



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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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

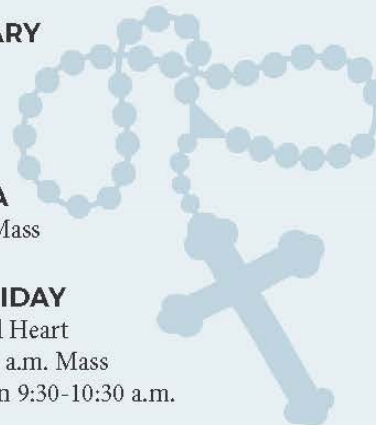
Novena to the Sacred Heart
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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, March 1, 2025
Mass 5:00 pm

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

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time March 2, 2025



No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. —Luke 6:40



March 3 - March 9

- Monday:** Hymon Goodwin by Fr. William Lucas †
- Tuesday:** Tom Wells by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore †
- Wednesday:** Fr. Colman Grabert, OSB by Fr. William Lucas †
- Thursday:** All Souls in Purgatory by Billy & Mary Burns †
- Friday:** Dorothy Di Mattia by Jerry & Brenda Kern †
- Saturday:** Margaret Banks by Jeff Bowman †
- Sunday:** For the People
Dorothy Di Mattia by Sharon Stice †

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 Mar 3- Mar 9

- Monday:** Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32; Mk 10:17-27
- Tuesday:** Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50; Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 & 17; 2 Cor 5:20--6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday:** Deut 30:15-20; Ps 1; Lk 9:22-25
- Friday:** Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51; Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86; Lk 5:27-32
- Sunday:** Deut 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Today's Readings



First Reading— Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested (Sirach 27:4-7).

Psalm — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16).

Second Reading— The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law (1 Corinthians 15:54-58).

Gospel — “Why do you notice the splinter in your brother’s eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own (Luke 6:39-45)?”

INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER

We are giving every family in the parish a copy of the book by Bishop Robert Barron, [An Introduction to Prayer](#). This is a free gift to help your observance of Lent. In this space, I will go over parts of the book to help you with your prayer.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines prayer as, "The elevation of the mind and heart to God in praise of his glory; a petition to God for some desired good, or in thanksgiving for a good received, or in intercession for others before God. Through prayer the Christian experiences a communion with God through Christ in the Church." (Glossary)

St. Therese of Lisieux wrote, "For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and love, embracing both trial and joy." St. John Damascene wrote, "Prayer is a raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God."

Prayer is communion with God. The words used are prayers. The words are the vehicle of prayer, not the prayer itself. The point of prayers is to make the words our own, so we can say them authentically and live them. The goal of prayer is communion with God.

The title of Bishop Barron's book is "Introduction to Prayer" not "Introduction to Prayers". The book contains the motivations and goals of various styles of prayer. It helps us understand the "why" of prayer rather than the "what" of prayer. Prayer is a living relationship with the living God. I hope this book will help bring to life or increase the life of your relationship with God.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE FOR LENT

- Mondays- Following Morning Mass (9:30-10:00 a.m.)**
Wednesdays- Before Evening Mass (6:00-6:30 p.m.)
Fridays- Following Morning Mass (9:30-10:00 a.m.)
Following Stations of the Cross (7:30 p.m.)
Saturdays- Before Mass (4:00-4:45 p.m.)
During Adoration- First Friday, Second Wednesday, Third Sunday
First Saturday-Following Mass (9:30 a.m.)

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
Offertory- February 23	\$4,452	\$7,500
Year to Date	\$258,084	\$255,000



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



KOC Council 12270 Lenten Fish Fries

Knights of Columbus Council 12270 will be sponsoring Lenten fish fries every Friday evening during Lent beginning **March 7 through April 11**. Serving will be from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm. The menu will be fried fish, baked fish, hush puppies, steamed vegetables, French fries, macaroni and cheese, and coleslaw.

- 2-piece dinner (2 sides) \$10
- 1-piece dinner (2 sides) \$8
- Child's plate (cheese pizza, 1 side) \$4

All proceeds will be used to fund the numerous charitable activities KOC Council 12270 supports.

Word Among Us

There is a Lenten The Word Among Us for each family in the parish, located in each foyer. This publication has Catholic Mass Readings and Daily Meditations for the Lenten season.

