



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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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

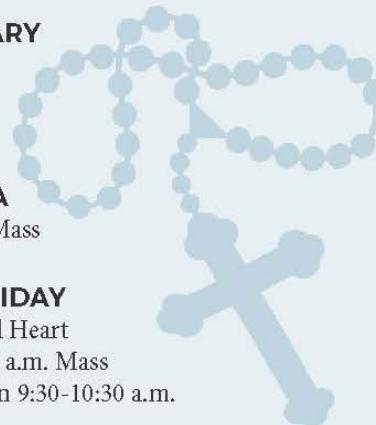
Novena to the Sacred Heart
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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 April 13, 2024
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 14 2024
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024

Then he opened their minds to understand
the Scriptures.

-Luke 24:45



April 15 - April 21

- Monday:** Betty Huetteman by the Brazzolottos †
- Tuesday:** Fr. Charles McCabe by Fr. William Lucas †
- Wednesday:** Jorge Gonzales by James & Gloria Raynor †
- Thursday:** Deena Whaley by Alan & Christy Whaley †
- Friday:** James W. Gregg by KOC 12270 †
- Saturday:** Trudi & Andy McClay by the Zielinskis †
- Sunday:** Valerie Kern by Jerry & Brenda Kern †
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, Konnor Stone, Pat Roberts, Bill & Dee Watkins, Emily Bell Smith, Mary LaFleur, Micky Zielinski, Jim Reilly, Connie Parsons, Gayle Huff, Randy Gray, Jackie Gross, Larry & 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 or call 205-613-1053.

Weekly Readings April 15- April 21

- Monday:** Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119; Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday:** Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31; Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66; Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66; Jn 6:44-51
- Friday:** Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117; Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116; Jn 6:60-69
- Sunday:** Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Today's Readings



First Reading— Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away (Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19).

Psalm — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

Second Reading — But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him (1 John 2:1-5a).

Gospel — The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread (Luke 24:35-48).

INFORMATION OR PROVOCATION?

I hear people say that when they watch the news on television, they get angry. My response to that is, "Stop watching the news on television."

For years I watched the national "news" and the evening "commentary" shows on news channels. Slowly, I had a growing sense that I was being manipulated. I didn't like that feeling, so I stopped watching those shows. The programs were trying to incite me to anger so I would watch them more often. The reason for that was so they could increase their viewership and charge more for their advertising. They did not care about truth or facts. They were using me to get more attention so they could make more money.

As someone who spent a great deal of my life manipulating others to get attention, I understand how that works. It was a great lesson in how other people felt around me as I was manipulating them. "News" shows don't want to inform their viewers or listeners. They want to provoke them. The more provocative they are, the higher their ratings will be, and the more money they will make.

When people tell me about something they saw or heard on the news, I give it "the smell test." If it smells "fishy", there is probably some form of manipulation going on. Someone is trying to deceive their viewers or listeners to get them "fired up" and pay more attention to that "news" source. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. If it sounds too bad to be true, it probably is.

What information people want to consume reveals a lot about them rather than about the state of the world. However, if something or someone causes you to sin, you should distance yourself from whatever or whoever that is. If you don't, the responsibility is yours.

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament- Saturday April 20th

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



Confirmation- April 27th- 5:00 pm

Bishop Baker will be at Our Lady of the Lake to confirm seven candidates on Saturday April 27th.

Catholic Home Mission Appeal

We will take up the Home Missions Appeal the weekend of **April 27th and 28th**. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the U.S. and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Please be generous!

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 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
April 7, 2024	\$6,346	\$7,264
Year to Date	\$304,992	\$297,824

Building Fund Collection

July 2023 — June 2024	Actual	Needed Monthly
Building Fund— Month of March	\$5,442	\$2,720
Year to Date	\$46,737	\$27,200



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



Surfsiders

The Surfsiders will have their monthly meeting **Wednesday, April 17th at 10:00 am** in the Parish Hall. This includes a potluck lunch, games and fellowship. **All seniors are invited!**



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:

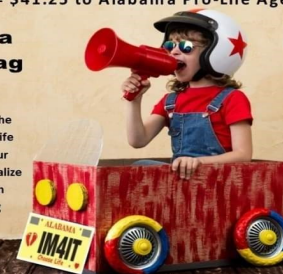
Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 am-4:00 pm

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



NEW TAG DESIGN

Magnificat Breakfast

The Magnificat Breakfast will be held on **Saturday, May 4th** from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Elias Maronite Church in the Parish Hall. Our speaker, Denise Mercado,



is an award-winning author and blogger who has done extensive research into the beauty and history of the Catholic Church. Through her writings, she hopes to inspire others to overcome the difficulties of life with the gift of God.

