



# Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

4609 MARTIN STREET SOUTH  
CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054



## Rev. William P. Lucas, Pastor

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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

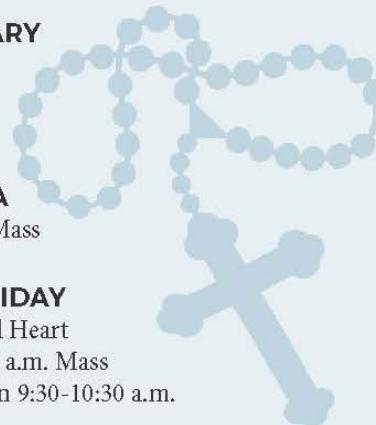
Novena to the Sacred Heart  
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass  
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

## 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 18, 2023  
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, November 19, 2023  
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



### Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 19, 2023

*For everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.*  
-Matthew 25:29



November 20 - November 26

Monday:	Kris Flemming by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
Tuesday:	Pete & Marie Battaglia by Parma Boyle †
Wednesday:	Frank Vollmann by the Zielinskis †
Thursday:	Tom Welch by Charmaine Welch †
Friday:	Bob Van Gundy by Jerry & Brenda Kern †
Saturday:	Paul Boyle III by Parma Boyle †
Sunday:	For the People Teresa Ross by Walton Smith

#### 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 Tronçalli, 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, 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](mailto:sharonstice46@gmail.com) or call 205-613-1053.

## Weekly Readings November 20- November 26

<b>Monday:</b>	1 Macc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119; Lk 18:35-43
<b>Tuesday:</b>	2 Macc 6:18-31; Ps 3; Lk 19:1-10
<b>Wednesday:</b>	2 Macc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17; Lk 19:11-28
<b>Thursday:</b>	Sir 50:22-24; Ps 113; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Macc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chron 29; Lk 19:45-48
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Macc 6:1-13; Ps 9; Lk 20:27-40
<b>Sunday:</b>	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

## Today's Readings



**First Reading** — Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

**Psalm** — Blessed are those who fear the Lord (Psalm 128).

**Second Reading** — For all of you are children of the light and children of the day (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).

**Gospel** — Throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth (Matthew 25:14-30).

## THANKSGIVING

The Fourth Thursday in November is Thanksgiving Day in the United States. There were days of Thanksgiving decreed by the President and Congress at various times in our history. Maybe this is because giving thanks builds morale. It makes us look at the good instead of the bad. The current tradition of observing Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday of November began in 1941.

When we give thanks, we acknowledge that we received something good that we didn't deserve. If we receive something bad that we didn't deserve, we are more likely to be defensive than grateful. If we believe we deserve the good we experience, there is no reason to be grateful.

Thanksgiving is the opposite of pride. In pride, we put ourselves at the center of our universe. In thanksgiving, we put God at the center. The more we put ourselves at the center of our concerns, the less grateful we become.

The Greek word for thanksgiving is *eucharistein*. What we in the Church call our worship means, "to give thanks." In the Mass we acknowledge that we received something good that we didn't deserve- mercy. As St. Paul writes, "God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us." (Romans 5, 8) God showers His mercy on us because we need it, not because we deserve it.

Usually, we give thanks for events in the past or the present. Christians are different because we give thanks for the future as well. We thank God for salvation, which is in process and won't be completed until the end of time. It takes faith in God to be grateful for the future.

There is a saying, "Seeing is believing." For the Christian, believing is seeing and when we believe it, we will see it. Faith in God leads to thanksgiving and when we believe in God's love, we will recognize it in our world in the past, the present, and the future.

## Christmas Giving Tree



The Christmas Giving Trees are up and filled with tags in both foyers. We will be helping 43 Children. As you know the need is especially great again this year. Please be as generous as you can.

### This is how you can help:

- Take a tag or two from the trees
- Buy the gift listed on the tag
- Return the unwrapped gift with the tag attached to the gift and place it back under one of the trees.
- **ALL GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

Gifts will be distributed to the families on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Except for bicycles, no request should cost more than \$35. For those on a smaller budget, there are \$10 donation tags on the tree. Of course, larger donations are always appreciated. **PLEASE, IF YOU TAKE A TAG, RETURN THE GIFT TO THE TREES. Someone is counting on you.** Also note that your gift is one of several on the tree for each child.

If you have any questions please call Brenda Rochford, 423-242-5029 or Sharon Stice, 205-613-1053.

The Social Concerns Committee would like to thank you in advance for making Christmas special for so many.

May the coming of the Christ Child fill your hearts with joy!

## Knights of Columbus Prayer Service Our Lady of the Lake Grotto



December 9, 2023  
10:00 am

Everyone is welcome!

Coffee & Donuts will be served.

Contact Bernie Funderburg with questions at  
205-405-6382



## Offertory Collection

July 2023 — June 2024

	Actual	Needed weekly
November 12 Offertory	\$5,279	\$7,264
Year to Date	\$139,629	\$145,280



**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.**

## Registration at Our Lady of the Lake

If you have not registered with our Parish, please take a moment to fill out a form located in the foyer. Complete the form and drop it at the office or in the offertory basket. You may also call the office if you'd like a form emailed to you.

If you are listed under your parents registration and are now not a dependent, you will need to fill out a form to register your family separately.

