



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

4609 MARTIN STREET SOUTH
CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054



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Deacon Terrence Rumore
Deacon Serge Brazzolotto
Deacon E. Lee Robinson

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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 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 28, 2023
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, October 29, 2023
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 29, 2023

The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments. -Matthew 22:40



October 30 - November 5

- Monday:** Wayne Adams by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore †
- Tuesday:** Carol Lindsay by Joel & Tina Lindsay †
- Wednesday:** Charlie & Allison Rumore
by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
- Thursday:** Pete Battaglia by Parma Boyle †
- Friday:** Nancy Armstrong by Walton Smith
- Saturday:** Trudi & Andy McClay by the Zielinskis †
- Sunday:** For the People
Wayne Adams by KOC 12270 †

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 Morteck, 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, John Caterinichia, Casey Randle Lucas

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 30- November 5

- Monday:** Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68; Lk 13:10-17
- Tuesday:** Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126; Lk 13:18-21
- Wednesday:** Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
- Thursday:** Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23; Rom 6:3-9; Mt 25:34
- Friday:** Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147; Lk 14:1-6
- Saturday:** Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94; Lk 14:1, 7-11
- Sunday:** Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1, 2, 3; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

Today's Readings



First Reading — If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate (Exodus 22:20-26).

Psalm — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

Second Reading — And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit (1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10).

Gospel — You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind (Matthew 22:34-40).

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!?!

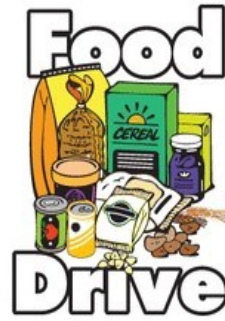
There is a lot of confusion nowadays about Halloween. The term means, "All Hallows Eve", in Old English. It is the eve of All Hallows, or All Saints Day.

Pope Gregory III (731-741) transferred the Feast of All Saints from May 13th to November 1st to coincide with the dedication of a new chapel in St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome dedicated to all the saints. Pope Gregory IV (827-844) extended the Feast of All Saints to the universal Church. It was then that All Saints Day was celebrated on November 1st wherever Christians were found. October 31st became the vigil for All Saints Day. None of these medieval popes knew anything about pagan traditions concerning October 31st.

The commercialization of the holiday (from the term "holy day") brought about the phenomenon of taking God out of the observance of Halloween. Just like Christmas and Easter, it is possible to celebrate Halloween in a secular way. That's when ghosts, skeletons, witches, and demons begin to appear. Whether intended or not, it is a glorification of evil. The film industry has capitalized on the secularization of the holiday to saturate us with the occult.

We can go back to the original purpose of "All Hallows Eve" as a preparation for the Solemnity of All Saints. Here in our parish the children dress up as saints on October 29th. There are other benign, if not overtly religious costumes people can wear. There is nothing evil with giving children sweets at a time of celebration in our religion.

Halloween, All Saints Day, and All Souls Day (November 2nd) are a single celebration in the Church. They speak of our faith that death does not have the last word. Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has conquered sin and death. The saints are proof that the love of God is stronger than death. Halloween is then a celebration of the victory of God over the forces of evil.



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Our Annual Thanksgiving Drive 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.



Wednesday, November 1, 2023

**All Saints Day is a
Holy Day of Obligation.
Masses will be at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm**



Be sure and turn your clocks back one hour before bedtime on Saturday, November 4th.

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church
Revenue and Expenses
For the Quarter Ended September 30, 2023

	Actual	Budget	Over/(under) Budget	% of Budget Used
Operating Revenue	\$104,797	\$97,390	\$7,407	
Building Revenue	\$31,290	\$16,119	\$15,171	
Social Concerns Revenue	\$1,885	\$6,270	(\$4,385)	
Other Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total Revenue	\$137,972	\$119,779	\$18,193	116%
Total Operating Expense	\$104,153	\$105,258	\$1,105	99%
Total Capital Expenses	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	



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.

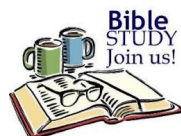
To register or donate: 205-447-879
hcbanquet@herchoicebirmingham.org
www.herchoicebirmingham.org
2120 7th Ave. South, Birmingham, Al 35233

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
to register.

Pro Life Corner

Ann's New Life Pregnancy Medical Center

Reach Out | (205) 338-4580 | Pell City (Cropwell)

(800) 712-HELP (4357) | 24/7 Hotline

Text: 256 346-5257

3440 Martin Street South, Suite 1 • Cropwell, AL 35054

Hours of Operation:

Tuesday 9:00-5:00

Wednesday/Thursday 9:00-4:00



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

November 1, 2023 - November 5, 2023

WEDNESDAY MASS- All Saints Day

11/1/2023 9:00 AM

Greeters: Shirley Skeivelas, Brenda Monte
Lector: Mary Adams
Ministers: Parma Boyle, Buddy Spradley
Ushers: Bob Nicholas, Karen Hand

11/1/2023 7:00 PM

Greeters: Poteracki/Alvarez
Lectors: Susan Moseley
Ministers: Edgar Solis, Deacon
Ushers: Michael & Teri Gagliano

SATURDAY MASS

11/4/2023 5:00 PM

Greeters: Karen Hand, Paige Everett
Lectors: Sarah Brazzolotto, Pat Blum
Ministers: Parma Boyle, Tom Graffo
Altar Servers: Tom Michaels, James Raynor
Ushers: Amy Carreker, Jim Gorman

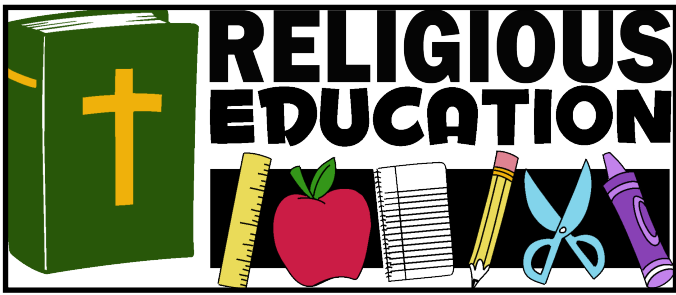
SUNDAY MASS

11/5/2023 8:30 AM

Greeters: Crapet/Freeman/ Landman
Lectors: Teri Gagliano, Dennis Veigl
Ministers: Stephen Reese, Anita Allor
Brenda Rochford, Michael Gagliano
Altar Servers: Marty Poteracki, Jeff Reach
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Bart Perry,
Dennis Veigl, Phillip Thomaston

11/5/2023 11:15 AM

Greeters: The Bluhm Family
Lectors: Gloria Raynor, Michael Poteracki
Ministers: Gloria Raynor, James Raynor
Altar Servers: Jhon Paul & Natalie Rodgers
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Jerrold Bluhm,
Emily Bluhm, John Bluhm



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:

October 29– RE 9:45 AM

Fall Festival-4:00-6:00 PM

November 5– RE 9:45 AM

November 8–Youth Group-5:30 PM

November 12– 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.



Religious Education Soup Drive

October 1 through October 29, 2023

All cans collected will benefit the Christian Love Pantry



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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES & COMMUNITIES

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

CATHOLIC CHARITIES AND COMMUNITIES UPDATE

We have exceeded our goal! As of October 23rd, we have pledges and donations totaling \$61,065.29! Also, 112 families have pledged or donated. That number represents 33% of our registered parishioners! That is a very high participation rate for Catholic Charities and Communities.

On behalf of those whose ministries are funded by Catholic Charities and Communities, thank you for our generosity!

Calendar for Oct 29, 2023—Nov 5, 2023

Sunday— October 29

KOC Mass- 8:30 am

Mass-11:15 am

RE— 9:45 am

Parish Fall Festival 4:00-6:00 pm

Monday—October 30

Mass 9:00 am

Tuesday— October 31

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study— 9:45 am

RCIA— 7:00 pm

Wednesday—November 1—

All Saints Day

Masses —9:00 am & 7:00 pm

Mass St. Vincent's Chapel-12:00 pm

Thursday— November 2 —

All Souls Day

Mass-9:00

Legion of Mary- 7:00 pm

Friday— November 3

Mass— 9:00 am

First Friday Adoration—9:30-10:30 am

Saturday — November 4

First Saturday Mass— 9:00 am

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass— 5:00 pm

Sunday— November 5

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Masses— 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE— 9:45 am