



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

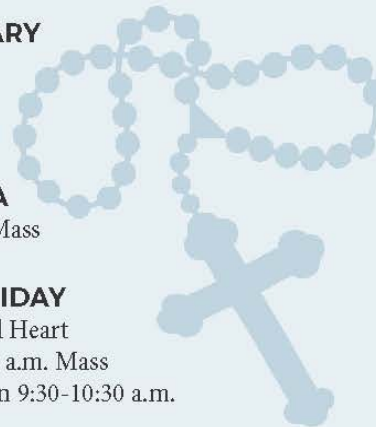
Novena to the Sacred Heart
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

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

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



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 27, 2025

*"And I tell you, ask and you will receive;
seek and you will find; knock and the door
will be opened to you." -Luke 11:9*



July 28 - August 3

- Monday:** Isabel Amaya by James & Gloria Raynor †
Tuesday: Daniel DeMello by Jeff Bowman †
Wednesday: Albert J. Lampton by KOC 12270 †
Thursday: Larry Krantz by Jeff Bowman †
Friday: Mari Culver by James & Gloria Raynor †
Saturday: Jenny Nell Rolling by Bob & Karen Hand †
Sunday: Larry Krantz by Jerry & Brenda Kern †
Mark Ferretti by Carl & Joan Wright
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 Morteck, Jose Riveria, Helen Turner,
George Sobolowski, Jimmy Hollis, Pat Roberts,
Bill & Dee Watkins, Emily Bell Smith, Mary
LaFleur, Gayle Huff, Jane & Randy Gray,
Mary Esther Krantz, Thomas Mark Jones,
Phillip Thomaston, Bobby Johnson, Marti
Baird, Deacon Lee Robinson, Lucas Stice,
Mary Habrat, Roger & Linda Carreker, Chris
Shields, Jane Galleghy, Doug Armitage, Benny
Goodman, David Paulitzky, Robert 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 July 28 - August 3

- Monday:** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106; Mt 13:31-35
- Tuesday:** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103; Jn 11:19-27
- Wednesday:** Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99; Mt 13:44-46
- Thursday:** Ex 40:16-21; 34-38; Ps 84; Mt 13:47-53
- Friday:** Lev 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81; Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday:** Lev 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67; Mt 14:1-12
- Sunday:** Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Today's Readings



First Reading— The Lord replied, "If I find fifty innocent people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake (Genesis 18:20-32)."

Psalm — Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8).

Second Reading— You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God (Colossians 2:12-14).

Gospel — "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples (Luke 11:1-13)."

THE PASTORAL MEANING OF BLESSINGS

(Originally Published January 28, 2024)

On December 18, 2023, the Vatican Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a declaration on the pastoral meaning of blessings. There has been much confusion about the meaning of the declaration. That is because we live in a confused culture. The confusion has continued with Pope Leo XIV's reaffirmation of the decree.

Despite erroneous reporting, (some of it from "Catholic" sources) the document does not change any Church doctrine. Paragraph 11 states, "The Church does not have the power to confer its liturgical blessing when that would somehow offer a form of moral legitimacy to a union that presumes to be a marriage or to an extra marital sexual practice."

The document is about pastoral blessings. That would include spontaneous prayers requested of Catholic clergy by any person. It would also include the blessing of objects for use in a person's prayer, such as a rosary. If the person does not have their own minister, a priest may bless them or an object they possess, provided the blessing is for a holy purpose.

The document distinguishes between liturgical blessings (which have certain requirements) and pastoral blessings (which are sacramentals and are more spontaneous). When people come forward to be signed with blessed ashes on Ash Wednesday, (a Sacramental), we do not ask their marital status before saying, "Remember, you are dust and to dust you will return."

The document gives an example of a pastoral blessing. (Paragraph #34) "Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask."

St. John Vianney Seminarian Education Fund

Next weekend of August 2-3, you are invited to prayerfully consider giving to the Seminarian Education Fund Appeal, which directly supports the 21 seminarians who are being formed to become priests serving the people of God within the Diocese. This year, a generous benefactor has pledged to match every gift to the Seminarian Education Fund up to \$1 million throughout 2025, doubling the impact of each donation. Thank you for your support!



**SEMINARIAN
Education Fund**

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.

Pre-Planning for Final Arrangements Seminar Saturday, August 23, 2025 OLL Parish Hall- 6:00 pm

Learn the simple steps to take to plan for final arrangements for yourself and love ones.

- Learn the four simple steps to ensuring your final arrangements are complete.
- How to start discussing the funeral planning with loved ones.
- How to secure today's prices from inflation and price increases.
- Dignity Difference
- Personal Planning Guide
- Cemetery
- Veterans Benefits

Offertory Collection

July 2025 — June 2026

| | Actual | Needed weekly |
|----------------------|----------|------------------|
| July 13 Offertory | \$10,889 | \$7,865 |
| Year to Date | \$23,567 | \$15,730 |

Collection for Disaster Relief this weekend- July 26 & 27th

The Diocese is collecting funds to assist with recovery efforts in the recent flooding in Texas.

The Diocese has already sent a \$10,000 gift from the Disaster Relief Fund. Our gifts would help replenish the Disaster Relief Fund for future needs. All monies over \$10,000 will be forwarded to the Archdiocese of San Antonio.



