



# Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054



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Jim Mathis, *Director of Religious Education*  
Charmaine Welch, *Music Director*  
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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

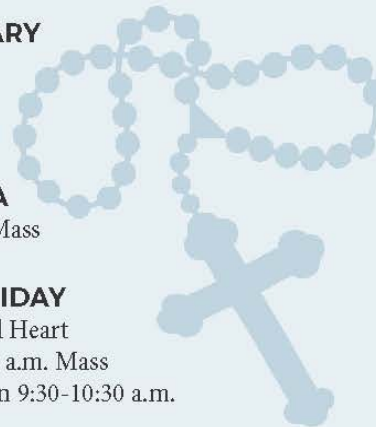
Novena to the Sacred Heart  
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass  
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

## 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 29, 2025  
Mass 5:00 pm

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



### Fourth Sunday of Lent March 30, 2025

"Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found." -Luke 15:23-24



March 31 - April 6

- Monday:** Margaret Banks by Sharon Stice †  
Jimmy Elder by KOC 12270 †
- Tuesday:** Richard Widick by Fr. William Lucas †
- Wednesday:** Frances Matukas by Shirley Skeivelas †
- Thursday:** All Souls in Purgatory by Billy & Mary Burns †
- Friday:** Tom Marks by Bob & Anita Dempsey †
- Saturday:** Wayne Adams Sr. by KOC 12270 †
- Sunday:** All Souls in Purgatory by Billy & Mary Burns †  
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, 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, Chris Shields, Jane Gallegly, Patricia Blum, Doug Armitage, Benny Goodman, Virginia Crapet, Paul Hubans

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 Mar 31- Apr 6

- Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30; Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145; Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106; Jn 5:31-47
- Friday:** Wis 2:1a; 12-22; Ps 34; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7; Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday:** Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

## Today's Readings



**First Reading**— No longer was there manna for the Israelites who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12).

**Psalms** — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7).

**Second Reading**— We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God (2 Corinthians 5:17-21).

**Gospel** — But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32).

## A CONVERSATION BETWEEN FRIENDS

Chapter Two in Bishop Robert Barron's book, An Introduction to Prayer, is entitled, "A Conversation Between Friends." He offers four suggestions to illustrate what he means.

First, *take the time*. Bishop Barron writes, "If you claimed that a certain person was your best friend but had to admit you spend almost no time with him, people would laugh at you." (Page 6) Prayer means giving control of some of our time to God.

Next, *speak with honesty*. He writes, "Far too often in prayer, we tell God what we think he wants to hear." (Page 7) God is always honest with us. We need to be honest with God about ourselves. To build a stronger relationship with God, we must be our real selves.

Third, *listen with attention*. Prayer is a conversation. There are times of speaking and times of listening. God speaks to some people directly, but that is rare. It is more likely that God speaks to us through the words of scripture, in listening to religious music, during Eucharistic Adoration. "Feelings of consolation or desolation, the arrival of an insight about a particular problem or of a memory of someone from whom we've grown distant- all of these can be routes by which God communicates with us." (Page 8)

Lastly, *silence*. We are constantly turning to distractions, though we may not see them as distractions. Our phones, our computers, our televisions, and so many other things draw our attention away from God. They become the focus of our attention. The times of silence can be painful. So, we avoid them by filling our time with noise. Bishop Barron writes, "Notice how old friends can spend a good amount of time together without speaking- and the better their friendship, the longer and more comfortable their silence." (Pages 9-10)

Next Week: The Sacrament of Penance.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council is a consultative body of parishioners who advise the pastor on the pastoral issues of the parish. They meet monthly 10 times per year. The term is 3 years and can be renewed once. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else to serve on the Council, contact Father Bill or another Council member. Their names are found in the bulletin.

If you are going to nominate another person, please make certain you have their approval beforehand. Nominations need to be received by April 13<sup>th</sup>.

## COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

The Communal Penance Service for Lent will be **Monday April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** There will be a Liturgy of the Word, a communal Examination of Conscience, and opportunity for individual confessions. This is a great way to prepare for Holy Week. All are invited to attend.



## 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 7<sup>th</sup>.

The schedule is as follows:

March 31 Forgive Yourself

April 7 Communal Penance Service

## Offertory Collection

July 2024 — June 2025

	Actual	Needed weekly
Offertory- March 23	\$9,769	\$7,500
Year to Date	\$294,792	\$285,000

## Please Note:

If you have cold, flu or Covid symptoms or have recently been exposed, please refrain from the cup.

### *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 to date for March 2025-  
749 cans



**Chair: Brenda Rochford**  
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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.**

