



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Hours Monday-Thursday

9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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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 13, 2025
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 14, 2025
Masses 8:30 am, 11:15 am,
3:00 pm (Spanish)



Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2025

*Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead
of you; he will prepare your way before
you. --Matthew 11:10*



December 15 - December 21

- Monday:** Fr. Shoban by Sammy & Shelly Schallaci
Tuesday: Micky Zielinski by the Brazzolottos †
Wednesday: Jeff & Catherine Hahn
by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
Thursday: All Souls in Purgatory by Billy & Mary Burns †
Friday: Mary Culver by Shirley Skeivelas †
Saturday: Paul Boyle III by Parma Boyle †
Sunday: Victoria Lambert by Christy & Alan Whaley †
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 Morteck, 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 15- December 21

- Monday:** Num 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25; Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday:** Zeph 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34; Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday:** Gen 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72; Mt 1:1-17
- Thursday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72; Mt 1:18-25
- Friday:** Jud 13:2-7, 24-5a; Ps 71; Lk 1:5-25
- Saturday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24; Lk 1:26-38
- Sunday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Today's Readings



First Reading— Be strong, fear not (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10)!

Psalm — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146: 6-7, 8-9, 9-10).

Second Reading— Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord (James 5:7-10).

Gospel — “Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he (Matthew 11:2-11).”

JOY

The theme (candle) for the Third week of Advent is joy. The third Sunday of Advent is called *Guadete Sunday*, from the Latin word for *rejoice*. In Philippians we read, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near." (4, 4-5) Clergy may wear rose-colored vestments and the rose candle on the Advent wreath is lighted.

We rejoice because the Lord is near. Sin prevents us from experiencing the Lord's nearness. Again, Advent is a penitential season. Our repentance opens our minds to the presence of the Lord. Joy is one of the fruits of repentance.

Joy is different from happiness. I can experience happiness because I am on vacation. That happiness ends when I have to return to work. I can feel happy when my sports team wins. But that happiness ends when there is another competition. Joy is not dependent on my circumstances. It endures no matter how my environment changes.

The source of our joy is the belief that Jesus Christ is on our side. He wants to save us if we want to be saved. As the angel Gabriel said to the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Gospel of Luke, "Nothing will be impossible for God." Whatever shape our world is in, God will renew it through His Son.

The Third Sunday of Advent and the rose candle signal a one-day break from the penance of the season. We can relax. We can rejoice because Jesus Christ has won the victory over sin and death. Jesus Christ is "Immanuel", God with us. He came once to die, rise, and ascend to the Father. He will come again to renew our world in God's image. That indeed is a reason to rejoice.

Communal Penance Service

The parish communal penance service for Advent will be held on **Monday December 15th at 7:00 pm**. Father Bill and Father Sexton will both be available for confessions. This is a good way to prepare for the Christmas season!



Advent Confession Schedule

Monday, December 15th - 7:00 pm
(Communal Penance Service)

Tuesday, December 16th- 9:30-10:00 am

Wednesday, December 17th- 6:00-6:30 pm

Friday, December 19th - 9:30-10:00 am

Saturday, December 20th- 4:00-4:45 pm

Sunday, December, 21st- between Masses



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
No Offertory reported this week.		\$7,865
Year to Date		

Building Fund Collection

July 2025 — June 2026

	Actual	Needed Monthly
Building Fund— Month of Nov 2025	\$5,342	\$3,848
Year to Date	\$25,588	\$22,126



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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 a 2006 Christmas Calendar, if you haven't already. The are in both foyers.

Offertory Envelopes-2026

The 2026 offertory envelopes are in the Parish Hall for you to pick up. They are in alphabetic order by last name. If you expect to receive offertory envelopes and don't see yours, please call the Parish Office at 205-525-5161.

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

Advent Wreath Candle Lighters

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 20, 2025

5:00 pm Mass– James & Jane Reilly

Sunday, December 21, 2025

**8:30 am Mass– Anthony & Mallory Schillaci
Family**

11:15 am Mass– Mark Boyle Family



A Special Thanks

I would like to thank everyone in the parish for their prayers, cards, texts and visits during my knee surgery and then getting a bad bug causing me to be very sick.

