



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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, November 23, 2024
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, November 24, 2024
Masses 8:30 am, 11:15 am,
3:00 pm (Spanish)

Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
November 24, 2024



"My kingdom does not belong to this world."
—John 18:36



Nov 25 - Dec 1

- Monday:** Teresa Ross by Walton Smith
- Tuesday:** David & Jeanie Barranco by the Rumores
- Wednesday:** Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
by the Brazzolottos
- Thursday:** Phillip Thomaston by the Rumores
- Friday:** Nancy Ross by Doug Ross †
- Saturday:** Malvina Cueria & Ethel Nunez
by Susan Moseley †
- Sunday:** For the People
Larry & Mary Esther Krantz
by the Brazzolottos

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, Janice Stella, Frank Troncalli, Angela Ledlow, Michael Brayman, Lee Walser, Geri Bunt, Charles & Libby LaFleur, Marcia Mortek, Jose Riveria, Helen Turner, George Sobolowski, Jimmy Hollis, Pat Roberts, Bill & Dee Watkins, Emily Bell Smith, Mary LaFleur, Micky Zielinski, Connie Parsons, Gayle Huff, Randy Gray, Jackie Gross, Mary Esther Krantz, Thomas Mark Jones, Phillip Thomaston, Bobby Johnson, Marti Baird, Tracy Finke, Deacon Lee Robinson, Lucas Stice, Chet Lambert, Mary Habrat, Roger & Linda Carreker, Barbara Mathis, Christopher Williams, Chris Shields, Jane Gallegly

Weekly Readings Nov 25 - Dec 1

- Monday:** Rev 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24; Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday:** Rev 14:14-19; Ps 96; Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday:** Rev 15:1-4; Ps 98; Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday:** Sir 50:22-24; Ps 113; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
- Friday:** Rev 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Ps 84; Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday:** 1 Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19; Mt 4:18-22
- Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Today's Readings



First Reading— His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away (Daniel 7:13-14).

Psalms — The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Psalm 93:1, 1-2, 5).

Second Reading — "I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty (Revelation 1:5-8)."

Gospel — "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice (John 18:33b-37)."

THANKSGIVING

The Fourth Thursday in November is Thanksgiving Day in the United States. There were days of Thanksgiving decreed by the President and Congress at various times in our history. Maybe this is because giving thanks builds morale. It makes us look at the good instead of the bad. The current tradition of observing Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday of November began in 1941.

When we give thanks, we acknowledge that we received something good that we didn't deserve. If we receive something bad that we didn't deserve, we are more likely to be defensive than grateful. If we believe we deserve the good we experience, there is no reason to be grateful.

Thanksgiving is the opposite of pride. In pride, we put ourselves at the center of our universe. In thanksgiving, we put God at the center. The more we put ourselves at the center of our concerns, the less grateful we become.

The Greek word for thanksgiving is *eucharistein*. What we in the Church call our worship means, "to give thanks." In the Mass we acknowledge that we received something good that we didn't deserve- mercy. As St. Paul writes, "God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us." (Romans 5, 8) God showers His mercy on us because we need it, not because we deserve it.

Usually, we give thanks for events in the past or the present. Christians are different because we give thanks for the future as well. We thank God for salvation, which is in process and won't be completed until the end of time. It takes faith in God to be grateful for the future.

There is a saying, "Seeing is believing." For the Christian, believing is seeing and when we believe it, we will see it. Faith in God leads to thanksgiving and when we believe in God's love, we will recognize it in our world in the past, the present, and the future.



Christmas Giving Tree

The Christmas Giving Trees are up and filled with tags in both foyers. We will be helping 73 Children this year. As you know the need is especially great again this year. Please be as generous as you can.

This is how you can help:

- Take a tag or two from the trees
- Buy the gift listed on the tag
- Return the unwrapped gift with the tag attached to the gift and place it back under one of the trees.

ALL GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th.

Gifts will be distributed to the families on Sunday, December 15th

Except for bicycles, no request should cost more than \$35. For those on a smaller budget, there are \$10 donation tags on the tree. Of course, larger donations are always appreciated. **PLEASE, IF YOU TAKE A TAG, RETURN THE GIFT TO THE TREES. Someone is counting on you.** Also note that your gift is one of several on the tree for each child.

If you have any questions please call Brenda Rochford, 423-242-5029 or Sharon Stice, 205-613-1053.

The Social Concerns Committee would like to thank you in advance for making Christmas special for so many. May the coming of the Christ Child fill your hearts with joy!



Our Lady of the Lake Christmas Dinner Celebrations

**Sunday, December 8, 2024
4:00-6:00 pm**

Please join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ as a parish family. Our special friend from the North Pole will also join us.

Bring a side dish to share. Meat and drinks will be provided. Sign up sheets in the foyers.

