



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

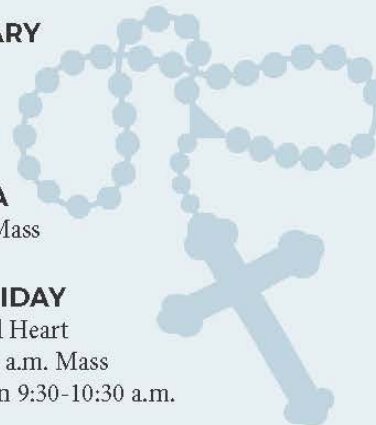
Novena to the Sacred Heart
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

Third Sunday of every month 7:00 p.m.
Second Wednesday of every month | *Exposicion del
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, April 26, 2025
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 27, 2025
Masses 8:30 am, 11:15 am,
3:00 pm (Spanish)



Sunday of Divine
Mercy
April 27, 2025

*"Blessed are those who have
not seen and have believed."*
-John 20:29



April 28 - May 4

- Monday:** Don Markus by the Brazzolottos †
- Tuesday:** Alfonso Gonzalez by James & Gloria Raynor †
- Wednesday:** All Souls in Purgatory by Bill & Mary Burns †
- Thursday:** Fr. Coleman Grabert, OSB by Fr. William Lucas †
- Friday:** Matthew Brazzolotto by the Brazzolottos
- Saturday:** Tom Welch by the Brazzolottos †
- Sunday:** Buddy Spradley by the Brazzolottos †
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, 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,
Doug Armitage, Benny Goodman, Virginia
Crapet, Paul Hubans, David Paulitzky

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 April 28- May 4

- Monday:** Acts 4:23-31; Ps
2; Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday:** Acts 4:32- 37;
Ps 93; Jn 3:7b-
15
- Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; Ps
34; Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33;
Ps 34; Jn 3:31-
36
- Friday:** Acts 5:34-42;
Ps 27; Jn 6:1-
15
- Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps
19; Jn 14:6-14
- Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32;
40b-41; Ps 30:2,
4, 5-6, 11-12, 13;
Rev 5:11-14; Jn
21:1-19

Today's Readings



First Reading— Many signs and wonders were
done among the people at the hands of the apostles
(Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting (Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-
24).

Second Reading— "Do not be afraid, I am the first
and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a,
12-13, 17-19)."

Gospel — "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you
forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain
are retained (John 20:19-31)."

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

One of the priests of the Diocese of Birmingham once remarked, "Every Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday." That is true. However, Pope St. John Paul II, declared during his pontificate that the Sunday in the Octave of Easter would be observed as the Sunday of Divine Mercy in all Catholic dioceses.

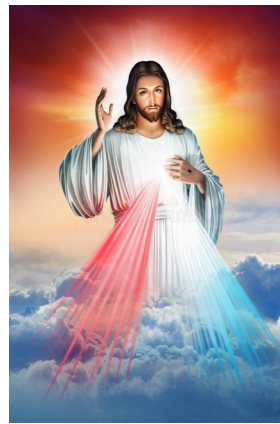
The devotion to the Divine Mercy comes from the writings of St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who died in 1938. She received communications from Jesus that instructed her of the nature of God's mercy for the world. Her spiritual director told her to write down the messages she received. These became known as her diary. It was published after her death.

The devotion to the Divine Mercy is as easy as ABC. A- Ask for God's Mercy; B- Be Merciful; C- Completely trust in Jesus. There is a Chaplet of Divine Mercy, prayed on a rosary, though with different prayers.

The Gospel reading for the Second Sunday of Easter is always John, 20, 19-31. In that passage, Jesus returns to the disciples on Easter Monday and says to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." The disciples are to be instruments of God's mercy in imitation of Jesus.

On this Sunday a special indulgence is granted that remits the temporal punishment of all sins. The usual conditions apply. You must go to confession within two weeks of Divine Mercy Sunday. You must have a complete detachment from all sins. You must perform a pious act: in this case, recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

At Our Lady of the Lake, we will have a celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday afternoon, beginning at 1:00 p.m. There will be Eucharistic Adoration and confession from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Then the Knights of Columbus of our parish will lead a recitation of the chaplet beginning at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome.



Divine Mercy Sunday

April 27, 2025

**Adoration/
Confessions-
1:00 pm**

Chaplet- 2:00 pm

Catholic Home Missions Appeal April 26 and 27, 2025

This weekend, we take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of diocese in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.



