



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
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, November 30, 2024
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 1, 2024
Masses 8:30 am, 11:15 am,
3:00 pm (Spanish)



First Sunday
of Advent
December 1,
2024

*And then they will see the Son of Man
coming in a cloud with power and great
glory. —Luke 21:27*



Dec 2 - Dec 8

- Monday:** Fr. Bob Crossmyer by Fr. William Lucas †
- Tuesday:** Buddy Spradley by the Rumores †
- Wednesday:** All sick and homebound by the Brazzolottos
- Thursday:** Mary Joe Sprouse by Walton Smith †
- Friday:** Ruth Stanley by Sharon Stice †
- Saturday:** Trudi & Andy McClay by the Zielinskis †
Marlene Catalino by Sam Catalino †
- Sunday:** Janice Stella by the Brazzolottos
For the People

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, 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

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 Dec 2 - Dec 8

- Monday:** Is 2:1-5; Ps 122;
Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72;
Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps
23; Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118;
Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday:** Is:17-24; Ps 27;
Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-
26; Ps 147; Mt
9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9; Ps
126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5,
6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11;
Lk 3:1-6

Today's Readings



First Reading— The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Psalms — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14).

Second Reading — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all (1 Thessalonians 3:12--4:2).

Gospel — Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36)."

THE JUBILEE YEAR

2025 will be a Jubilee Year in the Catholic Church. This usually happens every 25 years. The last one was in 2000. Pope Francis also established a Jubilee of Mercy in the Church in 2016.

In the Old Testament, the Jubilee was observed every 50 years. During that year, fields were supposed to lie fallow, debts were forgiven, and land returned to the family of its original owner. It was also a time of pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem. It is unclear if this was ever observed, but the idea is that it was a "do over". It was an opportunity to start again from the beginning.

The Church has "spiritualized" this tradition. The Jubilee Year is an opportunity to start over with God. The debts that can be forgiven are the spiritual debts of sin. The pilgrimage can be to any church, near or far.

In the Bull of Indiction, entitled *Spes Non Confundit*, (*Hope Does Not Disappoint*), Pope Francis writes, "For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the 'door' of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as 'our hope'."

The Jubilee Year will begin on the evening of December 24th at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, as Pope Francis will open the Holy Door for pilgrims to pass through. Throughout the Christmas Season he will open the Holy Doors at the other major churches in Rome. The Jubilee Year will conclude on December 28, 2025, the Feast of the Holy Family.

Not everyone can travel to Rome to pass through the Holy Doors. Though there will be no Holy Doors in our diocese, there will be other ways to observe the Jubilee Year. I will detail these in the Pastor's Columns during Advent.



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 17 Offertory	\$4,871	\$7,500
Year to Date	\$152,419	\$150,000



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

This year, National Wreaths Across America Day will be held on

Saturday, December 14, 2024. Join the more than

two million volunteers and supporters who will gather to Remember,

Honor and Teach at more

than 4,600 participating locations in all 50 states, at sea and abroad. Sponsor a veteran's wreath in honor of or in memory of a loved one who served in our armed forces. Or, sponsor and allow us to designate a recipient among the millions of heroes who rest in honored glory. Go to wreathscrossamerica.org/shop.



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



This year, December 8th falls on a Sunday. The Second Sunday of Advent has precedence over the Immaculate Conception, so the observance of The Immaculate Conception is moved to December 9th. Normally, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. The Vatican Dicastery for Legislative Texts has decreed that it is a Holy Day of Obligation even if it moves to another date.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Thursday, December 12th is the Solemnity of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It is an important day in the Latino world. On the day we will have two masses in our parish. There will be Mass at 9:00 a.m. in English and 7:00 p.m. in Spanish. Following the 7:00 Mass, there will be a procession of a statue of Our Lady from the church to the parish hall, followed by a fiesta. All are invited.

If you haven't already, be sure and pick up an Advent Word Among Us (daily Advent meditations) for your family. They are located in each foyer.

Opportunities for additional Confession time during Advent

December 18- Communal Penance Service- 7:00 pm

December 19- 9:30-10:00 am

December 20 9:30-10:00 am

December 22-Confessions between Sunday Masses

December 23- 9:30-10:00 am

December 24-3:00-4:00 pm

Knights of Columbus Prayer Service

**Columbarium Garden
December 14, 2024
10:00 am**



Everyone is welcome!

Coffee & Donuts will be served. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held in the Parish Hall.

Contact Bernie Funderburg with questions at 205-405-6382

Assignments

December 4 2024 - December 8, 2024

WEDNESDAY MASS

12/4/2024 7:00 PM

Lector: Buddy Adamson
Ministers: Deacon

SATURDAY MASS

12/7/2024 5:00 PM

Greeters: Rita Rumore, Debbie Adams
Lectors: Shane Shields, Sarah Brazzolotto
Ministers: Susan Moseley, Teri Shields
Altar Servers: Tom Graffo, Tom Michaels
Ushers: Sam Marston, Dan Vandervoorde

SUNDAY MASSES

12/8/2024 8:30 AM

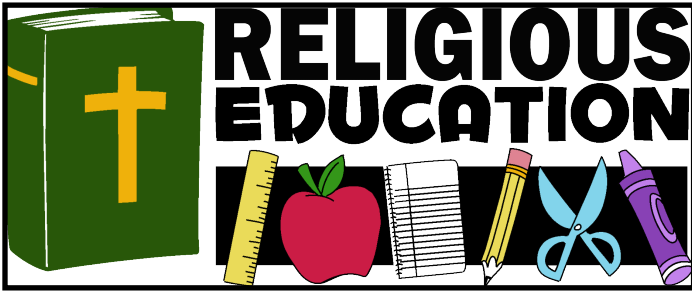
Greeters: The Muellers, Mary & Billy Burns
Lectors: Teri Gagliano, Shelly Hamman
Ministers: Jane Snider, Anita Allor
Sharon Hamilton, Sonya Lewis
Altar Servers: Stephen Reese, Jeff Reach,
Renee Bentel, Allison Schillaci
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Dennis Veigl,
Anita Allor, Matt Allor

12/8/2024 11:15 AM

Greeters: The Bluhm Family
Lectors: Gloria Raynor, Michael Poteracki
Ministers: Lexie Smith, James Raynor
Altar Servers: Ethan Myers, Logan Bluhm
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Lexie Smith,
Jeff Smith, Danny Smith

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:

December 1- RE- 9:45 am
 3rd & 4th grade
 confessions-9:45 am
 December 4- Youth Group Bible Study-
 5:30 pm
 December 8- RE- 9:45 am
 5th, 6th & 7th grade
 confessions-9:45 am



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Advent Wreath Candle Lighters

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 7, 2024

5:00 pm Mass– Parma Boyle

Sunday, December 8, 2024

8:30 am Mass– Jerry & Vicki Smith

11:15 am Mass– The Bluhm 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 Dec 1, 2024—Dec 8, 2024

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

Monday—December 2

Mass 9:00 am

Tuesday— December 3

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study— 9:45 am

Wednesday— December 4

Youth Group- 5:30 pm

Mass— 7:00 pm

Thursday— December 5

Mass— 9:00 am

Friday— December 6

Mass— 9:00 am

First Friday Adoration 9:30-10:30 am

Saturday — December 7

First Saturday Mass- 9:00 am

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass— 5:00 pm

Sunday— December 8-2nd Sunday Advent

Masses-8:30 & 11:15 am

RE- 9:45 am

RE Confessions-5th, 6th & 7th grades- 9:45 am

Spanish Mass— 3:00 pm

Parish Christmas Dinner- Celebrations

4:00-6:00 pm