



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

4609 MARTIN STREET SOUTH
CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054



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Deacon Serge Brazzolotto
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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

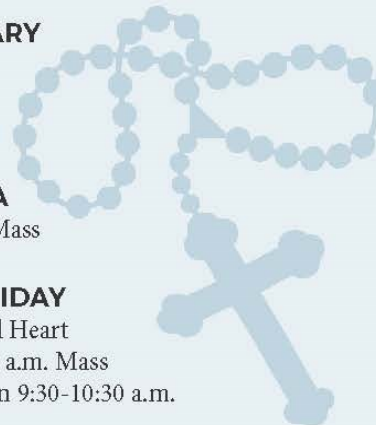
Novena to the Sacred Heart
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

Third Sunday of every month 7:00 p.m.
Second Wednesday of every month | *Exposicion del 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 14, 2024
Mass 5:00 pm

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

Third Sunday of Advent December 15, 2024



Rejoice in the Lord always. —Philippians 4:4



Dec 16 - Dec 22

- Monday:** Theresa Smith by Walton Smith †
Alejandro Falcon Reyes by Belia Solis
- Tuesday:** Deacon Walter Henderson by the Rumores †
- Wednesday:** John Joyner by Jay & Enid Willi †
Jeff Bowman by Vickie Gavin
- Thursday:** Victoria Messina by the Brazzolottos
- Friday:** Don Hertrich by Jeff Bowman †
- Saturday:** Karen Hand by Susan Mosely
- Sunday:** For the People
Carmen Perez by James & Gloria Raynor †

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 Morteck, 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, Patricia Blum

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 16 - Dec 22

- Monday:** Num 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25; Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday:** Gen 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72; Mt 1:1-17
- Wednesday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72; Mt 1:18-25
- Thursday:** Jud 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71; Lk 1:5-25
- Friday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24; Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday:** Song of Sg 2:8-14; Ps 33; Lk 1:39-45
- Sunday:** Mic 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Today's Readings



First Reading— Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel (Zephaniah 3:14-18a)

Psalms — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6).

Second Reading— Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming (Luke 3:10-18).

SIGNS OF HOPE

The Jubilee Year will begin on December 24, 2024, and lasts until December 28, 2025. It is an opportunity for renewal of our faith in Jesus Christ. Pope Francis lists "signs of hope." These are signs of the times that the Lord gives us.

There is the desire for peace in our world. The Pope writes, "Heedless of the past, humanity is confronting yet another ordeal, as many peoples are prey to brutality and violence." Perhaps the weariness of war is a sign that will lead to a negotiated, lasting peace.

There is an enthusiasm for life and a readiness to share it. The Pope decries a decline in the birthrate in some countries. He writes, "Openness to life and responsible parenthood is the design that the Creator has implanted in the hearts and bodies of men and women, a mission that the Lord has entrusted to spouses and to their love."

The Pope writes, "we are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships." He calls for Jubilee forgiveness as outlined in the scriptures. (Luke 4, 18-19)

The Pope calls for visiting the sick, at home or in the hospital. "Their sufferings can be allayed by the closeness and affection of those who visit them." He also calls for an expression of gratitude for healthcare workers.

The Pope calls for a special outreach to the young. He writes, "The Jubilee should inspire the Church to make greater efforts to reach out to them."

The Pope writes about migrants, the elderly, and the poor. "May the Christian community always be prepared to defend the rights of those who are most vulnerable, opening wide its doors to welcome them, lest anyone be robbed of the hope of a better future."

Next Week: The Holy Year Indulgence

Communal Penance Service

The parish communal penance service for Advent will be held on **Wednesday, December 18th at 7:00 pm**. Father Bill and Father Sexton will both be available for confessions. This is a good way to prepare for the Christmas season!



Offertory Envelopes

The 2025 Offertory Envelopes are available for pickup in the Parish Hall. Your last name will be on the box. If you don't see your envelopes, please call the office at 205-525-5161.



Surfsiders

The Surfsiders will have their monthly meeting Wednesday, December 18th at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall. This includes a potluck lunch, games and fellowship. All seniors are invited!

**The 2025 Calendars are here!
Please take one located in the
foyer of the church.**

Offertory Collection

July 2024 — June 2025

	Actual	Needed weekly
Dec 8 Offertory	\$4,550	\$7,500
Year to Date	\$172,255	\$172,500

Building Fund Collection

July 2024 — June 2025

	Actual	Needed Monthly
Building Fund— Month of November	\$6,083	\$3,080
Year to Date	\$25,742	\$16,170



Chair: Brenda Rochford

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

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.

As you consider your end of year giving, please keep in mind the **Our Lady of the Lake Social Concerns fund** which not only provides Thanksgiving food boxes and Christmas presents for children, but also helps with the basic needs in our community, particularly utility assistance.

