



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

4609 MARTIN STREET SOUTH
CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054



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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

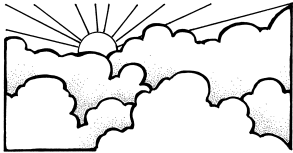


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Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday September 23, 2023
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, September 24, 2023
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



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Twenty-Fifth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 24, 2023

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts. -Isaiah 55:9



September 25 - October 1

- Monday:** Joe Stanley by Bob & Karen Hand †
- Tuesday:** Melinda Driggers by Jared Musgrove
- Wednesday:** Patti Benson by Jay Benson †
- Thursday:** Wayne Adams by Sharon Stice †
- Friday:** Trudi McClay by the Zielinskis †
- Saturday:** Cecil & Jackie Rodgers by Bob & Karen Hand †
- Sunday:** Antonio Guzman Vazquez by Fr. William Lucas †
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, Valerie Kern, Gayle Huff, Dolores Morales, Randy Gray

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 September 25- October 1

- Monday:** Ezra 1:1-6; Ps 126; Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday:** Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122; Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday:** Ezra 9:5-9; Tobit 13; Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday:** Haggai 1:1-8; Ps 149; Lk 9:7-9
- Friday:** Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 138; Jn 1:47-51
- Saturday:** Zech 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31; Lk 9:43b-45
- Sunday:** Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

Today's Readings



First Reading — Seek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near (Isaiah 55:6-9).

Psalm — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

Gospel — Thus the last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

STEWARDSHIP

This 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 this 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.



Council 12270

Assembly 2972

Please join the Knights of Columbus of Our Lady of the Lake
**Tuesday September 26, 2023
at 6:00pm**

as we conduct our:

**"Silver Rose Pro-Life
Prayer Service"**

Each year Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes is a rosary-centered occasion for parishioners and Knights to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of our nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage.



Christmas Giving Tree 2023

Our Social Concerns Committee is now taking applications for families who may need a little help with Christmas this year. If you are in need of some help or know someone who may need help please come by the church office during office hours to receive an application. Please apply by October 30th.

If you have any questions please call or text Sharon Stice at 205-613-1053 or Brenda Rochford at 423-242-5029.

Thank you and God Bless!

Offertory Collection

July 2023 — June 2024

	Actual	Needed weekly
Sept 17 Offertory	\$6,147	\$7,264
Year to Date	\$92,235	\$87,168

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 7th.



Chair: Brenda Rochford

edenrochford@yahoo.com

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

October 20-22, 2023

St. Bernard Abbey

Cullman, Alabama



Worldwide Marriage Encounter: "Come Drink the Water of Renewed Love" Give your marriage the gift of attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend— a weekend long retreat to focus on each other, find deeper intimacy, rekindle your romance, and revitalize your marriage— and leave with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! Consider the commitment that you made to your spouse and make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to renew those feelings you had during your first years together.

You can get more information or register online at www.wmw.org or by calling Frank and Kathryn Wessling at **205-530-3607**.

Bottled Water Drive

The Pell City schools are 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.



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 to date for September 2023 – 250 cans

Please consider donating \$1 per week

The Magnificat Prayer Breakfast

St. Elias Maronite Church Parish Hall

Saturday, October 28th

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

Speaker is Adrienne Price, a cantor/soloist of sacred music who has experienced a miraculous healing. Tickets are \$20 (includes a catered breakfast). They are available online at BirminghamMagnificat.org or by contacting Lucy at (205) 529-0259 or from Alpha Church Supply. No tickets are sold at the door or after October 22nd.

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

NEW TAG DESIGN

Assignments

September 27, 2023 - October 1, 2023

WEDNESDAY MASS

9/27/2023 7:00 PM

Lector: Charmaine Welch

Ministers: Deacon

SATURDAY MASS

9/30/2023 5:00 PM

Greeters: Dawn Adamson, Paige Everett

Lectors: Buddy Spradley, Allen Ross

Ministers: Dawn Adamson, Edgar Solis

Altar Servers: Buddy Adamson, Henry Cardenas

Ushers: Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

SUNDAY MASS

10/1/2023 8:30 AM

Greeters: Bill Bethell, Amelia Reese

Lectors: Teri Gagliano, Dennis Veigl

Ministers: Sophie Alvarez, Jane Snider Ronni Thomas, Patrick Everett

Altar Servers: Stephen Reese, Jeff Reach

Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Matt Allor, Dennis Veigl, Phillip Thomaston

10/1/2023 11:15 AM

Greeters: Shirley Skeivelas, R&C Betz,

Lectors: Bernie Funderburg, Gloria Raynor

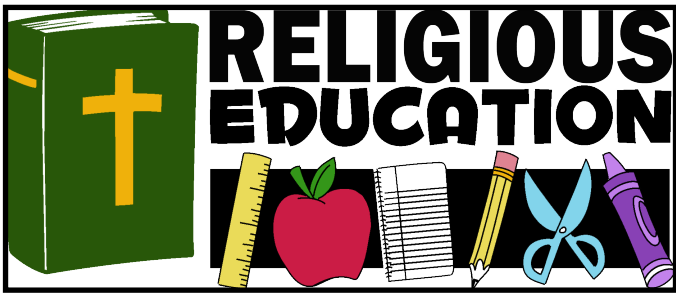
Ministers: Chris Gallegly, Lexie Smith

Altar Servers: Logan Bluhm, Tommie Ann Johnson

Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Lexie Smith, Jeff Smith, Danny 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.



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

Sep 27th - Youth Group Outing

Oct 1– R.E. 9:45 AM

Oct 8– No R.E.



**FALL
FESTIVAL**

Our Lady of the Lake Fall
Festival

October 29, 2023

4:00 pm

Church Grounds

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

Sunday— September 24— Catholic

Charities Pledge Sunday

Masses- 8:30 am & 11:15 am
Stewardship Fair-after all Masses
Parish Picnic- after 11:15 am Mass

Monday— September 25

Mass 9:00 am
KOC Meeting- 6:30-8:00 pm

Tuesday— September 26

Mass 9:00 am
Bible Study- 9:45 am
Silver Rose Prayer Service- 6:00 pm
RCIA- 7:00 pm

Wednesday—September 27

Youth Group- 5:30 pm
Mass -7:00 pm

Thursday— September 28

Mass-9:00
Legion of Mary- 7:00 pm

Friday— September 29

Mass- 9:00 am

Saturday – September 30

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm
Mass- 5:00 pm

Sunday— October 1

Masses- 8:30 am & 11:15 am
RE- 9:45 am



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



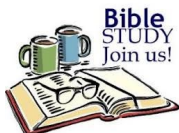
On behalf of The National Catholic Committee on Scouting

<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.