



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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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

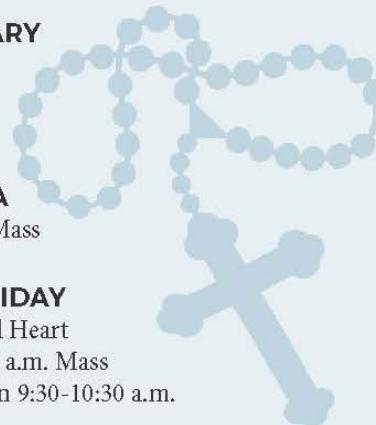
Novena to the Sacred Heart
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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 March 2, 2024
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 3, 2024
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



Third Sunday
of Lent
March 3, 2024

For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

-1 Corinthians 1:22-25



March 4 - March 10

- Monday:** Deacon Walter Henderson
by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
- Tuesday:** Deacon Bill Alexiou by the Brazzolottos †
- Wednesday:** Rodney Martin by Jay Benson
- Thursday:** Josephine Bruce by Jared Musgrove †
- Friday:** Wayne Adams by Virginia Crapet †
- Saturday:** Matthew Brazzolotto by Susan Moseley
- Sunday:** Wayne Adams by the Brazzolottos †
For the People

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Ron & Diana Markeyich, 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 Connor 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 March 4- March 10

- Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42; Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday:** Dan 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25; Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday:** Deut 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95; Lk 11:14-23
- Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81; Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51; Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday:** 2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Today's Readings



First Reading— I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery (Exodus 20:1-17).

Psalm — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19).

Second Reading — Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 1:22-25).

Gospel — While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing (John 2:13-25).

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

“The practice properly called “eucharistic adoration” refers specifically to praying before the Eucharist outside of a liturgical setting, when it has been reserved or exposed in a sacred vessel.” (20 Answers on the Eucharist, page 57)

“During the period of adoration, the faithful may offer up either spontaneous prayers or formal prayers such as the rosary. However, the Eucharist may not be exposed for the sole purpose of formal prayers. The Congregation for Divine Worship in the 1998 edition of *Notitiae* said, “One should not expose the Eucharist only to recite the rosary. However, among the prayers that are used during adoration, the recitation of the rosary may certainly be included, emphasizing the Christological aspects with biblical readings relating to the mysteries, and providing time for silent adoration and meditation on them.”” (Page 58)

In our parish, we have formal eucharistic adoration, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on First Friday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. (following Mass), Second Wednesday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. (in Spanish, following Mass), and Third Sunday from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Anytime the church is open, people may pray before the tabernacle, where the Eucharist is reserved. That is considered Eucharistic Adoration, too.

Once the host has been consecrated during Mass, it remains the Body and Blood of Christ as long as it remains in the form of bread. The consecrated hosts are reserved in the tabernacle so they can be taken to those unable to attend Mass through no fault of their own. Since the tabernacle is the dwelling place of the Blessed Sacrament, Christ, in the form of the Eucharistic host, can be adored at any time.

Christ, the Risen Lord, is truly present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, in the Eucharistic species. To pray before the Eucharist is to pray before Christ.

Catholic Relief Services Collection



Next weekend, March 9th & 10th, we will take up a second collection-The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

SHOWER OF BLESSINGS THANK YOU!

Thank you OLL parishioners for all that you did to make Sunday's Shower of Blessings a success and for those who have prayed for the unborn, prayed for the success of Ann's New Life Center including the Directors, staff and volunteers.

For those who donate monthly whether it be \$10 or \$200, keep up the good work. The lights are on, the doors are open, and the Director, Susan Meredith told us today, they saw 4,000 clients last year!

Thanks to those who purchase, knit, and crochet, items for ANLC clients to earn for their babies through the Earn While You Learn program. Also, for those who volunteer at the center, or set up, bake, clean up, help load the trucks, hand out & collect bottles, and carry the donations to the center, for the annual shower of blessings.

