



# Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

4609 MARTIN STREET SOUTH  
CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054



## Rev. William P. Lucas, Pastor

Deacon Terrence Rumore  
Deacon Serge Brazzolotto  
Deacon E. Lee Robinson

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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

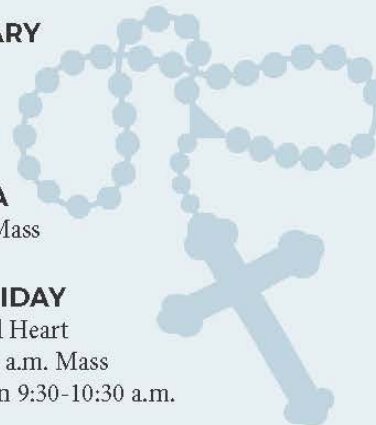
Novena to the Sacred Heart  
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass  
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

## 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, August 23, 2025  
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, August 24, 2025  
Masses 8:30 am, 11:15 am,  
3:00 pm (Spanish)



### Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 24, 2025

*“Strive to enter through the narrow gate,  
for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter  
but will not be strong enough” -Luke 13:24*



August 25 - August 31

Monday: Beverly Scroggins by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore †

Tuesday: Arthur DiMattia by KOC 12270 †

Wednesday: Phyllis Barrett by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore †

Thursday: All Souls in Purgatory by Billy & Mary Burns †

Friday: Buddy Spradley by KOC 12270 †

Saturday: John Michael by KOC 12270 †

Sunday: Deceased Member of KOC Council 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 Morteck, Jose Riveria, Helen Turner,  
George Sobolowski, Jimmy Hollis, Pat Roberts,  
Bill & Dee Watkins, Emily Bell Smith, Mary  
LaFleur, Gayle Huff, Jane & Randy Gray,  
Thomas Mark Jones, Phillip Thomaston, Bobby  
Johnson, Marti Baird, Deacon Lee Robinson,  
Lucas Stice, Mary Habrat, Roger & Linda  
Carreker, Chris Shields, Jane Gallegly, Doug  
Armitage, Benny Goodman, David Paulitzky,  
Robert Paulitzky, Brian Young, Frances  
Crapet, Teresa Stubblefield

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 August 25 - August 31

**Monday:** 1 Thess 1:1-5, 8b  
-10; Ps 149; Mt  
23:13-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Thess 2:1-8; Ps  
139; Mt 23:23-26

**Wednesday:** 1 Thess 2:9-13;  
Ps 139; Mt 23:27-  
32

**Thursday:** 1 Thess 3:7-13;  
Ps 90; Mt 24:42-  
51

**Friday:** 1 Thess 4:1-8; Ps  
97; Mk 6:17-29

**Saturday:** 1 Thess 4:9-11;  
Ps 98; Mt 25:14-  
30

**Sunday:** Sir 3:17-18, 20,  
28-29; Ps 68:4-5,  
6-7, 10-11; Heb  
12:18-19, 22-24a;  
Lk 14:1, 7-14

## Today's Readings



**First Reading**— I know their works and their thoughts, and I come to gather nations of every language (Isaiah 66:18-21).

**Psalm** — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117:1,2).

**Second Reading**— Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

**Gospel** — “For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last (Luke 13:22-30).”

## ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT

Recently, a priest of the Diocese of Birmingham was accused of sexual misconduct. He has been placed on a leave of absence and is currently removed from all priestly service pending the outcome of the investigation by the Diocese and the Dicastery of the Doctrine of the Faith at the Vatican.

It is a sad situation for all involved, for the parish where the priest was pastor, and for all members of the Church. Priests have a tremendous responsibility to every person we meet. Priests are also human beings in need of forgiveness. The same rules of morality apply to priests as to anyone. What we do in private carries the same weight as what we do in public.

Jesus Christ is our savior- clergy and laity. We are sinners. If we are not sinners, Jesus Christ is not our savior. We all depend on the mercy of God.

But there is also need for justice. Pope St. Paul VI wrote, "If you want peace, work for justice." If we have committed an injustice to anyone, there is need to make amends. That is why we include penance in the sacrament of Reconciliation. But we also need to make amends to those we have harmed. My list of the need to make amends grows longer each week.

