



# Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

4609 MARTIN STREET SOUTH  
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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## 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, January 4, 2025  
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 5, 2025  
Masses 8:30 am, 11:15 am,  
3:00 pm (Spanish)

## The Epiphany of the Lord January 5, 2025



*"We saw his star at its rising, and have come to do him homage." —Matthew 2:2*



Jan 6 - Jan 12

- Monday:** John Joyner by KOC 12270 †  
Alegandro Falcon Reyes by Belia Solis
- Tuesday:** Hymon Goodwin by Fr. William Lucas †
- Wednesday:** Tracy Finke by Stacey Wall
- Thursday:** Loretta & Bill Frost by the Rumores
- Friday:** Bill Hereford by Jerry & Brenda Kern †
- Saturday:** Valerie Kern by Jerry & Brenda Kern †
- Sunday:** For the People  
Joe Yester by KOC 12270 †

### 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, 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, Doug Armitage, Teri Gagliano

To add a name, call the church office or to add to the Prayer Hot Line please email Sharon Stice at [sharonstice46@gmail.com](mailto:sharonstice46@gmail.com) or call 205-613-1053.

## Weekly Readings Jan 6 - Jan 12

- Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22--4:6; Ps 2; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72; Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72; Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19--5:4; Ps 72; Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 112; Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149; Jn 3:22-30
- Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30; Tit 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## Today's Readings



**First Reading**— Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem (Isaiah 60:1-6)!

**Psalm** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13).

**Second Reading**— That the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** — And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way (Matthew 2:1-12).

## THE PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH

As we are beginning a new year, it might be helpful to review the basic precepts of the Catholic Church. These are minimum requirements for all members of the Church.

What does the Church mean by precepts?

“Positive laws made by Church authorities to guarantee for the faithful the indispensable **minimum in prayer and moral effort**, for the sake of their **growth in love of God and neighbor.**”

(Catechism Glossary)

There are Five:

You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor. (In the Diocese of Birmingham that includes all Sundays and January 1\*, August 15\*, November 1\*, December 8, and December 25)

You shall confess your sins at least once a year.

You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season. (From Easter Sunday through Pentecost Sunday.)

You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church. (Required days of fast- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for those ages 18-59. Required days of abstinence from meat- Those days, plus all the Fridays of Lent for those ages 14 or older.)

You shall help provide for the needs of the Church.

\*Except when that date falls on a Saturday or Monday.



## 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](http://wwme.org) or call Frank & Kathryn  
205-530-3607

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE



We announce the upcoming marriage of Amelia Rose Reese and Carson James Falkner, both of Our Lady of the Lake parish, who will be married in our church on January 11, 2025.

## The Christmas Giving Tree

**The Social Concerns Committee would like to thank all of you who helped make our Christmas Giving Tree a success this year. We were able to support 73 children with your help either by donating or purchasing items from the Church Yard Sale, making a direct Giving Tree donation or taking a tag from the trees and purchasing the gift listed. Thank you for making Christmas special for so many children in our community. God Bless!**

## Offertory Collection

July 2024 — June 2025

	Actual	Needed weekly
December 22 Offertory	\$5,040	\$7,500
Year to Date	\$189,136	\$187,500



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



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



### 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](http://faith.direct/AL1065). You may also call Faith Direct at 866-507-8757.**

### 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](mailto:jmwright329@gmail.com)

## Our Lady of Our Lake Bible Study

Every Tuesday 9:45 am

Studying the Book of Exodus

Exciting discussion and faithful  
fellowship! Join us!



