



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

PARISH OFFICE | 205-525-5161

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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

www.ollpellcity.com

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

*Saturday, December 20, 2025
Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, December 21, 2025
Masses 8:30 am, 11:15 am,
3:00 pm (Spanish)*



*Fourth Sunday
of Advent
December 21, 2025*

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a
son, and they shall name him Emmanuel.
--Matthew 1:23*



December 22 - December 28

- Monday:** All Souls in Purgatory by Billy & Mary Burns †
Tuesday: Carmen Perez by James & Gloria Raynor †
Wednesday: Valerie Kern by Jerry & Brenda Kern †
Angelo Testa by Jerry & Debbie McAuliffe †
Thursday: Micky Zielinski by the Brazzolottos †
Friday: Michael Gagliano by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
Saturday: Peter Battaglia by Parma Boyle †
Sunday: For the People
Fr. Shoban by Sammy & Shelly Schallaci

Pease pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Ron Markevich, Juanita Crowson, Toni James, Silvia Moten, David & Audrey Springer, Christine Jaks, Janice Stella, Frank Troncilli, 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

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 22- December 28

- Monday:** 1 Sam 1:24-28; 1 Sam 2; Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25; Lk 1:57-66
Wednesday: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Tit 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Thursday: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 21-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
Friday: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 & 8ab, 16bc & 17; Mt 10:17-22
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97; Jn 20:1a & 2-8
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Today's Readings



First Reading— “ I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD (Isaiah 7:10-14)!”

Psalm — Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6).

Second Reading— Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home (Matthew 1:18-24).

LOVE

The theme (candle) for the fourth week of Advent is love. Love came down from Heaven to earth in the person of Jesus Christ.

The Christian word for love is *agape*. This is the Greek word for self-sacrificing love. At the last Supper, Jesus told His disciples, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15, 13) The next day He laid down His life for His friends and His enemies.

The Christian symbol for love is the crucifix. Jesus gave us an example of the greatest love by offering His death in place of ours. "God proves his love for us that while we were still sinners Christ died for us." (Romans 5, 8) Jesus Christ's example is meant to be imitated rather than admired. For generations, Christians have imitated Jesus and offered their lives for Him.

The Latin word for love is *caritas*. The usual English translation is *charity*. To practice charity is to be an instrument of God's love for another person. God loves others through us. Though we may make donations to charities during December, as Christians we are called to be instruments of God's love every day. There is no monetary cost. It is a gift of self, which is much more costly.

The birth of Jesus Christ, which we celebrate during the Christmas season, is an act of love. Jesus emptied Himself of His divinity and took on our humanity, with all its limitations. He could have been rich, but He chose to be poor. He could have been powerful, but He chose to be weak. "Coming in human likeness; and found in human appearance, he humbled himself." (Philippians 2, 7-8)

Our hope, peace, and joy are found in the self-sacrificing love of Jesus Christ for us. Merry Christmas.

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24, 2025-Christmas Vigil

Mass- 4:30 pm and 8:30 pm

(Carols will be sung 1/2 hour before each Mass)

December 25, 2025- Christmas Day

Mass 9:00 am and 3:00 pm (Spanish)



2026 CATHOLIC CHARITIES AND COMMUNITIES

As of December 10th, our parish pledge and donation total is **\$73,243**. That is 100% of our parish goal!

Most importantly, we have a 33% participation rate, similar to our participation rate last year. There is still time to pledge or donate if you want.

Thank you for your generosity!

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.

Offertory Collection

July 2025 — June 2026

	Actual	Needed weekly
Offertory December 7th	\$9,849	\$7,865
Year to Date	\$187,247	\$180,895



Chair: Jeff Reach
jreach@protonmail.com

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Jorge.Solis@butlersnow.com

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dawn-buddy@outlook.com

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Meagan Price: meaganfprice@gmail.com

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

Be Set Free: Healing the Wounded Heart

January 9–10, 2026

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church
Birmingham, Alabama

Seminars,
Prayer,
Adoration
& Music



Johnette Benkovic Williams, Danielle Rose
and Arise Worship Ministry



ARISE
WORSHIP MINISTRY

WOMEN
of GRACE

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 Social Concerns, they will be tax deductible for state and federal income taxes.

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

Assignments

December 24, 2025 - December 28, 2025

WEDNESDAY MASS -CHRISTMAS EVE

12/24/2025 4:30 PM

Greeters: Michael & Teri Gagliano, Paul & Ronni Thomas
Lectors: Carl Rochford, Alexis Allor
Ministers: Anita Allor, Sonya Lewis,
Brenda Rochford, Paul Thomas
Altar Servers: TBD
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston,
Bit Thomaston, Bart Perry

12/24/2025 8:30 PM

Greeters: Dennis & Sandy Veigl, Joan & Carl Wright
Lectors: Kathy Bryant, Karen Reese
Ministers: Chris Gallegly, Allen Ross,
Stephen Reese, Teri Shields
Altar Servers: Buddy Adamson, John Bryant
Ushers: Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

THURSDAY MASS -CHRISTMAS DAY

12/25/2025 9:00 AM

Greeters: Shirley Skeivelas, Dawn Adamson
Lectors: Larry Foltz, Doug Ross
Ministers: Sammy Schillaci, Shelly Schillaci
Altar Servers: Marty Poteracki, Jeff Reach
Ushers: Sam Marston, Dan Vandevoorde