For Sale:

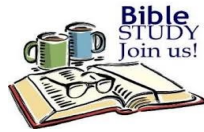
4 adjoining cemetery plots available.

Buy 1 or multiple!

Located in Jefferson Memorial Gardens, Hoover, AL, Sermon on the Mount section

For specific details and cost, please contact:

Joan Wright at jmwright329@gmail.com



Our Lady of Our Lake Bible Study
Every Tuesday 9:45
Studying the Book of Exodus
Exciting discussion and faithful
fellowship! Join us!

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

Annual Respect Life Mass and
Witness for Life

Saturday, January 18, 2025

Annual Respect Life Mass

Bishop Raica

9:00 am

Cathedral of St. Paul
2120 3rd Ave. N, Birmingham, AL

Prayer Vigil and Witness for Life

10:45 am

Planned Parenthood, 1019 1st Ave. N,
Birmingham, AL

For more information call 205-447-8796

Assignments

December 18 2024 - December 22, 2024

NO 12/18/24 WEDNESDAY MASS

SATURDAY MASS

12/21/2024 5:00 PM

Greeters: Paige Everett, Bob Voll
Lectors: Susan Moseley, Alexis Allor
Ministers: Tom Graffo, Anita Allor
Altar Servers: Bernie & Corey Funderburg
Ushers: Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

SUNDAY MASSES

12/22/2024 8:30 AM

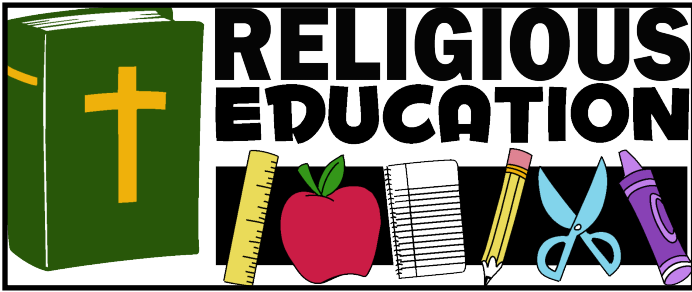
Greeters: Shelly Hamman, Gagliano/Thomas
Lectors: Meagan Price, Carey Monistere
Ministers: Paul Thomas, Michael Gagliano
Brenda Rochford, Jane Snider
Altar Servers: Dennis Veigl, Stephen Reese
Kalli Reach, Allison Schillaci
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Paul Thomas
Bit & Phillip Thomaston,

12/22/2024 11:15 AM

Greeters: Grace Troncalli, Shirley Skeivelas
Lectors: Stephanie Fischer, Mary Adams
Ministers: Gloria Raynor, Lexie Smith
Altar Servers: Ethan Myers, Ethan Brockner
Alex Sorci
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:

December 15- RE- 9:45 am
 High School & Confirmation
 Class Confessions- 9:45 am
 December 18- Youth Group- 5:30 pm
 December 22- No RE
 December 29- No RE



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 and ON DEMAND for FREE with our
 Parish code:

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Advent Wreath Candle Lighters

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 21, 2024

5:00 pm Mass– Matt & Anita Allor

Sunday, December 22, 2024

8:30 am Mass– Anthony Schillaci 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



The Catholic
Diocese of
Birmingham
The Office of Black
Catholic Ministry

A Diocesan Prayer Breakfast in
Commemoration of

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Saturday, January 11, 2025 10:00 AM

Cathedral of St Paul Life Center

2120 Third Avenue North, Birmingham, AL

Tickets \$25.00

To purchase, call the Office of Black Ministry at
205-838-8313 or jwatts@bhmdiocese.org.

The Padre Pio Prayer group will meet
on Saturday, December 21st at 10:00
am at Our Lady of the Sorrows Catholic
Church in Homewood, AL.

All are welcome to join us for an hour
or prayer/rosary/adoration and Holy
Mass led by Father Eric Gami.

For more information, contact Angela
Kolar at angkolar@att.net or
205-410-2033

“Pray, Hope and Don’t Worry!”
Padre Pio...pray for us!

Calendar for Dec 15, 2024—Dec 22, 2024

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

Monday—December 16

Masses 9:00 am

Tuesday— December 17

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study— 9:45 am

Wednesday— December 18

Surfsiders- 10:00 am

Youth Group Outing- 5:30 pm

Communal Penance Service- 7:00 pm

Thursday— December 19

Mass— 9:00 am

Confessions- 9:30-10:00 am

Legion of Mary- 6:30 pm

Friday— December 20

Mass— 9:00 am

Confessions- 9:30-10:00 am

Divine Mercy Chaplet- 3:00 pm

Saturday – December 21

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass— 5:00 pm

Pilgrim Virgin- 6:30 pm

Sunday— December 22- 4th Sunday Advent

Masses-8:30 & 11:15 am

Confessions between Masses

No RE

Spanish Mass— 3:00 pm