



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054

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Deacon Serge Brazzolotto

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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.

Sunday 3:00 p.m. - Spanish

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 Miercoles de cada mes* 7:30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

August through May

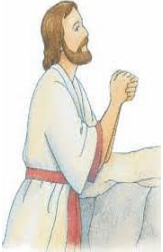
Ages 3 years through High School

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Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, October 18, 2025
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, October 19, 2025
Masses 8:30 am, 11:15 am,
3:00 pm (Spanish)



Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 19, 2025

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. Luke 18:1-8



October 20 - October 26

- Monday:** Louis Todd by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
Tuesday: Anthony Bruno by Sharon Stice †
Wednesday: Todd Brayman by Madelyn Gauld
Thursday: All Souls in Purgatory by Billy & Mary Burns †
Friday: John Nicholson by James & Gloria Raynor †
Saturday: Paul Boyle Sr. by Parma Boyle †
Sunday: For the People
Fr. Shoban by Sammy & Shelly Schallaci

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 Walsler, 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, Jane & Randy Gray, Thomas Mark Jones, Phillip Thomaston, Bobby Johnson, Marti Baird, Deacon Lee Robinson, Mary Habrat, Roger & Linda Carreker, Chris Shields, Jane Gallegly, Doug Armitage, Benny Goodman, David Paulitzky, Robert Paulitzky, Brian Young, Lloyd Brown, Teresa Stubblefield, Dr. John L. Bell, Sarah Svetlay, Marsha Manning

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 October 20 - October 26

- Monday:** Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1; Lk 12:13-21
- Tuesday:** Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40; Lk 12:35-38
- Wednesday:** Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124; Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday:** Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1; Lk 12:49-53
- Friday:** Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119; Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday:** Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24; Lk 13:1-9
- Sunday:** Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

Today's Readings



First Reading— And Joshua mowed down Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword (Exodus 17:8-13).

Psalm — Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth (Psalm 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8).

Second Reading— I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead (2 Timothy 3:14-4:2).

Gospel — Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night (Luke 18:1-8)?

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!?!

There is a lot of confusion nowadays about Halloween. The term means, "All Hallows Eve", in Old English. It is the eve of All Hallows, or All Saints Day.

Pope Gregory III (731-741) transferred the Feast of All Saints from May 13th to November 1st to coincide with the dedication of a new chapel in St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome dedicated to all the saints. Pope Gregory IV (827-844) extended the Feast of All Saints to the universal Church. It was then that All Saints Day was celebrated on November 1st wherever Christians were found. October 31st became the vigil for All Saints Day. None of these medieval popes knew anything about pagan traditions concerning October 31st.

The commercialization of the holiday (from the term "holy day") brought about the phenomenon of taking God out of the observance of Halloween. Just like Christmas and Easter, it is possible to celebrate Halloween in a secular way. That's when ghosts, skeletons, witches, and demons begin to appear. Whether intended or not, it is a glorification of evil. The film industry has capitalized on the secularization of the holiday to saturate us with the occult.

We can go back to the original purpose of "All Hallows Eve" as a preparation for the Solemnity of All Saints. In some parishes, the children dress up as saints for Halloween. There are other benign, if not overtly religious, costumes people can wear. There is nothing evil about giving children sweets at a time of celebration in our religion.

Halloween, All Saints Day, and All Souls Day (November 2nd) are a single celebration in the Church. They speak of our faith that death does not have the last word. Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has conquered sin and death. The saints are proof that the love of God is stronger than death. Halloween is then a celebration of the victory of God over the forces of evil.



**Knights of
Columbus®**

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy changing world. Our local Council #12270 will be holding a membership drive at Our Lady of the Lake this weekend of **October 18 – 19**. Whether you become an individual member or a member of our Council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join today, simply go to KofC.org/join and enter Council #12270.

New Member Welcoming Dinner Saturday, November 1, 2025 6:00 pm

Join us in welcoming our new Our Lady of the Lake members from the past year! We will meet after Mass in the parish hall on November 1st for soup and salad.



Christmas Giving Tree 2025

Our Social Concerns Committee is now taking applications for families who may need a little help with Christmas this year. If you are in need of some help or know someone who may need help please come by the church office during office hours to receive an application. The last day to apply for help will be October 31st. If you have any questions please call or text Brenda Rochford at 423-242-5029 or Sharon Stice at 205-613-1053. Thank you and God Bless!

Offertory Collection

July 2025 — June 2026

Actual

Needed
weekly

Offertory
not reported
this week.

\$7,865

Year to Date



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



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Our Annual Thanksgiving Drive begins this week and ends on **November 16th**. Place items in the blue buckets in either foyer.

- Canned Meat of all types
- Dry Beans and Canned Beans
- Rice, Peanut Butter
- Canned Vegetables: Corn, Peas, etc.
- Canned Fruit
- Canned milk & Powdered milk
- Oatmeal
- Cornmeal mix
- Boxed Dry Food
- Dressing mix, Cranberry sauce
- Cereal, bagged

Monetary Donations- Please make your check payable to "OLL Social Concerns-". Donate at the office, dropbox or offertory collection basket.

**Food will be distributed on November 23rd
from 12:30-2:00 pm.**

If you are in need of help this Thanksgiving or know someone else that does, please contact the parish office.

Faithdirect is now ParishsoftGiving

For those giving online, Faithdirect is now on a different platform called ParishsoftGiving. You can still log in with your existing Faithdirect email/password. If your login fails, you will be able to reset your password.

If you would like to sign up for e-giving, go to our website under the Donations/Collection Basket. Any questions, call Donor Support at 866-930-4774.

