



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

4609 MARTIN STREET SOUTH
CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054

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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

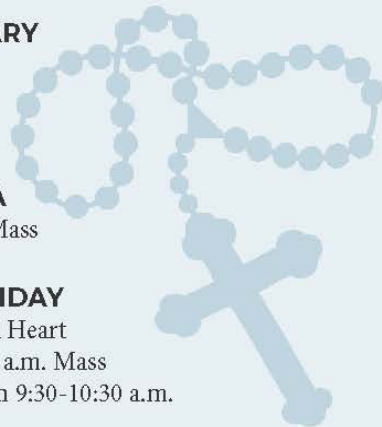
Novena to the Sacred Heart
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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 October 7, 2023
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, October 8, 2023
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 8, 2023

The stone that the builders rejected as become the cornerstone, by the Lord has this been done and it is wonderful in our eyes. -Matthew 21:42



October 9 - October 15

- Monday:** For the permanent closing of ALL abortion businesses in Florida and for conversion of all abortion providers by Fr. William Lucas
- Tuesday:** Charlotte Rumore by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
- Wednesday:** Melissa Driggers by Jared Musgrove
- Thursday:** Mary Margaret Bird by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore †
- Friday:** Mari Culver by Bob & Karen Hand †
- Saturday:** Trudi & Andy McClay by the Zielinskis †
- Sunday:** For the People
Jackie Johnson Sr. by Bob & Karen Hand †

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Ron & Diana Markevich, Walton Smith, Juanita Brown, 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 Troncilli, Angela Ledlow, Michael Brayman, Shannon Ray, Lee Walsler, Geri Bunt, Charles & Libby LaFleur, Marcia Mortek, Benny Goodman, Margaret Banks, Jose Riyeria, 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, Gayle Huff, Dolores Morales, Randy Gray, Patsy Lopez de Victoria, Bob Nicholas

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 October 9- October 15

- Monday:** Jon 1:1—2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130; Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday:** Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86; Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday:** Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1; Lk 11:5-13
- Friday:** Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9; Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday:** Joel 4:12-21; Ps 97; Lk 11:27-28
- Sunday:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

Today's Readings



First Reading — Let me now sing of my friend, my friend's song concerning his vineyard (Isaiah 5:1-7).

Psalm — The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me (Philippians 4:6-9).

Gospel — Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit (Matthew 21:33-43).

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE VS NORTHERN HEMISPHERE

Recently, there have been surveys, news articles, and homilies about the sad state of the Catholic Church. While it is true that the Church is shrinking in the Northern Hemisphere (North America and Europe), it is growing in the Southern Hemisphere (Africa, Asia, and South America).

Perhaps one reason is that for the last 500 years the Northern Hemisphere, through the "Enlightenment", has based its understanding of religion on **pride**. The goal of the Northern Hemisphere is to raise all people up. It was only a matter of time before people would have no need for God.

The Southern Hemisphere has based its understanding of religion on **humility**. The goal of the Church in the Southern Hemisphere is to be one with suffering people: to lower oneself instead of making the other become like you. It is like the teaching of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark: "whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and give his life for the ransom of many." (10, 44-45)

Because of the education system in the Southern Hemisphere, there is a shortage of religious vocations. However, the Catholic Church is growing in numbers. In the Northern Hemisphere, it is only the influx of immigrants from Central and South America that keeps the numbers of Catholics steady in North America. If European nations allowed more immigration from Africa and Asia, the Church would maintain its size there, too.

Pope Francis is from the Southern Hemisphere. He has a different view of the purpose of the Church. In, "The Joy of the Gospel", he compared the Church to "a field hospital." Its purpose is to bring healing to a broken world. He proposes a Church of "missionary disciples" rather than a "maintenance" Church.



Legion of Mary

Mark your Calendars

***Legion of Mary Parish Appreciation
Event
Everyone is invited!
Sunday, October 22nd-after 11:15 am
Mass.***

LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING

Saturday, October 14, 2023

**All new and current liturgical ministers
must attend.**

Schedule is as follows:

Lector-9:00 am

Eucharistic Minister- 9:30 am

Ushers- 10:00 am

Greeters- 10:30 am



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 Friday, October 27th.

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
October 1 Offertory	\$6,209	\$7,264
Year to Date	\$102,079	\$101,696

Building Fund Collection

July 2023 — June 2024

	Actual	Needed Monthly
Building Fund– Month of September	\$4,399	\$2,720
Year to Date	\$13,186	\$8,840



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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.



All Souls

In Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Forms are in the foyers to list the dearly departed loved ones you wish to be remembered in November. Please place in the basket or email names to the parish office at parish@ollpellcity.com.

