



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

4609 MARTIN STREET SOUTH
CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054



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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

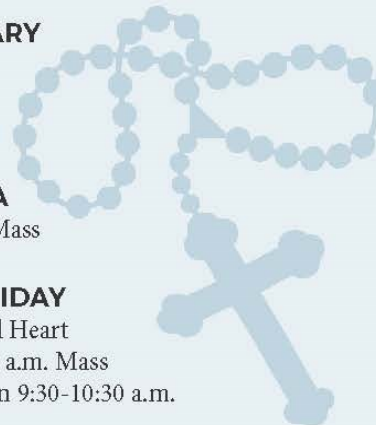
Novena to the Sacred Heart
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

Third Sunday of every month 7:00 p.m.
Second Wednesday of every month | *Exposicion del
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 November 4, 2023
Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, November 5, 2023
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am*



*Thirty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time
November 5, 2023*

*Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but
whoever humbles himself will be exalted.
-Matthew 23:12*



November 6 - November 12

- Monday:** Larry Martens by KOC 12270 †
- Tuesday:** Carol Lindsay by Joel & Tina Lindsay †
- Wednesday:** Sr Janet Marie Fleming
by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
- Thursday:** Bob Van Gundy by Sharon Stice †
- Friday:** Laisvunas Skeivelas by Shirley Skeivelas †
- Saturday:** Trudi & Andy McClay by Bob & Karen Hand †
- Sunday:** Mari Culver by Sharon Stice †
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 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, 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 November 6- November 12

- Monday:** Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69; Lk 14:12-14
- Tuesday:** Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131; Lk 14:15-24
- Wednesday:** Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112; Lk 14:25-33
- Thursday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Ps 46; Jn 2:13-22
- Friday:** Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98; Lk 16:1-8
- Saturday:** Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145; Lk 16:9-15
- Sunday:** Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13

Today's Readings



First Reading — A great King am I, says the LORD of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations (Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10).

Psalm — In you, Lord, I have found my peace (Psalm 13).

Second Reading — You received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe (1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13).

Gospel — Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven (Matthew 23:1-12).

THE HOLY SOULS

November 2nd, was the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. In Latin, the noun comes before the adjective. In English, it comes after the adjective. In proper English, November 2nd would be called the Commemoration of All the Departed Faithful.

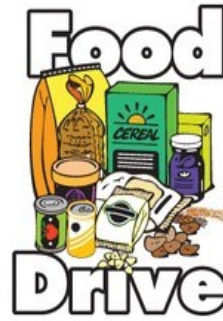
“The Faithful” is the Church’s term for the laity. In the Church’s official teaching, there are two groups: the Clergy and the Faithful. The Clergy includes bishops, priests, and deacons. Everyone else is part of the Faithful.

The liturgy for this day is a commemoration. We remember those members of the Faithful who have died and have yet to achieve Heaven. These are the souls who are going through the process of purification called Purgatory. The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines our belief in Purgatory this way: “All those who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.” (#1030)

In Eastern Christian theology, this process is thought of as one of enlightenment, the stripping away of our illusions. In Western Christian theology, this process is thought of as penance, the stripping away of our attachment to certain sins. Either way, Purgatory is the process of final preparation to be in God’s presence perpetually.

Outside of the Canonized Saints, we don’t know who is in Heaven and who is not. That is why we pray for, “the Holy Souls in Purgatory.” We ask God that their purification be swift and tolerable. We hope they achieve Heaven, so they can pray for us when we die.

November is the month of the Holy Souls—both those in Heaven and those in Purgatory. We are joined to them through the one Lord, Jesus Christ. We hope to join with them one day in praising God in eternal life.



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.

UPDATE ON THE COLUMBARIUM

The brickwork has been finished on the columbarium units and memorial wall. A walkway has been built from the parking lot to the columbarium. The brick pavers have arrived so once that is complete the landscaping and building of a shrine for the Blessed Mother statue can be done.

Thank you, St. Joseph, for your prayers to assist us. We need to continue to ask for his intercession for a successful completion of the project.