## Our Lady of Our Lake Bible Study

**Every Tuesday 9:45 am**  
**Studying the Book of Exodus**  
**Exciting discussion and faithful fellowship! Join us!**

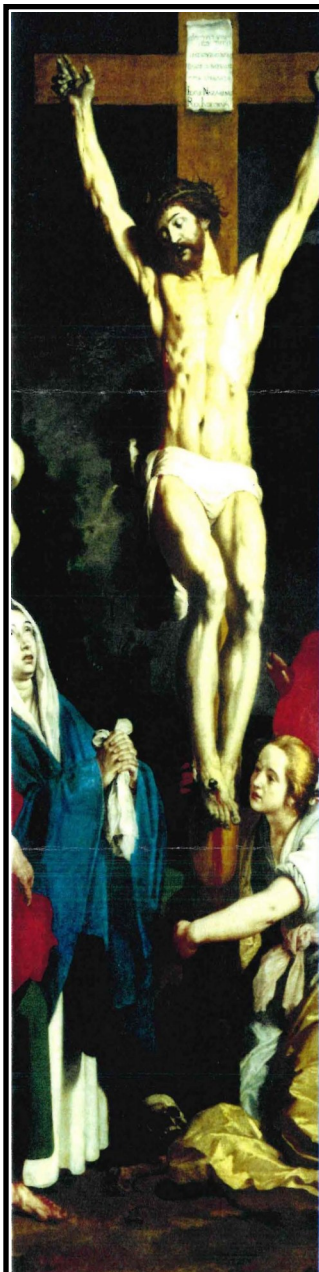


## KOC Council 12270 Lenten Fish Fries

Knights of Columbus Council 12270 will be sponsoring Lenten fish fries every Friday evening **through April 11th**. 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.



Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Catholic Church Choir  
presents

## Seven Last Words

A service of music,  
prayer, and meditation  
that reflect on the seven  
last words of Jesus on  
the cross.

Sunday, April 6, 2025  
6:30pm

Sacred Heart of  
Jesus Catholic Church  
1301 Golden Springs Rd  
Anniston, AL 36207

### 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*

*April 2, 2025 - April 6, 2025*

#### **WEDNESDAY MASS**

**4/2/2025 7:00 PM**

Lector: Bernie Funderburg

#### **SATURDAY MASS**

**4/5/2025 5:00 PM**

Greeters: Dawn Adamson, Paige Everett  
 Lectors: Shane Shields, Christy Whaley  
 Ministers: Teri Shields, Allen Ross  
 Altar Servers: Tom Graffo, Chris Gallegly  
 Ushers: Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

#### **SUNDAY MASSES**

**4/6/2025 8:30 AM**

Greeters: Amelia Falkner, Gagliano/Thomas  
 Lectors: Sharon Hamilton, Shelly Hamman  
 Ministers: Stephen Reese, Sonya Lewis  
 Brenda Rochford, Sharon Hamilton  
 Altar Servers: Michael Gagliano, Ronni Thomas  
 Ushers: Phillip & Bit Thomaston,  
 Paul Thomas, Bill Bethell

**4/6/2025 11:15 AM**

Greeters: The Bluhm Family  
 Lectors: Michael Poteracki, Miranda Bryant  
 Ministers: Lexie Smith, James Raynor  
 Altar Servers: Jhon Paul & Natalie Rodgers  
 Ushers: Lexie Smith, Doug Ross,  
 Jeff Smith, TBD

#### **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.**



**Looking Ahead:**

- March 30- RE- 9:45 am  
OCIA candidates received  
into the church @ 11:15 Mass
- April 2- Youth Group- 5:30 pm
- April 6- RE- 9:45 am
- April 13- RE- 9:45 am  
Living Stations- 8:00 pm



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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!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE RECEIVING SACRAMENTS THIS SPRING**

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults**  
**(Formerly RCIA)**

John Paul Bryant  
Tanya Mowell

(They will be received into the Church on  
March 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 Mass)

**First Communion**

Jaxson Ahonen  
Annleigh Bluhm  
Roxana Cruz Vasquez  
Marie Dean  
John David Funderburg  
Isabelle May Hill  
Lourdes Veracruz Canuto

(First Communion is May 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 Mass)

**Confirmation**

Ethan Brockner  
Ixcel Canuto  
Emma Cash  
Madi Cash  
Esmeralda Ramirez  
Cinthia Veracruz

(Confirmation will be celebrated with Bishop Raica on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Anniston.)

## Honoring Our Parish Veterans

The Knights of Columbus Assembly and Council are seeking information on all living and deceased members of Our Lady of the Lake Parish who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

If you or a loved one has served, please email us with the following details:

- **Name**
- **Branch of Service**
- **Years Served (Start Year – End Year)**

Our goal is to properly honor and memorialize these dedicated individuals during special observances such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

Thank you for helping us recognize the sacrifices made by members of our parish community.

**Please send information to:** [jeff\\_kofc@pm.me](mailto:jeff_kofc@pm.me)  
with the subject: Veteran Information in the email.

## Divine Mercy Chaplet



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

## Calendar for March 30, 2025—April 6, 2025

### **Sunday— March 30**

Mass- 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE- 9:45 am

OCIA received into church- 11:15 Mass

Spanish Mass— 3:00 pm

### **Monday—March 31**

Mass 9:00

Confessions-9:30-10:00 am

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

### **Tuesday— April 1**

Mass 9:00

### **Wednesday— April 2**

Youth Group 5:30 pm

Confessions-6:00-6:30 pm

Mass- 7:00 pm

### **Thursday— April 3**

Mass— 9:00 am

Legion of Mary- 6:30 pm

### **Friday—April 4**

Mass— 9:00 am

First Friday Adoration/Confessions- 9:30-10:30 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 – April 5**

First Saturday Mass- 9:00 am

Confessions- 9:30 am

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass— 5:00 pm

### **Sunday— April 6**

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE- 9:45 am

Spanish Mass— 3:00 pm