



# Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

4609 MARTIN STREET SOUTH  
CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054



## Rev. William P. Lucas, Pastor

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Hours Monday-Thursday  
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

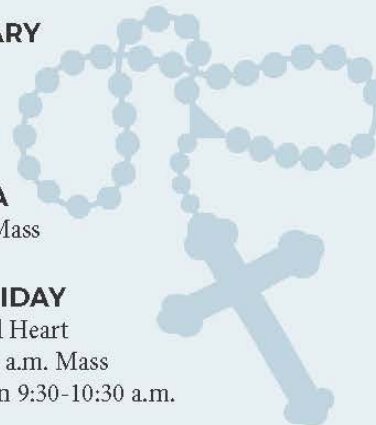
Novena to the Sacred Heart  
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass  
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

## 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

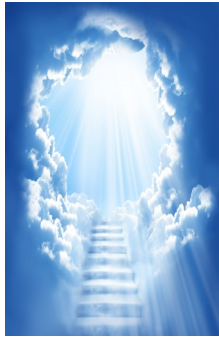


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## Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, May 31, 2025  
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, June 1, 2025  
Masses 8:30 am, 11:15 am,  
3:00 pm (Spanish)



### Seventh Sunday of Easter.

June 1, 2025

*“Behold, I see the heavens  
opened and the Son of Man  
standing at the right hand of  
God.”*

*-Acts of the Apostles 7:56*



June 2 - June 8

- Monday:** All Souls in Purgatory by Mary & Billy Burns †
- Tuesday:** Paul Reid by the Brazzolottos
- Wednesday:** Fr. Colman Gravert, OSB by Fr. Bill Lucas †
- Thursday:** Rosemary Mateer by the Brazzolottos †
- Friday:** Don Markus by Jeff Bowman †
- Saturday:** Hazel Smallwood Waldon by Bob & Karen Hand †  
Brandon Trentham by Belia Solis †
- Sunday:** Lance Stella by KOC 12270 †  
For the People

#### 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 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,  
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 June 2- June 8

- Monday:** Acts 19:1-8; Ps  
68; Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27;  
Ps 68; Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38;  
Ps 68; Jn 17:11b-  
19
- Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6  
-11; Ps 16; Jn  
17:20-26
- Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21;  
Ps 103; Jn 21:15-  
19
- Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20,  
30-31; Ps 11; Jn  
21:20-25
- Sunday:** Acts 2:1-11; Ps  
104:1, 24, 29-30  
31, 34; 1 Cor  
12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn  
20:19-23

## Today's Readings



**First Reading**— As they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit (Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60).”

**Psalm** — The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth (Psalm 97:1-2, 6-7, 9).

**Second Reading**— I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end (Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20).

**Gospel** — Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you and they know that you sent me (John 17:20-26).

## **ASCENSION SUNDAY?**

This Sunday in the Province of Mobile (The Catholic Dioceses in Alabama and Mississippi) we observe the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Many of us grew up observing this Solemnity forty days after Easter Sunday and called it Ascension Thursday. It is still observed that way in the Provinces of Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Omaha, and Philadelphia in the United States. Most of the world observes the Ascension on the Seventh Sunday of the Easter Season.

Biblically, there is disagreement about when Jesus ascended "to the right hand of the Father." The Acts of the Apostles reports it happened forty days after the resurrection. (Acts 1) The Gospel of Luke, believed to be written by the same evangelist, reports Jesus ascended on "Easter Monday". (Luke 24) The Gospel of John reports Jesus had already ascended "to the Father" by Easter Monday. (John 20) The Gospel of Mark reports Jesus ascended but does not specify when. (Mark 16) The Gospel of Matthew never mentions the Ascension. It is easy to understand why there is no universal agreement on when to observe the Ascension.

There **is** universal agreement on the meaning of the Ascension. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "Jesus' final apparition ends with the irreversible entry of his humanity into divine glory." (#659) "This indicates a difference in manifestation between the glory of the risen Lord and that of Christ exalted at the Father's right hand." (#660)

"Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit." (#667) Because Jesus Christ rose from the dead and ascended into Heavenly glory, He lives to intercede for the whole world without the limitations of possessing a human body. He can do more for the world from His place in Heaven than He could before His death, resurrection, and ascension.

## **First Saturday Mass Cancelled**

First Saturday Mass scheduled for Saturday, June 7th has been cancelled for the month. The next First Saturday Mass will be on July 5th.

## **Our Lady of Our Lake Bible Study**

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



**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
No Offertory to report this week		\$7,500
Year to Date		



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

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Mary Burns: angels4maryb@gmail.com

Paul Thomas: paulcthomas3@gmail.com

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).

## JOHN CARROLL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1975

50<sup>TH</sup>  
REUNION

Friday, July 18, 2025 | 6-9PM

Buffalo Wild Wings | 4507 Riverview Parkway, Birmingham, AL 35242

*Kick off the reunion weekend in a relaxed setting with old friends!*

Saturday, July 19, 2025

4:30PM | Mass at St. Francis Xavier

2 Xavier Circle, Birmingham, AL 35213

*Celebrant: Father Joe Culotta*

6-10PM | Dinner, Dancing and Reminiscing

Vestavia Country Club | 400 Beaumont Drive, Birmingham, AL 35216

**Attire:** Cocktail

**Cost:** \$75 per person

Cash bar available.

**PLEASE RSVP BY JUNE 18**

Questions, Reservations and Payments:

Email: [jcchs50th@yahoo.com](mailto:jcchs50th@yahoo.com)

Call/Text: 205.718.2450

## *Assignments*

*June 4, 2025 - June 8, 2025*

### WEDNESDAY MASS

**6/4/2025 7:00 PM**

**Lector:**

Buddy Adamson

### SATURDAY MASS

**6/7/2025 5:00 PM**

**Greeters:**

Bob Voll, Allen Ross

**Lectors:**

Shane Shields, Martha Hayes

**Ministers:**

Allen Ross, Parma Boyle

**Altar Servers:**

Tom Graffo, Tom Michaels

**Ushers:**

Amy Carreker, Jim Gorman

### SUNDAY MASSES

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

**Greeters:**

The Thomastons, Sonya Lewis

**Lectors:**

Mary Burns, Carl Rochford

**Ministers:**

Anita Allor, Brenda Rochford

Stephen Reese, Paul Thomas

**Altar Servers:**

Marty Poteracki, Otto Mueller

**Ushers:**

Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston

Dennis Veigl, Matt Allor

**6/8/2025 11:15 AM**

**Greeters:** Joan & Carol Wright, Debbie Adams

**Lectors:**

Doug Ross, Lexie Smith

**Ministers:**

Michael Poteracki, Sammy Schillaci

**Altar Servers:**

Ethan Myers, Logan Bluhm

**Ushers:**

Chris Gallegly, 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.**



## 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!

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THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

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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 June 1 2025—June 8, 2025*

### **Sunday – June 1**

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am  
Spanish Mass- 3:00 pm

### **Monday – June 2**

Mass 9:00 am

### **Tuesday – June 3**

Mass 9:00 am  
Bible Study- 9:45 am

### **Wednesday – June 4**

Mass- 7:00 pm

### **Thursday – June 5**

Mass– 9:00 am  
Legion of Mary- 6:30 pm

### **Friday – June 6**

Mass- 9:00 am  
First Friday Adoration- 9:30-10:30 am

### **Saturday – June 7**

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm  
Mass– 5:00 pm

### **Sunday – June 8**

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am  
Spanish Mass- 3:00 pm