



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054



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Deacon E. Lee Robinson

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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

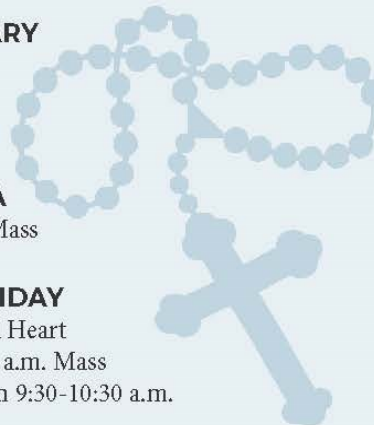
Novena to the Sacred Heart
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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, February 22, 2025
Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, February 23, 2025
Masses 8:30 am, 11:15 am,
3:00 pm (Spanish)*



*Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time
February 23, 2025*

*Do to others as you would have them do to you.
—Luke 6:31*



Feb 24 - Mar 2

- Monday:** Harold & John Williams by Madelyn Gauld †
- Tuesday:** Buddy Spradley by Sharon Stice †
- Wednesday:** All Souls in Purgatory by Billy & Mary Burns †
- Thursday:** Buddy Spradley by the KOC 12270 †
- Friday:** Charles & Melinda McNamee by the Rumores
- Saturday:** Alan & Christie Whaley
- Sunday:** Ernest Gauld by Madelyn Gauld †
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, 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, Chris Shields, Jan e 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 or call 205-613-1053.

Weekly Readings Feb 24- Mar 2

- Monday:** Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93; Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday:** Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37; Mk 9:30-37
- Wednesday:** Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119; Mk 9:38-40
- Thursday:** Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1; Mk 9:41-50
- Friday:** Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119; Mk 10:1-12
- Saturday:** Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103; Mk 10:13-16
- Sunday:** Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

Today's Readings



First Reading— “Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the LORD’s anointed (Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).”

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13).

Second Reading— Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

Gospel — “For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you (Luke 6:17, 27-38).”

SHOWER OF BLESSINGS

This Sunday, February 23rd, our parish will observe our annual Shower of Blessings to support Ann's New Life Center in Pell City. We have been running an announcement in the bulletin for the past three weeks listing items that the Center needs in order to serve the women of our community.

Ann's New Life Center offers confidential help and services completely free. They offer pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, post abortion counseling, peer counseling, material aid (e.g., diapers), prenatal classes, parenting classes, bible studies, and resource information.

Their Mission Statement says: "Life is a precious gift from God. Our mission is to provide life giving alternatives to abortion for expectant mothers considering abortion and help them choose life for their unborn baby by parenting or making an adoption plan. We believe in the sanctity of all human life and help support mothers and their children with that decision."

In his encyclical, The Gospel of Life, Pope St. John Paul, II called on Catholics and all people of good will to promote a "culture of life" to counter what he called "the culture of death so pervasive in the modern world." Ann's New Life Center is an example of promoting a culture of life. It serves women who are not considering abortion as well as those who are.

To be pro-life means more than being anti-abortion. It means promoting the dignity of all human life because we believe human beings are made in the image and likeness of God. The Shower of Blessings is a way to promote the dignity of human life as created and loved by God.

There are free brochures in each vestibule, which detail fundraising and volunteer opportunities for Ann's New Life Center.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

Select International Tours and Cruises partners with Walk the Way to structure faith-based pilgrimages. Journeys where you "walk the way" of not only Jesus, Mary, Saints, Angels and Mystics but also walk in the cultural ways and become exposed to language, food, art, and music of the lands visited.

Registration is open for a Pilgrimage to Poland with the highlights being Sts. Pope John Paul II, Maximillian Kolbe, and Faustina for June 9-18, 2025. Fr. John Pozhathuparambil, OFM Conv will be our spiritual leader. Fr. John has a deep desire to pilgrimage to Poland since he played the role of St. Kolbe in a short film production by Bellarmine University where he teaches in Kentucky.

Go to walktheway.co (**not .com**), select *Book Online* from the menu, scroll down to the Poland trip and click on *Book Now* at the end of the short description. This will take you directly to the brochure and details on the Select International website.

Text 205-563-0751 or email at lanzipitts@gmail.com for questions/information.

