



# 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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Fax 205-525-5162  
Email [parish@ollpellcity.com](mailto: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

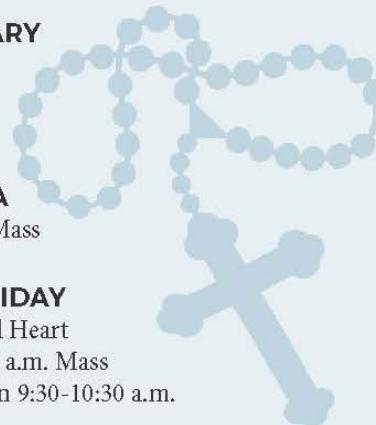
Novena to the Sacred Heart  
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass  
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

## HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

Third Sunday of every month 7:00 p.m.  
Second Wednesday of every month | *Exposicion del  
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 March 30, 2024  
Mass 8:00 pm

Sunday, March 31, 2024  
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



*Easter Sunday of the  
Resurrection of the  
Lord  
March 31, 2024*

*To him all the prophets bear witness, that  
everyone who believes in him will receive  
forgiveness of sins through his name.*

*-Acts 10:43*



April 1 - April 7

- Monday:** Bob Van Gundy by Bill & Shelly Hamman †
- Tuesday:** Beth Martin by Jerry & Brenda Kern †
- Wednesday:** Betty Nicholas by Bob & Karen Hand †
- Thursday:** Alan & Christie Whaley
- Friday:** Wayne Adams by KOC 12270 †
- Saturday:** Fr. Michael Sexton by Susan Moseley
- Sunday:** Yolie Roy by the Brazzolottos †  
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 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 Morteck, 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, Jackie Gross, Mary Esther  
Krantz, Bill Hereford, Thomas Mark Jones,  
Robert Menefee

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 April 1- April 7

- Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16; Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33; Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105; Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8; Lk 24:35-48
- Friday:** Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118; Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118; Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

## Today's Readings



**First Reading**— We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem (Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43).

**Psalm** — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — Think of what is above, not of what is on earth (Colossians 3:1-4).

**Gospel** — For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead (John 20:1-9).

## EASTER MESSAGE

He is Risen! Alleluia! The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead makes all the difference in the world. As Pope Benedict XVI wrote, "For the Christian, there is always a future." Jesus, in His great love for us, died for our sins. But the Father raised Him from the dead, so that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who for our sakes died and rose again. (2Corinthians 5, 15)

All that Jesus taught and all He did are vindicated in the resurrection. Jesus Christ is, "the way and the truth and the life." (John 14, 6) By following Jesus Christ, we will share in the resurrection and eternal life that He alone gives.

Every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection. But on Easter Sunday we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ in a more intense way. The period of penance during Lent was meant to prepare our minds and hearts to live this truth.

There may have been times in our lives where we did not live for Christ. His resurrection gives us hope that God's love is stronger than sin because God's love is stronger than death, which is the consequence of sin. We can live for Christ in the present because Christ is alive and intercedes to the Father on our behalf. (1John 2, 12)

Easter is also an opportunity to give thanks because, though we may have given up on God, God has never given up on us. The annual celebration of Easter is a reminder of this belief.

The Easter Season lasts 50 days. As we hear the teachings of Jesus, we reflect that these teachings come from the risen Lord rather than from a wise human being. They are what we call, "The True Truth."

## 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.

**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.**

## Divine Mercy Sunday April 7, 2024 Celebration Adoration-2:00 pm Chaplet-3:00 pm



Bible  
STUDY  
Join us!

## Our Lady of the Lake Bible Study

Join us at 9:45 am on Tuesdays in the Parish Hall Conference Room. We are currently studying St Paul's Letters from Prison.



## Offertory Collection

July 2023 — June 2024

	Actual	Needed weekly
March 17, 2024	\$7,706	\$7,264
Year to Date	\$283,212	\$276,032



**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](https://msbt.org/event/bible-institute-2024)

## 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](mailto:ethibodeauz@bhmdiocese.org). Go to [bhmdiocese.org/employment](https://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:

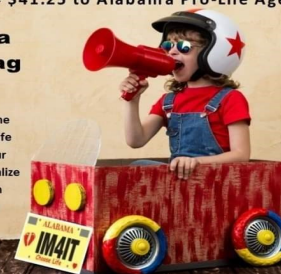
Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 am-4:00 pm

24/7 Hotline: 1-800-712-4357

**BUY A TAG = SAVE A BABY**  
Tag Fee of \$50 = \$41.25 to Alabama Pro-Life Agencies

**Switching to a Choose Life Tag is EASY!**

Take your renewal notice to the DMV and ask for the Choose Life Tag. \$50 will be added to your renewal fee. For link to personalize your tag or more information visit: [ChooseLifeAlabama.org](https://ChooseLifeAlabama.org)



