



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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Email parish@ollpellcity.com
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

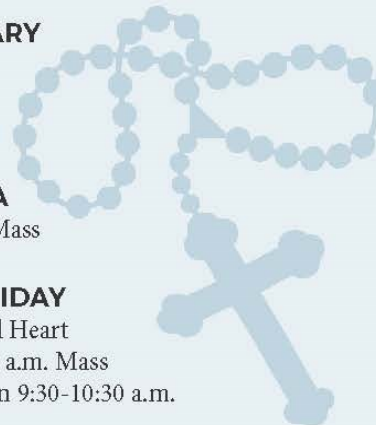
Novena to the Sacred Heart
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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 March 23, 2024
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 24, 2024
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



*Palm Sunday of
the Passion of the
Lord*
March 24, 2024

*Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord!*

-Mark 11:9-10



March 25 - March 31

- Monday:** Deacon Dennis Kobs by the Brazzolottos †
- Tuesday:** D. Christine Lambert
by Alan & Christy Whaley †
- Wednesday:** Fr. Charles McCabe by Fr. William Lucas †
- Thursday:** Ron Stasko by KOC 12270 †
- Friday:** No Mass
- Saturday:** Walt Smith by Susan Moseley †
- Sunday:** Deceased Members of KOC 12270 †
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, Thomas Mark Jones

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 25- March 31

- Monday:** Isaiah 42:1-7; Ps 27; Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday:** Isaiah 49:1-6; Ps 71; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday:** Isaiah 50:4-9a; Ps 69; Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16c, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
- Friday:** Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42
- Saturday:** Gen 1:1—2:2; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; Ex 14:15-15:1; Ps Ex 15:1-2; 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 55:1-11; Ps Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7
- Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

Today's Readings



First Reading— The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me (Psalm 22)?

Second Reading — Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — You will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven (Mark 14:1—15:47).

HOLY WEEK

We are beginning that special week of the year we call Holy Week. During this week we recount the words and deeds of Jesus Christ from His entry into Jerusalem through His passion and death and concluding with His resurrection.

There is no other week like it during the Liturgical Year.

From Ash Wednesday through Palm Sunday is Forty days. Our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during that time is designed to prepare us to enter more deeply into the spiritual dimension of these events. If we have entered whole-heartedly into the disciplines of Lent, we should expect a more powerful experience of Holy Week.

Lent is about loosening our attachment to the things of this world so we can strengthen our attachment to the Creator of this world. We sometimes fall into the trap of worshipping the creation instead of the Creator. We give more importance to material things than we do to God. We pray, fast, and give alms in order to put our lives back in their proper order. We die to self in order to live for God.

In the events of Holy Week Jesus gives the ultimate example of living for God. His prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane captures this: "Father; if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done." (Luke 22, 42)

Jesus' passion and death were God's will. We committed the sins, but Jesus suffered the punishments for our sins. He was innocent, but willingly suffered for the guilty.

Jesus' resurrection from the dead was also God's will. When we die to self and live for God, the result is new life. That new life is better than the old life of living for ourselves. Jesus shows us the way. It is the way of the cross.



Holy Week

Holy Week Schedule

Tuesday, March 26th

Chrism Mass at St. Paul's Cathedral- 10:30 am
No Mass at OLL

Thursday, March 28th

Holy Thursday Mass- 7:00 pm
Adoration until Midnight- Knights of Columbus

Good Friday, March 29th

Confessions- 9:00 am
Stations of the Cross- 3:00 pm
The Passion of the Lord- 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 30th

Blessing of the Foods- 10:00 am
The Easter Vigil Mass- 8:00 pm

Sunday, March 31st

Easter Sunday Masses 8:30 and 11:15 am
Easter Egg Hunt between Masses
RCIA reception between Masses



**Our Lady of the Lake
Living Stations of the
Cross
Sunday, March 24,
2024
8:00 pm**

Easter Basket Blessing

(Swieconka:sh-vee-en-soon-kah)

10:00 am- March 30, 2024- OLL

This is an ancient Polish tradition of blessing the foods to be eaten on Easter Sunday. The foods are brought to the church in a white linen lined basket, decorated with a sprig of boxwood. The baskets contain foods such as *Pisanki* (decorated eggs), butter lamb or cake, ham, kielbasa, beets, horseradish, babka, bread, salt/pepper, vinegar, wine and cheese.

Bring your family and take part in this old Polish tradition.

Offertory Collection

July 2023 — June 2024

Actual **Needed**
weekly

No reporting
this week

Year to Date



Chair: Brenda Rochford
edenrochford@yahoo.com

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Jorge.Solis@butlersnow.com

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Meagan Price: meaganfprice@gmail.com

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

Redemptive Healing in Christ and His Church

April 12-14, 2024

Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat Center

107 Holy Trinity Road Fort Mitchell, AL 36856
Begins: 6:00 pm Central on Friday

Speaker: Tom Riello, Chair of Theology and Director of Faith Formation at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School and Adult Director of Faith Formation at Holy Spirit Parish in Montgomery.

