



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

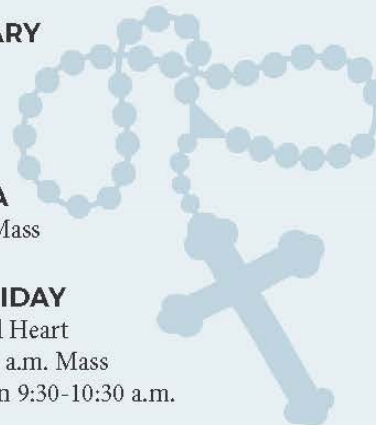
Novena to the Sacred Heart
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

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

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



*First Sunday of
Lent
March 9, 2025*

*Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from
Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert
for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.
—Luke 4:1-2*



March 10 - March 16

- Monday:** Mr. & Mrs. Ray Whaley by Christie Whaley †
- Tuesday:** Elsie Burgess by Jeff Bowman †
- Wednesday:** Buddy Spradley by KOC 12270 †
- Thursday:** Vernon Charles Wagnor by Fr. William Lucas †
- Friday:** All Souls in Purgatory by Bill & Mary Burns †
- Saturday:** Valerie Kern by Jerry & Brenda Kern †
- Sunday:** For the People
John E. Manning by KOC 12270 †

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 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, Virginia Crapet*

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 10- Mar 16

- Monday:** Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19; Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34; Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51; Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138; Mt 7:7-12
- Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130; Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday:** Deut 26:16-19; Ps 119; Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday:** Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

Today's Readings



First Reading— He brought us out of Egypt with his strong hand and outstretched arm (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

Psalms — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15).

Second Reading— For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved (Romans 10:8-13).

Gospel — “It is written: *You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve* (Luke 4:1-13)”.

WHAT IS PRAYER?

During Lent, I will be giving a summary of Bishop Robert Barron's book, An Introduction to Prayer. We are giving this book to all parish families at no charge.

Bishop Barron divides the book into seven parts. The first part is entitled, "What Is Prayer?" He begins Chapter Three by writing, "Though prayer can be found in all great religious traditions, there is something unique about Christian prayer- namely, that we address God as our Father." (Page 11) Prayer is a relationship. We are already "inside" the relationship. Jesus taught His disciples to address God as "Father."

In Chapter Four, Bishop Barron writes that true prayer is disorienting. It is an experience of breaking out of our self-absorption. We can live our normal lives always obsessed with how things impact us. Prayer is an "I-Thou" relationship. There is another who cannot be controlled. God exists even in the moments when we are not aware of His presence. Prayer is an experience of "reorienting" our world to one with God at the center.

In Chapter Five, Bishop Barren writes about how a true prayer life "transfigures" us. "Like Christ and the Apostles, you have to step away from the ordinary routine in order to commune with God." (Page 19) We don't have to live in a monastery or convent to pray, but we do have to separate ourselves from the ordinary "distractions" that occupy so much of our time.

Think of prayer as giving time to God. When you begin your time of prayer, tell yourself, "This time will be dedicated to God. He will direct this time." It takes practice for this to become a reality. The way we can tell if we are doing this is that we are "transfigured" over time. We become more in tune with God when we are not praying.

Next Week: Principles of Prayer

Lenten Regulations

Lent runs from Ash Wednesday (March 5) until the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (April 17th). "The faithful, listening more intensely to the word of God and devoting themselves to prayer, are prepared through a spirit of repentance to renew their baptismal promises (at Easter)." (Ceremonial of Bishops, #249)

Fasting: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast for those ages 18 through 59. Only one full meal is allowed, though a person may eat two smaller meals to maintain strength.

Abstinence: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, plus all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat for those ages 14 and older.

Confession: It is recommended that all Catholics celebrate the sacrament of Penance during the Lent or Easter seasons (March 5-June 8).

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

Offertory Collection

July 2024 — June 2025

	Actual	Needed weekly
Offertory- March 2	\$8,759	\$7,500
Year to Date	\$267,623	\$262,500



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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/

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.)

Assignments
March 12, 2025 - March 16, 2025

WEDNESDAY MASS

3/12/2025 7:00 PM

Lector: Anita Allor

SATURDAY MASS

3/15/2025 5:00 PM

Greeters: Dawn Adamson, Bob Voll
Lectors: Christie Whaley, Allen Ross
Ministers: Tom Graffo, Martha Hayes
Altar Servers: Chris Gallegly, David Blaylock
Ushers: Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

SUNDAY MASSES

3/16/2025 8:30 AM

Greeters: The Muellers, The Burns
Lectors: Carey Monistere, Jane Snider
Ministers: Brenda Rochford, Sharon Hamilton
 Anita Allor, Teri Gagliano
Altar Servers: John Bryant, Michael Gagliano
Ushers: Phillip & Bit Thomaston,
 Paul Thomas, Jim Mathis

3/16/2025 11:15 AM

Greeters: The Bluhm Family
Lectors: Miranda Bryant, Doug Ross
Ministers: Lexie Smith, Sammy Schillaci
Altar Servers: Ethan Myers, Logan Bluhm
Ushers: Lexie Smith, 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:

March 9- RE- 9:45 am

March 16 RE- 9:45 am

March 19- Youth Group Outing- 5:30 pm

March 23- No RE- Pell City Schools Spring Break



FORMED

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!

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM in ALABAMA
OFFICE OF CATECHESIS & 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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Catholic Charismatic Monthly Mass At Our Lady of Sorrows

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama announces the celebration of monthly Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church the second Thursday of each month. Come worship and praise and enjoy coming together to give glory to God. Confessions are at 6:15 pm, Praise Music at 6:30 pm and Mass begins at 7:00 pm. Individual prayer is available after Mass. This month's Mass will be held on March 13th. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
For more information, contact Ray Makofsky at 205-999-8947

You Are Invited

Annual Legion of Mary Acies Ceremony
Saturday, March 22, 2025
11:00 am to around 1:45 pm

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
722 East St. S
Talladega, AL 35160

Begins with opening prayers & rosary followed by Holy Mass and concludes with lunch.



Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

Calendar for March 9, 2025—March 16, 2025

Sunday— March 9-

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE- 9:45 am

Spanish Mass— 3:00 pm

Monday—March 10

Mass 9:00

Lent Adult Education- 7:00-8:00 pm

Tuesday— March 11

Mass 9:00

OCIA- 7:00 pm

Wednesday— March 12

Spanish Mass- 7:00 pm

Confessions-6:00-6:30 pm

Holy Hour/Confessions (Spanish)- 7:30-8:30 pm

Thursday— March 13

Mass— 9:00 am

Legion of Mary- 6:30 pm

Friday—March 14

Mass— 9:00 am

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 15

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass— 5:00 pm

Sunday— March 16

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE- 9:45 am

Spanish Mass— 3:00 pm

Holy Hour/Confessions- 7:00 pm