



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

4609 MARTIN STREET SOUTH
CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054



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Deacon Serge Brazzolotto
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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

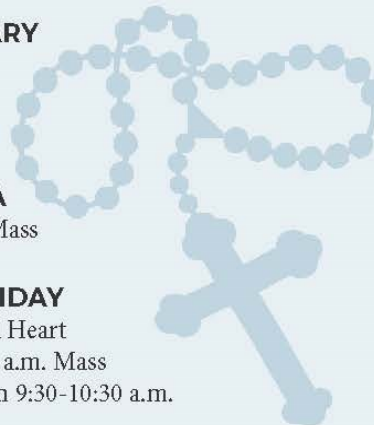
Novena to the Sacred Heart
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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



www.ollpellcity.com

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday December 30, 2023
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 31, 2023
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 31, 2023

According to the law of Moses, they took him up
to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

-Luke 2:22



January 1 - January 7

- Monday:** Anthony Troncale by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
- Tuesday:** Joseph Brazzolotto by the Brazzolottos †
- Wednesday:** Paul Centilli by Larry & Mary Esther Krantz †
- Thursday:** David Whikehart by Jerry & Dianne Hart †
- Friday:** Fr. Mark Beard by Jerry & Dianne Hart †
- Saturday:** Babies Susie & Jack McAlister by Susan Moseley †
- Sunday:** Mari Culver by Pat & Brenda Monte †
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 Walser, Geri Bunt,
Charles & Libby LaFleur, Marcia Mortek,
Benny Goodman, Margaret Banks, Jose Riveria,
Helen Turner, George Sobolowski, Jimmy Hollis,
William Konnor Stone, Pat Roberts, Bill & Dee
Watkins, Emily Bell Smith, Mary LaFleur,
Micky Zielinski, Jim Reilly, Connie Parsons,
Gayle Huff, Randy Gray, John Caterinichia,
Karen Hand

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 January 1- January 7

- Monday:** Num 6:22-27; Ps
67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal
4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98;
Jn 1:19-28
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Ps
98; Jn 1:29-34
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98;
Jn 1:35-42
- Friday:** 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps
100; Jn 1:43-51
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147;
Mk 1:7-11
- Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1
-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-
13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6;
Mt 2:1-12

Today's Readings



First Reading — Fear not, Abram! I am your shield; I will make your reward very great (Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-3).

Psalm — The Lord remembers his covenant forever (Psalm 105).

Second Reading — By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance (Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19).

Gospel — When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, their own town of Nazareth (Luke 1:22-40).

THE PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH

As we are about to begin a new year, it might be helpful to review the basic precepts of the Catholic Church. These are minimum requirements for all members of the Church.

What does the Church mean by precepts?

“Positive laws made by Church authorities to guarantee for the faithful the indispensable **minimum in prayer and moral effort**, for the sake of their **growth in love of God and neighbor.**”

(Catechism Glossary)

There are Five:

You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor. (In the Diocese of Birmingham that includes all Sundays and January 1*, August 15*, November 1*, December 8**, and December 25)

You shall confess your sins at least once a year.

You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season. (From Easter Sunday through Pentecost Sunday.)

You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church. (Required days of fast- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for those ages 18-59. Required days of abstinence from meat- Those days, plus all the Fridays of Lent for those ages 14 or older.)

You shall help provide for the needs of the Church.

*Except when that date falls on a Saturday or Monday.

**Except when that date falls on a Sunday.



Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Masses

**Sunday, December 31,
5:00 PM**

**Sunday, January 1,
9:00 AM**

**(not a Holy Day of Obligation this
year)**

The Christmas Giving Tree

The Social Concerns Committee would like to thank all of you who helped make our Christmas Giving Tree a success this year. We were able to support over 42 children with your help either by donating or purchasing items from the Church Yard Sale, making a direct Giving Tree donation or taking a tag from the trees and purchasing the gift listed. Thank you for making Christmas special for so many children in our community. God Bless!



2024 Prayer Vigil & Witness for Life

We are fast approaching one of the most meaningful opportunities for the entire community! People from all walks of life will gather and publicly proclaim the sanctity of every human life from the moment of conception to natural death.

Once again, we'll gather on the sidewalks surrounding Planned Parenthood for a Prayer Vigil and Witness for Life. Join us (rain, snow, or shine) to pray and bear witness to the wonder and sanctity of every human person. Join us for this time of prayer, praise and thanksgiving!

Location: Planned Parenthood, 1019 1st Ave N
More info at www.birminghammarchforlife.com.

Co-Hosts: Birmingham March for Life, CEC For Life, United For Life Foundation

**Saturday
January 13th
10:45 AM**

Offertory Collection

July 2023 — June 2024

	Actual	Needed weekly
December 17 Offertory	\$9,891	\$7,264
Year to Date	\$179,289	\$181,600



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.

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Faith Direct enables parishioners to make contributions even when you can't make it to church. Through either direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card, you can apply the convenience of online banking to your parish offerings in much the same way as you do for other expenses. You may enroll by visiting our website, or logging in directly to faith.direct/AL1065. You may also call Faith Direct at 866-507-8757.



MLK PRAYER BREAKFAST

**The Catholic Diocese of Birmingham
The Office of Black Catholic Ministry
Diocesan Prayer Breakfast in Commemoration of**

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Saturday, January 13, 2024 10:00 AM

Cathedral of St Paul Life Center

2120 Third Avenue North, Birmingham, AL

Ticket: \$25.00

To purchase tables/tickets contact the Office of Black Ministry at 205-838-8313 or jwatts@bhmdiocese.org.



