



# 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

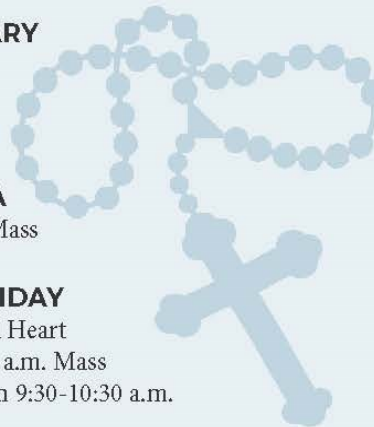
Novena to the Sacred Heart  
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass  
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

## HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

Third Sunday of every month 7:00 p.m.  
Second Wednesday of every month | *Exposicion del 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, February 1, 2025  
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, February 2, 2025  
Masses 8:30 am, 11:15 am,  
3:00 pm (Spanish)



### The Presentation of the Lord February 2, 2025

Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to  
present him to the Lord — Luke 2:22



Feb 3 - Feb 9

- Monday:** Bishop Robert Baker by the Rumores  
**Tuesday:** Alfredo Amaya by James & Gloria Raynor †  
**Wednesday:** Fr. Colman Grabert, OSB by Fr. William Lucas †  
**Thursday:** Hymon Goodwin by Fr. William Lucas †  
**Friday:** Flor Gonzalez by James & Gloria Raynor †  
**Saturday:** Margaret Banks by Jerry & Brenda Kern †  
**Sunday:** Bill Hereford by Jerry & Brenda Kern †  
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, 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, David Hogan

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 Feb 3 - Feb 9

- Monday:** Heb 11:32-40;  
Ps 31; Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday:** Heb 12:1-4; Ps  
22; Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-  
15; Ps 103; Mk  
5:1-6
- Thursday:** Heb 12:18-19,  
21-24; Ps 48; Mk  
6:7-13
- Friday:** Heb 13:1-8; Ps  
27; Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17,  
20-21; Ps 23; Mk  
6:30-34
- Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps  
138:1-2, 2-3, 4-  
5, 7-8; 1 Cor  
15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

## Today's Readings



**First Reading**— Thus says the Lord God: Lo, I am  
sending my messenger to prepare the way before me  
(Malachi 3:1-4).

**Psalms** — Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord  
(Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10)!

**Second Reading**— Because he himself was tested  
through what he suffered, he is able to help those  
who are being tested (Hebrews 2:14-18).

**Gospel** — The child grew and became strong, filled  
with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him  
(Luke 2:22-40).

## **THE PRESENTATION**

On the Catholic Liturgical Calendar, February 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. That event would have happened for the earthly Jesus when He was 40 days old. February 2<sup>nd</sup> is 40 days after Christmas, the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord. When February 2<sup>nd</sup> falls on a Sunday, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is observed instead of the Sunday in Ordinary Time.

For the Hebrews, the first-born son belonged to the Lord. But the Hebrews would never practice child sacrifice. They developed a ritual called "redemption." The parents would bring their first-born son to the Temple. There they would "redeem" their son by substituting either two turtle doves (if you were rich) or two young pigeons (if you were poor) for their son. The birds would be sacrificed (sent back to God) instead of their son.

When Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to Simeon, the priest, to perform the "redemption" ritual, Simeon snatches Jesus from their arms before they can make the exchange. Jesus is the redeemer. He will not be redeemed from His Father. This fulfills a promise God made to Simeon that he would meet the Christ. It also reveals to everyone who has faith that Jesus is the redeemer, the savior.

This event is only found in the Gospel of Luke. It is part of his "orderly sequence" of events that reveal that Jesus is fully human and fully divine. As a human being, Jesus goes through the ritual of the Presentation in the Temple. As God, Jesus is revealed as the savior. He will save us by sacrificing His life on the cross. His whole life will be a sacrifice, an offering, to His Father.



## **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  
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For more info: [wwme.org](http://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 has begun. The Shower of Blessings to benefit Ann's New Life Pregnancy Medical Center (ANLC) will be on Sunday, **February 23th** between the Masses. The Theme will be Fostering Hope. There will be a speaker(s) to talk about another aspect of the pro-life movement, adoption and foster care.

### **Food for the Poor**

#### **At Masses February 15th and 16th**

Rev. Kenneth Nielson will speak at all Masses on behalf of Food for the Poor ministry. Fr. Nielson was ordained on April 24, 1999 in the Diocese of Austin. He speaks German and French. Fr. Nielson will share personal witness about Food for the Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel to love one another.

