



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054



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

Jim Mathis, *Director of Religious Education*
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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

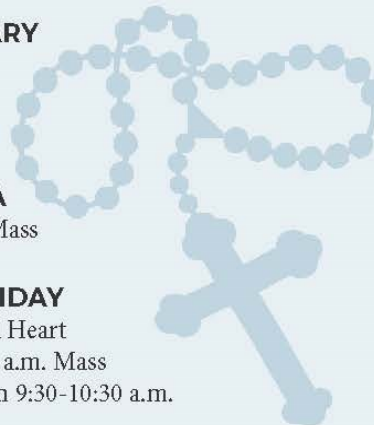
Novena to the Sacred Heart
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

Third Sunday of every month 7:00 p.m.
Second Wednesday of every month | *Exposicion del
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, December 7, 2024
Mass 5:00 pm*

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

Happy 2nd week of Advent!



*Second Sunday of
Advent
December 8, 2024*

*Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning
and misery; put on the splendor of glory
from God forever. —Baruch 5:1*



Dec 9 - Dec 15

- Monday:** Rosalie Messina by Fr. William Lucas †
Alegandro Falcon Reyes by Belia Solis
- Tuesday:** Karen Hand by the Rumores
- Wednesday:** John Joyner by Jay & Enid Willi †
- Thursday:** All patients in nursing homes by the Brazzolottos
- Friday:** Jeanie Reid by the Rumores †
- Saturday:** Doris & Lynn Wilkins by Susan Mosely †
- Sunday:** For the People
Ruth Stanley by Jerry & Brenda Kern †

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Ron & Diana Markevich, 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, Anita Dempsey

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 9 - Dec 15

- Monday:** Gen 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1,2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11; Ps 96; Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31; Ps 103; Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday:** Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jud 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:39-47
- Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1; Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday:** Zeph 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Today's Readings



- First Reading**— Up, Jerusalem! Stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children (Baruch 5:1-9).
- Psalm** — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6).
- Second Reading** — God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).
- Gospel** — Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths (Luke 3:1-6).

A PILGRIMAGE

The Jubilee Year will begin on Christmas Eve this year and last until December 28, 2025. Pope Francis is asking all Catholics and people of good will to seize the opportunity the Jubilee presents to renew our relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

In his Bull of Indiction, "Hope Does Not Disappoint", Pope Francis begins with the idea of a pilgrimage. He writes, "Setting out on a journey is traditionally associated with our human quest for meaning in life." (#5) The journey the pope is writing about is the journey of faith. Our lives are a pilgrimage leading to the destination of eternal life. Though the Pope is writing about an actual journey to a place, he is also inviting us to use the Jubilee Year as an opportunity to journey to God.

He goes on to write, "The Jubilee Churches along the pilgrimage routes and in the city of Rome can serve as oases of spirituality and places of rest on the pilgrimage of faith, where we can drink from the wellsprings of hope, above all by approaching the sacrament of Reconciliation, the essential starting point of any true journey of conversion." (#5)

A pilgrimage is a journey, either physical or spiritual, that leads to God. However, pilgrims discover that God is already with them on their journey. Jesus is known by the title, Immanuel, God with us. At end of the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus assures His disciples, "Know that I am with you always, until the end of the age." (28, 20)

Understanding life as a pilgrimage helps us to place God at the center of our lives. God is our destiny, but God is also with us as we strive toward our destiny. Confession helps us to "unburden" ourselves so we can move through this life more freely.

Next week: Signs of Hope.



Christmas Giving Tree

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

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

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!

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

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Thanksgiving Food Drive!

The generosity of Our Lady of the Lake parishioners was amazing. Thank you for serving others in our wonderful community and for sharing the love of Christ. God Bless you!



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
Dec 1 Offertory	\$7,161	\$7,500
Year to Date	\$167,705	\$165,000



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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. Masses are at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm (Bilingual).

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.

