



# 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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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

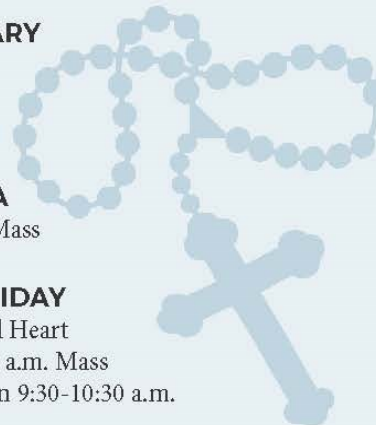
Novena to the Sacred Heart  
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass  
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

## 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 May 11, 2024  
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, May 12, 2024  
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



### The Ascension of the Lord May 12, 2024

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up to heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. -Mark 16:19



May 13 - May 19

- Monday:** Eliezer de Gonzalez by James & Gloria Raynor †
- Tuesday:** Diana Mitchell by Walton Smith †
- Wednesday:** Paul Boyle Sr. by the Brazzolottos †
- Thursday:** Bernadette Clark by Walton Smith †
- Friday:** Bud Vollmann by the Zielinskis †
- Saturday:** Matthew Brazzolotto by Susan Moseley
- Sunday:** Kay Burgert by the Zielinskis †  
For the People

#### Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Ron & Diana Markevich, Juanita Crowson, Toni James, Bob Walsh, Fred Brown, Sylvia Moten, Bill & Loretta Frost, David & Audrey Springer, Christine Jaks, Jeanie Reid, 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, Thomas Mark Jones, Phillip Thomaston, Buddy Spradley, Bobby Johnson, Marti Baird

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 May 13- May 19

- Monday:** Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68; Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113; Jn 15:9-17
- Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68; Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16; Jn 17:20-26
- Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103; Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11; Jn 21:20-25
- Sunday:** Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

## Today's Readings



**First Reading**— This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven (Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26).

**Psalm** — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

**Second Reading** — May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call (Ephesians 1:17-23).

**Gospel** — Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. (Mark 16:15-20).

## **Misunderstandings of the Concept of Human Dignity**

The Dicastery of the Doctrine of the Faith recently issued a Declaration entitled, "Infinite Dignity," authored by the Prefect of the Dicastery, Victor Manuel Cardinal Fernandez. It was written after consultation with the Church's bishops, including the Bishop of Rome, Pope Francis.

The Third Section of the Declaration explains some misunderstandings of what is meant by, "human dignity." Some people use the term, "personal dignity", "since they understand a "person" to be only "one who is capable of reasoning." In this case, the unborn child, an individual with mental disabilities, or an older person who is dependent upon others would lack personal dignity, since they lack the full use of reason.

The Declaration goes on to say, "Without any ontological grounding, the recognition of human dignity would vacillate at the mercy of varying and arbitrary judgments." (#24) If there is no objective reality, there is no standard of right and wrong, and those in power can determine who has dignity and who does not.

The Declaration identifies a second misunderstanding of human dignity. "The concept of human dignity is also occasionally misused to justify an arbitrary proliferation of new rights, many of which are at odds with those originally defined and often are set in opposition to the fundamental right to life." (#25) This value is seen in the individualistic claim for rights to personal preferences for some, while others have no rights in society.

The Declaration responds, "the defense of human dignity is based on the constitutive demands of human nature, which do not depend on individual arbitrariness or social recognition." Again, unless there is an objective reality, no one can speak of right or wrong and the basis of law disappears. "In this flawed understanding of freedom, the mutual recognition of duties and rights that enable us to care for each other becomes impossible." (#26)

Next Week: Grave Violations of Human Dignity



May Crowning  
Sunday, May 12th  
After 8:30 am Mass  
OLL Columbarium

## **Surfsiders**

The Surfsiders will have their monthly meeting Wednesday, May 15th at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall. This includes a potluck lunch, games and fellowship. All seniors are invited!



## **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](http://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](mailto:campstbernard@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## Offertory Collection

July 2023 — June 2024

	Actual	Needed weekly
Offertory not reported this week		
Year to Date		

## Building Fund Collection

July 2023 — June 2024

	Actual	Needed Monthly
Building Fund— Month of April	\$4,683	\$2,720
Year to Date	\$51,420	\$29,920



**Chair: Brenda Rochford**  
edenrochford@yahoo.com

**Vice Chair: Jorge Solis**  
Jorge.Solis@butlersnow.com

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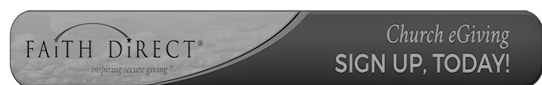
**Allen Ross:** allentross5555@gmail.com

**Meagan Price:** meaganfprice@gmail.com

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

### **eGiving with Faith Direct**

***Faith Direct*** enables parishioners to make contributions even when you can't make it to church. Through either direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card, you can apply the convenience of direct debit/credit to your parish offerings in much the same way as you do for other expenses. You may enroll by visiting our website, or logging in directly to [faith.direct/AL1065](https://faith.direct/AL1065).



**Saint Rose Academy** is hiring a full time 4th grade teacher for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year.

Applicants must have a bachelor's degree in elementary education and be ready to promote the mission of Saint Rose Academy: *Saint Rose Academy, a home of exceptional intellectual and spiritual formation, challenges its children to embrace truth, uphold goodness, and contemplate beauty in the Dominican Catholic tradition.*

Applicants may send a resume and cover letter to Sister Mary Juliana, OP at [smjuliana@saintroseacademyop.com](mailto:smjuliana@saintroseacademyop.com).