If you have any questions, feel free to call the office at 205-525-5161.



Join **Johnnette Williams**  
and other **Women of Grace®**  
Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8am - 12pm

Prepare your heart this Advent for the coming of the Christ Child and learn more about your authentic femininity!

**A**dvent Journey to Grace:  
**B**ringing Jesus to the World

Our Lady of Sorrows Family Life Center  
3295 Parkridge Drive \* Birmingham, AL 35209

FREE for women and middle-school  
and high-school aged girls!  
Bring your friends!

RSVP: Be sure to let us know you're coming!  
RSVP by email with your name, phone number, and any additional  
guest names to: cwestbrook@womenofgrace.com

## Thanksgiving

**The parish office will be closed Wednesday November 22nd and Thursday November 23rd for the Holiday. There will be 9:00 am Mass on the 23rd-Thanksgiving Day.**



# Christmas Choir Practice

December 3 @ 9:45 a.m.  
December 10 @ 9:45 a.m.  
December 21 @ 6:00 p.m.

Any questions, please contact Charmaine Welch at 205-913-4967.

The Diocese of Birmingham will host the Diocesan Children's Choir Festival at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic church on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. For the first time, a choir will be comprised of children grades 3-8 from across our diocese. The choir will gather on Thursday, Dec. 14, and Friday Dec. 15 to practice and prepare the music for the concert on Friday at 5:00pm. If you would like your children to participate in this event, please scan the QR code to register.



## Pro Life Corner

### Ann's New Life Pregnancy Medical Center

**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 year tag or more information visit: [ChooseLifeAlabama.org](http://ChooseLifeAlabama.org)

NEW TAG DESIGN

(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

## Assignments

November 22, 2023 - November 26, 2023

### WEDNESDAY MASS

**11/22/2023 7:00 PM**

Lector: Charmaine Welch  
Ministers: Deacon

### SATURDAY MASS

**11/25/2023 5:00 PM**

Greeters: Allen Ross, Dawn Adamson  
Lectors: Martha Hayes, Marguerite Gorman  
Ministers: Parma Boyle, Tom Graffo  
Altar Servers: Roger Carreker, Andy Payant  
Ushers: Amy Carreker, Jim Gorman

### SUNDAY MASS

**11/26/2023 8:30 AM**

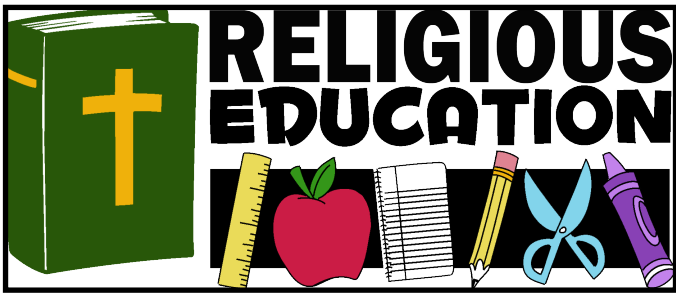
Greeters: Bill Bethell, Debra Beavers  
Lectors: Mary Burns, Carey Monistere  
Ministers: Stephen Reese, Anita Allor  
Brenda Rochford, Michael Gagliano  
Altar Servers: Sophie Alvarez, Ronni Thomas  
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Bill Bethell,  
Robert Paulitzky, Phillip Thomaston

**11/26/2023 11:15 AM**

Greeters: The Bluhm Family  
Lectors: Larry Foltz, Stephanie Fischer  
Ministers: Chris Gallegly, Lexie Smith  
Altar Servers: Jhon Paul & Natalie Rodgers  
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Lexie Smith,  
Jeff Smith, Danny 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 19**– RE 9:45 AM

**November 26**– NO RE

**November 29**– Youth Group–  
5:30 pm

**December 5**– RE-9:45 AM;

Confirmation Class

Confessions-9:45 AM

# 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!*

# FORMED

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# JRQNH8

## 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 Book of Isaiah.



*Thanks to all for contributing soup or money to the special Religious Education Soup drive that ran through the month of October!*

*We were able to donate 121 cans of soup and \$208 to the Christian Love Pantry.*





## 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](http://msbt.org/btsr)

Questions? Contact us at 334-855-4474 or [btsr@msbt.org](mailto:btsr@msbt.org)

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE



We announce the upcoming marriage of *Danielle Elizabeth McKinney of Our Lady of the Lake parish and Matthew Ty King of Huntsville, Alabama, whose wedding is scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of the Lake Church.*

**Advent devotional booklets, *The Word Among Us*, are located in each foyer, please pick up one per family.**

Calendar for Nov 19, 2023—Nov 26, 2023

### **Sunday— November 19**

Masses— 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE— 9:45 am

Holy Hour— 7:00-8:00 pm

### **Monday—November 20**

Mass 9:00 am

### **Tuesday— November 21**

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study— 9:45 am

### **Wednesday—November 22**

Parish Office Closed

Mass— 7:00 pm

### **Thursday— November 23**

#### **Thanksgiving Day**

Parish Office Closed

Mass-9:00 am

### **Friday— November 24**

Mass— 9:00 am

### **Saturday – November 25**

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass— 5:00 pm

### **Sunday— November 26**

Masses— 8:30 & 11:15 am

No RE