



# Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

4609 MARTIN STREET SOUTH  
CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054



## Rev. William P. Lucas, Pastor

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

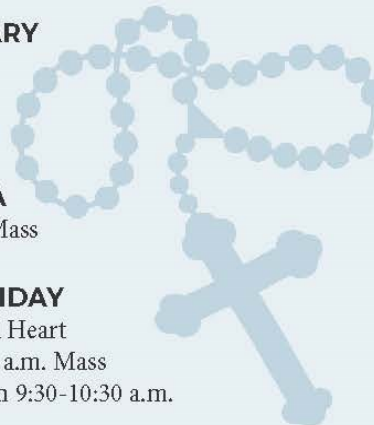
Novena to the Sacred Heart  
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass  
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

## 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 January 6, 2024  
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 7, 2024  
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

### The Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2024



And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way. -Matthew 2:12



January 8 - January 14

Monday:	Matthew Brazzolotto by Doug Ross
Tuesday:	Josephine Bruce by Jared Musgrove †
Wednesday:	Beth Martin by Jay Benson †
Thursday:	Joseph A. Yester by KOC #12270 †
Friday:	Susan Apap by Maureen McEvoy †
Saturday:	Doris & Lynn Wilkins by Susan Moseley †
Sunday:	For the People Nancy Ross by Doug Ross †

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

### Weekly Readings January 8- January 14

<b>Monday:</b>	Isaiah 55:1-11; Isaiah 12; Mk 1:7-11
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Sam 1:9-20; 1 Sam 2; Mk 1:21-28
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Sam 3:1-10, 19- 20; Ps 40; Mk 1:29- 39
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Sam 4:1-11; Ps 44; Mk 1:40-45
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Sam 8:4-7, 10- 22a; Ps 89; Mk 2:1- 12
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Sam 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21; Mk 2:13-17
<b>Sunday:</b>	1 Sam 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8- 9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c- 15a, 17-20; Jn 1:41, 17b

### Today's Readings



**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalm** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — The Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** — We have saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage (Matthew 2:1-12).

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The Sunday following January 1<sup>st</sup> is celebrated in the United States as the Epiphany of the Lord. When the Church moves a Feast to a Sunday, it means that the mystery being contemplated is very important and cannot be "skipped" because the day, in this case January 6<sup>th</sup>, is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

The word "Epiphany" means "Manifestation". All the observances of the Christmas Season are manifestations of either Jesus Christ's humanity or His divinity. In this case, the Magi, foreigners from the East, recognize in Jesus "the king of the Jews." This will also be the epithet given to Jesus when He is crucified. There it is meant as mockery. From the Magi, it is meant as homage.

Without realizing it, the Magi are giving true worship to Jesus Christ. They are pledging obedience to Him. The gifts they bring each have a specific meaning in the life of Christ, but the most important gift they bring is themselves. Jesus is not just the king of the Jews. He is the Savior of the world. These Gentiles recognize Him as such by their homage.

What about us? How has Jesus Christ manifested Himself in our lives? As Christians, we are the Body of Christ. Jesus Christ acts without us. He also acts through us.

In Caribbean countries, January 6<sup>th</sup> is the day to give gifts. The Magi come at night to leave presents for the children, who leave straw by their doorstep for the camels. People give gifts to one another in imitation of the Magi's generosity.

Still, the most important gift we can give to Jesus Christ is ourselves. As we pray in the Third Eucharistic Prayer: "May he (Jesus) make of us an eternal offering to you (The Father)." The most important gift we can give to Jesus is ourselves.

## Knights of Columbus Men's Bible Study

Starting  
Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>-9:45 am  
Parish Hall Conference Room

The group will meet each Sunday at 9:45 am for 13 weeks.



