



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

4609 MARTIN STREET SOUTH
CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054

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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 27, 2025
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 28, 2025
Masses 8:30 am, 11:15 am,
3:00 pm (Spanish)



*The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and
Joseph
December 28, 2025*

“Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” --Matthew 2:20



December 29 - January 4

- Monday:** Adela Amaya by James & Gloria Raynor †
Tuesday: Gustavo Rodriguez by Sulman Morales
Wednesday: All Souls in Purgatory by Billy & Mary Burns †
Thursday: Micky Zielinski by Jerry & Brenda Kern †
Friday: Bill Frost by Buddy & Dawn Adamson †
Saturday: Jack & Susie McAlister by Susan Moseley †
Sunday: Bill & Loretta Frost by Jerry & Brenda Kern †
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 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 DeCastra, Michael Brayman, George Wolf

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 29- January 4

- Monday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96; Lk 2:22-35
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96; Lk 2:36-40
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96; Jn 1:1-18
- Thursday:** Num 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
- Friday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98; Jn 1:19-28
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:29--3:6; Ps 98; Jn 1:29-34
- Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Today's Readings



First Reading— My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14).

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5).

Second Reading— And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21).

Gospel — He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23).

THE HOLY YEAR

The Holy Year of Hope ends December 28, 2025, the Feast of the Holy Family. It was an opportunity given by the Church for the renewal of our faith in Jesus Christ. Pope Francis began the Jubilee Year. Pope Leo XIV is completing it.

The theme for the Holy Year was, "Hope does not disappoint." Those were the first words in Pope Francis's Bull of Indiction announcing the Holy Year. It was an opportunity for everyone to place their hope in Jesus Christ as the most important person in their lives.

The practices and prayers available during the Holy Year are available anytime from the Church. Indulgences, pilgrimages, and a renewal of our faith are always there for us to use. The Holy Year emphasized the opportunity.

God is our destiny, but God is also with us as we strive toward our destiny. At Christmas we proclaim Jesus Christ as, "Immanuel", "God with us." At the end of the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus assures His disciples, "Know that I am with you always, until the end of the age."

The Holy Family were pilgrims. They fled to Egypt to protect Jesus from Herod the Great. After Herod died, they returned to Galilee, to Nazareth, to raise Jesus. When Jesus was 12 years old, they made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem for Passover. The family of Jesus were observant Jews. Pilgrimages were part of their lives.

Christians are pilgrims. Our destination is Heaven with God. This life is a pilgrimage. It is a journey that leads to God. But God is also with us as we make this journey. The Holy Year emphasized God's nearness for all who participated. God is always with us.

Every year can be a holy year. Every day can be a holy day. If we dedicate our lives to God, He will fill our lives with His holiness.

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)**



Thank you for those who supported our 2025 Wreaths Across America by purchasing a memorial wreath, and thank you to our volunteers.

Wreaths Across America is matching each memorial wreath purchased until December 31st 2025. Consider honoring a veteran in 2026 with the purchase of a memorial wreath for \$17.

Go to WreathsAcrossAmerica.org.
Your sponsorship group is:

AL0091 - Knights of Columbus Assembly
2972, Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

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 14th	\$13,392	\$7,865
Year to Date	\$200,639	\$188,760



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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

Prayer Vigil and Witness for Life

Saturday, January 17, 10:45 AM CT

Planned Parenthood
1019 1st Ave. North, Birmingham

Respect Life Mass, 9:00 AM

Cathedral of St. Paul
2120 3rd Ave. North, Birmingham

Spread the Word and Gather as Many as Possible!
Peaceful and Legal, Rain, Snow or Shine
Bring your Family & Friends!

