



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

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Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday January 27, 2024
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 28, 2024
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



**Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**
January 28, 2024

The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. -Mark 1:22



January 29 - February 4

- Monday:** Walton Smith
by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
- Tuesday:** Beth Martin by Jerry & Brenda Kern †
- Wednesday:** Matthew Brazzolotto
by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
- Thursday:** Betty Nicholas by Jay Benson †
- Friday:** Josephine Bruce by Jared Musgrove †
- Saturday:** Betty & Yolie by Susan Moseley †
- Sunday:** Tom Welch by Charmaine Welch †
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, Jackie Gross, Mary Esther Krantz

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 29- February 4

- Monday:** 2 Sam 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3; Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday:** 2 Sam 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Ps 86; Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday:** 2 Sam 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chron 29; Mk 6:7-13
- Friday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
- Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119; Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday:** Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Today's Readings



First Reading — Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

Psalms — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — I should like you to be free from anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

Gospel — He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him (Mark 1:21-28).

THE PASTORAL MEANING OF BLESSINGS

On December 18th the Vatican Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a declaration on the pastoral meaning of blessings. There has been much confusion about the meaning of the declaration. That is because we live in a confused culture. We want to live as we see fit, and we want to have God approve our choices. In short, we want God to change His mind, so we won't feel so confused.

Despite erroneous reporting, the document does not change any Church doctrine. Paragraph 11 states, "The Church does not have the power to confer its liturgical blessing when that would somehow offer a form of moral legitimacy to a union that presumes to be a marriage or to an extra marital sexual practice."

The document is about pastoral blessings. That would include spontaneous prayers requested of Catholic clergy by anyone. I have prayed for people in hospitals and nursing homes who requested it and who have no minister of their own available. The prayer does not make them Catholic, but I believe God still helps them. It is not God's will that anyone be condemned, but that all come to repentance.

The document distinguishes between liturgical blessings (which have certain requirements) and pastoral blessings (which are sacramentals and are more spontaneous). When people come forward to be signed with blessed ashes on Ash Wednesday, we do not ask their marital status before saying, "Remember, you are dust and to dust you will return."

The document gives an example of a pastoral blessing. (Paragraph #34) "Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask."

Maybe instead of condemning sinners, we should pray for their conversion. And while we're at it, we can pray for our own conversion.



Ann's New Life Pregnancy Medical Center OLL Baby Bottle Drive and Shower of Blessings

The Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church Baby Bottle Drive begins this weekend, **January 27th and 28th**. It will end with a baby shower to benefit our local crisis pregnancy center, Ann's New Life Pregnancy Medical Center (ANLC) on Sunday, **February 25th** between the Masses.

Please fill your bottles with the change you may have in the cup holder of your car, between the cushions in your couch, or wherever you keep your spare change, and return your baby bottles to the Shower of Blessings.

Everyone is invited. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Susan Meredith, the Director of ANLC in Cropwell and Leeds will give the center update. We are currently working on getting a speaker.

Let's build a wall of diapers, wipes, and baby items for Ann's New Life Center!

- Baby Wipes
- Size 4, 5, and 6 diapers
- Pull-Ups
- Grow With Me Infant Car seats
- Vaporizers
- Pack n' Plays
- Office Supplies
- Xerox Copy Paper
- Avery Mailing Labels #5160



Meaning of the Eucharist

Tuesday, January 30, 2024
Our Lady of the Lake
7:00 pm

Bishop Steven Raica will speak to us about this year- 2024, which is dedicated to the Eucharist. Please plan to attend!

Offertory Collection

July 2023 — June 2024

	Actual	Needed weekly
January 14 Offertory	\$7,701	\$7,264
Year to Date	\$211,499	\$210,656



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



Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat would like to extend a special invitation to you and all of the men of the parish to the Annual Men's Retreat – Into the Deep with Fr. Peyton Plessala, a priest of the Archdiocese of Mobile. The retreat is scheduled for March 8-10, Friday to Sunday.

The retreat will focus on inviting men into a deeper relationship with Jesus while teaching men how to pray more intentionally, how to be more available to God's healing grace, and how to enter into spiritual combat. The retreat will include Mass, Confession, and time for Adoration.

It is easy to register online!

Here is the link to the [online registration](#).