Strengthening the Church at Home



First Holy Communion May 4, 2025

11:15 am Mass

Offertory Collection

July 2024 — June 2025

| | Actual | Needed weekly |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------------|
| April 13 Offertory | \$12,845 | \$7,500 |
| Year to Date | \$320,372 | \$307,500 |

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

YOU'RE INVITED TO

Impact for Life

ANN'S NEW LIFE CENTER'S
CELEBRATION DINNER

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025
6:00-8:00 PM

PINE TREE COUNTRY CLUB
5100 PINE WHISPERS DR., BIRMINGHAM, AL 35210

Our Lady of Our Lake Bible Study

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



Pilgrimage Sites

The following have been chosen as pilgrimage sites in our diocese for the Jubilee Year:

Cathedral of St. Paul in Birmingham
St. Leo the Great in Demopolis
Good Shepherd in Russellville
St. Joseph's Chapel located at Annunciation Church in Decatur
Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville
St. Mary of the Visitation in Huntsville
Our Lady of the Valley in Fort Payne
St. John the Apostle in Alexander City
Chapel of Our Savior located at Our Lady of Sorrows in Birmingham
Chapel of Wisdom in Tuscaloosa

Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center

21st Annual GOLF FORE LIFE

Friday, May 16, 2025
Highland Park Golf Course

Registration 7:45 am– Shot Gun Start 9:00 am

Cost-\$250 (\$125 Tax Deductible) per golfer

Prizes awarded immediately following the tournament.

We need 18 people to organize foursomes to make this year's fundraiser the most successful ever. Individual golfers are welcome and will be paired up. We are also asking individuals, families and companies to be a Hole Sponsor-\$500 or half Hole Sponsor- \$250.

This ministry exists to help women facing a crisis pregnancy choose life, and to support them in that decision. Come and play golf and **defend the culture of life.**

Contact Her Choice Women's Center: 205-447-8799 or email Golf4life@herchoicebirmingham.org.



Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls

If you participated in the Rice Bowl collection, please return your bowl to the church or church office as soon as possible.

Thanks!

Assignments

April 30, 2025 - May 4 2025

WEDNESDAY MASS

4/30/2025 7:00 PM

Lector: Teri Gagliano

SATURDAY MASS

5/3/2025 5:00 PM

Greeters: Debbie Adams, Bob Voll
Lectors: Susan Moseley, Shane Shields
Ministers: Allen Ross, Teri Shields
Altar Servers: Tom Michaels, Dennis Veigl
Ushers: Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

SUNDAY MASSES

5/4/2025 8:30 AM

Greeters: Bill Bethell, Diana Stephens/Geri Bunt
Lectors: Carl Rochford, Mary Burns
Ministers: Jane Snider, Paul Thomas
Michael Gagliano, Sonya Lewis
Altar Servers: Marty Poteracki, John Bryant
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston,
Paul Thomas, Jim Mathis

5/4/2025 11:15 AM

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

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:

- April 27- RE-9:45 am
Confirmation Retreat- 4:30-8:30 pm
- May 4- RE- 9:45 am
First Communion- 11:15 Mass
- May 11- May Crowning-after 8:30 am
Mass-Columbarium Garden
RE- 9:45 am



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.

Thank you for your generosity!

OLL Church Directory

The church directories have arrived. If you had a picture taken for the directory this past October, you will receive a complimentary OLL church directory. The directories are in the Parish Hall with the family's last name on the directory.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE RECEIVING SACRAMENTS THIS SPRING

First Communion

- Jaxson Ahonen
 - Annleigh Bluhm
 - Roxana Cruz Vasquez
 - Marie Dean
 - John David Funderburg
 - Isabelle May Hill
 - Lourdes Veracruz Canuto
- (First Communion is May 4th 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 17th at 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Anniston.)



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

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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 with the subject: Veteran Information in the email.



Knights of Columbus Council 12270 High School Senior Scholarships

The Knights of Columbus are taking applications for their annual scholarships. Our Lady of the Lake high school seniors may request an application by contacting Carl Rochford at Rochfordc@bellsouth.net/205-383-7200, or call the parish office.

Deadline for submission is May 10, 2025 with awards made on Senior Sunday, May 18, 2025.

Calendar for April 27, 2025—May 4, 2025

Sunday– April 27- Divine Mercy Sunday

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE- 9:45 am

Adoration/ Confessions- 1:00 pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet- 2:00 pm

Spanish Mass– 3:00 pm

Monday–April 28

Mass 9:00 am

KOC Meeting- 6:30-8:00 pm

Tuesday– April 29

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study- 9:45 am

Wednesday– April 30

Mass- 7:00 pm

Thursday– May 1

Mass– 9:00 am

Legion of Mary- 6:30 pm

Friday–May 2

Mass- 9:00 am

First Friday Adoration 9:30-10:30 am

Saturday – May 3

First Saturday Mass- 9:00 am

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass– 5:00 pm

Sunday– May 4

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE- 9:45 am

First Communion-11:15 am Mass

Spanish Mass- 3:00 pm