



# 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

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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, January 24, 2026  
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 25, 2026  
Masses 8:30 am, 11:15 am,  
3:00 pm (Spanish)

Third Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
January 25, 2026



*"Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." --Matthew 4:17*



January 26 - February 1

- Monday:** Bill & Loretta Frost by Jerry & Brenda Kern †
- Tuesday:** Mary Grant Bombeck  
by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
- Wednesday:** Michael Fontaine by Buddy & Dawn Adamson †
- Thursday:** Robert Walsh by KOC 12270 †
- Friday:** All Souls in Purgatory by Billy & Mary Burns †
- Saturday:** Micky Zielinski by Jerry & Brenda Kern †
- Sunday:** Charles Rumore by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore  
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, Marsha Manning, Chuck & Sharon Treece, Michael DeCastrá, Michael Brayman, George Wolf, Sara Reese, Helen S. Bell

To add a name, call the church office or to add to the Prayer Hot Line please email Sharon Stice at [sharonstice46@gmail.com](mailto:sharonstice46@gmail.com) or call 205-613-1053.

## Weekly Readings January 26- February 1

- Monday:** 2 Sam 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80; Mk 3:20-21
- Tuesday:** 2 Sam 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24; Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday:** 2 Sam 7:4-17; Ps 89; Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday:** 2 Sam 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132; Mk 4:21-25
- Friday:** 2 Sam 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51; Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday:** 2 Sam 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51; Mk 4:35-41
- Sunday:** Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

## Today's Readings



**First Reading**— The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light (Isaiah 8:23--9:3).

**Psalms** — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14).

**Second Reading**— I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say.....(1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

**Gospel** — He went around Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people (Matthew 4:12-23).

## **I HAVE LOVED YOU**

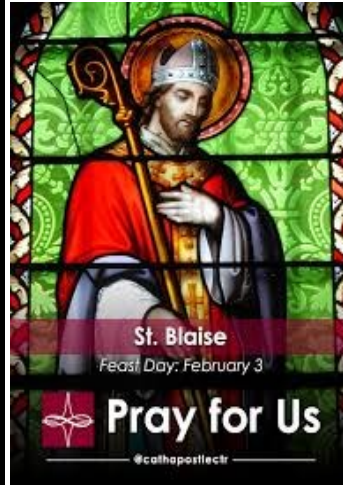
Pope Leo XIV issued an Apostolic Exhortation, *Dilexi Ti*, ("I have loved you.") on October 4, 2025. The Second Chapter is entitled, "God Chooses the Poor."

Pope Leo writes, "God is merciful love, and his plan of love, which unfolds and is fulfilled in history, is above all his descent among us to free us from slavery, fear, sin, and the power of death. Precisely in order to share the limitations and fragility of our human nature, he himself became poor and was born in the flesh like us." (#16)

Though modern people, steeped in materialism, view poverty as a curse, the bible views poverty as an opportunity. It is an opportunity for human beings to be God's instrument that He uses to help others. In Chapter 16 of the Gospel of Luke, Jesus tells the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. The name Lazarus means, "He whom God helps." In the parable, God put the rich man and Lazarus together so that God could help Lazarus through the rich man. The rich man failed in the mission given him by God and was condemned.

Pope Francis expressed his desire, "How I would like a Church which is poor and for the poor." (#35) This desire reflects the understanding that the Church "recognizes in those who are poor and who suffer, the likeness of its poor and suffering founder." (#36)

Pope Leo goes on to list from Scripture and Tradition the believers' connection to the poor. "Charity shown to those in need was not only seen as a moral virtue, but a concrete expression of faith in the incarnate Word." (#39) "The Gospel is proclaimed correctly only when it impels us to touch the flesh of the least among us, and (the Church gives) warning that doctrinal rigor without mercy is empty talk." (#48)



## **Feast of St. Blaise**

**Blessing of the throats will take place after each Mass next weekend, January 31st and February 1st.**

## **Ann's New Life Pregnancy Medical Center OLL Baby Bottle Drive and Shower of Blessings**

The Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church Baby Bottle Drive starts this weekend, **January 24th and 25th**. It will end with a baby shower to benefit our local crisis pregnancy center, Ann's New Life Pregnancy Medical Center (ANLC) on Sunday, **February 22nd** between the Masses.

Please fill your bottles with the change you may have in the cup holder of your car, between the cushions in your couch, or wherever you keep your spare change, and return your baby bottles to the Shower of Blessings.

Everyone is invited to the Shower. Coffee and refreshments will be served and we will have a special speaker.



## **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  
not reported  
this week

\$7,865

Year to Date



**Chair: Jeff Reach**

jreach@protonmail.com

**Vice Chair: Jorge Solis**

Jorge.Solis@butlersnow.com

**Secretary: Buddy Adamson**

dawn-buddy@outlook.com

**Brenda Rochford:** edenrochford@yahoo.com

**Laura Cash:** lauracash@gmail.com

**Mary Burns:** angels4maryb@gmail.com

**Paul Thomas:** paulcthomas4@gmail.com

**Oswaldo Jimenez:** ozzy9892@gmail.com

**Meagan Price:** meaganfprice@gmail.com

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



## NACN-USA CONFERENCE

**Grace Under Pressure:**

**Faith First in Navigating Modern Catholic Nursing**

**April 17, 2026**

Molloy University  
1000 Hempstead Avenue  
Rockville Centre, NY 11570

**Raffle Tickets**

- Laptop Backpack
- Littmann Cardiology IV Stethoscope

Registration now open

[nacn-usa.org](http://nacn-usa.org)

## *The Christian Love Pantry*

*The Christian Love Pantry is helping the poor in the St. Clair County area. To assist them we are collecting canned soup at the church. You can leave donations in either vestibule.*

*There is also a box for cash donations in each vestibule. If you prefer, you may drop your donation at the parish office during normal office hours.*

## 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.

## Help Wanted- Altar Linen Cleaning

Our Lady of the Lake is in need of volunteers to join our current team who washes and irons altar linens. We have set the schedule up on a rotating basis so as to not make this job overly burdensome. Current volunteers are scheduled for 2 months/year.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact the parish office at 205-525-5161 or [Parish@OllPellCity.com](mailto:Parish@OllPellCity.com)



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 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue South  
Birmingham, Alabama 35205

Feel free to bring your own lunch.