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
March 5, 2025 - March 9, 2025

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

3/5/2025 9:00 AM

- Greeters:** Bill Bethel, Parma Boyle
- Lectors:** Mary Adams, Lexie Smith
- Ministers:** TBD
- Altar Servers:** Buddy Adamson, John Bryant
- Ushers:** Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

3/5/2025 7:00 PM

- Greeters:** Teri Shields, Dawn Adamson
- Lectors:** Susan Moseley, Teri Gagliano
- Ministers:** Anita Allor, Brenda Rochford
- Altar Servers:** TBD
- Ushers:** Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston

SATURDAY MASS

3/8/2025 5:00 PM

- Greeters:** Bob Voll, Paige Everett
- Lectors:** Shane Shields, Susan Moseley
- Ministers:** Teri Shields, Parma Boyle
- Altar Servers:** James Raynor, Henry Cardenas
- Ushers:** Amy Carreker, Jim Gorman

SUNDAY MASSES

3/9/2025 8:30 AM

- Greeters:** Stephens/Bunt, Sonya Lewis
- Lectors:** Mary Burns, Robert Lewis
- Ministers:** Michael Gagliano, Ronni Thomas
- Altar Servers:** Stephen Reese, Sonya Lewis
- Ushers:** Stephen Reese, Jeff Reach, Kalli Reach, Allison Schillaci
- Ushers:** Phillip Thomaston, Bill Bethel, Bit Thomaston, Matt Allor

3/9/2025 11:15 AM

- Greeters:** R & C Betz, Joan & Carl Wright
- Lectors:** Bernie Funderburg, Mary Adams
- Ministers:** Michael Poteracki, James Raynor
- Altar Servers:** Jhon Paul & Natalie Rodgers
- Ushers:** Chris Gallegly, Lexie Smith, Danny Smith, Jeff Smith



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Looking Ahead:

March 2- RE- 9:45 am

Burning of the Palms
between Masses

March 9- RE- 9:45 am

March 16 RE- 9:45 am

March 19- Youth Group Outing- 5:30 pm



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THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

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!



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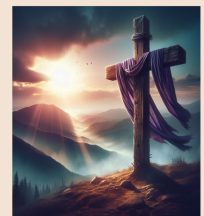
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& CHRISTIAN INITIATION

PARISH CATECHETICAL LEADER & CATECHIST LENTEN RETREAT

This Lent be Renewed in Spirit

Come together with other parish leaders and catechists this Lent and grow closer in your relationship with Christ.

Registration is required to attend this free retreat. To register, please scan QR code.



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LOCATIONS TO CHOOSE FROM
9:30 AM - 12 PM

March 15 Our Lady of the Lake - Pell City
March 22 Good Shepherd - Russellville
March 29 St. Peter the Apostle - Hoover
April 5 Holy Spirit - Huntsville
April 12 St. Francis of Assisi University - Tuscaloosa

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Special Collection- March 9, 2025

Your support provides the presence of missionaries in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native missions, parishes, schools, religious education programs and the many, many diocesan programs and projects that strengthen the work of the Gospel. **Your partnership** places Bibles and catechetical materials in the hands of priests, consecrated men and women, and lay leaders. **Your sacrifice** impacts pastoral work across the country and addresses the need to train catechists, permanent deacons, and seminarians for future generations here in many of our neighborhoods and backyards. It is only through the constant generosity of everyone that evangelization efforts are multiplied a thousand fold.

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

Sunday- March 2

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE- 9:45 am

Burning of the Palms-between Masses

Spanish Mass- 3:00 pm

Monday-March 3

Mass 9:00

Tuesday- March 4

Mass 9:00

OCIA- 7:00 pm

Wednesday- March 5- Ash Wednesday

Masses- 9:00 am & 7:00 pm

Confessions-6:00-6:30 pm

Thursday- March 6

Mass- 9:00 am

Legion of Mary- 6:30 pm

Friday-March 7

Mass- 9:00 am

First Friday Adoration & Confessions

9:30-10:00 am

Divine Mercy Chaplet- 3:00 pm

KOC Fish Fry-5:00-6:30 pm

Stations of the Cross- 7:00 pm

Confessions- 7:30 pm

Saturday - March 8

KOC Prayer Service- 10:00 am

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass- 5:00 pm

Sunday- March 9-

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE- 9:45 am

Spanish Mass- 3:00 pm