Thanks to Father Bill who allows this to happen, and leads us in prayer and understanding year after year, thank you for your perseverance in teaching us the value of life.

You are all amazing and none of this would have been possible without God working through all of you!
—Sharon Stice

PRESENTATION ON ANNULMENTS

There will be a presentation on Church annulments on **Sunday, March 17th**, between the morning masses in the Hall. Jorge Solis, a parishioner and Advocate for the Diocese of Birmingham Marriage Tribunal, will give information and answer questions. Anyone interested in finding out more about this pastoral/healing process should attend.

Offertory Collection

July 2023 — June 2024

	Actual	Needed weekly
February 25 2024	\$6,504	\$7,264
Year to Date	\$252,145	\$254,240



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.

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

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

March 6, 2024 - March 10, 2024

WEDNESDAY MASS

3/6/2024 7:00 PM

Lector: Bernie Funderburg
Minister: Deacon

SATURDAY MASS

3/9/2024 5:00 PM

Greeters: Paige Everett, Allen Ross
Lectors: Buddy Spradley, Christy Whaley
Ministers: Susan Moseley, Tom Graffo
Altar Servers: Bernie & Corey Funderburg
Ushers: Amy Carreker, Jim Gorman

SUNDAY MASS

3/10/2024 8:30 AM

Greeters: The Muellers, Debra Beavers
Lectors: Sarah Brazzolotto, Teri Gagliano
Ministers: Jane Snider, Stephen Reese,
Brenda Rochford, Anita Allor
Altar Servers: John Bryant, Michael Gagliano
Ushers: Paul Thomas, Phillip Thomaston,
Bill Bethell, Bit Thomaston

3/10/2024 11:15 AM

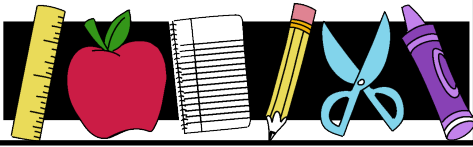
Greeters: The Bluhm Family
Lectors: Mary Adams, Doug Ross
Ministers: James Raynor, Chris Gallegly
Altar Servers: Logan Bluhm,
Tommie Ann Johnson
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Jerrold Bluhm,
Emily Bluhm, John Bluhm

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:

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

March 17 - RE-9:45 am

- RE Confessions- Confirmation Class
& High School

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

Isabelle Boyle

First Communion (May 5th)

Victoria Escobedo

Rylan Knight

Annalee Perez-Rodriguez

Samuel Vazquez

Sophia Zubia

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](https://bhmdiocese.org/revivalpilgrimage).



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

**Daylight Savings Time
Begins Sunday,
March 10, 2024**



Make sure you set your clocks ahead the evening before!



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

We announce the upcoming marriage of Samantha Kay Reach of Our Lady of the Lake Parish and Jake Thomas Kiser of Piedmont, Alabama, who will be married at Our Lady of the Lake church on March 23rd.

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 Mar 3, 2024—March 10, 2024

Sunday— March 3

Mass-8:30 am

**Bishop Raica- Mass 11:15 am,
Blessing of the Columbarium after Mass
Reception in the Hall following**

KOC Men's Bible Study— 9:45 am

RE— 9:45 am

RE Confessions— 2nd,3rd & 4th grades

Monday—March 4

Mass 9:00 am

Tuesday— March 5

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study— 9:45 am

RCIA— 7:00 pm

Wednesday—March 6

Mass— 7:00 pm

Youth Group— 5:30 pm

Thursday— March 7

Mass-9:00 am

Legion of Mary— 6:30 pm

Friday— March 8

Mass— 9:00 am

KOC Fish Fry-5:00-6:30 pm

Stations of the Cross— 7:00 pm

Saturday — March 9

KOC Prayer Service— 10:00 am

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass— 5:00 pm

Sunday— March 10

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Masses-8:30 & 11:15 am

KOC Men's Bible Study— 9:45 am

RE— 9:45 am

RE Confessions— 5th, 6th & 7th grades