## 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.

**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

January 8, 2025 - January 12, 2025

### WEDNESDAY MASS

**1/8/2025 7:00 PM**

Lector: Arturo Solis  
Minister: Deacon

### SATURDAY MASS

**1/11/2025 5:00 PM**

Greeters: Rita Rumore, Allen Ross  
Lectors: Shane Shields, Sarah Brazzolotto  
Ministers: Susan Moseley, Martha Hayes  
Altar Servers: Bernie & Corey Funderburg  
Ushers: Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

### SUNDAY MASSES

**1/12/2025 8:30 AM**

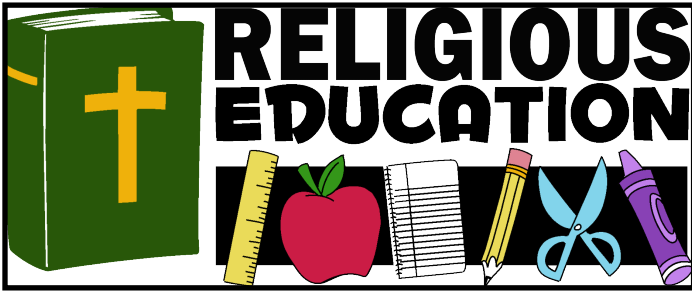
Greeters: Shelly Hamman, Shayla Largadas  
Lectors: Karen Reese, Robert Lewis  
Ministers: Sophie Alvarez, Jane Snider  
Paul Thomas, Anita Allor  
Altar Servers: Michael Gagliano, Ronni Thomas,  
Renee Bentel, Allison Schillaci  
Ushers: Paul Thomas, Phillip Thomaston  
Bart Perry, Stephen Reese

**1/12/2025 11:15 AM**

Greeters: Shirley Skeivelas, Joan & Carl Wright  
Lectors: Mary Adams, Doug Ross  
Ministers: Chris Gallegly, Lexie Smith  
Altar Servers: Jhon Paul & Natalie Rodgers,  
Nate Cardenas  
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Lexie Smith,  
Doug Ross, Jeff 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.**



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Looking Ahead:

January 5- RE- 9:45 am

January 8- Youth Group Bible Study

January 12- RE- 9:45 am

- First Reconciliation- 9:45 am

January 19-No RE

January 22-Youth Group Outing- 5:30 pm



## PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION

Please pray for the following people who will be receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation on January 12th.

- John David Funderburg
- Annleigh Bluhm
- Marie Grace Dean
- Lourdes Veracruz Canuto
- Roxana Cruz Vasquez

## 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.

## Pro-Life Corner

### Ann's New Life Pregnancy Center

3440 Martin Street South, Suite 1, Cropwell, AL 35054  
205-338-4580

Hours of Operation: Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 am-4:00 pm

7404 Roosevelt Drive, Leeds, AL 35094  
205-702-6500

Hours of Operation: Monday & Wednesday 10:00 am-4:00 pm

24/7 Hotline: 1-800-712-4357

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## 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](http://ChooseLifeAlabama.org)



NEW TAG DESIGN



The Catholic  
Diocese of  
Birmingham in  
Alabama  
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

*"Where Do We Go from Here?"*

**A Personal Reflection by  
Sister Patti Chappelle, SNDdeN**  
Social Worker, District of Columbia  
Past Executive Director PAS Christi, USA Anti  
Racism Team, Speaker, Educator, Advocate

Tickets \$25.00  
To purchase, call the Office of Black Ministry at  
205-838-8313.

*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 Jan 5, 2025—Jan 12, 2025

**Sunday— January 5**

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE- 9:45 am

Spanish Mass— 3:00 pm

**Monday—January 6**

Mass 9:00

**Tuesday— January 7**

Mass 9:00

OCIA- 7:00 pm

**Wednesday— January 8**

Youth Group Bible Study- 5:30 pm

Spanish Mass- 7:00 pm

Adoration/Holy Hour- 7:30-8:30 pm (Spanish)

**Thursday— January 9**

Mass— 9:00 am

Legion of Mary- 6:30 pm

**Friday— January 10**

Mass— 9:00 am

Divine Mercy Chaplet- 3:00 pm

**Saturday — January 11**

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass— 5:00 pm

**Sunday— January 12**

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE- 9:45 am

1st Reconciliation- 9:45 am

Spanish Mass— 3:00 pm