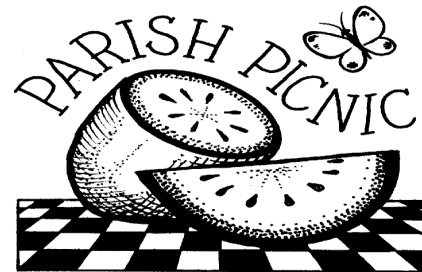
Our hope is in God, not in human beings. This situation is an opportunity to examine our own lives and to repent. It is also an opportunity to draw closer to God: To depend on God more and on people less. If we will follow, God will lead us to new life.

## Our Lady of the Lake Parish Picnic

**Sunday, September 14, 2025 12:45 pm**

**Please join us at the annual parish picnic on the church grounds. The Knights of Columbus will provide hamburgers and hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Please bring your favorite picnic side dish to share.**

**We will have a 50/50 drawing, door prizes, bouncy house for the kids and Bingo!  
Look forward to seeing you there!**



## Knights of Columbus Labor Day Barbecue Sale

**Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church  
Friday, August 29, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.  
through Saturday, August 30, 2025.**



***\$45 for Boston butts  
\$30 for large pork ribs  
\$15 for a whole chicken***

All meat will be freshly smoked with KOC "special dry rub". All proceeds will be used to fund the numerous charitable activities KOC Council 12270 supports. Our Lady of the Lake is located at 4609 Martin St (Hwy 231 South) in Pell City.

## Offertory Collection

July 2025 — June 2026

	Actual	Needed weekly
August 17 Offertory	\$6,614	\$7,865
Year to Date	\$59,935	\$55,055



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

## ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is for adults 16 years of age and older, who are looking to join the Catholic Church or, who were baptized Catholic and are interested in completing their initiation into the Church. Classes start on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. For more information, contact Father Bill at 205-525-5161.

### Faith Direct (E-Giving) Upgrade

For those of you who contribute via E-giving, we want to notify you that Faith Direct will be upgrading to ParishSOFT Giving—a new, secure giving platform on **September 9th**. This upgrade will happen automatically and securely. No action is required from you—your gift schedules and payment details will carry over seamlessly.

What's new about ParishSOFT Giving?

Weekly Giving: If you selected weekly giving, your gifts will now be deducted each week instead of in one monthly batch.

More Flexibility: Adjust your giving schedule to any date that works for you—not just the 4th or 15th.

More Ways to Give: Now you can donate using PayPal, Venmo, Apple Pay, or Google Pay.

You'll receive more information as Faith Direct gets closer to launch.



### Ann's 5K Run & Walk for Life Saturday, October 11, 2025

Join us for the 3rd Annual 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run for Life! A fun and fast 5K, the race will start & finish at Ann's New Life Center and run through the neighborhood streets. Enjoy spectacular views running beside Logan Martin Lake. There will be an option this year to get performance shirts for a small extra fee if you so desire; otherwise, shirts will be regular cotton t-shirts. Shirt choice and size is guaranteed to those who Pre-Register by September 1st. Post race there will be an awards ceremony, door prizes, and refreshments available for purchase.

7:00 AM – Race Day Registration begins  
8:00 AM – 5K Run Starts  
9:15 AM – 1 mile fun run starts  
9:45 AM – Awards Ceremony

\$35 for the 5K and \$20 for Mile Fun Run

Go to RunSignUp.com to register and support Ann's.



## **Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament**

The parish is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville on **Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**. The cost for the bus trip will be \$25.00/person.

We will depart from the church promptly at 7:00 a.m. (start loading at 6:30 am) and will return at 5:30 p.m. The day will include Mass/ Confessions, catered lunch, a healing service, and a spiritual talk. The deadline for reservations is September 14th. Sign-up sheets are available in each foyer and payment can be made at any time.

### **A Winter Pilgrimage to Germany, Austria and Italy with Father Bryan Jerabek February 2 - 13, 2026 \$3496 + \$1190 roundtrip airfare from Birmingham**

Join the Very Reverend Father Bryan Jerabek on the trip of a lifetime this winter to Germany, Austria and Italy. With overnight stays in Bavaria, Salzburg, Padua, Loreto and Rome, you can expect to be awestruck by the beauty and magnificence of places so near and dear to our Catholic faith. Featuring a daily program that prioritizes daily Mass, exploration of some of Europe's greatest cities - such as Venice, Salzburg, Loreto and Rome - a General Audience with the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV, and a uniquely crafted Catholic itinerary, and you have the trip of a lifetime. The package features four-star hotels, private coach transportation, a highly trained Catholic ProRome tour manager, exclusive private tours and so much more. Everything is included in the cost except one daily meal. For more information or to register, please visit [www.prrometours.com/birmingham2026](http://www.prrometours.com/birmingham2026) or contact ProRome Tours directly at (434) 953 1112 or by email at [office@prorome.com](mailto:office@prorome.com)

