



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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, December 6, 2025
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 7, 2025
Masses 8:30 am, 11:15 am,
3:00 pm (Spanish)



Second Sunday
of Advent
December 7, 2025

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" --Matthew 3:2



December 8 - December 14

- Monday:** Virginia Crapet by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
Tuesday: Matthew Brazzolotto by Shirley Skeivelas
Wednesday: All Souls in Purgatory by Billy & Mary Burns †
Thursday: Edward Smallwood by Bob & Karen Hand †
Friday: Laisvuas Skeivelas by Shirley Skeivelas †
Saturday: Robert Hollis by Bob & Karen Hand †
Sunday: Paul Boyle Sr. by Shirley Skeivelas †
For the People

Pease pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Ron Markevich, Juanita Crowson, Toni James, Silvia Moten, David & Audrey Springer, Christine Jaks, Janice Stella, Frank Troncalli, Angela Ledlow, Lee Walser, Geri Bunt, Charles & Libby LaFleur, Marcia Mortek, 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, Mary Habrat, Roger & Linda Carreker, Chris Shields, Jane Gallegly, Doug Armitage, Benny Goodman, David Paulitzky, Robert Paulitzky, Brian Young, Lloyd Brown, Sarah Svetlay, Marcia Manning, Chuck & Sharon Treece, Michael DeCastr, Michael Brayman, Susan Moseley,

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 December 8- December 14

- Monday:** Gen 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11; Ps 96; Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31; Ps 103; Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday:** Is 41:13-20; Ps 145; Mt 11:11-15
- Friday:** Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jud 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:39-47
- Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday:** Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146; Jam 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Today's Readings



First Reading— On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8. 12-13. 17).

Second Reading— Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths (Matthew 3:1-12)."

PEACE

The theme of the second week (candle) of Advent is Peace. It is a much-talked-about topic now with wars going on in Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and many other places in the world. But peace is more than the absence of conflict. Peace is the fruit of justice.

In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word for peace is, "shalom". It refers to our relationship with God. When our lives are the way God wants them to be, we are experiencing peace. Jesus Christ came to bring us peace by reconciling us to the Father. Then we will be "justified", in right relationship with God. The result of being in right relationship with God is "shalom".

In our relationships with others, peace is the result of a just ordering of relationships. If there is injustice, either real or perceived, there is no peace. Even if there is no war, injustice will lead to conflict, which sometimes leads to war. Pope St. Paul VI wrote, "If you want peace, work for justice."

There are stories of Christians at war with each other calling a truce at Christmas. However, when Christmas was over, they went back to fighting. There is respect and disrespect for Jesus Christ involved in these actions. Everyone has the right to defend themselves. Perhaps addressing injustices is a more peaceful way to resolve conflicts.

One of the titles for Jesus Christ is "Prince of Peace". If we want peace both with God and with others, Jesus Christ is the one who can lead us to that goal. He came to earth to reconcile us to the Father by His passion and death. He left us an example of how to relate to God and others. His way is the way of peace.



Our Lady of the Lake Christmas Dinner

Celebrations

Sunday, December 7, 2025

4:00-6:00 pm

Please join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ as a parish family. Our special friend from the North Pole will also join us.

Bring a side dish to share. Meat and drinks will be provided.



Christmas Giving Tree 2025

Please return your unwrapped gift with the tag attached to the gift and place it back under one of the trees by **TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7th**. Gifts will be distributed to the families on Sunday, December 14th.

If you have any questions please call Brenda Rochford, 423-242-5029 or Sharon Stice, 205-613-1053. The Social Concerns Committee would like to thank you for making Christmas special for so many. May the coming of the Christ Child fill your hearts with joy!



Surfsiders

The Surfsiders will have their monthly meeting Wednesday, December 17th at 10:00 am in the

Parish Hall. This includes a potluck lunch, games and fellowship.
All seniors are invited!

Offertory Collection

July 2025 — June 2026

	Actual	Needed weekly
Offertory - November 30	\$5,007	\$7,865
Year to Date	\$177,398	\$173,030

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

Please pick up an Advent Word Among Us and 2006 Christmas Calendar, if you haven't already. Both are in the foyers.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Thanksgiving Food Drive!

The generosity of Our Lady of the Lake parishioners was amazing. Thank you for serving others in our wonderful community and for sharing the love of Christ. God Bless you!



Knights of Columbus Prayer Service

Columbarium Garden
December 13, 2025
10:00 am

Everyone is welcome!

