



# 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*  
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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 21, 2023  
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, October 22, 2023  
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



Twenty-Ninth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
October 22, 2023

Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to  
God what belongs to God. -Matthew 22:15-21



October 23 - October 29

- Monday:** Betty & Yolie by Susan Moseley †
- Tuesday:** Catherine Hahn by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
- Wednesday:** Pruitt Smith by Walton Smith †
- Thursday:** Art Di Mattia by Shirley Skeivelas †
- Friday:** Mary Lynn Williams by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
- Saturday:** Helen Zielinski by the Zielinskis †
- Sunday:** Deceased Member of Council #12270 †  
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, Janie Gallegly, 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](mailto:sharonstice46@gmail.com) or call 205-613-1053.

Weekly Readings October 23- October 29

- Monday:** Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21
- Tuesday:** Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40; Lk 12:35-38
- Wednesday:** Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124; Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday:** Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53
- Friday:** Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119; Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19; Lk 6:12-16
- Sunday:** Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

## Today's Readings



**First Reading** — I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6).

**Psalm** — Give the Lord glory and honor (Psalm 96).

**Second Reading** — For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b).

**Gospel** — The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech (Matthew 22:15-21).

## TERRORISM

Two weeks ago, the Palestinian organization *Hamas*, launched a terrorist attack on Israel. I call it terrorism because the attack was launched on civilians. Whenever a military force targets civilians, they are committing terrorism, not fighting a war.

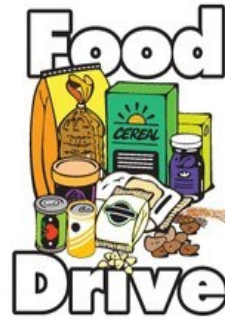
The Catholic Church has developed a doctrine of morality concerning the waging of war called "The Just War Doctrine." The explanation of the morality of armed conflict can be found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church under the discussion of the Fifth Commandment. "You shall not kill."

However, we are talking about terrorism, not war. There is no moral way to practice terrorism. The point is to create fear. There is no military objective, only a political one. The means used to achieve that political objective are immoral.

In Paragraph 2312 of the Catechism we read, "The Church and human reason both assert the permanent validity of *the moral law during armed conflict*. "The mere fact that war has regrettably broken out does not mean that everything becomes licit between the warring parties.""

In Paragraph 2297 we read, "*Kidnapping and hostage taking* bring on a reign of terror; by means of threats they subject their victims to intolerable pressures. They are morally wrong. *Terrorism* threatens, wounds, and kills indiscriminately is gravely against justice and charity. *Torture* which uses physical or moral violence to extract confessions, punish the guilty, frighten opponents, or satisfy hatred is contrary to respect for the person and human dignity."

One of the dictates of the Just War doctrine is "non-combatant immunity." Civilian populations cannot be targeted. Since terrorism targets civilian populations, it can never be morally justified. It is always morally wrong.



## 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
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October 15 Offertory	No offertory to report this week.	\$7,264
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Year to Date



## 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](mailto:parish@ollpellcity.com).



**Chair: Brenda Rochford**

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

**You are Cordially Invited!**  
**Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center  
Fundraising Banquet**

**Thursday, November, 9, 2023 @ 7:00 PM**

**The Club · 1 Robert S. Smith Drive,  
Birmingham, AL 35209**

**Keynote, Attorney Jor-El Godsey  
President of Heartbeat International**



Please make your reservation now, consider hosting a table of eight, or make a life-saving donation. There is no cover charge to attend but an appeal will be made to help support this work of mercy and hope. Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center, the only Pregnancy Help Center in Birmingham proper, exists to help women facing a crisis pregnancy to choose life, and to help support them with that decision. Her Choice also offers post-abortion recovery services.

