



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
Santísimo el segundo Miércoles de cada mes* 7:30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

August through May
Ages 3 years through High School

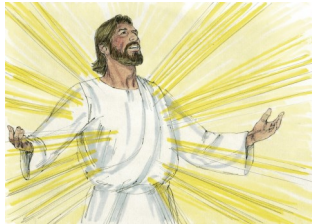


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Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday February 24, 2024
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, February 25, 2024
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



Second Sunday
of Lent
February 25, 2024

And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.

-Mark 9:3



February 26 - March 3

- Monday:** Deacon Chris Rosko
by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
- Tuesday:** Bob Van Gundy by Virginia Crapet †
- Wednesday:** Beth Martin by the Brazzolottos †
- Thursday:** Bertie Stephens by Virginia Crapet †
- Friday:** Paul Centilli by Larry & Mary Esther Krantz †
- Saturday:** Babies Jack & Susie McAlister
by Susan Moseley †
- Sunday:** Trudi & Andy McClay by the Zielinskis †
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 or call 205-613-1053.

Weekly Readings February 26- March 3

- Monday:** Dan 9:4b-10; Ps 79; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50; Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31; Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1; Lk 16:19-31
- Friday:** Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday:** Mic 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 10; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday:** Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Today's Readings



First Reading— Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

Psalm — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — If God is for us, who can be against us (Romans 8:31b-34)?

Gospel — This is my beloved Son. Listen to him (Mark 9:2-10).

ACKNOWLEDGING THE REAL PRESENCE

Because we believe that, after the consecration, the bread and wine are no longer ordinary bread and wine, we behave toward the consecrated eucharist as we would to the Risen Jesus Christ.

First, the tabernacle: We read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "The tabernacle was first intended for the reservation of the Eucharist in a worthy place so that it could be brought to the sick and those absent, outside of Mass. As faith in the real presence of Christ in his Eucharist deepened, the Church became conscious of the meaning of silent adoration of the Lord under the Eucharistic species. It is for this reason that the tabernacle should be located in an especially worthy place in the church and should be constructed in such a way that it emphasizes and manifests the truth of the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament." (CCC #1379)

Genuflection: "A genuflection, made by bending the right knee to the ground, signifies adoration, and therefore it is reserved for the Most Blessed Sacrament. All who pass by the Most Blessed Sacrament (in the tabernacle) genuflect, unless they are moving in procession." (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, #274)

If a person is unable to genuflect, they may make a profound bow (at the waist) as a sign of recognition of the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist in the tabernacle.

Also, a person genuflects or bows towards the tabernacle when entering and exiting a pew before and after Mass.

We observe these practices because we believe in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. These actions only make sense if we believe that the Eucharist is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of 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

No reporting
this week

Year to Date



Knights of Columbus Prayer Service

Our Lady of the Lake
Columbarium
March 9, 2024
10:00 am

Everyone is welcome!

Coffee & Donuts will be served. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held in the Parish Hall.

Contact Bernie Funderburg with questions at 205-405-6382



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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 20th**. 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 31st. Sign-up sheets are available in each foyer.



Annual Men's Retreat – Into the Deep

Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat would like to extend a special invitation to 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.

Go to msbt.org to register online.



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 or call Frank & Kathryn 205-530-3607

Birmingham Catholic Homeschool Graduation

Registration is now open to all Catholic Homeschoolers in the Diocese of Birmingham to be held on Thursday May 16th at 5:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. Paul. For more information or to register please contact bhamcathgrad@gmail.com.
Deadline to register is March 31st.

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 28, 2024 - March 3, 2024

WEDNESDAY MASS

2/28/2024 7:00 PM

Lector: Sarah Brazzolotto
Minister: Deacon

SATURDAY MASS

3/2/2024 5:00 PM

Greeters: Jim & Julie Mathis
Lectors: Marguerite Gorman, Martha Hayes
Ministers: Susan Moseley, Tom Graffo
Altar Servers: Buddy Adamson, David Blaylock
Ushers: Karen Hand, Sam Marston

SUNDAY MASS

3/3/2024 8:30 AM

Greeters: Shayla Largasdas, Sonya Lewis
Lectors: Mary Burns, Dennis Veigl
Ministers: Jorge Solis, Ronni Thomas,
Paul Thomas, Sophie Alvarez
Altar Servers: Jeff Reach, Marty Poteracki
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Teri Gagliano,
Paul Thomas, Ronni Thomas

3/3/2024 11:15 AM

Greeters: Brenda Monte, R&C Betz
Lectors: Bernie Funderburg, Gloria Raynor
Ministers: James Raynor, Chris Gallegly
Altar Servers: Jhon Paul & Natalie Rodgers
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 25– RE– 9:45 am

February 28– Youth Group– 5:30 pm

March 3– RE– 9:45 am

- RE Confessions– 2nd, 3rd & 4th grades

March 10— RE– 9:45 am

- RE Confessions 5th, 6th & 7th grades

March 13- 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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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 27th)

Emily Bluhm

Natalie Dempsey

Morgan Johnson

Shayla Largadas

Keller Perry

Natalie Rodgers

First Communion (May 5th)

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>.

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.

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 (205-405-0948) or Deacon Lee at 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 25, 2024—March 3, 2024

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

Monday—February 26

Mass 9:00 am
KOC Meeting— 6:30-8:00 pm

Tuesday— February 27

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

Wednesday—February 28

Mass— 7:00 pm
Youth Group— 5:30 pm

Thursday— February 29

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

Friday— March 1

Mass— 9:00 am
First Friday Adoration-9:30-10:30 am
KOC Fish Fry-5:00-6:30 pm
Stations of the Cross— 7:00 pm

Saturday — March 2

First Saturday Mass— 9:00 am
Acies Mass-12:00 am
Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm
Mass— 5:00 pm

Sunday— March 3

Masses-8:30 & 11:15 am
KOC Men's Bible Study— 9:45 am
RE— 9:45 am
RE Confessions— 2nd,3rd & 4th grades