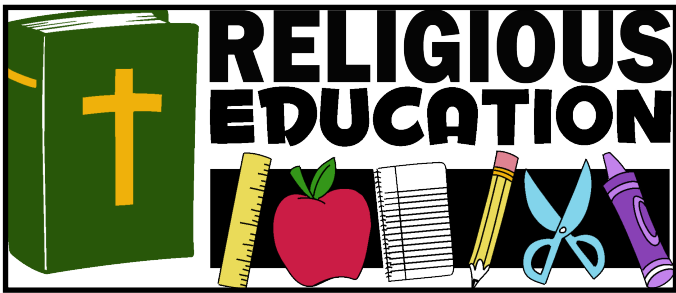
Greeters: Crapet/Freeman/Landman family  
Lectors: Patrick Everett, Shelly Hamman  
Ministers: Stephen Reese, Anita Allor  
Brenda Rochford, Michael Gagliano  
Altar Servers: Tom Graffo, James Raynor  
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Dennis Veigl,  
Robert Paulitzky, Phillip Thomaston

**9/24/2023 11:15 AM**

Greeters: R&C Betz, P Cowart/P Lopez  
Lectors: Larry Foltz, Stephanie Fischer  
Ministers: Gloria Raynor, Lexie Smith  
Altar Servers: Jhon Paul & Natalie Rodgers  
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, 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

# YOUTH GROUP

## Join us for Youth Group!

Every other Wednesday evening

*Join us for food, fellowship and  
fun as we grow closer to each  
other and our Lord!*



Access the Catholic Faith ONLINE  
and ON DEMAND for FREE with our  
Parish code:

# JRQNH8

## Looking Ahead:

Sep 17th - R.E. 9:45-11am

Sep 24th - No R.E. / Parish Picnic /  
Stewardship Fair

Sep 27th - Youth Group Outing  
TBA at Sep 13 Youth Group  
Meeting.



# FALL FESTIVAL


Our Lady of the Lake Fall  
Festival

October 29, 2023

4:00 pm

Church Grounds

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!




NATIONAL CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING **The Rosary Series**

**Mysteries of the Holy Rosary**  
**October 7, 2023 10-11:30PM**  
*Our Lady of Lourdes*  
 980 Huffman Rd, Birmingham, AL 35215

**All are welcome.**  
 Scouts and Non-Scouts, Adults and Children  
 Scouters can earn a special patch.

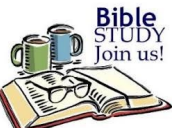
 **Email: [japb@mindspring.com](mailto:japb@mindspring.com)** 

On behalf of The National Catholic Committee on Scouting  
<https://3rivers1bsa.org/>



*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.



**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 currently studying the Gospel of Luke.

*Calendar for Sept 17, 2023—Sept 24, 2023*

- Sunday— September 17**  
 Masses- 8:30 am & 11:15 am  
 RE-9:45 am  
 Holy Hour-7:00-8:00 pm 
- Monday— September 18**  
 Mass 9:00 am
- Tuesday— September 19**  
 Mass 9:00 am  
 Bible Study— 9:45 am  
 RCIA— 7:00 pm
- Wednesday—September 20**  
 Surfsiders— 10:00 am  
 Mass -7:00 pm  
 Pastoral Council 7:30 pm
- Thursday— September 21**  
 Mass-9:00  
 Legion of Mary- 7:00 pm
- Friday— September 22**  
 Mass— 9:00 am
- Saturday – September 23-Catholic**  
**Charities Pledge Sunday**  
 Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm  
 Mass-5:00 pm  
 Stewardship Fair-after 5:00 Mass
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