Offertory Collection

July 2024 — June 2025

	Actual	Needed weekly
Nov 10 Offertory	\$11,741	\$7,500
Year to Date	\$147,548	\$142,500



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

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Our Call as Mystics and Prophets December 6-8, 2024

Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat
107 Holy Trinity Road
Ft. Mitchell, AL 36856

This is the final sponsored retreat weekend. Register at: <https://msbt.org/event/our-call-as-mystics-and-prophets/>

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, November 27th and Thursday, November 28th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Weekday Mass schedule will stay the same.

Pick up an Advent Word Among Us (daily Advent meditations) for your family as you leave Mass today. They are located in each foyer.

Our Lady of Our Lake Bible Study

Every Tuesday 9:45 am

Parish Hall



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 also drop your donation at the parish office during normal office hours.



Knights of Columbus Prayer Service

Columbarium Garden

December 14, 2024

10:00 am



Everyone is welcome!

Coffee & Donuts will be served.

Contact Bernie Funderburg with questions at
205-405-6382

Assignments

November 27 2024 - December 1, 2024

WEDNESDAY MASS

11/27/2024 7:00 PM

Lector: Bernie Funderburg
Ministers: Deacon

SATURDAY MASS

11/30/2024 5:00 PM

Greeters: Rita Rumore, Teri Shields
Lectors: Martha Hayes, Kathy Bryant
Ministers: Parma Boyle
Altar Servers: Buddy Adamson, James Raynor
Ushers: Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

SUNDAY MASSES

12/1/2024 8:30 AM

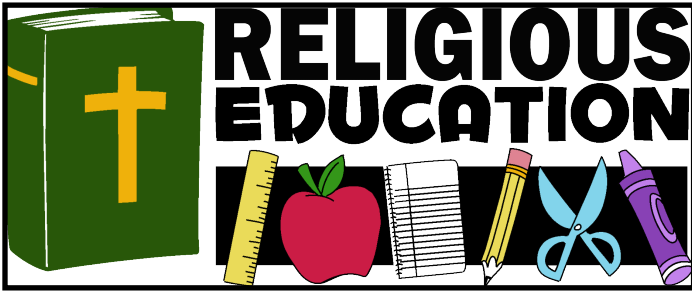
Greeters: Shayla Largadas, Sonya Lewis
Lectors: Karen Reese, Robert Lewis
Ministers: Ronni Thomas, Michael Gagliano
Paul Thomas, Brenda Rochford
Altar Servers: Marty Poteracki, Otto Mueller
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Teri Gagliano,
Bart Perry, Paul Thomas

12/1/2024 11:15 AM

Greeters: Brenda Monte, R&C Betz
Lectors: Bernie Funderburg, Miranda Bryant
Ministers: Chris Gallegly, 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.



Looking Ahead:

November 24- No RE- Thanksgiving
Break

December 1- RE- 9:45 am
3rd & 4th grade Confessions
-9:45 am

December 4- Youth Group Bible Study-
5:30 pm



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Advent Wreath Candle Lighters

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, November 30, 2024

5:00 pm Mass– Andy Payant

Sunday, December 1, 2024

8:30 am Mass– The Reach Family

11:15 am Mass– The Rodriguez Family

Pro-Life Corner

As you go through closets during this season change, remember us if you have gently used maternity or baby clothes to get rid of! **The Pell City location is particularly low on baby girl winter clothes.**

Pray for our country and the little lives that need defending. When renewing your car tags this year, please consider getting a pro-life tag. It's a gentle reminder of how important life is, from conception to natural death. This is one of the only grants that ANLC receives, and nearly all of the proceeds go directly to the pro-life and adoption agencies in St. Clair County.

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

Our Lady of the Lake's Trip to the 6th Annual Christmas at Ave Maria Grotto

**Saturday December 14th
Bus leaves at 1:30 pm
returning at 9:30 pm**



Come and experience the beauty of Br. Joseph's work at night surrounded by lights and music! This unique holiday experience includes a Christmas Tunnel at entry, Santa's workshop, musical performances, food trucks, kids' rides and horse-drawn wagon rides around St. Bernard's campus. Plus, Santa Claus will be there!

- **\$25 Adults which includes transportation and admission.**
- **Free- Children under 12**

Food, kids' rides and wagon rides are extra cost. Baby strollers are fine, no wheelchairs or walkers.

Please sign up by December 1st. Sign up sheets are in both foyers.

Calendar for Nov 24, 2024—Dec 1, 2024

Sunday— November 24

Masses-8:30 & 11:15 am

No RE

Spanish Mass— 3:00 pm

Monday—November 25

Mass 9:00 am

KOC Meeting- 6:30-8:00 pm

Tuesday— November 26

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study— 9:45 am

Wednesday— November 27

Parish Office Closed

Mass— 7:00 pm

Thursday— November 28-Thanksgiving

Parish Office Closed

Mass— 9:00 am

Friday— November 29

Mass— 9:00 am

Saturday — November 30

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass— 5:00 pm

Sunday— December 1-1st Sunday Advent

Masses-8:30 & 11:15 am

RE- 9:45 am

RE Confessions-3rd & 4th grade 9:45 am

Spanish Mass— 3:00 pm