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



Let's Remember a Priest Killed in the Line of Duty

**Annual Father James E. Coyle
Memorial Mass**
Celebrant, Bishop Steven J. Raica
Monday, August 11, 2025 at 10:00 A.M./C.T.
**Followed by Reception and Reflections on
Father Coyle**
**Cathedral of St. Paul · 2120 3rd Ave. North,
Birmingham**
**Eternal Word Television Network to
Broadcast Mass Live Worldwide**
205.447.8796 · www.fathercoyle.org
"Father Coyle was a martyr to duty"
The Rt. Rev. Edward Allen, Bishop of Mobile
– 8/12/1921

**Our Lady of the Lake
Stewardship Fair
August 16th and 17th after Mass
OLL Parish Hall**

Please join us for our annual Stewardship Fair. It is an opportunity for parishioners to commit to serving in the many ministries we have in our parish.

Representatives from the various ministries active in our parish will be available to answer any questions you may have about their ministry and to sign up new parishioners and recommit current volunteers.



Annual Divino Niño Festival

Shrine of the Most
Blessed Sacrament

3224 County Road 548
Hanceville, AL

September 5, 2025

"A celebration of our Patron, the Divine
Child Jesus"

7:00 am- Mass w/the Poor Clare Nuns

9:00 am-Concurrent talks on the Child Jesus (in English & Spanish) Confessions Offered

10:30 am- Rosary w/ the Poor Clare Nuns

11:00 am- Festival Mass & Procession

12:30 pm- Lunch available for purchase-Cutting of
Divino Nino Cake

2:00 pm- Eucharistic Healing Service

3:00 pm- Confessions Available

Assignments

July 30, 2025 - August 3, 2025

WEDNESDAY MASS

7/30/2025 7:00 PM

Lector: Buddy Adamson

SATURDAY MASS

8/2/2025 5:00 PM

Greeters: Bob Voll, Allen Ross
Lectors: Kathy Bryant, Allen Ross
Ministers: Susan Moseley, Anita Allor
Altar Servers: Bernie & Corey Funderburg
Ushers: Sam Marston, Dan Vandevoorde

SUNDAY MASSES

8/3/2025 8:30 AM

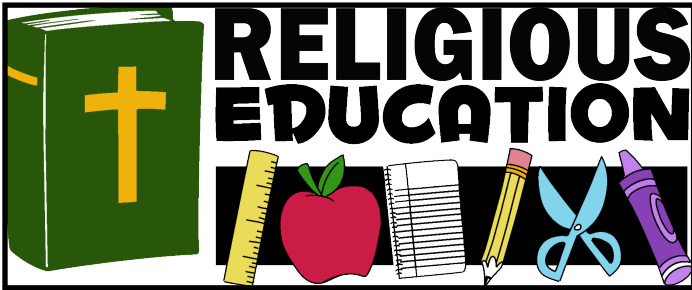
Greeters: Shelly Hamman, Anita & Matt Allor
Lectors: Shelly Hamman, Teri Gagliano
Ministers: Jane Snider, Sharon Hamilton
Sophie Alvarez, Teri Gagliano
Altar Servers: Renee Bentell, Kallie Reach
Allison Schillaci
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston
Dennis Veigl, Matt Allor

8/3/2025 11:15 AM

Greeters: Debbie Adams, Joan & Carl Wright
Lectors: Doug Ross, Lexie Smith
Ministers: Lexie Smith, Sammy Schillaci
Altar Servers: Jhon Paul & Natlie Rodgers
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:

September 7- First Day of Religious Education



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and ON DEMAND for FREE with our
Parish code:

JRQNH8

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 July 2025– 262 cans
(cash is converted to
can numbers)

Our Lady of Our Lake Bible Study

Every Tuesday 9:45 am
Studying The Letters of
St. James, St. Peter and St. Jude
Exciting discussion and faithful
fellowship! Join us!



Is God calling you to become a Lay Dominican?

Did you know that Birmingham has a Lay Dominican chapter? Adult men and women who have been Sacramental Catholics for at least two years are invited to learn about the Dominican Laity and see if this is where God may be calling you. The pillars of Lay Dominican life center around prayer, study, apostolate (sharing our faith with others in ways appropriate to the laity), and community (monthly meetings on Sunday afternoons in Birmingham). As lay members of the Dominican Order, we are drawn together by the love of St. Dominic, and invite you to consider joining us! To learn more, contact Amanda Lang, chapter president, at justin.amanda.lang@gmail.com.

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



Our Lady of the Lake Memorial Wall

In addition to the Columbarium niches, a Memorial Wall has been constructed in our Columbarium courtyard.

If you would like your loved one(s) remembered by engraving a Memorial Plaque, please call the parish office at 205-525-5161.

Pricing for Plaques are as follows:

10" X 6" plate- \$600 (one name)
10" X 12" plate- \$1,200 (two names)

Calendar for July 27, 2025—August 3, 2025

Sunday – July 27

Masses- 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Spanish Mass- 3:00 pm

Monday – July 28

Mass 9:00 am

KOC Meeting- 6:30-8:00 pm

Tuesday – July 29

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study- 9:45 am

Wednesday – July 30

Mass- 7:00 pm

Thursday – July 31

Mass– 9:00 am

Legion of Mary- 6:30 pm

Friday – August 1

Mass- 9:00 am

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

Saturday – August 2

First Saturday Mass- 9:00 am

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass– 5:00 pm

Sunday – August 3

Masses- 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Spanish Mass- 3:00 pm