



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 October 14, 2023
Mass 5:00 pm

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

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, 2023

But my God shall supply
all your need according
to his riches in glory
by Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19



October 16 - October 22

- Monday:** Len Gavin by Fr. William Lucas †
- Tuesday:** Bob Van Gundy by Shelly & Bill Hamman †
- Wednesday:** Wayne Adams by Sharon Stice †
- Thursday:** Allison Rumore by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
- Friday:** Delayne Banks by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
- Saturday:** Babies Susie & Jack McAlister by Susan Moseley †
- Sunday:** Terry & Charlotte Rumore by
Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore

For the People

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Ron & Diana Markevich, Walton Smith,
Juanita Crowson, Toni James, Bob Walsh, 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, Lee Walsler, Geri Bunt,
Charles & Libby LaFleur, Marcia Mortek,
Benny Goodman, Margaret Banks, Jose Riveria,
Helen Turner, George Sobolowski, Jimmy Hollis,
William Konnor Stone, Pat Roberts, Tommie
Ann Johnson, Bill & Dee Watkins, Emily Bell
Smith, Mary LaFleur, Micky Zielinski, Jim
Reilly, Connie Parsons, Gayle Huff, Randy
Gray, Patsy Lopez de Victoria,

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 16- October 22

- Monday:** Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98;
Luke 11:29-32
- Tuesday:** Rom 1:16-25; Ps
19; Luke 11:37-41
- Wednesday:** 2 Tim 4:10-17b;
Ps 145; Luke 10:1-
9
- Thursday:** Rom 3:21-30; Ps
130; Luke 11:47-
54
- Friday:** Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32;
Luke 12:1-7
- Saturday:** Rom 4:13, 16-18;
Ps 105; Luke 12:8-
12
- Sunday:** Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96;
1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt
22:15-21

Today's Readings



First Reading — This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us! (Isaiah 25:6-10a).

Psalm — I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — I can do all things in him who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20).

Gospel — Many are invited, but few are chosen. (Matthew 22:1-14).

DOUBTS

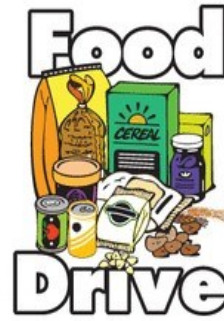
The Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith recently published a response to five questions (In Latin *dubia* or *doubts*) raised last July by five Cardinals, including Cardinal Raymond Leo Burke of the United States. The most publicized question concerns the blessing of same-sex unions by the Church.

As background, it is important to know that the five Cardinals already know the answer to their question. They know that the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a response to the same *dubia* on February 22, 2021. To quote, "To the Question Proposed: Does the Church have the power to give the blessing to unions of persons of the same sex? Response: **Negative.**" The Vatican has already answered their question with a resounding "NO".

To quote the 2021 *dubia*, "(I)t is not licit to impart a blessing on relationships, or partnerships, even stable, that involve sexual activity outside of marriage (i.e., outside the indissoluble union of a man and a woman open in itself to the transmission of life), as is the case of the unions between persons of the same sex. The presence in such relationships of positive elements, which are in themselves to be valued and appreciated, cannot justify these relationships and render them legitimate objects of an ecclesial blessing, since the positive elements exist within the context of a union not ordered to the Creator's plan."

"Since blessings on persons are in relationship with the sacraments, the blessing of homosexual unions cannot be considered licit." The document then quotes Pope Francis from "Amoris Laetitia": "(T)here are absolutely no grounds for considering homosexual unions to be in anyway similar or even remotely analogous to God's plan for marriage and family." (#251)

It is puzzling that the five Cardinals raised doubts on an issue the Vatican has made very clear. All Catholics should be clear about the teaching of the Church on this matter.



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Our Annual Thanksgiving Drive begins this week and ends on **November 12th.**

Place items in the blue buckets in either foyer.

Canned Meat of all types
Dry Beans and Canned Beans
Rice, Peanut Butter
Canned Vegetables: Corn, Peas, etc.
Canned Fruit
Canned milk & Powdered milk
Oatmeal
Cornmeal mix
Boxed Dry Food
Dressing mix, Cranberry sauce
Cereal, bagged

Monetary Donations- Please make your check payable to "OLL Social Concerns-". Donate at the office, dropbox or offertory collection basket.

Food will be distributed on November 19th from
12:30-2:00 pm.

If you are in need of help this Thanksgiving or know someone else that does, please contact the parish office.



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 8 Offertory	\$6,840	\$7,264
Year to Date	\$108,919	\$108,9606



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



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.

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.wmmw.org or by calling Frank and Kathryn Wessling at 205-530-3607.



