



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

4609 MARTIN STREET SOUTH
CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054



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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

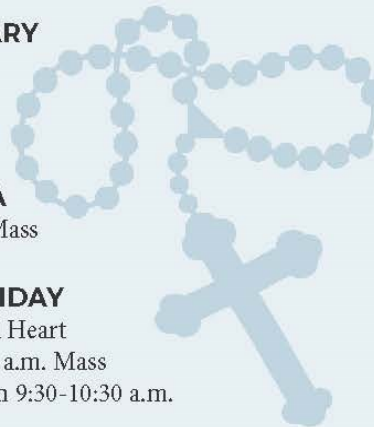
Novena to the Sacred Heart
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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, December 21, 2024
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 22, 2024
Masses 8:30 am, 11:15 am,
3:00 pm (Spanish)



Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2024

*Blessed are you who believed that what was
spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.*
—Luke 1:45



Dec 23 - Dec 29

- Monday:** Betty Carrico by the Rumores
Alejandro Falcon Reyes by Belia Solis
- Tuesday:** Deacon Lee Robinson by Bill & Shelly Hamman
For the People
- Wednesday:** Lindsay Grayson by Joseph & Sarah Svetlay †
- Thursday:** John Joyner by Jay & Enid Willi †
- Friday:** Jackie McAleer by the Rumores
- Saturday:** Rodney Martin by Susan Moseley †
- Sunday:** Deceased Members of KOC 12270
For the People

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 Walsler, 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, 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 23 - Dec 29

- Monday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25; Lk 1:57-66
- Tuesday:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Tit 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
- Wednesday:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
- Thursday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31; Mt 10:17-22
- Friday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97; Jn 20:1a & 2-8
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124; Mt 2:13-18
- Sunday:** 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Today's Readings



First Reading— He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD his God (Micah 5:1-4a).

Psalms — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19).

Second Reading— Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in (Hebrews 10:5-10).

Gospel — Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb (Luke 1:39-45).

HOLY YEAR INDULGENCE

One of the opportunities during the Holy Year is to gain a Jubilee Indulgence.

“An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints.” (Pope St. Paul VI)

To gain the indulgence, the penitent must have a detachment from a sin: a disgust that leads the person to want to never commit the sin again. If the detachment is full, it is a plenary indulgence. If it is partial, a partial indulgence can be gained.

The sacrament of Reconciliation remits the spiritual punishment of sin, but often people still have an attachment to certain sins. If that attachment is not broken before death, it is remedied in purgatory. So, an indulgence will limit the length of purgatory.

The Vatican established three main ways to gain the Jubilee indulgence: Pilgrimages to any sacred Jubilee site; pious visits to sacred places and works of mercy and penance.

There are no sacred pilgrimage sites in our diocese. You can make a visit to our church. During that visit, you are required to spend a “suitable” amount of time in Eucharistic adoration and meditation, concluding with the Our Father, the Creed, and invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Works of mercy and penance would include taking part in parish missions, spiritual exercises (i.e., the rosary or the Chaplet of Divine Mercy), donating to the poor, visiting those in need, supporting religious and charitable works (especially those in defense of life).

Indulgences are always available to us. The Holy Year/Jubilee is an extra motivation to seek them.

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24, 2024-Christmas Vigil

Mass- 4:30 pm and 8:30 pm

(Carols will be sung 1/2 hour before each Mass)

December 25, 2024- Christmas Day

Mass 9:00 am and 11:00 am (Spanish)



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.

Opportunities for additional Confession time during Advent

**December 22-Confessions between
Sunday Masses**

December 23- 9:30-10:00 am

December 24-3:00-4:00 pm

Our Lady of Our Lake Bible Study

Every Tuesday 9:45

Studying the Book of Exodus

***Exciting discussion and
faithful fellowship!***

Join us!



Offertory Collection

July 2024 — June 2025

	Actual	Needed weekly
Dec 15 Offertory	\$11,841	\$7,500
Year to Date	\$184,096	\$180,000



WREATHS
— across —
AMERICA

Starting on National Wreaths Across America Day, Saturday, December 14, 2024, and running through Friday, January 17, 2025, all wreaths sponsored through a registered WAA Sponsorship Group will be matched for placement on next year's National Wreaths Across America Day- Saturday, December 13, 2025! The Knights of Columbus 12270 is a sponsor and wreaths can be sponsored from our church website under the top menu bar- donation WAA



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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



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Married Couples
“Live Your Best Life in Love”

Enrich and Renew your Sacramental relationship by attending a Marriage Encounter Experience, a retreat where you will learn the tools to restore communication, renew your commitment, and rekindle the Joy of your Sacrament!

It is the perfect gift for your spouse on this Valentine’s Day.