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

Advent Wreath Candle Lighters

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 13, 2025

5:00 pm Mass— Dawn Muncher & Paige Everett

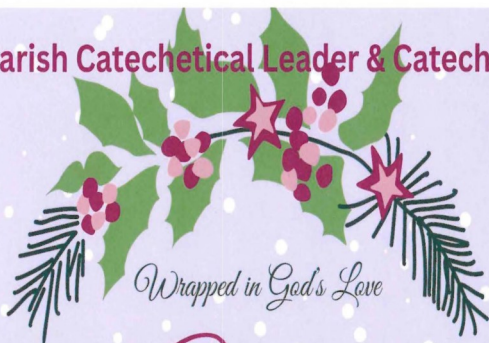
Sunday, December 14, 2025

8:30 am Mass— The Matt Allor Family

11:15 am Mass— The Michael Poteracki Family



Parish Catechetical Leader & Catechist



Wrapped in God's Love

Advent

RETREAT

~~November 22 — Good Shepherd in Russellville~~

~~December 6 — St. Thomas the Apostle in Montevallo~~

~~December 10 - Holy Spirit in Huntsville~~

~~December 20 — Our Lady of the Lake in Pell City~~

All locations: 9:30 am - 2 pm

*"...the gift of God is eternal life
in Christ Jesus our Lord."
Romans 6: 23*

RSVP via the QR Code



Assignments

December 10, 2025 - December 14, 2025

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

12/8/2025 9:00 AM

Greeters: Parma Boyle, Doug Ross
Lectors: Lexie Smith, Mary Adams
Ushers: Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

12/8/2025 7:00 PM

Greeters: Michael & Teri Gagliano,
Ronni & Paul Thomas
Lectors: Teri Gagliano, Arturo Solis
Ministers: Michael Gagliano, Anita Allor
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston

WEDNESDAY MASS

12/10/2025 7:00 PM

Lector: Gloria Raynor

SATURDAY MASS

12/13/2025 5:00 PM

Greeters: Bob & Michelle Voll, Allen Ross
Lectors: Shane Shields, Buddy Adamson
Ministers: Parma Boyle, Allen Ross
Altar Servers: Steve McGowan, James Raynor
Ushers: Amy Carreker, Tabor Wolff

SUNDAY MASSES

12/14/2025 8:30 AM

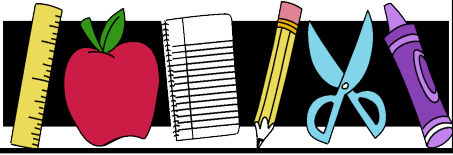
Greeters: Phillip & Bit Thomaston, Sonya Lewis
Lectors: Jane Snider, Robert Lewis
Ministers: Brenda Rochford, Paul Thomas
Sonya Lewis, Michael Gagliano
Altar Servers: Tom Graffo, John Bryant
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston
Bit Thomaston, Paul Thomas

12/14/2025 11:15 AM

Greeters: Doug Ross, Joan & Carl Wright
Lectors: Gloria Raynor, Bernie Funderburg
Ministers: Sean Ahonen, Lexie Smith,
Charlene Betz, Chris Gallegly
Altar Servers: Natalie Rodgers, Logan Bluhm,
Marie Dean
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Lexie Smith,
Doug Ross, Jeff Smith



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Looking Ahead:

- December 7- RE- 9:45 am
RE Confessions-
5th, 6th 7th and 8th
grades
- December 14- RE- 9:45 am
RE Confessions-
2nd, 3rd and 4th grades
- December 17- Youth Group- 6:00 pm
- December 21- No RE-Christmas



FORMED

THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

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

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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!*



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Monday, December 8th



Masses are at 9:00 am and
7:00 pm (Bilingual). The
Immaculate Conception is
a Holy Day of Obligation.

Change of Physical Address or Contact Information?

Please let us know at the parish office if
you have changed any of the below
information so we can keep our records
up to date.

- Change of physical address
- Change of phone number, including dropping a landline
- Change of email address
- You were formerly listed under your parent's information and are now independent.

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 GUADALUPE

Friday, December 12th is the Solemnity of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It is an important day in the Latino world. On the day we will have two Masses in our parish. There will be Mass at 9:00 a.m. in English and 7:00 p.m. in Spanish. Following the 7:00 Mass, there will be a procession of a statue of Our Lady from the church to the parish hall, followed by a fiesta. All are invited.

END OF THE YEAR GIVING

Monetary donations to the Parish will be accepted until December 30th if you want them to appear in your Contribution Statement for 2025. Whether you choose to give to the General Fund, the Building Fund, Special Projects, or the Social Concerns, they will be tax deductible for state and federal income taxes.

Calendar for Dec 7, 2025—Dec 14, 2025

Sunday – December 7- 2nd Sunday Advent

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am
RE- 9:45 am

RE Confessions-5th, 6th 7th & 8th- 9:45 am
Spanish Mass & Activities- 3:00 pm
Parish Christmas Dinner- 4:00-6:00 pm

Monday – December 8- Immaculate Conception

Mass 9:00 am
Mass (Bilingual)- 7:00 pm

Tuesday – December 9

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

Wednesday – December 10

Spanish Mass- 7:00 pm
Spanish Holy Hour/Adoration- 7:30 pm

Thursday – December 11

Mass– 9:00 am
Community Food Distribution- 5:00 pm
Legion of Mary- 6:30 pm

Friday – December 12- Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mass- 9:00 am
Spanish Mass-7:00 pm
Fiesta following Mass-Parish Hall

Saturday – December 13

Knights of Columbus Prayer Svc- 10:00 am
Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm
Mass– 5:00 pm

Sunday – December 14- 3rd Sunday Advent

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am
RE- 9:45 am
RE Confessions-2nd, 3rd & 4th- 9:45 am
Spanish Mass & Activities- 3:00 pm