SATURDAY MASS

12/27/2025 5:00 PM

Greeters: Paige Everett, Bob & Michelle Voll
Lectors: Sarah Brazzolotto, Shane Shields
Ministers: Parma Boyle, Tom Graffo
Altar Servers: Andy Payant, David Blaylock
Ushers: Sam Marston, Dan Vandevoorde

Pro-Life Corner

Ann's New Life Pregnancy Medical Center

3440 Martin Street South, Suite 1, Cropwell, AL 35054
205-338-4580

Hours of Operation: Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 am-4:00 pm

7404 Roosevelt Drive, Leeds, AL 35094
205-702-6500

Hours of Operation: Monday & Wednesday
10:00 am-4:00 pm

SUNDAY MASSES

12/28/2025 8:30 AM

Greeters: Brenda Rochford, Billy & Mary Burns
Lectors: Teri Gagliano, Sharon Hamilton
Ministers: Brenda Rochford, Paul Thomas
Sonya Lewis Michael Gagliano
Altar Servers: John Bryant, Steve McGowan
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston
Bit Thomaston, Bart Perry

12/28/2025 11:15 AM

Greeters: Sean Ahonen, Melba Willis
Lectors: Shelly Schillaci, Michael Poteracki
Ministers: Chris Gallegly, Charlene Betz
Sean Ahonen, Sammy Schillaci
Altar Servers: Natalie Rodgers, Logan Bluhm
Marie Dean
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Lexie Smith,
Sean Ahonen, Jeff Smith

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.**



CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES

Caregivers Support Group

A confidential and safe space to help
family caregivers learn how to take care
of themselves as they take care of their
loved ones.

You don't have to walk the path alone.
SPACE IS LIMITED!

Call (205) 324-6561 to register.

Every Second Friday

12:00 - 1:00 pm

Except on Holidays or Holy Days of
Obligation

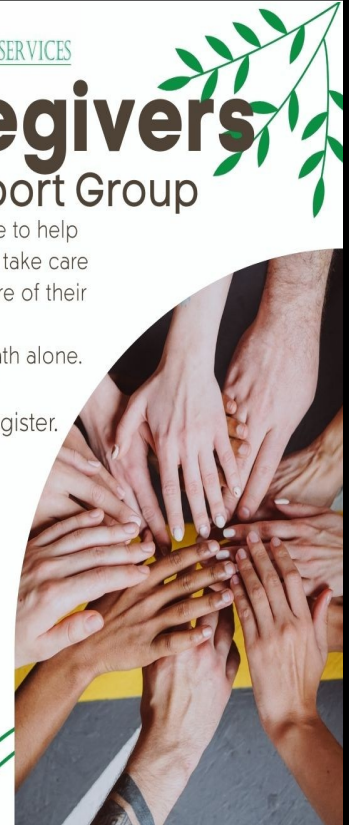
Facilitator

Griena Davis, EdD, LPC-S

1515 12th Avenue South

Birmingham, Alabama 35205

Feel free to bring your own
lunch.





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Looking Ahead:

December 21- No RE-Christmas
 December 24- Parish Office Closed
 December 25- Parish Office Closed
 December 29- No RE- Christmas
 January 4- RE- 9:45 am
 January 7- 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!*



Registration at Our Lady of the Lake

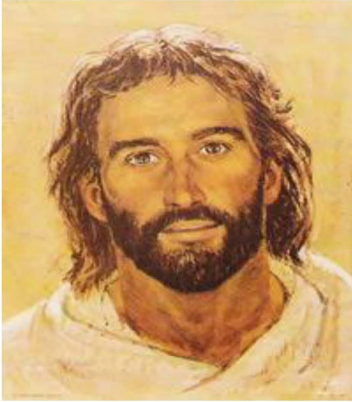
If you have not registered with our Parish, please take a moment to fill out a form located in the foyer. Complete the form and drop it at the office or in the offertory basket. You may also call the office if you'd like a form emailed to you.

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.

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.



AS WE APPROACH EASTER

**Experience a weekend
with Christ
Increase your Faith**

**Attend a CURSILLO
Week End**

For more information

Call: Parma Boyle: 205-405-0948
Deacon Serge Brazzolotto
205-753-3230

**The Joyful Proclamation of Being a Christian
Listen to Christ's call**

Upcoming WOMEN Cursillo Weekend # 148

MARCH 12-15, 2026

**Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God**

Masses

Wednesday, December 31, 5:00 PM

Thursday, January 1, 9:00 AM

Thursday, January 1, 3:00 PM (Spanish)



Calendar for Dec 21, 2025—Dec 28, 2025

**Sunday – December 21-
4th Sunday Advent**

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE- 9:45 am

Confessions-between Masses

Spanish Mass & Activities- 3:00 pm

Holy Hour- 7:00 pm

Monday – December 22

Mass 9:00 am

Tuesday – December 23

Mass 9:00 am

Wednesday December 24- Christmas Eve

Parish Office Closed

Masses- 4:30 and 8:30 pm

(Carols 1/2 hour before each Mass)

Thursday – December 25- Christmas Day

Parish Office Closed

Mass– 9:00 am

Spanish Mass-3:00 pm

Friday – December 26

Mass- 9:00 am

Saturday – December 27

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass– 5:00 pm

Sunday – December 28

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

Spanish Mass & Activities- 3:00 pm