END OF THE YEAR GIVING

Monetary donations to the Parish will be accepted until December 30th if you want them to appear in your Contribution Statement for 2024. Whether you choose to give them to the General Fund, the Building Fund, Special Projects, or the Social Concerns, they will be tax deductible for state and federal income taxes.

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 11 2024 - December 15, 2024

WEDNESDAY MASS

12/11/2024 7:00 PM

Lector: Anita Allor

SATURDAY MASS

12/14/2024 5:00 PM

Greeters: Teri Shields, Dawn Adamson
Lectors: Marguerite Gorman, Pat Blum
Ministers: Parma Boyle, Martha Hayes
Altar Servers: Chris Gallegly, David Blaylock
Ushers: Amy Carreker, Jim Gorman

SUNDAY MASSES

12/15/2024 8:30 AM

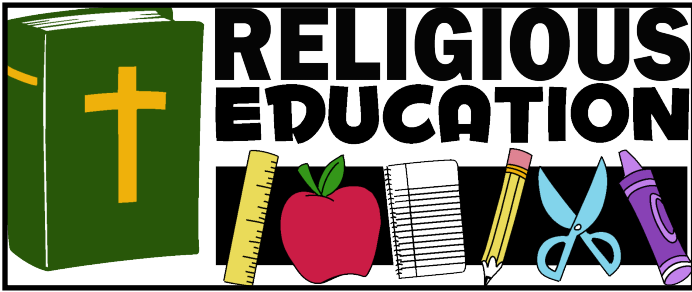
Greeters: Crapet/Freeman/Landman,
Amelia Reese
Lectors: Mary Burns, Dennis Veigl
Ministers: Stephen Reese, Teri Gagliano
Sophie Alvarez, Ronnie Thomas
Altar Servers: John Bryant, Tom Graffo
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Stephen Reese,
Phillip Thomaston, Bill Bethell

12/15/2024 11:15 AM

Greeters: R&C Betz, Joan & Carl Wright
Lectors: Doug Ross, Lexie Smith
Ministers: Sammy Schillaci, James Raynor
Altar Servers: Jhon Paul & Natalie Rodgers
Nate Cardenas
Ushers: Lexie Smith, Wes Myers,
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 4- Youth Group Bible Study-
5:30 pm

December 8- RE- 9:45 am
5th, 6th & 7th grade
confessions-9:45 am

December 15- RE- 9:45 am
High School & Confirmation
Class Confessions- 9:45 am



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Advent Wreath Candle Lighters

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 14, 2024

5:00 pm Mass– Sam & Glenda Marston

Sunday, December 15, 2024

8:30 am Mass– Corey Funderburg Family

11:15 am Mass– Wes Myers Family

Catholic Charities and Communities

Bishop Raica extends his thanks to all who have participated in the Annual Appeals for Catholic Charities and Communities. As 2024 nears its close, please go online to ensure your pledge for the 2025 campaign is recorded and to ensure that your 2024 pledge is fulfilled. Visit catholiccharitiesbhm.org or call 205-838-8309

Pro-Life Corner

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 pay the \$25 as soon as you can.

Calendar for Dec 8, 2024—Dec 15, 2024

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

Monday—December 9- Immaculate Conception

Masses 9:00 am & 7:00 pm (bilingual)

Tuesday— December 10

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study— 9:45 am

Wednesday— December 11

Spanish Mass— 7:00 pm

Holy Hour/Adoration-7:30-8:30 pm

Thursday— December 12

Mass— 9:00 am

Lady of Guadalupe Mass- 7:00 pm

(Reception to follow)

Friday— December 13

Mass— 9:00 am

Divine Mercy Chaplet- 3:00 pm

Saturday — December 14

KOC Prayer Service- 10:00 am

Ave Maria Grotto trip- 1:30 pm

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass— 5:00 pm

Sunday— December 15- 3rd Sunday Advent

Masses-8:30 & 11:15 am

RE- 9:45 am

RE Confessions-High School & Confirmation Class

Spanish Mass— 3:00 pm

Holy Hour- 7:00 pm