



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

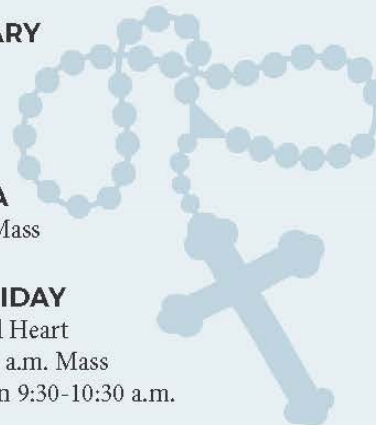
Novena to the Sacred Heart
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

Third Sunday of every month 7:00 p.m.
Second Wednesday of every month | *Exposicion del
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, February 8, 2025
Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, February 9, 2025
Masses 8:30 am, 11:15 am,
3:00 pm (Spanish)*



*Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
February 9, 2025*

*When they brought their boats to the shore,
they left everything and followed him.
—Luke 5:11*



Feb 10 - Feb 16

- Monday:** All Souls in Purgatory by Billy & Mary Burns †
Tuesday: D. Christine & J. Alan Lambert
by Alan & Christie Whaley †
Wednesday: Elsie Burgess by Jeff Bowman †
Thursday: Paul Adamson Jr. by Buddy & Dawn Adamson †
Friday: Buddy Spradley by the KOC 12270 †
Saturday: Dorothy DiMattia by Jerry & Brenda Kern †
Sunday: Rochelle Daigle by Charles & Libby LaFleur †
For the People

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

*Ron & Diana Markevich, Juanita Crowson,
Toni James, Fred Brown, Silvia Moten, Bill &
Loretta Frost, David & Audrey Springer, Chris-
tine Jaks, Janice Stella, Frank Troncalli, Angela
Ledlow, Michael Brayman, Lee Walser, Geri
Bunt, Charles & Libby LaFleur, Marcia Mortek,
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, Joanna Murphree, Benny Goodman*

To add a name, call the church office or to add to the Prayer Hot
Line please email Sharon Stice at sharonstice46@gmail.com

Weekly Readings Feb 10 - Feb 16

- Monday:** Gen 1:1-19; Ps
104; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday:** Gen 1:20--2:4a;
Ps 8; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday:** Gen 2:4b-9, 15-
17; Ps 104; Mk
7:14-23
- Thursday:** Gen 2:18-25; Ps
128; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday:** Gen 3:1-8; Ps
32; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday:** Gen 3:9-24; Ps
90; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday:** Jer 17:5-8; Ps
1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; 1
Cor 15:12, 16-
20; Lk 6:17, 20-
26

Today's Readings



First Reading— “Here I am,” I said; “send me
(Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8)!”

Psalm — In the sight of the angels I will sing your
praises, Lord (Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8).

Second Reading— I am reminding you, brothers
and sisters, of the gospel I preached to you, which
you indeed received and in which you also stand (1
Corinthians 15:1-11).

Gospel — Do not be afraid; from now on you will
catching men (Luke 5:1-11).

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

February 11th is the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. It honors the appearance of the Blessed Virgin Mary to St. Bernadette in 1858. This was four years after Pope Pius IX defined the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. Mary identified herself to Bernadette as "The Immaculate Conception."

In 1992, Pope St. John Paul II designated February 11th as World Day of the Sick. He called it, "a special time of prayer and suffering, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding us to see in our sick brother and sister the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying, and rising, achieved the salvation of humankind." (May 13, 1992)

The sick have a mission within the Church. They offer their sufferings, borne with patience and faith, "to make up for what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ, for the sake of his body." Their prayer, and our prayer for them, strengthens the faith of the Church. When the suffering of the sick is united to the sufferings Christ endured, it builds up people in faith.

Our society gives exclusive value to usefulness. The sick are not useful, so society fails to recognize their value. It sees them as a burden. As Christians, we are supposed to have compassion for those who suffer, even if it is "their own fault." How we treat the sick is how we treat Christ. All people are made in the image and likeness of God. Even those who are experiencing weakness.



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Cullman, AL**

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



Ann's New Life Center Baby Shower February 23, 2025 10:00 am Parish Hall

You are invited to a baby shower to benefit Ann's New Life Center. Please return your baby bottles at that time. The theme will be Fostering Hope. A speaker(s) will talk about another aspect of the pro-life movement; adoption and foster care.

Everyone is invited, bring a friend if you'd like!

Ann's New Life Center Wish List

Anything baby: 0-24 months

Infant Car Seats

Dr. Brown's Newborn baby bottles/kits

Bottle Sterilizers

Size 6 Diapers

Baby Wipes

Newborn/Infant Baby Sleepers

Offertory Collection

July 2024 — June 2025

	Actual	Needed weekly
February 2 Offertory	\$7,165	\$7,500
Year to Date	\$239,357	\$232,500

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



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.

Camp St. Bernard

Registration is open for campers ages 6-14 for June 2025. Campers are provided with a traditional summer camp experience while spending time on campus of St. Bernard Abbey. For more information on this unique, affordable, Catholic program, visit the website at campstbernard.com or email John Arnd, Camp Director, at campstbernard@gmail.com

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**Food for the Poor
At Masses Next Weekend
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. Please give a warm welcome to Fr. Ken.

www.FoodForThePoor.org/churchalliances

**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 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
through the end of Lent.**



Assignments

February 12, 2025 - February 16, 2025

WEDNESDAY MASS

2/12/2025 7:00 PM

Lector: Gloria Raynor

SATURDAY MASS

2/15/2025 5:00 PM

Greeters: Dawn Adamson, Paige Everett
Lectors: Sarah Brazzolotto, Allen Ross
Ministers: Tom Graffo, Martha Hayes
Altar Servers: Buddy Adamson, Andy Payant
Ushers: Amy Carreker, Jim Gorman