**Cross Catholic  
OUTREACH**

*Delivering Food, Shelter and Hope to the Poorest of the Poor*

**Father Richard Kunzman will be visiting our parish the weekend of January 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> to speak at all Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to Father's appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.**

## 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](http://www.birminghammarchforlife.com).**

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

**Saturday  
January 13<sup>th</sup>  
10:45 AM**



## Offertory Collection

July 2023 — June 2024

	Actual	Needed weekly
December 24/25 Offertory	\$11,323	\$7,264
Year to Date	\$190,612	\$188,864



**Chair: Brenda Rochford**

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**Council meetings are open to all  
parishioners, and are typically on the**

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## **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](mailto: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

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

**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](http://ChooseLifeAlabama.org)

## Assignments

January 10, 2024 - January 14, 2024

### WEDNESDAY MASS

**1/10/2024 7:00 PM**

Lector: Arturo Solis  
Ministers: Deacon

### SATURDAY MASS

**1/13/2024 5:00 PM**

Greeters: Julie & Jim Mathis, Karen Hand  
Lectors: Martha Hayes, Buddy Spradley  
Ministers: Edgar Solis, Allen Ross  
Altar Servers: Andy Payant, Roger Carreker  
Ushers: Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

### SUNDAY MASS

**1/14/2024 8:30 AM**

Greeters: Crapet/Freeman/Landman/Price  
Lectors: Carey Monistere, Meagan Price  
Ministers: Teri Gagliano, Stephen Reese  
Brenda Rochford, Anita Allor  
Altar Servers: Larry Reese, David Blaylock  
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Bill Bethell  
Robert Paulitzky, Phillip Thomaston

**1/14/2024 11:15 AM**

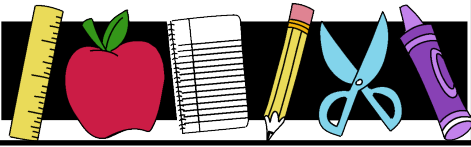
Greeters: Brenda Monte, Maria Jimenez  
Lectors: Doug Ross, Mary Adams  
Ministers: James Raynor, Chris Gallegly  
Altar Servers: Jhon Paul Rodgers,  
Ethan Myers, Kali Reach  
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Lexie Smith  
Danny Smith, Jeff Smith

### 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:

**January 7-** RE-9:45 AM

**January 10-** Youth Group-5:30 PM

**January 14-** No RE- Martin Luther King Day

**January 21-** RE- 9:45 AM

**January 24-** Youth Group- 5:30 pm

## 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!*

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Parish code:

# JRQNH8

## Change of Address or Contact Information?

Please let us know at the parish office if you have changed any of the below information so we can keep our records up to date.

- Change of address
- Change of phone number, including dropping a landline
- Change of email address
- You were formerly listed under your parent's information and are now independent.

Call us at 205-525-5161 or email at [parish@ollpellcity.com](mailto:parish@ollpellcity.com).



## *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**



**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.

## Ann's New Life Medical Center



Baby Bottle drive starts the weekend of **January 27th and January 28th.** Shower of Blessings will be on **February 25th** between Masses.

### **Living Right with Dr. Ray**

Noted Catholic psychologist Dr. Ray Guarendi is coming to EWTN to tape his series Living Right with Dr. Ray and you can be a part of the show!

Four shows will be taped on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm.

You are welcome to sign up for this family-friendly event at:

<https://www.ewtn.com/drraylive>

## *Calendar for Jan 7, 2024—Jan 14, 2024*

### **Sunday— January 7**

Mass-8:30 & 11:15 am

RE— 9:45 am

KOC Men's Bible Study— 9:45 am

### **Monday—January 8**

Mass 9:00 am

### **Tuesday— January 9**

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study— 9:45 am

RCIA— 7:00 pm

### **Wednesday—January 10**

Youth Group— 5:30 pm

Spanish Mass— 7:00 pm

Holy Hour/Adoration (Spanish) 7:30 pm

### **Thursday— January 11**

Mass-9:00 am

Legion of Mary— 6:30 pm

### **Friday— January 12**

Mass— 9:00 am

### **Saturday — January 13**

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass— 5:00 pm

### **Sunday— January 14**

Mass-8:30 & 11:15 am

KOC Men's Bible Study— 9:45 am

No RE