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RED MASS

The Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama and the Catholic Lawyers of the St. Thomas More Society cordially invite all judges, lawyers, law students, legal related professionals and the public they serve to the annual Red Mass on **Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 6:00 pm at The Cathedral of St. Paul, 2120 Third Avenue No., Birmingham, AL.**

The Red Mass is a Mass of the Holy Spirit celebrated annually at the opening of the judicial year to invoke divine guidance for all who seek and administer justice.

This Thirteenth Century European custom received its name from the red color of the vestments worn by the celebrant and the scarlet robes worn by the Lord High Justices. The Red Mass came to the United States in 1877 and has been celebrated in Alabama since 1974.

The celebrant will be The Most Reverend Steven J. Raica. A reception for all in attendance will follow in the Family Life Center. For more information contact Deacon Rick DiGiorgio, 205-422-8734, rdigiorgio@corywatson.com

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To register scan QR code or visit
bhmdiocese.org/vocations.



Assignments

October 22, 2025 - October 26, 2025

WEDNESDAY MASS

10/22/2025 7:00 PM

Lector: Charmaine Welch

SATURDAY MASS

10/25/2025 5:00 PM

Greeters: Dawn Adamson, Paige Everett
Lectors: Christie Whaley, Susan Moseley
Ministers: Allen Ross, Martha Hayes
Altar Servers: Buddy Adamson, Andy Payant
Ushers: Sam Marston, Dan Vandevoorde

SUNDAY MASSES

10/26/2025 8:30 AM

Greeters: Amelia Falkner, Gagliano/Thomas
Lectors: Robert Lewis, Kathy Bryant
Ministers: Stephen Reese, Paul Thomas
Sonya Lewis, Ronni Thomas
Altar Servers: Jeff Reach, David Blaylock
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston
Paul Thomas, Bart Perry

10/26/2025 11:15 AM

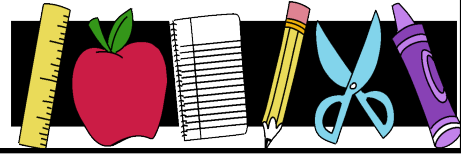
Greeters: Debbie Adams, Shirley Skeivelas
Lectors: Gloria Raynor, Bernie Funderburg
Ministers: James Raynor, Michael Poteracki
Altar Servers: Natalie Rodgers, Logan Bluhm
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Jerrold Bluhm,
Emily Bluhm, John Bluhm

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:

- October 19- RE-9:45 am
- October 22-Youth Group-6:00 pm
- October 26- RE- 9:45 am
- Fall Festival- 4:00-6:00 pm
- November 2- RE- 9:45 am
- November 5- Youth Group- 6:00 pm



FORMED

THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

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

JRQNH8

Our Lady of Our Lake Bible Study

*Every Tuesday 9:45 am
Studying the First & Second Books of the Maccabees
Exciting discussion and faithful fellowship! Join us!*



CATHOLIC CHARITIES AND COMMUNITIES UPDATE

As of October 8, our parish total for pledges and donations stands at 96 donations (28%) for a total of \$64,298. Our parish goal is \$73,000. That means we have reached 88% of our goal.

Thank you for your generosity! If you intend to pledge or donate, please do so soon. Information from the Diocese of Birmingham will be available later.



Our Lady of the Lake Fall Festival

October 26, 2025

4:00-6:00 pm

Church Grounds

The Fall Festival will include trunk-or-treat, cake walk, a bounce house, and other fall games. Food will be provided by the Knights of Columbus. We will also be taking donations of candy and baked good items for the cake walk.

**Trunk-or-treat sign up sheets
are in the foyers.**

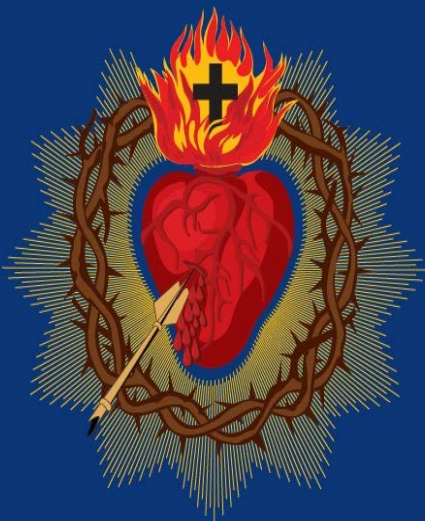


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In Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Forms are in the foyers to list the dearly departed loved ones you wish to be remembered in November. Please place in the basket or email names to the parish office at parish@ollpellcity.com.

COMING SOON



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The Heart of Our Mission

Calendar for Oct 19, 2025—Oct 26, 2025

Sunday – October 19

Masses- 8:30 am & 11:15 am
KOC Membership Drive-after all Masses
RE- 9:45 am
Spanish Mass & Activities- 3:00-5:00 pm
Holy Hour- 7:00 pm

Monday – October 20

Mass 9:00 am

Tuesday – October 21

Mass 9:00 am
Bible Study- 9:45 am
OCIA- 7:00 pm

Wednesday – October 22

Youth Group- 6:00 pm
Mass- 7:00 pm
Pastoral Council- 7:30 pm

Thursday – October 23

Mass– 9:00 am
Legion of Mary- 6:30 pm

Friday – October 24

Mass- 9:00 am

Saturday – October 25

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

Sunday – October 26

Masses- 8:30 am & 11:15 am
RE- 9:45 am
Spanish Mass- 3:00 pm
OLL Fall Festival- 4:00-6:00 pm