**To register or donate:** 205-447-879  
[hcbanquet@herchoicebirmingham.org](mailto:hcbanquet@herchoicebirmingham.org)  
[www.herchoicebirmingham.org](http://www.herchoicebirmingham.org)  
2120 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. South, Birmingham, Al 35233

### 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.

## 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.



## Seminary Live-In

Diocese of Birmingham, AL

November 9-12, 2023

(Thursday morning - Sunday evening)

Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans

New Orleans, LA

This weekend experience is for men ages 21-35 years. Father Wyman Vintson, Vocation Director, will accompany a group of men to the seminary to experience classes and seminary in fellowship with other men discerning a call to priesthood.

For more information call 205-838-8318 or  
Vocations@bhmdiocese.org.

Visit [www.BHMDIOCESE.ORG/VOCATIONS](http://www.BHMDIOCESE.ORG/VOCATIONS)  
to register.

## 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 25, 2023 - October 29, 2023

### WEDNESDAY MASS

**10/25/2023 7:00 PM**

Lector: Susan Moseley  
Ministers: Deacon

### SATURDAY MASS

**10/28/2023 5:00 PM**

Greeters: Paige Everett, Allen Ross,  
Lectors: Allen Ross, Marguerite Gorman  
Ministers: Susan Moseley, Edgar Solis  
Altar Servers: James Raynor, Andy Payant  
Ushers: Karen Hand, Sam Marston

### SUNDAY MASS

**10/29/2023 8:30 AM**

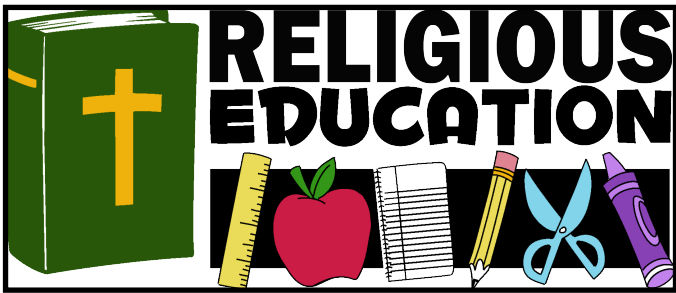
Greeters: Brenda Rochford, Diana Stephens  
Lectors: Carl Rochford, Robert Lewis  
Ministers: Sammy Schillaci, Patrick Everett  
Stephen Reese, Jorge Solis  
Altar Servers: Jeff Reach, Roger Carreker  
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Matt Allor,  
Dennis Veigl, Phillip Thomaston

**10/29/2023 11:15 AM**

Greeters: P Cowart/Patsy Lopez deVictoria,  
Grace Troncalli  
Lectors: Stephanie Fischer,  
Bernie Funderburg  
Ministers: Chris Gallegly, Lexie Smith  
Altar Servers: Ethan Myers, Kalli Reach  
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:

**JRQNH8**

**Looking Ahead:**

**October 22**– RE 9:45 AM

**October 25**– Youth Group– 5:30  
PM

**October 29**– RE 9:45 AM

Fall Festival-4:00-6:00 PM

**November 5**– RE 9:45 AM



**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**



**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.

**CATHOLIC  
CHARITIES & COMMUNITIES**

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES AND  
COMMUNITIES UPDATE**

As of October 9<sup>th</sup> we have received pledges and donations totaling \$54,455. 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!

*Calendar for Oct 22, 2023—Oct 29, 2023*

**Sunday— October 22**

Masses- 8:30 am & 11:15 am  
Legion of Mary  
Appreciation Event-12:30 pm  
RE— 9:45 am

**Monday—October 23**

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

**Tuesday— October 24**

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

**Wednesday—October 25**

Mass -7:00 pm  
Youth Group— 5:30 pm

**Thursday— October 26**

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

**Friday— October 27**

Mass— 9:00 am

**Saturday — October 28**

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

**Sunday— October 29**

KOC Mass- 8:30 am  
Mass-11:15 am  
RE— 9:45 am  
Parish Fall Festival 4:00-6:00 pm