Burning of the Palms

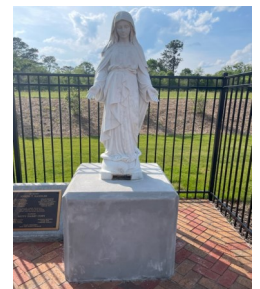
Sunday, March 2nd
After 8:30 am Mass
Bell Tower



Ash Wednesday
Masses

Wednesday, March 5th
9:00 am and 7:00 pm

Knights of Columbus Prayer Service



**Our Lady of the Lake
Columbarium Garden
March 8, 2025
10:00 am**

Everyone is welcome!
Coffee & Donuts will be served.
Contact Bernie Funderburg with questions at
205-405-6382

Offertory Collection

July 2024 — June 2025

Actual

**Needed
weekly**

No offertory
reported this
week

Year to Date

Building Fund Collection

July 2024 — June 2025

Actual

**Needed
Monthly**

**Building
Fund—
Month of
January**

\$4,510

\$3,080

Year to Date

\$36,602

\$23,100



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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

An Introduction to Prayer by Bishop Robert Barron

Please pick up a book in the foyer titled "An Introduction to Prayer" by Bishop Robert Barron. This book offers a collection of rich yet brief reflections on prayer in the Catholic spiritual tradition.

This book is a Lenten gift for every family in the parish that wants one, we will order more if needed.



GET READY FOR THE CATHEDRAL'S LENTEN MISSION

We are excited to welcome in mid-March three Dominican Friars, including the acclaimed author Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P., who will conduct a mission on "The Presence of God". The mission is open to all and will include daily talks and ample opportunity for the sacrament of confession! As a bonus, there will be a Rosary Day the Saturday before the mission begins (March 15). The Mission itself will have both daytime and evening tracks, to accommodate all schedules. It will conclude on St. Joseph's Day, Wednesday, March 19, with a Eucharistic Healing Service. Please spread the word and plan to attend. For full schedules and other information, visit the site the Dominicans have created: https://angelicum.it/mission_birmingham_2025/

Divine Mercy Chaplet

In the Church each Friday at 3:00 pm through the end of Lent.



Assignments
February 26, 2025 - March 2, 2025

WEDNESDAY MASS

2/26/2025 7:00 PM

Lector: Buddy Adamson

SATURDAY MASS

3/1/2025 5:00 PM

Greeters: Paige Everett, Allen Ross
 Lectors: Kathy Bryant, Martha Hayes
 Ministers: Anita Allor, Susan Moseley
 Altar Servers: Tom Graffo, Tom Michaels
 Ushers: Sam Marston, Dan Vandervoorde

SUNDAY MASSES

3/2/2025 8:30 AM

Greeters: The Thomastons, Sonya Lewis
 Lectors: Karen Reese, Dennis Veigl
 Ministers: Brenda Rochford, Teri Gagliano, Jane Snider, Paul Thomas
 Altar Servers: Marty Poteracki, Otto Mueller
 Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston, Bill Bethell, Bart Perry

3/2/2025 11:15 AM

Greeters: Brenda Monte, Ray & Charlene Betz
 Lectors: Mary Adams, Bernie Funderburg
 Ministers: Lexie Smith, Sammy Schillaci
 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 23- RE- 9:45 am

March 2- RE- 9:45 am

Burning of the Palms
between Masses

March 9- RE- 9:45 am

March 16 RE- 9:45 am



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

JRQNH8

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



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LENT ADULT EDUCATION

On Monday evenings during Lent, there will be adult education offerings in the parish hall from 7:00-8:00 p.m. This will lead to the Communal Penance Service for Lent on Monday, April 7th.

The schedule is as follows:

March 10	Eucharistic Miracles
March 17	Devotional Prayer
March 24	Liturgical Prayer
March 31	Forgiving Yourself
April 7	Communal Penance Service

Calendar for Feb 23, 2025—Mar 2 2025

Sunday— February 23

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE- 9:45 am

Shower of Blessings-between Masses in Parish Hall

Spanish Mass— 3:00 pm

Monday—February 24

Mass 9:00

KOC Meeting-6:30-8:00 pm

Tuesday— February 25

Mass 9:00

OCIA- 7:00 pm

Wednesday— February 26

Mass- 7:00 pm

Pastoral Council- 7:30 pm

Thursday— February 27

Mass— 9:00 am

Liturgy Committee- 6:00 pm

Legion of Mary- 6:30 pm

Friday— February 28

Mass— 9:00 am

Divine Mercy Chaplet- 3:00 pm

Saturday – March 1

First Saturday Mass- 9:00 am

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass— 5:00 pm

Sunday— March 2

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE- 9:45 am

Burning of the Palms-between Masses