Offertory Collection

July 2023 — June 2024

	Actual	Needed weekly
October 29 Offertory	\$4,015	\$7,264
Year to Date	\$126,201	\$130,752

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 30th, we have pledges and donations totaling \$63,665.29! Also, 114 families have pledged or donated. That number represents 34% 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 your generosity!



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Meagan Price: meaganfprice@gmail.com

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

Mass at St Vincent's Chapel

Wednesday morning Mass is held at St. Vincent's Hospital St. Clair. at **8:30 am**. The Mass is held in the chapel on the first floor. It is held every Wednesday, as long as Father Sexton or Father Bill are available.



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.



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.

Pro Life Corner

Ann's New Life Pregnancy Medical Center

(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 8, 2023 - November 12, 2023

WEDNESDAY MASS

11/8/2023 7:00 PM

Lector: Gloria Raynor

Ministers: Deacon

SATURDAY MASS

11/11/2023 5:00 PM

Greeters: Dawn Adamson, Karen Hand

Lectors: Buddy Spradley, Susan Moseley

Ministers: Allen Ross, Dawn Adamson

Altar Servers: Michael Gagliano, Larry Reese

Ushers: Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

SUNDAY MASS

11/12/2023 8:30 AM

Greeters: Shelly Hamman, B&L Menefee

Lectors: Patrick Everett, Karen Reese

Ministers: Sophie Alvarez, Jane Snider,
Ronni Thomas Edgar Solis

Altar Servers: James Raynor, Henry Cardenas

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

11/12/2023 11:15 AM

Greeters: R&C Betz, Shirley Skeivelas

Lectors: Doug Ross, Mary Adams

Ministers: Chris Gallegly, Lexie Smith

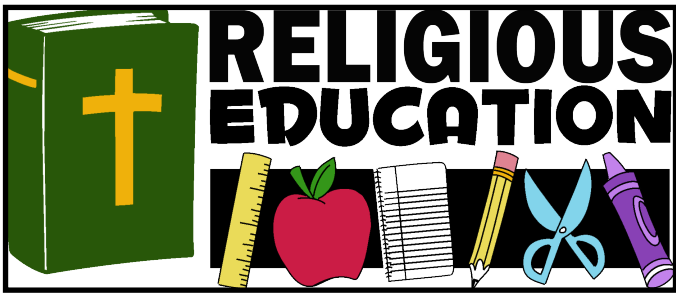
Altar Servers: Logan Bluhm,

Tommie Ann 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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Looking Ahead:

- November 5**– RE 9:45 AM
High School Confessions-9:45 AM
- November 8**–Youth Group-5:30 PM
- November 12**– RE 9:45 AM
- November 19**– RE 9:45 AM
- November 26**– NO RE



Access the Catholic Faith ONLINE and ON DEMAND for FREE with our Parish code:

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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.



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.



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!



Advent Retreat

We invite you to a silent, private retreat during Advent

Wednesday, December 13- Sunday, December 17, 2023.

Come one night or for all four nights.

This is an opportunity to come apart and rest awhile as you prepare for Christmas. Enjoy the beauty of Holy Trinity, and prayers with the Sisters in the morning and evenings in our beautiful Chapel. Reflections for Advent will be available for guests to reference during the retreat.

Retreat Fee: \$90.00 per night per person (includes all meals)

Non-refundable deposit: \$90.00

Online registration is available! Please visit our website at msbt.org/btsr

Questions? Contact us at 334-855-4474 or btsr@msbt.org

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Calendar for Nov 5, 2023—Nov 12, 2023

Sunday— November 5

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Masses— 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE— 9:45 am

High School Confessions— 9:45 am

Monday—November 6

Mass 9:00 am

Tuesday— November 7

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study— 9:45 am

RCIA— 7:00 pm

Wednesday—November 8

Youth Group- 5:30 pm

Spanish Mass 7:00 pm

Holy Hour/Adoration-7:30-8:30 pm

Thursday— November 9

Mass-9:00 am

Liturgy Committee— 6:00 pm

Legion of Mary- 7:00 pm

Friday— November 10

Mass— 9:00 am

Saturday – November 11

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass— 5:00 pm

Sunday— November 12

Masses— 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE— 9:45 am

KOC 1st Degree in Church— 9:45 am