NEW TAG DESIGN

## Rosary Prayer Service

For an End to Gun violence in our Communities

Saturday, April 13, 2024 @ 10:30 AM

Historic Holy Rosary Catholic Church  
7414 Georgia Rd  
Birmingham, AL 35122  
*Fr. Eric Gami- Pastor*

### Guest Speakers:

- Mr. Deon Arnold, Holy Family Cristo Rey Catholic High School
- Deacon Danny Rodgers, Holy Rosary Food Pantry & Firehouse Ministries
- Fr. Philip Paxton, CP, Passionisty Community

FOR MORE INFO AND RSVP, TEXT (NOT CALL) DCN. WALTER  
HENDERSON/ 205-222-2010

*Co-sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Black Catholic Ministry &  
Guadalupe Radio Network*



## Assignments

*April 3, 2024 - April 7, 2024*

### WEDNESDAY MASS

**4/3/2024 7:00 PM**

**Lectors:** Charmaine Welch  
**Ministers:** Deacon

### SATURDAY MASS

**4/6/2024 5:00 PM**

**Greeters:** Paige Everett, Dawn Adamson  
**Lectors:** Susan Moseley, Sarah Brazzolotto  
**Ministers:** Buddy Spradley, Allen Ross  
**Altar Servers:** Andy Payant, Tom Michaels  
**Ushers:** Amy Carreker, Jim Gorman

### SUNDAY MASSES

**4/7/2024 8:30 AM**

**Greeters:** Alexis Allor, Poteracki/Alvarez  
**Lectors:** Karen Reese, Robert Lewis  
**Ministers:** Jorge Solis, Ronni Thomas  
Paul Thomas, Sophie Alvarez  
**Altar Servers:** Michael Gagliano, David Hogan  
**Ushers:** Paul Thomas, Dennis Veigl  
Robert Paulitzky, Phillip Thomaston

**4/7/2024 11:15 AM**

**Greeters:** The Bluhm Family  
**Lectors:** Gloria Raynor, Mary Adams  
**Ministers:** Lexie Smith, James Raynor  
**Altar Servers:** Jhon Paul & Natalie Rodgers  
**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.**

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# 2024

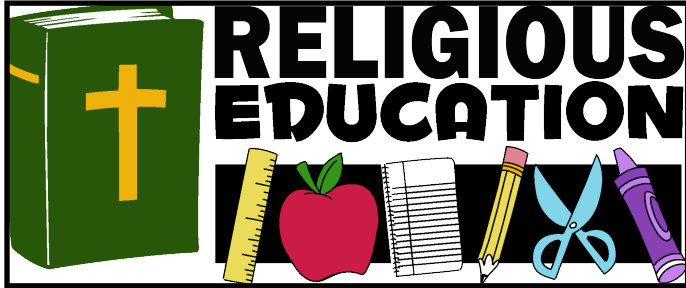
## SEMI FORMAL

13 APRIL 2024  
AT 7:00 PM

AGES 18-30

TICKETS: \$10  
STUDENT ID: GET IN FREE

CATHEDRAL OF ST. PAUL, GREAT HALL



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Looking Ahead:

- March 31** Easter  
No RE– Easter Egg Hunt after  
8:30 Mass
- April 3** Youth Group– 5:30 pm
- April 7** RE– 9:45 am
- April 14** RE– 9:45 am
- April 17** Youth Group– 5:30 pm
- April 21** 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!*

# FORMED

THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

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and ON DEMAND for FREE with our  
Parish code:

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## **PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENTS**

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

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

Emily Bluhm  
Natalie Dempsey  
Morgan Johnson  
Shayla Largadas  
Keller Perry  
Natalie Rodgers  
Isabelle Boyle

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

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>.



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](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 March 31, 2024–April 7, 2024

### **Sunday– March 31– Easter Sunday**

Masses-8:30 & 11:15 am  
Easter Egg Hunt between Masses  
RCIA Reception-9:45 am

### **Monday–April 1**

Parish Office Closed  
Mass 9:00 am

### **Tuesday– April 2**

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

### **Wednesday–April 3**

Youth Group– 5:30 pm  
Mass– 7:00 pm

### **Thursday– April 4**

Mass– 9:00 am  
Legion of Mary– 6:30 pm

### **Friday– April 5**

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

### **Saturday – April 6**

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

### **Sunday– April 7**

Masses-8:30 & 11:15 am  
RE– 9:45 am  
KOC Men's Bible Study– 9:45 am  
Divine Mercy Celebration 2:00-3:30 pm