



# Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054



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

Jim Mathis, *Director of Religious Education*  
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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

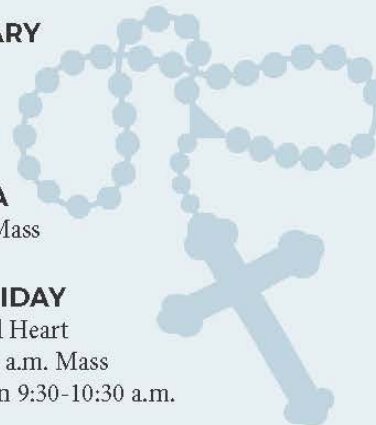
Novena to the Sacred Heart  
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass  
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

## 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, May 24, 2025  
Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, May 25, 2025  
Masses 8:30 am, 11:15 am,  
3:00 pm (Spanish)*



*Sixth Sunday of  
Easter.  
May 25, 2025*

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to  
you. Not as the world gives do I give it to  
you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or  
afraid. -John 14:27*



**May 26 - June 1**

- Monday:** Wayne Adams by Shirley Skeivelas †
- Tuesday:** All Souls in Purgatory by Mary & Billy Burns †
- Wednesday:** Saul Serrano by James & Gloria Raynor †
- Thursday:** Fr. Bill by the OLL Bible Study Group
- Friday:** John M. Joyner by KOC 12270 †
- Saturday:** Tom Welch by Shirley Skeivelas †
- Sunday:** For the People  
Jeff Bowman by Vickie Gavin

*Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:*

*Ron & Diana Markevich, Juanita Crowson,  
Toni James, Fred Brown, Silvia Moten, David  
& Audrey Springer, Christine Jaks, Janice  
Stella, Frank Troncilli, Angela Ledlow, 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, 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](mailto:sharonstice46@gmail.com) or call 205-613-1053.

*Weekly Readings May 26- June 1*

- Monday:** Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149; Jn 15:26-16:4a
- Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138; Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148; Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98; Jn 16:16-20
- Friday:** Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47; Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday:** Zeph 3:14-18a; Is 12; Lk 1:39-56
- Sunday:** Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53

*Today's Readings*



**First Reading**— "If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. Farewell (Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29)."

**Psalm** — O God, let all the nations praise you (Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8)!

**Second Reading**— I saw no temple in the city for its temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23).

**Gospel** — "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. (John 14:23-29)."

## **CATECHISTS**

The year for Religious Education has come to an end. It is an opportunity to give thanks to God. I am grateful for the men and women who volunteered as catechists.

The Second Grade celebrated their First Reconciliation and First Communion. There were also three others who joined them in their celebration of First Communion on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Brenda Rochford and Laura Cash guided them through the year. It is fulfilling to see how the students mature during the year. It is also great to see them coming forward to receive communion after they make their First Communion.

The Eighth Grade celebrated their Confirmation on May 17<sup>th</sup> with the candidates from Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Anniston. Bucky Funderburg and Debbie Gossett were their catechists. I was proud to see them confirmed by Bishop Raica.

Sharon Stice, Jim Mathis, and others guided the kindergarten- First Grade class. This is a special group because it is so large. We look forward to them growing up Catholic.

Mallory Schillaci and Stephanie Fischer were catechists for the Third and Fourth grade class. This group is not preparing for sacraments but is being reinforced in their understanding of the Catholic faith.

Jeff Reach and Bill Bethell were catechists for the Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Grade class. There was also reinforcement of what the students had learned in earlier grades.

Scott and Monica Thompson were catechists for the high school class. These students have already been confirmed, so their focus was on how they can live out their Catholic faith now.

Hailey Poteracki filled in when catechists couldn't attend. She could be called on at any time to help. It takes a village to raise a child. I am grateful for the catechists' willingness to volunteer in this important mission of handing on the faith. They are true witnesses.

## **Welcome Seminarian Matthew Pickard!**

Matthew Pickard will be completing a summer assignment at OLL starting Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> through the end of July.

Matthew will be studying Pre-Theology at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio and is at Our Lady of the Lake over the summer to gain pastoral experience in the diocese. He is from Birmingham, attending the Cathedral of St. Paul.

Please welcome Matthew to Our Lady of the Lake this summer!