Knights of Columbus - Assembly 2972

Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach

WREATH MATCH

STARTING SATURDAY,
DEC 16, THROUGH JAN. 16, 2024
WHEN YOU SPONSOR A WREATH
THROUGH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ASSEMBLY 2972,
WE WILL BE MATCHED BY

[HTTPS://OLLPELLCITY.COM/WREATHS-ACROSS-AMERICA/](https://ollpellcity.com/wreaths-across-america/)



For the Wreath Match, also see the Our
Lady of the Lake website under
Donations/WAA 2023

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please pick up your offertory envelopes for calendar
year 2024 in the Parish Hall. If you do not see yours,
please call the office at 205-525-5161.



PRO LIFE CORNER

Mark your calendars for the Baby
Bottle drive which will start the weekend
of January 27th and the Shower of
Blessings on February 25th!

Ann's New Life Pregnancy Medical Center

Wish List
Size 4 Diapers
Size 6 Diapers

3440 Martin Street South, Suite 1, Cropwell, AL 35054
Hours of Operation: Tuesday 9:00-5:00
Wednesday/Thursday 9:00-4:00

Assignments

December 31, 2023 - January 7, 2024

SUNDAY MASS-Solemnity of Mary

12/31/2023 5:00 PM

Greeters: Shirley Skeivelas, Shelly Hamman
Lectors: Martha Hayes, Miranda Bryant
Ministers: Deacon, 2 volunteers
Altar Servers: Jeff Reach, Tom Graffo
Ushers: Phillip Thomaston, Andy Payant
Jim Mathis, Bill Bethell

MONDAY MASS-Solemnity of Mary

1/1/2024 9:00 AM

Greeters: Allen Ross, Karen Hand
Lectors: Mary Adams
Ministers: Deacon, 2 volunteers
Altar Servers: Deacon
Ushers: Karen Hand, Jim Gorman

WEDNESDAY MASS

1/3/2024 7:00 PM

Lector: Teri Gagliano
Ministers: Deacon

SATURDAY MASS

1/6/2024 5:00 PM

Greeters: Dawn Adamson, Paige Everett
Lectors: Sarah Brazzolotto, Marguerite Gorman
Ministers: Susan Moseley, Buddy Spradley
Altar Servers: Bernie & Corey Funderburg
Ushers: Amy Carreker, Jim Gorman

SUNDAY MASS

1/7/2024 8:30 AM

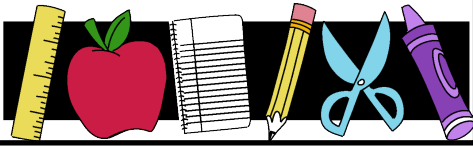
Greeters: Poteracki/Alvarez
Lectors: Carl Rochford, Jane Snider
Ministers: Jorge Solis, Ronni Thomas
Paul Thomas, Sophie Alvarez
Altar Servers: Michael Gagliano, John Bryant
Ushers: Paul Thomas, Bart Perry
Dennis Veigl, Phillip Thomaston

1/7/2024 11:15 AM

Greeters: Grace Troncalli, Shirley Skeivelas
Lectors: Larry Foltz, Stephanie Fischer
Ministers: Lexie Smith, James Raynor
Altar Servers: Jhon Paul & Natalie Rodgers
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Jerrold Bluhm,
Jim Mathis, John Bluhm



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Looking Ahead:

December 31– No RE

January 7- RE-9:45 AM

January 10– Youth Group-5:30 PM

January 14– No RE- Martin Luther King Day

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

THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

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

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Men's Bible Study

Reminder for those who signed up for the Knights of Columbus Bible Study. The first session will be Sunday, January 7th at 9:45 am in the Parish Hall Conference Room. If you have any questions, please call the parish office.



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.

Goal –400 cans/month

Total to date for December 2023 – 172 cans

Please consider donating \$1 per week

**The 2024 Calendars are here!
Please take one located in each foyer of the church.**



Bible STUDY
Join us!

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES UPDATE

As of December 7th, our parish total of pledges and donations to Catholic Charities and Communities stands at \$65,390.29! (Our goal was \$60,000) There were 119 participants, which represents more than 1/3 of our registered parish families! (337)

There is still time to pledge or donate. Any donations made before 2024 can be credited to your 2023 charitable contributions. You can contribute by going to the Diocese of Birmingham website at bhmdiocese.org and clicking on the link for Catholic Charities and Communities or call 205-838-8309.

END-OF-THE-YEAR GIVING

For your contribution to count for the 2023 calendar year, it must be received by December 31st. Contributions received after that date will not appear on your 2023 parish contribution statement.

As you consider your end of year giving, please keep in mind the **Our Lady of the Lake Social Concerns fund** which not only provides Thanksgiving food boxes and Christmas presents for children, but also helps with the basic needs in our community, particularly utility assistance.

Calendar for Dec 31, 2023—Jan 7, 2024

Sunday— December 31

KOC Mass— 8:30 am
Mass-11:15 am
Solemnity of Mary Mass— 5:00 pm
(not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

Monday—January 1— New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary Mass 9:00 am
(not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)
Parish Office Closed

Tuesday— January 2

Mass 9:00 am
Bible Study— 9:45 am

Wednesday—January 3

Mass— 7:00 pm

Thursday— January 4

Mass-9:00 am
Legion of Mary— 7:00 pm

Friday— January 5

Mass— 9:00 am
First Friday Adoration— 9:30-10:30 am

Saturday — January 6

First Saturday Mass— 9:00 am
Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm
Mass— 5:00 pm

Sunday— January 7

Mass-8:30 & 11:15 am
RE— 9:45 am
KOC Men's Bible Study— 9:45 am