## 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



24/7 Hotline:  
1-800-712-4357

## Assignments

January 28, 2026 - February 1, 2026

### WEDNESDAY MASS

**1/28/2026 7:00 PM**

Lector:

Buddy Adamson

### SATURDAY MASS

**1/31/2026 5:00 PM**

Greeters:

Rita Rumore, John Paul Bryant

Lectors:

Allen Ross, Martha Hayes

Ministers:

Teri Shields, Anita Allor

Altar Servers:

Dennis Veigl, James Raynor

Ushers:

Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

### SUNDAY MASSES

**2/1/2026 8:30 AM**

Greeters:

Crapet/Freeman/Landman/Price

Lectors:

Robert Lewis, Jane Snider

Ministers:

Teri Gagliano, Ronni Thomas

Stephen Reese, Sonya Lewis

Altar Servers:

Renee Bentel, Kalli Reach,  
Allison Schillaci

Ushers:

Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston  
Bill Bethell, Belia Solis

**2/1/2026 11:15 AM**

Greeters:

Cowart/Lopez de Victoria,  
Grace Troncalli

Lectors:

Stephanie Fischer, Shelly Schillaci

Ministers:

James Raynor, Lexie Smith

Michael Poteracki, Gloria Raynor

Altar Servers:

Ethan Myers, Ethan Brockner  
Alex Sorci

Ushers:

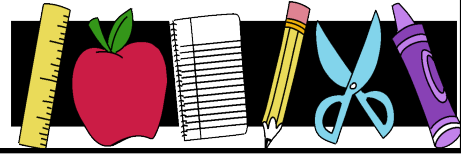
Chris Gallegly, Jerrold Bluhm,  
Emily Bluhm, Sean Ahonen

### 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:

January 25- RE- 9:45 am

February 1- RE- 9:45 am

February 4- Youth Group- 5:30 pm

February 8- RE- 9:45 am

February 15- No RE

February 18- Youth Group- 5:30 pm



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and ON DEMAND for FREE with our  
Parish code:

# JRQNH8

## Our Lady of Our Lake Bible Study

*Every Tuesday 9:45 am, Parish Hall*

*Currently Studying the First & Second  
Books of the Maccabees*

*On February 3rd, we will start a new  
session studying the Letters of St Paul to  
the Thessalonians, Timothy and Titus.*

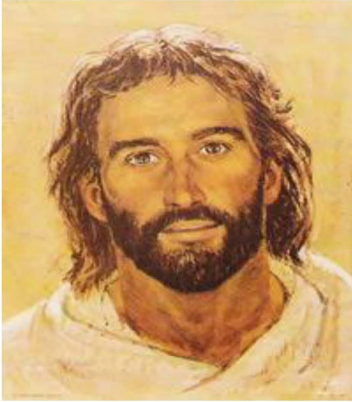
*Exciting discussion and faithful  
fellowship! Join us!*



## **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE OCIA CATECHUMEN AND CANDIDATES**

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) will be wrapping up with the initiation of the Catechumen at the Easter Vigil on April 4<sup>th</sup>. The Candidates will be received into the Church, Confirmed, and make their First Communion on February 15<sup>th</sup>. The Catechumen is Joseph Treadwell. The Candidates (those already baptized) are Charles and Shannon Agby, Dale Bagwell, Aaron Goble, Michole Greenwood, Ashley Hensley, Jamie Limbaugh, Rider Weldon, and Johnny Wills.

Please remember them in your prayers as they complete their preparation to enter the Catholic Church.



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**

**The Magnificat Luncheon  
Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall  
Saturday, February 21,  
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Speaker, Lauren Franklin, is an inspirational creator of Catholic content on social media and a creator of sacred art. Come be inspired by Lauren who has been set on fire with God's love!

A Ticket is \$20 or a Student Rate is \$15 (youth to age 22) and includes a catered luncheon. Tickets are available online at [BirminghamMagnificat.org](http://BirminghamMagnificat.org) or by contacting Jan Smith at (205)

381-8481 or from Alpha Church Supply and Holy Roses Flowers and Gifts.

No tickets are sold at the door or after February 15.

*Calendar for Jan 25, 2026—Feb 1, 2026*

**Sunday – January 25**

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE- 9:45 am

Spanish Mass & Activities- 3:00

**Monday – January 26**

Mass 9:00 am

KOC Meeting- 6:30-8:00 pm

**Tuesday – January 27**

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study- 9:45 am

OCIA- 7:00 pm

**Wednesday- January 28**

Mass- 7:00 pm

**Thursday – January 29**

Mass– 9:00 am

Legion of Mary- 6:30 pm

**Friday – January 30**

Mass- 9:00 am

**Saturday – January 31**

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass– 5:00 pm

Feast of St. Blaise-Blessing of Throats  
after Mass

**Sunday – February 1**

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

Feast of St. Blaise-Blessing of Throats after  
each Mass

RE- 9:45 am

Spanish Mass & Activities- 3:00 pm