## **Knights of Columbus Prayer Service**

**Our Lady of the Lake  
Columbarium  
June 14, 2025  
10:00 am**

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

## **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

## Offertory Collection

July 2024 — June 2025

	Actual	Needed weekly
May 18 Offertory	\$10,743	\$7,500
Year to Date	\$360,986	\$345,000



Guadalupe Radio Network

2025 Summer Share-a-thon

## Conversations with God

Tune in...  
June 9 - 13, 2025  
GRNonline.com



Tune in on your LOCAL station, online, or Download the FREE Guadalupe Radio Network App



**Chair: Brenda Rochford**  
edenrochford@yahoo.com

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Jorge.Solis@butlersnow.com

**Secretary: Debbie Gossett**  
debbiegossett@msn.com

**Jeff Reach:** jreach@protonmail.com

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**Allen Ross:** allentross5555@gmail.com

**Meagan Price:** meaganfprice@gmail.com

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

### **eGiving with Faith Direct**

**Faith Direct enables parishioners to make contributions even when you can't make it to church. Through either direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card, you can apply the convenience of online banking to your parish offerings in much the same way as you do for other expenses. You may enroll by visiting our website, or logging in directly to [faith.direct/AL1065](http://faith.direct/AL1065). You may also call Faith Direct at 866-507-8757.**

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### **NEW MEMBERS OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Congratulations to Buddy Adamson, Laura Cash, and Osvaldo Jimenez, who have been selected to serve three-year terms on the Parish Pastoral Council. A word of gratitude to Bernie Funderburg, Debbie Gossett, and Alan Ross, who are completing their second three-year term and are rotating off.

## Permanent Diaconate & Formation Program

Men, do you feel God is calling you to serve in a deeper way in your parish and community? Then perhaps you are being called to be a Deacon. The Inquiry period begins August 16th, and a group of men will be selected to continue to the Aspirancy formation starting in January 2026.

There are two inquiry information sessions. Wives are encouraged to attend with their husbands.

**Tuesday, June 3rd**- 6:00 pm St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, 2061 Patton Chapel Road, Hoover, AL 352163

**Saturday, June 8th**-1:00 pm-3:00 pm St. Mary of the Visitation, 222 Jefferson Street N., Huntsville, AL 35801 in the Treacy Hall

Additional information and requirements to enter formation can be found at the Office of Permanent Diaconate website - <https://www.bhmdiocese.org/office-of-permanent-diaconate>. You can also fill out the registration form for the Inquiry period at this website. Online registration is open now through July 3rd. If you have questions, contact the Director of Formation, Permanent Diaconate Program, Deacon Jeff Montgomery at [jmontgomery@bhmdiocese.org](mailto:jmontgomery@bhmdiocese.org).

## Our Lady of Our Lake Bible Study

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



## **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.

## *Assignments*

*May 28, 2025 - June 1, 2025*

### **WEDNESDAY MASS**

**5/28/2025 7:00 PM**

**Lector:** Bernie Funderburg

### **SATURDAY MASS**

**5/31/2025 5:00 PM**

**Greeters:** Parma Boyle, Dawn Adamson  
**Lectors:** Sarah Brazzolotto, Kathy Bryant  
**Ministers:** Anita Allor, Tom Graffo  
**Altar Servers:** Chris Gallegly, Andy Payant  
**Ushers:** Sam Marston, Dan Vandervoorde

### **SUNDAY MASSES**

**6/1/2025 8:30 AM**

**Greeters:** Bill Bethell, Joyce Jones  
**Lectors:** Meagan Price, Karen Reese  
**Ministers:** Sharon Hamilton, Sophie Alvarez  
Teri Gagliano, Jane Snider  
**Altar Servers:** Renee Bentell, Kalli Reach  
**Ushers:** Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston  
Paul Thomas, Bart Perry

**6/1/2025 11:15 AM**

**Greeters:** R&C Betz, Brenda Monte  
**Lectors:** Michael Poteracki, Miranda Bryant  
**Ministers:** James Raynor, Lexie Smith  
**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.**



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Looking Ahead:

**July 14-18- Vacation Bible School  
Registration Forms in each  
foyer**



## **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 Vacation Bible School Volunteers!**



**July 14-18, 2025  
5:30 pm-8:00 pm  
each night**

Please sign up on the sheets in the foyer if you can help!

**FORMED**  
THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

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

**JRQNH8**

## **Vacation Bible School**



**July 14-18th 5:30-8:00pm  
Registration is OPEN!  
Forms in each foyer.**

## 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.



***John Paul Stepnowski***  
***and***  
***Andrew Gresham Vickery***

have been called to the Sacred Order of Deacons  
and will be ordained through the imposition of  
hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by the  
Most Reverend Steven J. Raica

Saturday, June 7th, 2025  
11:00 am

St. Francis of Assisi University Catholic Parish  
811 5th Avenue, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

*Calendar for May 25 2025—June 1, 2025*

### **Sunday – May 25**

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

Spanish Mass- 3:00 pm

### **Monday – May 26- Memorial Day**

Parish Office Closed

Mass 9:00 am

### **Tuesday – May 27**

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study- 9:45 am

### **Wednesday – May 28**

Mass- 7:00 pm

### **Thursday – May 29**

Mass– 9:00 am

Legion of Mary- 6:30 pm

### **Friday – May 30**

Mass- 9:00 am

### **Saturday – May 31**

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass– 5:00 pm

### **Sunday – June 1**

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

Spanish Mass- 3:00 pm