## *Assignments*

*August 27, 2025 - August 31, 2025*

### **WEDNESDAY MASS**

**8/27/2025 7:00 PM**

Lector: Charmaine Welch

### **SATURDAY MASS**

**8/30/2025 5:00 PM**

**Greeters:** Paige Everett, Rita Rumore  
**Lectors:** Christy Whaley, Martha Hayes  
**Ministers:** Teri Shields, Parma Boyle  
**Altar Servers:** Bernie & Cory Funderburg  
**Ushers:** Amy Carreker, Jim Gorman

### **SUNDAY MASSES**

**8/31/2025 8:30 AM**

**Greeters:** Crapet/Freeman/Landman/Price  
**Lectors:** Dennis Veigl, Robert Lewis  
**Ministers:** Michael Gagliano, Stephen Reese  
Tom Graffo, James Raynor  
**Altar Servers:** Marty Poteracki, Otto Mueller  
**Ushers:** Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston  
Bill Bethell, Stephen Reese

**8/31/2025 11:15 AM**

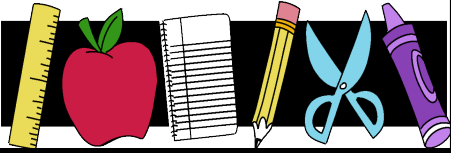
**Greeters:** Lopez de Victoria/Cowart,  
Shirley Skeivelas  
**Lectors:** Michael Poteracki, Lexie Smith  
**Ministers:** Lexie Smith, Sammy Schillaci  
**Altar Servers:** Natalie Rodgers, Logan Bluhm  
**Ushers:** Chris Gallegly, Jerrold Bluhm,  
Emily Bluhm, John Bluhm

### **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.**



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



## Looking Ahead:

September 7- First Day of Religious Education

### Catechists!

Please contact Jim Mathis at 205-405-6028 or [Jimmathis.oll@gmail.com](mailto:Jimmathis.oll@gmail.com), if you are returning as a catechist or would like to become one.

### Registration

Registration is now open, paper forms are available in the foyers and a online form is posted.

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## 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!



## Annual Divino Niño Festival

Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
3224 County Road 548  
Hanceville, AL  
September 6, 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

## Welcome the Newest Parishioners to Our Lady of the Lake!

Mary & Steve Sparks  
Steve and Elaine McGowan  
Catherine & Seth Kent  
Patricia Mead  
Martin and Bettie Keller family  
Beth Anne Hinko & Rickey Posey



## 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

## St. William 55th Annual Seafood Festival Labor Day Weekend The Foley Center, 915 Gunter Avenue Guntersville, AL August 29 & 30, 2025

The festival will feature its renowned creole-style gumbo, boiled spicy cajun shrimp, fish and chicken dinners and St. Bernard's famous Monks bread

### Drive Thru Hours

Friday August 29th

4:00- pm- 6:00 pm

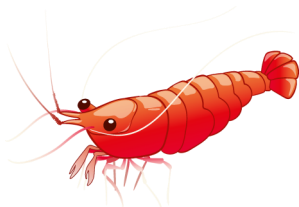
Saturday August 30th

7:30 am until sold out

### Dine-In Hours

Saturday, August 30th

10:30 am until sold out



## Calendar for August 24, 2025—August 31, 2025

### Sunday – August 24

Masses- 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Spanish Mass- 3:00 pm

### Monday – August 25

Mass 9:00 am

KOC Meeting- 6:30-8:00 pm

### Tuesday – August 26

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study- 9:45 am

### Wednesday – August 27

Mass- 7:00 pm

### Thursday – August 28

Mass– 9:00 am

Legion of Mary- 6:30 pm

### Friday – August 29

KOC BBQ- 8:00 am

Mass- 9:00 am

### Saturday – August 30

KOC BBQ- 8:00 am

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass– 5:00 pm

### Sunday – August 31

KOC Mass- 8:30 am

Mass- 11:15 am

Spanish Mass- 3:00 pm