



# Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Jim Mathis, *Director of Religious Education*  
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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  
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 February 17, 2024  
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, February 18, 2024  
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



First Sunday of Lent  
February 18, 2024

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.  
-Mark 1:13



February 19 - February 25

**Monday:** Fr. Charles McCabe by Fr. William Lucas †  
**Tuesday:** Betty Nicholas by Jay Benson †  
**Wednesday:** James Stracener by Fr. William Lucas †  
**Thursday:** James D. Gutsell by KOC 12270 †  
**Friday:** Robert Romano by Fr. William Lucas †  
**Saturday:** Doris & Lynn Wilkins by Susan Moseley †  
**Sunday:** Beth Martin by Jay Benson †  
For the People

### Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Ron & Diana Markevich, 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, Karen Hand, Jackie Gross, Mary Esther Krantz, Bill Hereford

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 February 19- February 25

**Monday:** Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19; Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34; Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51; Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23; Mt 16:13-19

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130; Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Deut 26:16-19; Ps 119; Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday:** Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

## Today's Readings



**First Reading**— I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood (Genesis 9:8-15).

**Psalm** — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit (1 Peter 3:18-22).

**Gospel** — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel (Mark 1:12-15).

## THE REAL PRESENCE

If you have been reading the booklet, 20 Answers on The Eucharist, there may be some questions you have about what exactly the Catholic Church means when it uses the term, "Real Presence." Good. That is the point of the Eucharistic Revival.

It is not my responsibility to explain what other Christians believe. If you want to know that, ask one of their ministers. My responsibility is to help you understand the teaching of the Catholic Church about the Real Presence of the Eucharist.

The author, Trent Horn, writes in the booklet, "The Catholic view of the Eucharist is different from the Protestant views because Catholics believe that the bread and wine at Mass actually become the physical body and blood of Christ. After consecration, the bread and wine no longer remain, and in their place is the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ." (p. 11)

It is important to remember that Catholics believe Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. He no longer has what St. Paul calls, "a natural body", but a "glorified, resurrected" body. (1 Corinthians 15, 36-49) The body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist are glorified, spiritual, resurrected. (ibid.)

The bread still tastes like bread. The wine still tastes like wine, and you can drink too much of it and get drunk! But the substance of each species is the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. It is no longer ordinary bread and ordinary wine. It is the resurrected body, blood, soul, and divinity of the Lord under the form of bread and the form of wine.

It is important to believe in the Real Presence because then you believe, "It is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1374) If you reject belief in the real presence, you reject that Christ is "wholly and entirely present" in the sacrament. It reveals what you believe about Jesus Christ.



## 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 has begun. 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.

**Michelle Schachle will return with her 13th child, Michael McGivney Schachle. He is the child that had his life approved as one of the miracles for the cause of beatification of Fr Michael McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus.**

#### Current Needs at the Center

- Baby Wipes
- Car Seats (pumpkin style for infants)
- Size 4, 5, and 6 Diapers
- Baby Bottles (Dr. Browns)
- Baby Monitors
- Cool Mist Humidifiers
- Diaper Bag Backpacks
- Baby Bottle Sterilizers
- Baby Wash and Shampoo
- Dreft Newborn Laundry Detergent
- Baby Bottle Warmer
- Portable Changing Pad
- Gallon Size Zip Lock Bags



## You Are Invited

### Legion of Mary Acies Ceremony

**Saturday, March 2, 2024**

Legion prayers and rosary begin  
at 12:00 noon.

Followed by Holy Mass.

Afterward, lunch will be  
provided in the parish hall.

Questions? Contact Martha  
Hayes at (205) 812-6126.



## Offertory Collection

July 2023 — June 2024

	Actual	Needed weekly
<b>February 11 Offertory</b>	\$10,320	\$7,264
<b>Year to Date</b>	\$240,413	\$239,712

## Building Fund Collection

July 2023 — June 2024

	Actual	Needed Monthly
<b>Building Fund— Month of January</b>	\$5,278	\$2,720
<b>Year to Date</b>	\$34,504	\$21,080



**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.**

### Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament

The parish is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville on **Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**. The cost for the bus trip will be \$25.00.

We will depart from the church at 7:00 a.m. and will return at 5:00 p.m. The day will include a tour of the grounds, Mass, lunch, a healing service, and a spiritual talk. The bus holds 55 passengers, so reservations are required. The deadline for reservations is March 31<sup>st</sup>. Sign-up sheets are available in each foyer.

### ST. JOHN DE BREBEUF RELIC ON TOUR

The skull of St. Jean de Brebeuf, Jesuit missionary and North American martyr, will be at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Birmingham on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> as part of a monthlong relic tour. Veneration of the holy relic will be from 3:30-5:00 p.m. and 7:30-9:00 p.m., with a presentation on the life of the martyr at 7:00 p.m. Both the presentation and veneration are open to the public.



**Married Couples and Priests:  
"Live your best life in Love!"**

Enrich and renew your sacramental relationship by attending a Marriage Encounter Experience, a retreat where you will learn tools to restore communication, renew your commitment, and rekindle the joy of your sacrament!

Join us **March 8-10, 2024** or **November 1-3, 2024**  
at **St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, AL**

For more info: [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or call Frank & Kathryn 205-530-3607

**The Eucharist by Catholic Answers**

Please pick up a book in the foyer titled The Eucharist by Catholic Answers to understand the main arguments for and against the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. This is a gift for every person in the parish that wants one, we will order more if needed.

**The Word Among Us-Lent 2024**

The Lenten Word Among Us , Catholic Mass Readings and Daily Meditations, is available for you to pick up in the foyers.