### **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

## Knights of Columbus Memorial Day Barbecue Sale

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Friday, May 24, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

through Saturday, May 25, 2024.

**\$40 for Boston butts**

**\$30 for large pork ribs**

**\$15 for a whole chicken**



All meat will be freshly smoked with KOC "special dry rub". All proceeds will be used to fund the numerous charitable activities KOC Council 12270 supports. Our Lady of the Lake is located at 4609 Martin St (Hwy 231 South) in Pell City.

### Celebration of the Feast Day of our Patroness "Our Lady of Fatima"

Monday, May 13, 2024

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Parish Church

Mass Times: 7:00 am and 7:00 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Linus Akpan

All are invited to come and attain the indulgences for the celebration of a parish Patron/patroness and to share with us this great time in the life and movement of our faith.

### Found in the Church

-Women's Ring

-Bracelet

-Earring

Call the church office to claim at 205-525-5161



### *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 to date for May 2024 - 31 cans**

**Please consider donating \$1 per week**

## *Assignments*

*May 15, 2024 - May 19, 2024*

### WEDNESDAY MASS

**5/15/2024 7:00 PM**

Lectors:

Charmaine Welch

Ministers:

Deacon

### SATURDAY MASS

**5/18/2024 5:00 PM**

Greeters:

Parma Boyle, Allen Ross

Lectors:

Christy Whaley, Martha Hayes

Ministers:

Buddy Spradley, Allen Ross

Altar Servers:

Roger Carreker, Andy Payant

Ushers:

Amy Carreker, Jim Gorman

### SUNDAY MASSES

**5/19/2024 8:30 AM**

Greeters:

Poteracki/Alvarez, The Muellers

Lectors:

Shelly Hamman, Carl Rochford

Ministers:

Jorge Solis, Ronni Thomas,

Paul Thomas, Sophie Alvarez

Altar Servers:

David Blaylock, John Bryant

Ushers:

Michael Gagliano, Teri Gagliano,

Phillip Thomaston, Dennis Viegl

**5/19/2024 11:15 AM**

Greeters:

P Cowert/P Lopez, Jim & Julie Mathis

Lectors:

Michael Poteracki, Larry Foltz

Ministers:

Lexie Smith, Gloria Raynor

Altar Servers:

Jhon Paul Rodgers, Ethan Myers,

Kalli Reach

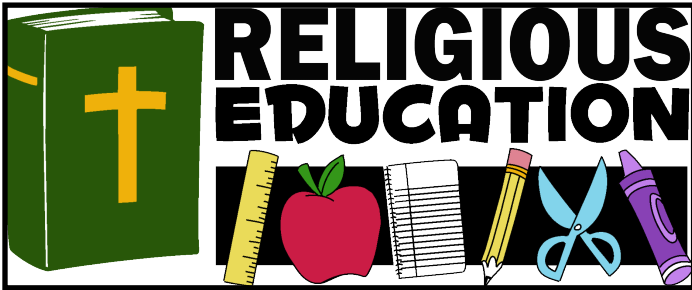
Ushers:

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:

**May 12** May Crowning-after 8:30 am Mass

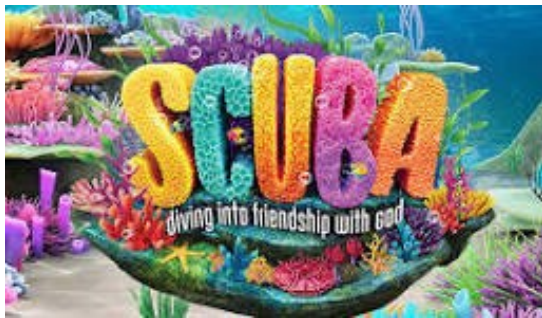
RE- 9:45 am

**May 19** Senior Sunday Recognition- 8:30 am Mass

Last Day of Religious Education

**June 17-21** Vacation Bible School

**Mark your calendars!**



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## **Senior Recognition Sunday**

The following High School Seniors from Our Lady of the Lake Parish will be honored at the 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 19th. A reception will be held in the Parish Hall following Mass.

Amy Cardenas

Marc Halog

Mattilyn Osborne

Harrison Houk

If you have a graduate attending Our Lady of the Lake that is not listed, please call the office at 205-525-5161.

## 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](http://iahsbham.com)

## OLL Vacation Bible School Volunteers!



**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](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 May 12, 2024—May 19 2024

### **Sunday— May 12**

Masses-8:30 & 11:15 am

RE— 9:45 am

KOC Men's Bible Study— 9:45 am

May Crowning-Columbarium-after 8:30 am Mass

### **Monday—May 13**

Mass 9:00 am

### **Tuesday— May 14**

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study— 9:45 am

### **Wednesday—May 15**

Surfsiders— 10:00 am

Mass— 7:00 pm

Pastoral Council— 7:30 pm

### **Thursday— May 16**

Mass— 9:00 am

Legion of Mary— 6:30 pm

### **Friday— May 17**

Mass— 9:00 am

### **Saturday — May 18**

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass— 5:00 pm

Pilgrim Virgin— 6:30 pm

### **Sunday— May 19**

Masses-8:30 & 11:15 am

Senior Recognition— 8:30 am Mass

Last Day of RE— 9:45 am

KOC Men's Bible Study— 9:45 am

Holy Hour— 7:00-8:00 pm