Deacon Serge and Sarah were my guardian angels taking me for my surgery and spending the night. Also taking me to the ER late one night at the risk of them getting sick, plus bringing me food and groceries.

Special mention to Tom Graffo, Doug Ross, Parma Boyle, Brenda Monte, Sara Reese and Shelly Hamman for visiting me, bringing food, groceries, picking up Teddy from the Vet and helping around the house.

Thanks also to Father Bill and Msgr. Sexton for the cards, texts and visits.

Your Sacristan, Susan Moseley



Assignments

December 17, 2025 – December 21, 2025

WEDNESDAY MASS

12/17/2025 7:00 PM

Lector: Charmaine Welch

SATURDAY MASS

12/20/2025 5:00 PM

Greeters: Teri Shields, Dawn Adamson
Lectors: Christy Whaley, Kathy Bryant
Ministers: Teri Shields, Martha Hayes
Altar Servers: Tom Michaels, Buddy Adamson
Ushers: Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

SUNDAY MASSES

12/21/2025 8:30 AM

Greeters: Diane Stephens/Geri Bunt, Shelly Hamman
Lectors: Mary Burns, Karen Reese
Ministers: Jane Snider, Ronni Thomas
Stephen Reese, Anita Allor
Altar Servers: Otto Mueller, Michael Gagliano
Ushers: Paul Thomas, Phillip Thomaston
Anita Allor, Matt Allor

12/21/2025 11:15 AM

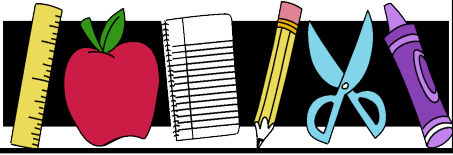
Greeters: Dianna & Ron Markevich, Brenda Monte
Lectors: Stephanie Fischer, Doug Ross
Ministers: Shelly Schillaci, Sammy Schillaci
Michael Poteracki, Lexie Smith
Altar Servers: Ethan Myers, Ethan Brockner,
Alex Sorci
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Jerrold Bluhm,
Emily Bluhm, John Bluhm

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:

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
 December 24- Parish Office Closed
 December 25- Parish Office Closed
 December 29- No RE- Christmas



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 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!*



Nine Lessons & Carols

*Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church
 1301 Golden Springs Road, Anniston, Alabama
 December 14, 2025
 6:00 pm (Prelude Music at 5:30 pm)*



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

Registration at Our Lady of the Lake

If you have not registered with our Parish, please take a moment to fill out a form located in the foyer.

Complete the form and drop it at the office or in the offertory basket. You may also call the office if you'd like a form emailed to you.

If you are listed under your parents registration and are now not a dependent, you will need to fill out a form to register your family separately. If you have any questions, feel free to call the office at 205-525-5161.

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 14, 2025—Dec 21, 2025

Sunday – December 14- 3rd Sunday Advent

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

RE Confessions-2nd, 3rd & 4th and Confirmation
Class- 9:45 am

Spanish Mass & Activities- 3:00 pm

Monday – December 15

Mass 9:00 am

Communal Penance Service- 7:00 pm

Tuesday – December 16

Mass 9:00 am

Confessions-9:30-10:00 am

Bible Study- 9:45 am

OCIA- 7:00 pm

Wednesday – December 17

Surfsiders- 10:00 am

Youth Group- 6:00 pm

Confessions-6:00-6:30 pm

Mass- 7:00 pm

Thursday – December 18

Mass– 9:00 am

Legion of Mary- 6:30 pm

Friday – December 19

Mass- 9:00 am

Confessions-9:30-10:00 am

Saturday – December 20

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass– 5:00 pm

Pilgrim Virgin- 6:30 pm

Sunday – December 21- 4th Sunday Advent

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

No RE

Confessions-between Masses

Spanish Mass & Activities- 3:00 pm