Retreat discussions will include:

- The Lord my Healer
- The life and cry of Jacob
- Paul and the Cross
- The Suffering Servant
- St. John Paul II theology of suffering



Retreat Fee: \$198 per person
(includes \$90 non-refundable deposit)
Day Hop Fee: \$90 per person (includes \$45 non-refundable deposit)
Register online at msbt.org/event/bible-institute-2024

Swieconka* Blessing of the Baskets

Bishop Steven Raica
Cathedral of St. Paul
Holy Saturday, March 30th
9:00 am All are welcome!

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.

If you have already signed up, please pay the \$25. You can drop your check off at the office or outside office dropbox. You may also put in the offertory basket, be sure and note the check is for the pilgrimage.

HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION

It is traditional on Holy Thursday to take up a collection for the poor. This year we will use the money collected to contribute to our Social Concerns fund which assists with the basic needs in our community, particularly utility assistance.

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 bham-cathgrad@gmail.com. Deadline to register is March 31st.



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 St. Paul's Letters from Prison.

Job Postings

The Diocese of Birmingham Chancery is accepting applications for the positions of Maintenance Technician and Director of Camp Tekakwitha.

Interested applicants are asked to submit a completed [Application for Employment](#), along with their cover letter and resume to ethibodeauz@bhmdiocese.org. Go to [bhmdiocese.org/employment](#) to see the full position descriptions.



PRO LIFE CORNER

Ann's New Life Pregnancy Medical Center Wish List

**Needed: Size 4 Diapers
Size 6 Diapers**

3440 Martin Street South, Suite 1, Cropwell, AL 35054
205-338-4580

Hours of Operation:
Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 am-4:00 pm
24/7 Hotline: 1-800-712-4357

Assignments

March 27, 2024 - March 31, 2024

WEDNESDAY MASS

3/27/2024 7:00 PM

Lectors: Teri Gagliano
Ministers: Deacon

HOLY THURSDAY MASS

3/28/2024 7:00 PM

Greeters: Galiano/Thomas/Sadler
Lectors: Mary Burns, Dennis Veigl
Ministers: Deacons
Altar Servers: Tom Graffo, Roger Carreker
Ushers: Michael & Teri Gagliano

PASSION OF OUR LORD

3/29/2024 7:00 PM

Greeters: Parma Boyle, Allen Ross
Lectors: Lexie Smith, Doug Ross
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Paul Thomas

EASTER VIGIL MASS

3/30/2024 8:00 PM

Greeters: Jim & Julie Mathis
Lectors: Teri Gagliano, Jane Snider, Sarah Brazzolotto, Carl Rochford
Ministers: Deacons
Altar Servers: Stephen Reese, James Raynor
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Teri Gagliano, TBD

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

3/31/2024 8:30 AM

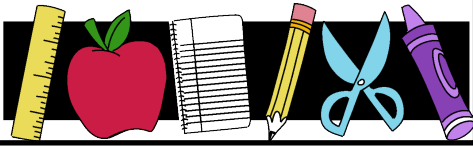
Greeters: Diana Stephens, The Thomastons
Lectors: Carey Monistere, Shelly Hamman
Ministers: Jorge Solis, Edgar Solis, Michael Gagliano, Sophie Alvarez
Altar Servers: John Bryant, Otto Mueller
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston Bill Bethell, Bart Perry

3/31/2024 11:15 AM

Greeters: P Cowart/P Lopez, Grace Troncalli
Lectors: Larry Foltz, Stephanie Fischer
Ministers: Chris Gallegly, Martha Hayes
Altar Servers: Logan Bluhm, Tommie Ann Johnson
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Lexie Smith, Danny Smith, Jeff Smith



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Looking Ahead:

March 24 - RE-9:45 am

Living Stations- 8:00 pm

March 31 **Easter**

No RE- Easter Egg Hunt after
8:30 Mass

April 7- RE- 9:45 am

April 10- Youth Group- 5:30 pm

April 14- RE- 9:45 am

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**



**Her Choice Birmingham
Women's Center
20th Annual GOLF FORE LIFE
Friday, May 17, 2024
Highland Park Golf Course**

Registration 7:45 am–Tee Off 9:00 am
Cost-\$250 (\$125 Tax Deductible) per golfer
Box Lunch and Prizes awarded immediately
following the tournament.

This ministry exists to help women facing a crisis pregnancy
choose life, and to support them in that decision. Come and
play golf and **defend the culture of life.**

Contact Jim Pinto 205-447-8799/252-0706 or email
Golf4life@herchoicebirmingham.org.
You may pay on the day of the event,
go online or mail check to:
Her Choice Birmingham, 2120 7th Ave South,
Birmingham, AL 35233

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 will be held at St. Bernard Abbey in
Cullman, AL.

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 March 24, 2024—March 31, 2024

Sunday— March 24— Palm Sunday

Masses-8:30 & 11:15 am
KOC Men's Bible Study— 9:45 am
RE— 9:45 am
Living Stations-8:00 pm

Monday—March 25

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

Tuesday— March 26

No 9:00 am Mass
Bible Study— 9:45 am
Chrism Mass-Cathedral- 10:30 am
RCIA— 7:00 pm

Wednesday—March 27

Confessions— 6:00 pm
Mass— 7:00 pm

Thursday— March 28

Parish Office Closed
Holy Thursday Mass— 7:00 pm
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Friday— March 29— Good Friday

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