



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
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 25, 2023
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, November 26, 2023
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



Our Lord Jesus
Christ, King of the
Universe
November 26, 2023

*Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of
the least brothers of mine, you did for me.*
-Matthew 25:40



November 27 - December 3

- Monday:** Paul Boyle III by Shirley Skeivelas †
- Tuesday:** Bob Van Gundy by Sharon Stice †
- Wednesday:** Nancy Ross by Doug Ross †
- Thursday:** Carol Lindsay by Joel & Tina Lindsay †
- Friday:** Mrs. Anthony Rumore
by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
- Saturday:** J.W. & Frances Hand by Bob & Karen Hand †
- Sunday:** Theresa Wolff by Tabor Wolff †
Nancy Ross by Doug Ross †
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 27- December 3

- Monday:** Dan 1:1-6, 8-20; Dan 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday:** Dan 2:31-45; Dan 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday:** Dan 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dan 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday:** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19; Mt 4:18-22
- Friday:** Dan 7:2-14; Dan 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday:** Dan 7:15-27; Dan 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
- Sunday:** Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Today's Readings



First Reading — As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28).

Gospel — When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. (Matthew 25:31-46).

ADVENT

Next Sunday begins the liturgical season of Advent. It is the penitential season that prepares us to celebrate the birth of Christ at Christmas. Advent lasts for four Sundays, plus any weekdays that occur before sunset on December 24th. This year, because Christmas falls on a Monday, there are only 22 days of Advent.

The word "Advent" means, "coming". There are two comings of Christ that we contemplate during Advent.

From the beginning of Advent through December 16th we contemplate the "Second Coming" of Christ at the end of time. We believe Christ will return to establish the kingdom of God in its fullness. The sin, suffering, and injustice of this world will be overcome. Those who have remained faithful to God will be vindicated. The question for us is, "Who will we follow? Is Jesus Christ our savior? Or do we believe someone else has the right path to follow?"

The second part of Advent, from December 17th until sunset on the 24th, focuses on the events leading up to the birth of Christ. Jesus Christ came in the flesh in the Incarnation. He is fully human and fully divine. As the Letter to the Hebrews says, "He had to become like his brothers in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate the sins of the people." (2, 17) Jesus Christ understands what it is to be human. He can be trusted to be compassionate toward us.

This time of the year we are usually busy preparing to celebrate Christmas with family and friends. Now is also the time to prepare ourselves spiritually to celebrate the birth of Christ. Through prayer and penance, we can prepare ourselves so that Christmas day will find us experiencing hope, peace, joy, and love: the four fruits of Advent.

May Christmas find us ready to welcome Christ with minds and hearts renewed.

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 3rd.

Gifts will be distributed to the families on Sunday, December 17th

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.



Our Lady of the Lake Christmas Dinner

Celebrations

Sunday, December 10, 2023

4:00-6:00 pm

Please join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ as a parish family. Our special friend from the North Pole will also join us.

Bring a side dish, sign up sheets are in the foyer. Meat and drinks will be provided.

Offertory Collection

July 2023 — June 2024

Actual	Needed weekly
No Offertory to report this week	\$7,264
Year to Date	



Chair: Brenda Rochford
edenrochford@yahoo.com

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

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 9th
at Our Lady of the Lake Church.*



Join **Johnette Williams**
and other **Women of Grace®**
Saturday, December 2nd, 8am - 12pm

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

Advent Journey to Grace: Bringing 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



Advent Wreath Candle Lighters First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 2, 2023
5:00 pm Mass— Buddy Spradley
Sunday, December 3, 2023
8:30 am Mass— Jeff Reach Family
11:15 am Mass— Jacky Johnson Jr. Family



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 15th 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.



Diocesan Children's Choir Festival

December 14 & 15
St. Mark's Catholic Church

Assignments

November 29, 2023 - December 3, 2023

WEDNESDAY MASS

11/29/2023 7:00 PM

Lector: Sarah Brazzolotto
Ministers: Deacon

SATURDAY MASS

12/2/2023 5:00 PM

Greeters: Jim and Julie Mathis
Lectors: Allen Ross, Patricia Blum
Ministers: Edgar Solis, Susan Moseley
Altar Servers: Buddy Adamson, David Blaylock
Ushers: Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

SUNDAY MASS

12/3/2023 8:30 AM

Greeters: Shayla Largaras, Vicki Hogan
Lectors: Robert Lewis, Shelly Hamman
Ministers: Sonya Lewis, Sophie Alvarez
Edgar Solis, Jane Snider
Altar Servers: Tom Graffo, Marty Poteracki
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Paul Thomas,
Teri Gagliano, Ronni Thomas

12/3/2023 11:15 AM

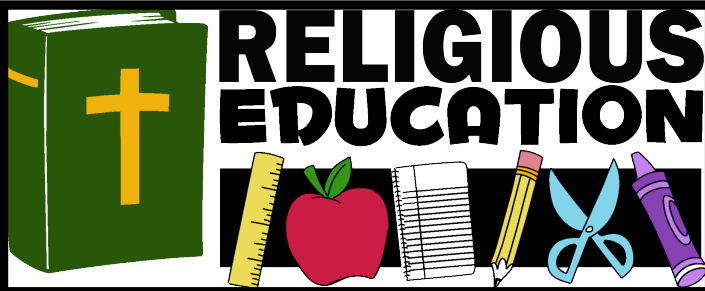
Greeters: Brenda Monte, R&C Betz
Lectors: Gloria Raynor, Michael Poteracki
Ministers: Lexie Smith, James Raynor
Altar Servers: Jhon Paul & Natalie Rodgers
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Jerrold Bluhm,
Emily Bluhm

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.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Thanksgiving Food Drive!

The generosity of Our Lady of the Lake parishioners was amazing. Thank you for serving others in our wonderful community and for sharing the love of Christ.
God Bless you!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Looking Ahead:

November 26– NO RE

November 29– Youth Group– 5:30 PM

December 3– RE-9:45 AM; 3rd & 4th Grade Confessions-9:45 AM

December 10– RE– 9:45 AM; 5th, 6th and 7th Grade Confessions– 9:45 AM



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!

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



Christmas CONCERT

INCLUDING A SPECIAL
PERFORMANCE BY THE PELL
CITY SHOWSTOPPERS

DECEMBER

SUNDAY | 17 | At 6:00 pm

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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



Men's Bible Study

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a men's Bible study that will take place **starting on January 7th between the masses**. The group will meet in the conference room located in the back of the church fellowship hall. The course will run for 13 weeks which includes an introductory session. Books will be provided at no cost.

Please register by December 10th. Sign up sheets are in the foyers. Due to the holiday shipping challenges we want to give the publisher extra time to get the books to us prior to our first meeting.

Sunday— November 26

Masses— 8:30 & 11:15 am

No RE

Monday—November 27

Mass 9:00 am

KOC Meeting— 6:30-8:00 pm

Tuesday— November 28

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study— 9:45 am

RCIA— 7:00 pm

Wednesday—November 29

Youth Group— 5:30 pm

Mass— 7:00 pm

Thursday— November 30

Mass-9:00 am

Legion of Mary— 7:00 pm

Friday— December 1

Mass— 9:00 am

First Friday Adoration— 9:30 am

Saturday – December 2

1st Saturday Mass— 9:00 am

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass— 5:00 pm

Sunday— December 3

Masses— 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE-9:45 am

Confessions-3rd & 4th grades-9:45 am

Choir Practice— 9:45 am