A ticket is \$20 and includes a catered breakfast. Tickets are available online at BirminghamMagnificat.org or by contacting Lucy at (205) 529-0259 or from Alpha Church Supply and Holy Roses Flowers and Gifts. No tickets are sold at the door or after April 28th.

Diocesan Padre Pio Group

The Padre Pio Prayer group will meet on **Saturday, April 20th** at 10:00 am at our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Homewood, AL. All are welcome to join for an hour of prayer/rosary/adoration and Holy Mass led by Fr. Eric Gami. For more information, contact Angela Kolar at angkolar@att.net or 205-410-2033.



The Christian Love Pantry

The Christian Love Pantry is helping the poor in the St. Clair County area. To assist them we are collecting canned soup at the church. You can leave donations in either vestibule.

There is also a box for cash donations in each vestibule. If you prefer, you may drop your donation at the parish office during normal office hours.

Goal –400 cans/month
Total for March 2024 – 258 cans
Please consider donating \$1 per week

Assignments

April 17, 2024 - April 21, 2024

WEDNESDAY MASS

4/17/2024 7:00 PM

Lectors: Sarah Brazzolotto
Ministers: Deacon

SATURDAY MASS

4/20/2024 5:00 PM

Greeters: Jim & Julie Mathis
Lectors: Christie Whaley, Pat Bluhm
Ministers: Edgar Solis, Allen Ross
Altar Servers: Andy Payant, Roger Carreker
Ushers: Karen Hand, Sam Marston

SUNDAY MASSES

4/21/2024 8:30 AM

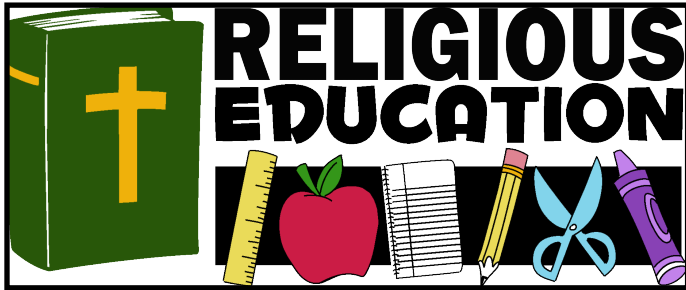
Greeters: Bill Bethell, Amelia Reese
Lectors: Meagan Price, Jorge Solis
Ministers: Sonya Lewis, Michael Gagliano
Teri Gagliano, Anita Allor
Altar Servers: Dennis Veigl, David Blaylock
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Paul Thomas
Phillip & Bit Thomaston

4/21/2024 11:15 AM

Greeters: Brenda Monte, R&C Betz
Lectors: Lexie Smith, Stephanie Fischer
Ministers: Gloria Raynor, Michael Poteracki
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:

- April 14** RE– 9:45 am
April 17 Youth Group– 5:30 pm
April 21 RE– 9:45 am
April 27 Confirmation-5:00 pm Mass
Reception to follow in the Hall
April 28 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:

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>.



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 April 14, 2024—April 21, 2024

Sunday— April 14

Masses-8:30 & 11:15 am

RE— 9:45 am

KOC Men's Bible Study— 9:45 am

Monday—April 15

Mass 9:00 am

Tuesday— April 16

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study— 9:45 am

Wednesday—April 17

Surfsiders— 10:00 am

Youth Group— 5:30 pm

Mass— 7:00 pm

Pastoral Council— 7:30 pm

Thursday— April 18

Mass— 9:00 am

Liturgy Committee Meeting— 6:00 pm

Legion of Mary— 6:30 pm

Friday— April 19

Mass— 9:00 am

Saturday — April 20

Pilgrimage to Hanceville— 7:00 am-5:00 pm

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass— 5:00 pm

Pilgrim Virgin- 6:30 pm

Sunday— April 21

Masses-8:30 & 11:15 am

RE— 9:45 am

KOC Men's Bible Study— 9:45 am

Holy Hour— 7:00 pm