



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

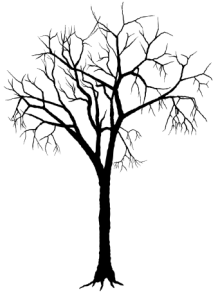


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Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday April 27, 2024
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 28, 2024
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



*Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024*

*I am the vine, you are the branches
-John 15:5*



April 29 - May 5

- Monday:** Richard Smith by Walton Smith †
- Tuesday:** Alfonso Gonzalez by James & Gloria Raynor †
- Wednesday:** Alan & Christy Whaley
- Thursday:** Robert Davidson by the Brazzolottos †
- Friday:** Andy McClay by the Zielinskis †
- Saturday:** Trudi & Andy McClay by the Zielinskis †
- Sunday:** For the People
Alcira Gonzalez by James & Gloria Raynor †

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Ron & Diana Markeyich, Juanita Crowson, Toni James, Bob Walsh, Fred Brown, Silvia Moten, Bill & Loretta Frost, David & Audrey Springer, Christine Jaks, Jeanie Reid, Janice Stella, Frank Troncalli, Angela Ledlow, Michael Brayman, Lee Walsler, Geri Bunt, Charles & Libby LaFleur, Marcia Mortek, Margaret Banks, Jose Riveria, Helen Turner, George Sobolowski, Jimmy Hollis, Connor 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, Thomas Mark Jones, Phillip Thomaston, Buddy Spradley

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 29- May 5

- Monday:** Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115; Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145; Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122; Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96; Jn 15:9-11
- Friday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19; Jn 14:6-14
- Saturday:** Acts 16: 1-10; Ps 100; Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday:** Acts 10:25-26; 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Today's Readings



First Reading— The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. (Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — For God is greater than our hearts and knows everything (1 John 3:18-24).

Gospel — Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing (John 15:1-8).

“INFINITE DIGNITY”

On April 8, 2024, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a Declaration entitled, “Dignitas Infinita”, in English, “Infinite Dignity”. This declaration is the fruit of **five years** of consultation with the world’s bishops, including the Bishop of Rome.

The Prefect of the Dicastery, Victor Manuel Cardinal Fernandez, writes, “This Declaration does not set out to exhaust such a rich and crucial subject. Instead, its aim is to offer some points of reflection that can help us maintain an awareness of human dignity amid the complex historical moment in which we are living. This is so that we may not lose our way and open ourselves to more wounds and profound sufferings amid the numerous concerns and anxieties of our time.”

The Introduction notes that we have recently observed the 75th anniversary of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* issued by the United Nations General Assembly. (Paragraph 2) This declaration was based on the belief that, “Every human person possesses an infinite dignity, inalienably grounded in his or her very being, which prevails in and beyond every circumstance, state, or situation the person may ever encounter.” (#1)

The declaration emphasizes *ontological dignity*, which it defines as belonging to the person, “as such simply because he or she exists and is willed, created, and loved by God.” (#7) From that belief, a person may speak of *moral dignity*, “how people exercise their freedom.” (#7); *social dignity*, “the quality of a person’s living conditions”; and *existential dignity*, “the type of dignity implied in the discussion of a “dignified” life”. (#8) The ontological dignity of the person must always be considered when speaking of the other types of dignity.

No matter what capacities the person may possess or lack, they still maintain their ontological dignity as created and willed by God.

(Next Week: The Centrality of Human Dignity)

Thank you

“Thank you so much for the beautiful Shower of Blessings reception for Ann’s New Life. I was touched by the kindness shown by your parishioners and also by Michelle’s beautiful pregnancy journey. Thank you for all of the ongoing support for Ann’s. Our Lady of the Lake is a wonderful blessing for Ann’s and we are very grateful.”

Susan Meredith, Director of Ann’s New Life Center

First Holy Communion May 5th 11:15 am Mass



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**

Camp St. Bernard

Camp St. Bernard offers an overnight and day experience for campers ages 6-14. Spaces are still available for this traditional Catholic summer camp. More information is available on the website campstbernard.com. This affordable summer camp runs weekly sessions Sunday afternoon through Friday afternoon for campers to experience God's gifts through nature, friendship, and St. Bernard Abbey. Feel free to contact campstbernard@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Offertory Collection

July 2023 — June 2024

	Actual	Needed weekly
April 21 Offertory	\$10,625	\$7,264
Year to Date	\$326,651	\$312,352