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Knights of Columbus Men's Bible Study

Parish Hall Conference Room
9:45 am each Sunday through
early April 2024

Our Lady of the Lake Memorial Wall

In addition to the Columbarium niches, a Memorial Wall has been constructed in our Columbarium courtyard.

If you would like your loved one(s) remembered by engraving a Memorial Plaque, please call the parish office at 205-525-5161.

Pricing for Plaques are as follows:

10" X 6" plate- \$600 (one name)
10" X" 12" plate- \$1,200 (two names)

Columbarium Niches

Please contact the parish office if you are interested in purchasing a niche in Our Lady of the Lake Columbarium. Contract for selection and use of the niches is allowed after full receipt of payment which is \$3,000 per niche.

Feast of St. Blaise- Blessing of the Throats

This Saturday, February 3rd, is the Memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. We will have Blessing of the Throats after the Masses on February 3rd and 4th.

Christian Love Pantry Thank you

Please accept our sincere appreciation for the continued support of the congregation of Our Lady of the Lake throughout 2023. The financial contributions, soup, board leadership and the many volunteers, provided much needed relief to many community members in need of a helping hand.

Thanks you on behalf of our volunteers and those we serve. Bob Osborn, Director

Assignments

January 31, 2024 - February 4, 2024

WEDNESDAY MASS

1/31/2024 7:00 PM

Lector: Bernie Funderburg
Ministers: Deacon

SATURDAY MASS

2/3/2024 5:00 PM

Greeters: Karen Hand, Dawn Adamson
Lectors: Marguerite Gorman, Martha Hayes
Ministers: Parma Boyle, Tom Graffo
Altar Servers: Bernie & Corey Funderburg
Ushers: Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

SUNDAY MASS

2/4/2024 8:30 AM

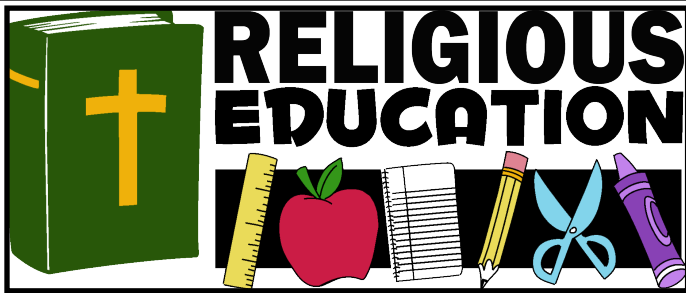
Greeters: Shelly Hamman, Vicki Hogan
Lectors: Karen Reese, Robert Lewis
Ministers: Jorge Solis, Brenda Rochford
Teri Gagliano, Jane Snider
Altar Servers: Dennis Veigl, Stephen Reese
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Bill Bethell
Belia Solis, Phillip Thomaston

2/4/2024 11:15 AM

Greeters: The Bluhm Family
Lectors: Michael Poteracki, Gloria Raynor
Ministers: James Raynor, Chris Gallegly
Altar Servers: Jhon Paul Rodgers, Logan Bluhm
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Jerrold Bluhm,
Emily Bluhm, John 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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Looking Ahead:

January 28– RE 9:45 am

February 4– RE-9:45 am

February 11– Burning of the Palms-9:45 am
RE– 9:45 am

February 14– Ash Wednesday
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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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.

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.



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 for January 2024 – 99 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.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

As part of the Eucharistic Revival being observed this year in the United States, there will be a National Eucharistic Congress held July 16-22, 2024 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Diocese of Birmingham has purchased 200 conference tickets and is taking registrations for adults, at least 19 years of age. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit

<https://bhmdiocese.org/revivalpilgrimage>.

Change of Physical 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 physical 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 to parish@ollpellcity.com.

Calendar for Jan 28, 2024—Feb 4, 2024

Sunday— January 28

Masses-8:30 & 11:15 am
Baby Bottle Drive Starts
KOC Men's Bible Study— 9:45 am
RE— 9:45 am

Monday—January 29

Mass 9:00 am

Tuesday— January 30

Mass 9:00 am
Bible Study— 9:45 am
“Meaning of the Eucharist”
Bishop Raica- 7:00 pm

Wednesday—January 31

Mass— 7:00 pm

Thursday— February 1

Mass-9:00 am
Legion of Mary— 6:30 pm

Friday— February 2

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

Saturday – February 3

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

Sunday— February 4

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