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church  
Knights of Columbus



February 16, 2024-March 22, 2024

Friday 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

**2-Piece Fish Dinner** \$10.00

Two pieces fried catfish or baked tilapia; two sides; 2 hush puppies; tea, lemonade, or water.

**1-Piece Fish Dinner** \$8.00

One piece fried catfish or baked tilapia; two sides; 2 hush puppies; tea, lemonade, or water.

**Childs Plate** \$4.00

One piece fish or one piece cheese pizza; one side; 2 hush puppies; tea, lemonade, or water.

All Proceeds Go To Charity

Thank You for Your Support!

*Assignments*

*February 21, 2024 - February 25, 2024*

**WEDNESDAY MASS**

**2/21/2024 7:00 PM**

**Lector:** Susan Moseley  
**Minister:** Deacon

**SATURDAY MASS**

**2/24/2024 5:00 PM**

**Greeters:** Paige Everett, Allen Ross  
**Lectors:** Susan Moseley, Sarah Brazzolotto  
**Ministers:** Parma Boyle, Edgar Solis  
**Altar Servers:** James Raynor, Jeff Reach  
**Ushers:** Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

**SUNDAY MASS**

**2/25/2024 8:30 AM**

**Greeters:** Julie Mathis, Jim Mathis  
**Lectors:** Jane Snider, Jorge Solis  
**Ministers:** Brenda Rochford, Stephen Reese, Sonya Lewis, Anita Allor  
**Altar Servers:** Larry Reese, Michael Gagliano  
**Ushers:** Paul Thomas, Bill Bethell, Belia Solis, Phillip Thomaston

**2/25/2024 11:15 AM**

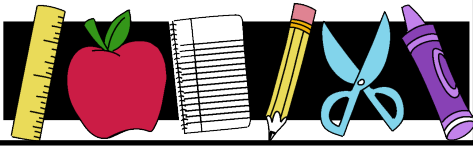
**Greeters:** Maria Jimenez, Brenda Monte  
**Lectors:** Stephanie Fischer, Larry Foltz  
**Ministers:** James Raynor, Chris Gallegly  
**Altar Servers:** Ethan Myers, Tommie Ann Johnson  
**Ushers:** Chris Gallegly, Lexie Smith, Danny Smith, Jeff Smith

**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:

**February 18-** No RE

Rite of Elect (Cathedral) 2:00 pm

**February 25-** RE- 9:45 am

**February 28-** Youth Group- 5:30 pm

**March 3-** RE- 9:45 am

—RE Confessions— 3rd & 4th grades

**March 10-** RE- 9:45 am

—RE Confessions 5th, 6th & 7th grades

## 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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## PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENTS

Please pray for the following people who will be receiving sacraments during the Easter season:

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Collin Wagnor

Jerry Hart

Alec Nittinger

Gretchen Reach

### Confirmation (April 27<sup>th</sup>)

Emily Bluhm

Natalie Dempsey

Morgan Johnson

Shayla Largadas

Keller Perry

Natalie Rodgers

### First Communion (May 5<sup>th</sup>)

Victoria Escobedo

Rylan Knight

Annalee Perez-Rodriguez

Samuel Vazquez

Sophia Zubia



## Magnificat Prayer Luncheon

Our Lady of Sorrows Family Life

Center in Assembly Hall

Saturday, March 2, 2024

11:00 am-2:00 pm

Speaker, Jess Echeverry, an advocate for women and families who survived a life of dark times and abuse.

Come hear how she found the key to perfect forgiveness through God's grace.

Tickets are \$20 and includes a catered lunch. They are available online at <http://BirminghamMagnificat.org> or by contacting Lucy at (205) 529-0259 or from Alpha Church Supply. No tickets are sold at the door or after February 25th.

## **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>.

## **Surfsiders**

The Surfsiders will have their monthly meeting **Wednesday, February 21st at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall. This includes a potluck lunch, games and fellowship. All seniors are invited!**

## **Cursillo News**

If you have been considering what the next step in your spiritual journey should be, now is the time to attend this "Weekend away with Jesus"!!

Don't question yourself, be open to the Holy Spirit and attend a Weekend that can change your life!!!

Cursillo Weekends for Men and Women will be held at St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, AL.

**Women's Cursillo Weekend: March 14-17, 2024**

**Men's Cursillo Weekend: August 15-18, 2024**

Contact Parma Boyle at [parmie100@yahoo.com](mailto:parmie100@yahoo.com) (205-405-0948) or Deacon Lee at [eleer2000@gmail.com](mailto:eleer2000@gmail.com) (205 936 9330)

*The Cursillo Movement is a recognized charism (an extraordinary power (as of healing) given a Christian by the Holy Spirit for the good of the church) founded on small friendship groups.*

## *Calendar for Feb 18, 2024—Feb 25, 2024*

### **Sunday— February 18**

Masses-8:30 & 11:15 am  
KOC Men's Bible Study— 9:45 am  
No RE  
Rite of Elect-St. Paul's Cathedral— 2:00 pm  
Holy Hour— 7:00 pm

### **Monday—February 19**

Mass 9:00 am

### **Tuesday— February 20**

Mass 9:00 am  
Bible Study— 9:45 am  
RCIA— 7:00 pm

### **Wednesday—February 21**

Surfsiders— 10:00 am  
Mass— 7:00 pm  
Pastoral Council— 7:30 pm

### **Thursday— February 22**

Mass-9:00 am  
Legion of Mary— 6:30 pm

### **Friday— February 23**

Mass— 9:00 am  
Confessions-9:30 am  
KOC Fish Fry-5:00-6:30 pm  
Stations of the Cross— 7:00 pm

### **Saturday — February 24**

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm  
Mass— 5:00 pm

### **Sunday— February 25**

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