Legion of Mary Event

Sunday, October 22, 2023

OLL Parish Hall

12:30 am

We will begin with the Legion prayers and rosary, followed by lunch, a brief talk and a film on the only church-approved apparition of Mary in the United States. The event will conclude with door prizes around 2:45 pm.

World Mission Sunday

October 22, 2023



“Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?” Luke 24:13

Pope Francis invites us to set our hearts ablaze with faith and put our faith into action, serving God’s mission with joy, enthusiasm, and tireless dedication.

Next weekend, we’ll unite with fellow Catholics globally to mark World Mission Sunday. As we reflect on Pope Francis’ compelling theme, we’re invited to enkindle the flames of Christ’s love and spread the warmth to mission territories in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Prepare to support the Society for the Propagation of the Faith with prayers and generosity. Thank you for being a beacon of Christ’s love!

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 on October 19th. 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 18, 2023 - October 22, 2023

WEDNESDAY MASS

10/18/2023 7:00 PM

Lector: Bernie Funderburg
Ministers: Deacon

SATURDAY MASS

10/21/2023 5:00 PM

Greeters: Allen Ross, Karen Hand
Lectors: Susan Moseley, Buddy Spradley
Ministers: Allen Ross, Dawn Adamson
Altar Servers: John Bryant, Dennis Veigl
Ushers: Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

SUNDAY MASS

10/22/2023 8:30 AM

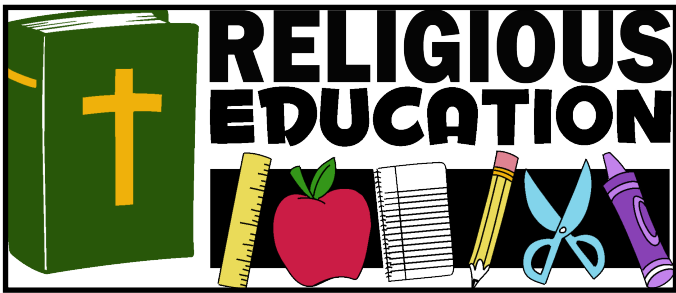
Greeters: Poteracki/Alvarez, J&B Paulitzky
Lectors: Shelly Hamman, Carl Rochford
Ministers: Sophie Alvarez, Jane Snider
Ronni Thomas, Edgar Solis
Altar Servers: Michael Gagliano,
David Blaylock
Ushers: Paul Thomas, Bart Perry,
Belia Solis, Bill Bethell

10/22/2023 11:15 AM

Greeters: Brenda Monte, Maria Jimenez
Lectors: Miranda Bryant, Larry Foltz
Ministers: Gloria & James Raynor
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.



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!



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Looking Ahead:

October 15– RE 9:45 AM

October 22– RE 9:45 AM

October 25– Youth Group– 5:30 PM

October 29– Fall Festival-4:00-6:00 PM



Our Lady of the Lake Fall Festival
October 29, 2023
4:00-6:00 pm
Church Grounds

It will be a mandatory service project for the High School and Confirmation classes to help setup, participate throughout, and to be present for tear-down and clean up.

Additional volunteers to help run games and supervise activity areas are also needed! We will have our annual Trunk-or-Treat and would love to have even more Trunks this year! If you are able to volunteer and/or would like to have a Trunk in the Trunk-or-Treat, please sign up in either foyer.



Religious Education Soup Drive
October 1 through October 29, 2023
All cans collected will benefit the Christian Love Pantry



Surfsiders

The Surfsiders will have their monthly meeting Wednesday, October 18th 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.

Funeral Services for Valerie Kern

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Our Lady of the Lake Church

Visitation— 10:00 am

Funeral Mass— 11:00 am

Reception to follow in Parish Hall

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Ann's New Life Pregnancy Medical Center.



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

CATHOLIC CHARITIES AND COMMUNITIES UPDATE

As of October 9th we have received pledges and donations totaling \$53,170. Our parish goal is \$60,000. If you are interested in pledging or donating and have not done so, please try to make your contribution by the end of October. Thank you to all who have given to Catholic Charities and Communities. Your generosity makes a difference!

Sunday— October 15

Masses- 8:30 am & 11:15 am

RE— 9:45 am

Holy Hour— 7:00 pm



Monday—October 16

Mass 9:00 am

Tuesday— October 17

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study— 9:45 am

RCIA— 7:00 pm

Wednesday—October 18

Surfsiders— 10:00 am

Mass -7:00 pm

Pastoral Council— 7:30 pm

Thursday— October 19

Mass-9:00

Legion of Mary- 7:00 pm

Friday— October 20

Mass— 9:00 am

Saturday — October 21

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass— 5:00 pm

Pilgrim Virgin— 6:30 pm

Sunday— October 22

Masses- 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Legion of Mary

Appreciation Event-12:30 pm

RE— 9:45 am