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

Scholarship Announcement

The Italian American Heritage Society is announcing the opportunity for a \$1000 Scholarship based on the winning essay, "What My Italian Heritage Means to Me." To be eligible to participate, the applicant must have a relative who is a society member. Also, the person submitting the essay must be currently enrolled at the college level or a high school senior who has been accepted at a college. **The deadline for submitting the essay is May 31, 2024.** Two (2) \$1000 scholarships will be awarded. Go to the website for Scholarship Guidelines:

iahsbham.com



**Ascension
St. Vincent's**

"On Your Terms" Educational Workshop

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

8:30 am-3:00 pm

Ascension St. Vincent's Birmingham
Bruno Conference Center Auditorium
806 St. Vincent's Drive
Birmingham, AL 35205

This educational program will provide insights on the topic of death and dying. Geared toward cancer survivors, this program invites participants to experience death and dying as a healthy part of life, including planning and preparation, the moment of death, the grieving and the living on.

Moderated by Louis Josof. Lunch will be provided and parking is free

Registration is required by calling 205-939-7884.



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

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.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

We announce the upcoming marriage of Rachel Christine Cotton and Alec Thomas Nittinger, both of Our Lady of the Lake Parish, to be married in our church on May 11, 2024.



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 April 2024 to date – 65 cans

Please consider donating \$1 per week

Assignments

May 1, 2024 - May 5, 2024

WEDNESDAY MASS

5/1/2024 7:00 PM

Lectors: Teri Gagliano
Ministers: Deacon

SATURDAY MASS-

5/4/2024 5:00 PM

Greeters: Paige Everett, Allen Ross
Lectors: Marguerite Gorman, Martha Hayes
Ministers: Allen Ross, Edgar Solis
Altar Servers: Chris Gallegly, Otto Mueller
Ushers: Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

SUNDAY MASSES

5/5/2024 8:30 AM

Greeters: Brenda Rochford, The Thomastons
Lectors: Sarah Brazzolotto, Teri Gagliano
Ministers: Jane Snider, Stephen Reese, Brenda Rochford, Anita Allor
Altar Servers: Michael Gagliano, David Hogan
Ushers: Paul Thomas, Belia Solis Bit & Phillip Thomaston

5/5/2024 11:15 AM

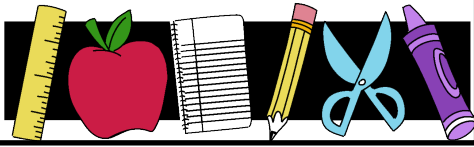
Greeters: The Bluhm Family
Lectors: Mary Adams, Doug Ross
Ministers: Lexie Smith, Michael Poteracki
Altar Servers: Logan Bluhm, Tommie Ann Johnson
Ushers: Jerrold Bluhm, Emily Bluhm, John Bluhm

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 28** RE– 9:45 am
- May 5** RE– 9:45 am
First Holy Communion– 11:15 am
- May 8** Youth Group– 5:30 pm
- May 12** May Crowning-after 8:30 am Mass
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 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please pray for the following people who will be receiving First Holy Communion on May 5th.

Victoria Escobedo
Rylan Knight
Annalee Perez-Rodriguez
Samuel Vazquez
Sophia Zubia

Welcome the Newest Parishioners to Our Lady of the Lake!

Luke and Kristi Lael
Marlene Tousignant
William & Christie Stubbs
Tina Goodyear-Odom



OLL Vacation Bible School

June 17-21, 2024
5:30 pm-8:00 pm each night
Please sign up on the sheets in the foyer if you can help!





**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 28, 2024–May 5, 2024

Sunday– April 28

Masses-8:30 & 11:15 am

RE– 9:45 am

KOC Men's Bible Study– 9:45 am

Monday–April 29

Mass 9:00 am

Tuesday– April 30

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study– 9:45 am

Wednesday–May 1

Mass– 7:00 pm

Thursday– May 2

Mass– 9:00 am

Legion of Mary– 6:30 pm

Friday– May 3

Mass– 9:00 am

First Friday Adoration– 9:30-10:30 am

Saturday – May 4

First Saturday Mass- 9:00 am

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass– 5:00 pm

Sunday– May 5

Masses-8:30 & 11:15 am

RE– 9:45 am

KOC Men's Bible Study– 9:45 am

First Holy Communion-11:15 am Mass
(Reception following)