Join us February 14-16, 2025
St. Bernard Abbey
Cullman, AL

For more info: wwme.org or call Frank & Kathryn 205-530-3607

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

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 24 2024 - December 29, 2024

TUESDAY MASS-CHRISTMAS EVE

12/24/2024 4:30 PM

Greeters: Bill Bethell, Parma Boyle
Lectors: Meagan Price, Teri Gagliano
Ministers: Susan Moseley, Teri Shields, Paul Thomas, Michael Gagliano
Altar Servers: Ethan Myers, Logan Bluhm
Ushers: Michael & Teri Gagliano, Phillip & Bit Thomaston

12/24/2024 8:30 PM

Greeters: Dawn Adamson, TBD
Lectors: Susan Moseley, Carl Rochford
Ministers: Brenda Rochford, Sharon Hamilton, Sophie Alvarez
Altar Servers: Buddy Adamson, Andy Payant
Ushers: Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson, Lexie Smith, Jeff Smith

WEDNESDAY MASS-CHRISTMAS DAY

12/25/2024 9:00 AM

Greeters: Shirley Skeivelas, The Allors
Lectors: Robert Lewis, Shelly Hamman
Ministers: TBD
Altar Servers: Marty Poteracki, Jeff Reach
Ushers: Sam Marston, Dan Vandevoorde

SATURDAY MASS

12/28/2024 5:00 PM

Greeters: Debbie Adams, Rita Rumore
Lectors: Christie Whaley, Kathy Bryant
Ministers: Teri Shields, Susan Moseley
Altar Servers: Tom Graffo, Chris Gallegly
Ushers: Sam Marston, Dan Vandevoorde

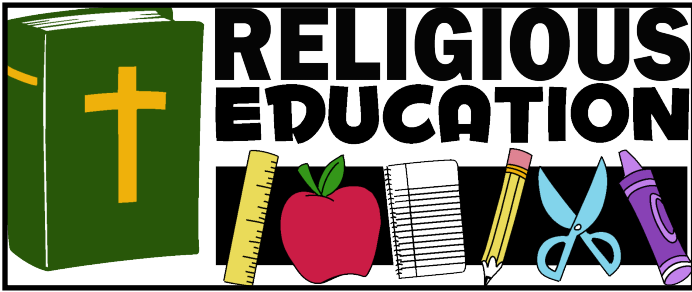
SUNDAY MASSES

12/29/2024 8:30 AM

Greeters: Gagliano/Thomas, The Muellers
Lectors: Carl Rochford, Robert Lewis
Ministers: Sammy Schillaci, Stephen Reese, Jorge Solis, Bernie Funderburg
Altar Servers: Michael Gagliano, Otto Mueller
Ushers: Phillip Thomaston, Bill Bethell, Paul Thomas, Bit Thomaston

12/29/2024 11:15 AM

Greeters: The Bluhm Family
Lectors: Larry Foltz, Miranda Bryant
Ministers: Martha Hayes, Lexie Smith
Altar Servers: Renee Bentel, Logan Bluhm
Ushers: Lexie Smith, Danny Smith, Jeff Smith



Looking Ahead:

December 22- No RE
 December 29- No RE
 January 5- RE- 9:45 am
 January 8- Youth Group Bible Study
 January 12- RE- 9:45 am
 - First Reconciliation- 9:45 am



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 online banking 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. You may also call Faith Direct at 866-507-8757.

Columbarium Niches



Please contact the parish office if you are interested in purchasing a niche in Our Lady of the Lake Columbarium. Contract for selection and use of the niches is allowed after full receipt of payment which is \$3,500 per niche.

FORMED

THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

Access the Catholic Faith ONLINE and ON DEMAND for FREE with our Parish code:

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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 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.*



Calendar for Dec 22, 2024—Dec 29, 2024

Sunday— December 22- 4th Sunday Advent

Masses-8:30 & 11:15 am

Confessions between Masses

No RE

Spanish Mass— 3:00 pm

Monday—December 23

Masses 9:00 am

Confessions- 9:30-10:00 am

Tuesday— December 24- Christmas Vigil

Confessions 3:00-4:00 pm

Mass 4:30 pm (Carols 1/2 hour before Mass)

Mass 8:30 pm (Carols 1/2 hour before Mass)

Parish Office Closed

Wednesday— December 25- Christmas Day

Mass- 9:00 am

Spanish Mass- 11:00

Parish Office Closed

Thursday— December 26

Mass— 9:00 am

Legion of Mary- 6:30 pm

Friday— December 27

Mass— 9:00 am

Divine Mercy Chaplet- 3:00 pm

Saturday — December 28

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass— 5:00 pm

Sunday— December 29

KOC Mass-8:30 am

Mass-11:15 am

No RE

Spanish Mass— 3:00 pm