## Offertory Collection

July 2024 — June 2025

	Actual	Needed weekly
January 26 Offertory	\$7,487	\$7,500
Year to Date	\$232,192	\$225,000



**Chair: Brenda Rochford**  
edenrochford@yahoo.com

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**Meagan Price:** meaganfprice@gmail.com

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

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## 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.



## 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.**

## Our Lady of Our Lake Bible Study

Every Tuesday 9:45 am

Studying the Book of Exodus

Exciting discussion and faithful  
fellowship! Join us!



The Magnificat Luncheon  
Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall  
Saturday, February 22, 2025  
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Speaker, Christina Fritz, was a former Olympic gymnast. A very intense athletic path in childhood and in college caused her to lean deeply into her faith. Come to our luncheon to hear how she fought to regain her physical health with God's help.

A Ticket is \$20 and includes a catered lunch. Tickets are available online at [BirminghamMagnificat.org](http://BirminghamMagnificat.org) or by contacting Lucy at (205) 529-0259 or from Alpha Church Supply and Holy Roses Flowers and Gifts. No tickets are sold at the door or after February 16th.

## Divine Mercy Chaplet

In the Church each Friday at 3:00 pm  
until the start of Lent



## Assignments

February 5, 2025 - February 9, 2025

### WEDNESDAY MASS

**2/5/2025 7:00 PM**

Lector: Sarah Brazzolotto

### SATURDAY MASS

**2/8/2025 5:00 PM**

**Greeters:** Debbie Adams, Bob Voll  
**Lectors:** Martha Hayes, Shane Shields  
**Ministers:** Teri Shields, Parma Boyle  
**Altar Servers:** Bernie & Corey Funderburg  
**Ushers:** Sam Marston, Dan Vandevoorde

### SUNDAY MASSES

**2/9/2025 8:30 AM**

**Greeters:** Amelia Falkner, Bill Bethell  
**Lectors:** Sharon Hamilton, Robert Lewis  
**Ministers:** Sharon Hamilton, Brenda Rochford,  
Teri Gagliano Michael Gagliano  
**Altar Servers:** Dennis Veigl, James Raynor,  
Kalli Reach, Allison Schillaci  
**Ushers:** Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston,  
Bill Bethell, Stephen Reese

**2/9/2025 11:15 AM**

**Greeters:** Joan & Carl Wright, Brenda Monte  
**Lectors:** Miranda Bryant, Doug Ross  
**Ministers:** Chris Gallegly, Michael Poteracki  
**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:

February 2- RE- 9:45 am

February 5- Youth Group Bible Study- 5:30 pm

February 9- RE- 9:45 am

February 16- RE- 9:45 am



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Welcome the Newest Parishioners to Our Lady of the Lake!

Tracey Elimimian

Katelynn Pannell & Dawson Stoessel

Cristina Ratchford



## Pro-Life Corner

### Ann's New Life Pregnancy Medical 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
- Pumpkin style newborn car seats

## 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

## Volunteers Needed!

The church is in the process of organizing a Food Assistance Ministry. We would like to help residents of St. Clair County who are having a hard time making ends meet. Residents will be able to come once a month, after filling out an application for assistance, to receive a box of food items, perishable and nonperishable. If you would like to be a part of this ministry contact Brenda Rochford either by phone 423-242-5029 or email: [edenrochford@yahoo.com](mailto:edenrochford@yahoo.com)

You may also contact the church office. Thank you and God Bless.



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## *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 for January – 1006 cans

Please consider donating \$1 per week



## Calendar for Feb 2, 2025—Feb 9, 2025

### **Sunday– February 2**

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

Blessing of Throats after each Mass

RE- 9:45 am

Spanish Mass– 3:00 pm

### **Monday–February 3**

Mass 9:00

### **Tuesday– February 4**

Mass 9:00

OCIA- 7:00 pm

### **Wednesday– February 5**

Mass- 7:00 pm

Youth Group Bible Study- 5:30 pm

### **Thursday– February 6**

Mass– 9:00 am

Legion of Mary- 6:30 pm

### **Friday– February 7**

Mass– 9:00 am

First Friday Adoration- 9:30-10:30 am

Divine Mercy Chaplet- 3:00 pm

### **Saturday – February 8**

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass– 5:00 pm

### **Sunday– February 9**

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE- 9:45 am

Spanish Mass– 3:00 pm