



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

4609 MARTIN STREET SOUTH
CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054

Rev. William P. Lucas, Pastor

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Deacon Serge Brazzolotto
Deacon E. Lee Robinson

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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

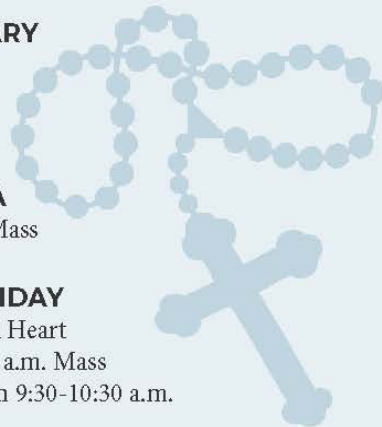
Novena to the Sacred Heart
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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

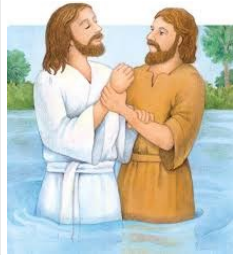


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Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, January 11, 2025
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 12, 2025
Masses 8:30 am, 11:15 am,
3:00 pm (Spanish)



The Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2025

I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. —Luke 3:16



Jan 13 - Jan 19

- Monday:** Deacon Lee Robinson by Jerry & Brenda Kern
Tuesday: Sr. Emilie Schmitt, OSB by Fr. William Lucas †
Wednesday: Charles Rumore by the Rumores
Thursday: John Joyner by KOC 12270 †
Friday: All Souls in Purgatory by Bill & Mary Burns †
Saturday: Barbara Adamson by Buddy & Dawn Adamson †
Sunday: Jayne Price by Fr. William Lucas †
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 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, Mary Habrat, Roger & Linda Carreker, Barbara Mathis, Christopher Williams, Chris Shields, Jane Gallegly, Patricia Blum, Doug Armitage

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 Jan 13 - Jan 19

- Monday:** Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97; Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday:** Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8; Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday:** Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105; Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday:** Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95; Mk 1:40-45
- Friday:** Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday:** Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19; Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Today's Readings



First Reading— In the desert prepare the way of the LORD (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11)!

Psalm — O bless the Lord, my soul (Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30).

Second Reading— He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit (Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7).

Gospel — And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22)."

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This Sunday we conclude the liturgical season of Christmas with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. As with all the other observances of Christmas, this event reveals something about Jesus's humanity and His divinity.

Humanity: The baptism of John was, "of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." (Luke 3, 3) It was an opportunity to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. The person first had to repent, then confess their sins, and then the baptism was the final stage to show the person was a true Israelite.

Jesus did not need to repent or be forgiven. He underwent John's baptism to show His identification with sinful humanity. He came to call us to repentance. He took on all the limitations of being human. He was like us in all things, but sin. (Hebrews 4, 15) His baptism by John shows His full humanity.

Divinity: According to the Gospel of Luke, after He was baptized and was praying, the sky opened, the Holy Spirit descended in the form of a dove, and a voice came from heaven saying, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The voice was the Father identifying Jesus as His only begotten Son. Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of the eternal Father. Though He is 100% human, He is also 100% God. The voice identifies Jesus as "my" beloved Son. Jesus Christ is not one among many. He is unique. He alone is the savior.

As Catholics, we have had since December 25th to contemplate the full humanity and the full divinity of Jesus Christ. By the grace of God, we may have scratched the surface of this mystery. We can always go back to it. The scriptures of the Christmas season are a good guide.



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

Ann's New Life Pregnancy Medical Center

OLL Baby Bottle Drive and Shower of Blessings

The Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church Baby Bottle Drive will start the weekend of **January 25th and 26th**. It will end with a baby shower to benefit our local crisis pregnancy center, Ann's New Life Pregnancy Medical Center (ANLC) on Sunday, **February 23th** between the Masses.

Please fill your bottles with the change you may have in the cup holder of your car, between the cushions in your couch, or wherever you keep your spare change, and return your baby bottles to the Shower of Blessings.

Everyone is invited to the Shower. Coffee and refreshments will be served and we will have a special speaker.



Offertory Collection

July 2024 — June 2025

	Actual	Needed weekly
January 5 Offertory	\$6,283	\$7,500
Year to Date	\$205,104	\$202,500

Building Fund Collection

July 2024 — June 2025

	Actual	Needed Monthly
Building Fund— Month of December	\$5,850	\$3,080
Year to Date	\$32,092	\$20,020



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.



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.**

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 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.



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 15, 2025 - January 19, 2025

WEDNESDAY MASS

1/15/2025 7:00 PM

Lector: Susan Moseley
Minister: Deacon

SATURDAY MASS

1/18/2025 5:00 PM

Greeters: Paige Everett, Bob Voll
Lectors: Allen Ross, Pat Blum
Ministers: Susan Moseley, Teri Shields
Altar Servers: Tom Michaels, Dennis Veigl
Ushers: Sam Marston, Dan Vandevoorde

SUNDAY MASSES

1/19/2025 8:30 AM

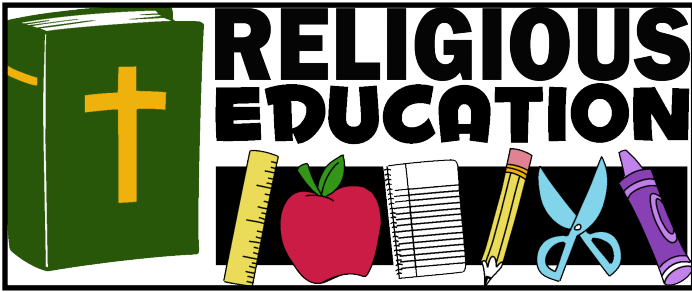
Greeters: Poteracki/Alvarez, Stephens/Bunt
Lectors: Teri Gagliano, Shelly Hamman
Ministers: Stephen Reese, Teri Gagliano
Sophie Alvarez, Anita Allor
Altar Servers: Marty Poteracki, John Bryant
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston
Dennis Veigl, Matt Allor

1/19/2025 11:15 AM

Greeters: Brenda Monte, Ray & Charlene Betz
Lectors: Michael Poteracki, Lexie Smith
Ministers: Sammy Schillaci, Michael Poteracki
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.**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Looking Ahead:

January 12- RE- 9:45 am
 - First Reconciliation- 9:45 am
 January 19-No RE
 January 22-Youth Group Outing- 5:30 pm
 January 26- RE- 9:45 am



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

Current Needs: Size 6 Diapers!

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THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

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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



NEW TAG DESIGN



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

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 drop your donation at the parish office during normal office hours.

Goal –400 cans/month

Total to date for January – 248 cans

Please consider donating \$1 per week



Calendar for Jan 12, 2025—Jan 19, 2025

Sunday– January 12

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE- 9:45 am

1st Reconciliation- 9:45 am

Spanish Mass– 3:00 pm

Monday–January 13

Mass 9:00

Tuesday– January 14

Mass 9:00

OCIA- 7:00 pm

Wednesday– January 15

Surfsiders- 10:00 am

Mass- 7:00 pm

Pastoral Council- 7:30 pm

Thursday– January 16

Mass– 9:00 am

Legion of Mary- 6:30 pm

Friday– January 17

Mass– 9:00 am

Divine Mercy Chaplet- 3:00 pm

Saturday – January 18

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass– 5:00 pm

Pilgrim Virgin- 6:30 pm

Sunday– January 19

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

Spanish Mass– 3:00 pm

Holy Hour- 7:00 pm