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.

Pro Life Corner

The Director for Ann's New Life Pregnancy Medical Center has resigned. God is taking her in a new direction. She will be working with victims of human trafficking.

Please be assured that the pregnancy care center in Cropwell is not closing.

Women who are in a crisis pregnancy may still come to the center at the same location at 3440 Martin St. S. in Lake Plaza in Cropwell, AL for free pregnancy tests, life saving ultrasounds, material assistance, and resources. Susan Meredith, the Director from the Leeds branch of ANLC will be working as Director for both centers for the time being. Leeds will be open Mondays and Wednesdays, and Pell City will be open Tuesday and Thursday!

Unfortunately, the store will be closing. Ladies, the good news about that, is that everything is on SALE!

Ann's New Life started right here at Our Lady of the Lake. Many thanks for over a decade of support. Way to go OLL! With God's help, your prayers and material assistance has helped sustain the center since its inception in 2009.



Assignments

October 11, 2023 - October 15, 2023

WEDNESDAY MASS

10/11/2023 7:00 PM

Lector: Arturo Solis

Ministers: Deacon

SATURDAY MASS

10/14/2023 5:00 PM

Greeters: Karen Hand, Dawn Adamson

Lectors: Pat Blum, Sarah Brazzolotto

Ministers: Parma Boyle, Tom Graffo

Altar Servers: Bernie & Corey Funderburg

Ushers: Amy Carreker, Jim Gorman

SUNDAY MASS

10/15/2023 8:30 AM

Greeters: The Willis, B&D Freeman

Lectors: Carey Monistere, Mary Burns

Ministers: Jorge Solis, Sophie Alvarez
Brenda Rochford, Michael Gagliano

Altar Servers: Stephen Reese,
Henry Cardenas

Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Bill Bethel
Matt Allor, Phillip Thomaston

10/15/2023 11:15 AM

Greeters: The Bluhm Family

Lectors: Lexie Smith, Doug Ross

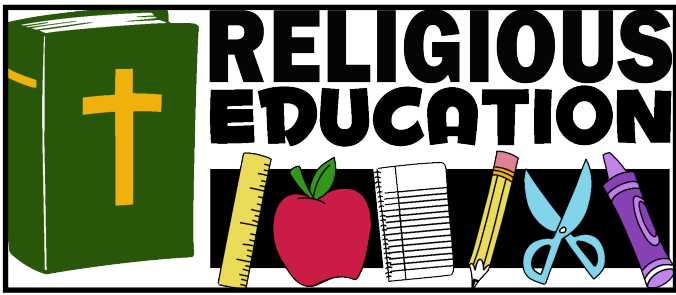
Ministers: Chris Gallegly, Lexie Smith

Altar Servers: Logan Bluhm, Tommie Johnson

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.



**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:

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Looking Ahead:

Oct 8– No R.E.

**Oct 11- Youth Group–
5:30 PM**

Oct 15– RE 9:45 AM



**Our Lady of the Lake Fall
Festival**

October 29, 2023

4:00 pm

Church Grounds

**Religious Education Soup Drive
October 1 through October 29, 2023**

**All cans collected will benefit the Christian
Love Pantry**



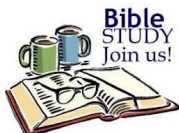
CATHOLIC CHARITIES & COMMUNITIES

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Love your Neighbor-Bishop's Annual Appeal for Catholic Charities-2024

Thank you to so many who have made their annual pledge or gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal for Catholic Charities. Lives of tens of thousands of people and families throughout our dioceses will be changed as a result of your support of our diocesan ministries. It's not too late to make your pledge or gift; but it is important that you do soon, so that ministry budgets can be set for the upcoming year. Pledge cards are available in the foyers, and you can enter your pledge online at any time, at catholiccharitiesbhm.org.



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 Oct 8, 2023—Oct 15, 2023

Sunday— October 8

Masses- 8:30 am & 11:15 am
No RE


Monday—October 9

Mass 9:00 am
Liturgy Committee Meeting— 6:00 pm

Tuesday— October 10

Mass 9:00 am
Bible Study— 9:45 am
RCIA— 7:00 pm

Wednesday—October 11

Spanish Mass -7:00 pm
Adoration/Holy Hour- 7:30-8:30 pm 

Thursday— October 12

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

Friday— October 13

Mass— 9:00 am

Saturday — October 14

Liturgy Training— 9:00-11:00 am
Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm
Mass— 5:00 pm

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Masses- 8:30 am & 11:15 am
RE— 9:45 am
Holy Hour— 7:00 pm 