For More Information:
205.447.8796

Birmingham March for Life - Prayer Vigil
and Witness for Life | Facebook

www.BirminghamMarchforLife.com

COR-Men's Bible Study "The Heart of our Mission"

Inviting all Men of the
Parish, please join us on
Monday, January 12th at
6:15 pm in the parish hall for
Session #2

Authentic Masculinity

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

Assignments

December 31, 2025 - January 4, 2026

WEDNESDAY MASS - Solemnity of Mary

12/31/2025 5:00 PM

Greeters: John Paul Bryant, Teri Shields
Lectors: Kathy Bryant, Shelly Hamman
Ministers: TBD
Altar Servers: John Bryant, Steve McGowan
Ushers: TBD

THURSDAY MASS - Solemnity of Mary

1/1/2026 9:00 AM

Greeters: Melba Willis, Ron & Dianna Markevich
Lectors: Mary Adams, Susan Moseley
Ministers: TBD
Altar Servers: Buddy Adamson, Steve McGowan
Ushers: TBD

SATURDAY MASS

1/3/2026 5:00 PM

Greeters: Allen Ross, Teri Shields
Lectors: Martha Hayes, Allen Ross
Ministers: Teri Shields, Anita Allor
Altar Servers: Bernie & Corey Funderburg
Ushers: Amy Carreker, Jim Gorman

SUNDAY MASSES

1/4/2026 8:30 AM

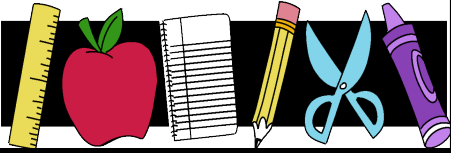
Greeters: Crapet/Freeman/Landman
Lectors: Meagan Price, Dennis Veigl
Ministers: Sharon Hamilton, Teri Gagliano
Sophie Alvarez, Ronni Thomas
Altar Servers: Renee Bentel, Kalli Reach,
Allison Schillaci
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston
Bill Bethell, Matt Allor

1/4/2026 11:15 AM

Greeters: Doug Ross, Shirley Skeivelas
Lectors: Dianna Markevich, Mary Adams
Ministers: Sammy Schillaci, Lexie Smith
Shelly Schillaci, Michael Poteracki
Altar Servers: Ethan Myers, Ethan Brockner
Alex Sorci
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Sean Ahonen,
Emily Bluhm, John Bluhm



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Looking Ahead:

December 29- No RE- Christmas
 January 1- Parish Office Closed
 January 4- RE- 9:45 am
 January 7- Youth Group- 6:00 pm
 January 11- RE- 9:45 am
 January 18-No RE- MLK Observance
 January 21- 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

Bible Study will not be meeting during Christmas and New Year's weeks. The next Bible Study will be
Tuesday, January 6th
at 9:45 am

Registration at Our Lady of the Lake

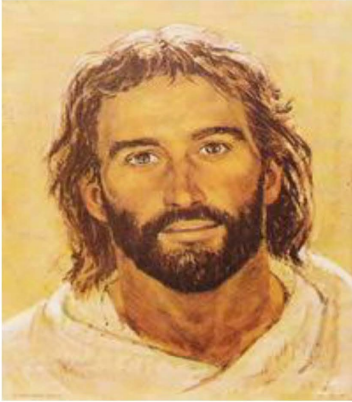
If you have not registered with our Parish, please take a moment to fill out a form located in the foyer. Complete the form and drop it at the office or in the offertory basket. You may also call the office if you'd like a form emailed to you.

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

Legion of Mary

HEADS UP!!! Anyone interested in visiting the Legion, we will meet on **Monday, December 29th**

**at 6:30 pm instead of
Thursday, January 1st.**



Come and learn more about the Legion and join Mary's army of God and transform your life and the lives of others!

Sunday – December 28

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am
Spanish Mass & Activities- 3:00 pm

Monday – December 29

Mass 9:00 am

Tuesday – December 30

Mass 9:00 am
No Bible Study

Wednesday December 31- Solemnity of Mary

Mass- 5:00 pm

Thursday – January 1- Solemnity of Mary

Parish Office Closed
Mass– 9:00 am
Spanish Mass-3:00 pm

Friday – January 2

Mass- 9:00 am
First Friday Adoration- 9:30-10:30 am

Saturday – January 3

First Saturday Mass- 9:00 am
Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm
Mass– 5:00 pm

Sunday – January 4

RE- 9:45 am
Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am
Spanish Mass & Activities- 3:00 pm