SUNDAY MASSES

2/16/2025 8:30 AM

Greeters: Mary & Billy Burns, Shayla Largadas
Lectors: Kathy Bryant, Carey Monistere
Ministers: Jane Snider, Sophie Alvarez
Anita Allor, Sonya Lewis
Altar Servers: David Blaylock, John Bryant
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston
Bill Bethell, Bit Thomaston

2/16/2025 11:15 AM

Greeters: Lopez de Victoria/Cowart,
Joan & Carl Wright
Lectors: Lexie Smith, Stephanie Fischer
Ministers: Sammy Schillaci, 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.**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Looking Ahead:

- February 9- RE- 9:45 am
- February 16- RE- 9:45 am
- February 19- Youth Group Outing-5:30 pm
- February 23- RE- 9:45 am
- March 2- RE- 9:45 am

Burning of the Palms
between Masses



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Social Concerns Fund

We are in need of monetary donations to assist the St. Clair County Community with paying their utility bills. We have been providing emergency assistance with utility bills for some time now and our funds are getting depleted. If you are wanting to donate, just make sure you indicate on your check that the money is designated to OLL-Social Concerns. Call the church office with any questions.

Thanks for your generosity in helping those in need!

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

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

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

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



This Photo by Helene...

Christian Love Pantry

We appreciate the continued support provided by the Our Lady of the Lake family. The many volunteers, board membership, regular soup donations and financial support enables us to provide emergency food to friends and neighbors in our community.

In 2024, we assisted local families with an estimated 150,195 pounds of food which supplied more than 125,163 meals. Over half of the people that we helped were children and seniors.

On behalf of our volunteers and those we serve, thank you again for all the Our Lady of the Lake congregation do for the community.

Bob Osborn, Director, Christian Love Pantry

Sunday– February 9

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE- 9:45 am

Spanish Mass– 3:00 pm

Monday–February 10

Mass 9:00

Tuesday– February 11

Mass 9:00

OCIA- 7:00 pm

Wednesday– February 12

Spanish Mass- 7:00 pm

Holy Hour/Adoration 7:30-8:30 pm

Thursday– February 13

Mass– 9:00 am

Legion of Mary- 6:30 pm

Friday– February 14

Mass– 9:00 am

Divine Mercy Chaplet- 3:00 pm

Saturday – February 15

Food for the Poor at Mass

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass– 5:00 pm

Pilgrim Virgin- 6:30 pm

Sunday– February 16

Food for the Poor at all Masses

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE- 9:45 am

Spanish Mass– 3:00 pm

Holy Hour- 7:00 pm



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Office of the Bishop

January 31, 2025

STATEMENT ON IMMIGRATION

Most Reverend Steven J. Raica

Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama

Having heard from people of good will from around the diocese, and as the Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama, I am deeply moved in light of recent national events to address the issue of immigration—a topic that touches many here in our diocese. It is at the very heart of who we are as a people and as a nation. Immigration is not just a matter of policy or politics; it is a profoundly moral (i.e., human) issue that calls us to respond with compassion, courage, and conviction.

Our faith reminds us that every individual is a cherished son or daughter of God, imbued with dignity and infinite worth. This belief shapes how we see and treat one another in response to our Lord's command to "love your neighbor as yourself." It is also at the basis of the evocative parable of the Good Samaritan. It challenges us to embrace every person as part of the human family, especially those seeking refuge and hope. At the same time, our shared history as a nation speaks to the power of opportunity and the resilience of those who dream of a better life. This is the story of America—a story of welcoming the stranger, embracing diverse cultures, and creating something truly symphonic while strengthening the very meaning of "We, the People."

America's strength has always been its openness to those who dare to hope. Many of our ancestors risked everything to come to our beloved land out of an unrelenting belief in the promise of a brighter future. Throughout the cities, villages, and country landscape of our diocese, we see this vivid contribution of those who have brought energy, creativity, and strength to our communities and churches. Many labor tirelessly for their families, pay taxes, enrich our faith communities, and remind us of the blessings that come from sharing cultures. Their dreams are tied to ours; their success to our collective future.

Still, we recognize that immigration is complex. Admittedly, sovereign nations have the right and responsibility to create laws and to control borders and ports of entry, in order to ensure good civic order and safety for all citizens. It is not an either-or situation but a balance—one where justice meets mercy and laws coexist with compassion. When we see immigrants struggling with an outdated system and onerous processes, we are reminded of our shared responsibility to address these concerns so that movement of people can be orderly, efficient, just, and fair for all.

The challenges of immigration reform are not insurmountable. With open hearts and clear vision, we can work toward solutions that honor both our laws, our homeland security, and our aspirational values while allowing for the movement of peoples who aspire to participate in the fullness of the American dream.

As we reflect on this issue, we are inspired by Christ's call to welcome the stranger. This is not an abstract command but a tangible invitation to live out our faith in practical ways. To open our hearts to the immigrant is to open our hearts to Christ Himself, Who reminds us that whatever we do for the least among us, we do for Him.

As always, we urge our lawmakers, community leaders, and every person of good will to take this issue seriously, to work diligently toward reasonable solutions and sensible accommodations whenever necessary, and to strengthen our nation as a place of hope for those yearning to "breathe free." Moving beyond division and fear, may we choose instead to see immigration as an opportunity for renewal and growth, not stagnation; understanding, not suspicion; hope, not despair.

As we journey together, may we remain a nation that honors the dignity of all people and strives to be a home for those seeking a better tomorrow. We lean into the promise of our faith and the strength of our shared humanity. That is my hope!

May God bless us all with wisdom, courage, and love.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steven J. Raica". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small cross symbol at the beginning.

Most Reverend Steven J. Raica
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama