



# Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

4609 MARTIN STREET SOUTH  
CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054

**Rev. William P. Lucas, Pastor**

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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, February 7, 2026  
Mass 5:00 pm*

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



*Fifth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
February 8, 2026*

*Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt  
of the earth." --Matthew 5:13*



*Please 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 DeCastra,  
Michael Brayman, George Wolf, Sara Reese,  
Helen S. Bell, Tom Graffo, Madelyn Gauld,  
Pat Monte, Mary Adams, Christine Poissant

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 February 9- February 15*

- Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13;  
Ps 132; Mk 6:53-  
56
- Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-  
30; Ps 84; Mk 7:1-  
13
- Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps  
37; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday:** 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps  
106; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32;  
12:19; Ps 81; Mk  
7:31-37
- Saturday:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32;  
13:33-34; Ps 106;  
Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday:** Sir 15:15-20; Ps  
119:1-2, 4-5, 17-  
18, 33-34; 1 Cor  
2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

*Today's Readings*



**First Reading**— Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer, you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am! (Isaiah 58:7-10).

**Psalms** — The just man is a light in darkness to the upright (Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9).

**Second Reading**— When I came to you, brothers and sisters, proclaiming the mystery of God, I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom (1 Corinthians 2:1-5)

**Gospel** — You are the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16).

## I HAVE LOVED YOU

Pope Leo XIV issued his first Apostolic Exhortation, "Dilexi Te", in English, "I Have Loved You", on October 4, 2025, the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. Pope Francis began the exhortation. Pope Leo finished it.

The final section of the document is entitled, "A Constant Challenge". In it, Pope Leo writes, "No Christian can regard the poor simply as a societal problem; they are part of our "family." They are "one of us."" (#104) The poor are human beings. They are made in the image and likeness of God. (Genesis 1, 27) They deserve our respect. They deserve our attention. Their problems are the Church's problems.

Pope Leo continues, "At a particularly critical time in the history of the Church in Rome, when the imperial institutions were collapsing, Pope Saint Gregory the Great felt it necessary to remind the faithful: "Every minute we can find a Lazarus if we seek him, and every day, even without seeking, we find one at our door. Therefore do not waste the opportunity of doing works of mercy; do not store unused the good things you possess."" (#108)

Pope Leo then reminds us that the poor also help the rich. "Lives can actually be turned around by the realization that the poor have much to teach us about the Gospel and its demands. By their silent witness, they make us confront the precariousness of our existence." (#109) The poor remind us we are all dependent on God. We are all fragile, despite our sometimes show of self-sufficiency.

The unspoken belief of Pope Leo is that Catholics can partner with other Christians to be the instruments of Jesus Christ for the poor. Charity means that we are instruments of God's love for others. The only thing that is sometimes lacking is our willingness to be instruments of Jesus Christ.



February 9 - February 15

**Monday:** All Souls in Purgatory by Billy & Mary Burns †  
**Tuesday:** Ari Pinter by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore  
**Wednesday:** Jeff Hahn by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore  
**Thursday:** Mary Esther Krantz by Jerry & Brenda Kern †  
**Friday:** Micky Zielinski by Bob & Karen Hand †  
**Saturday:** Bill & Loretta Frost by Jerry & Brenda Kern †  
**Sunday:** Mr. & Mrs. Terry Rumore Jr.  
by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore  
For the People



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

It's Baby Bottle Time!

This is one of our easiest fundraisers.

Please take a baby bottle located in the foyers. Empty your change from your cup holder/console, underneath the couch cushions... place it in a bottle and return it to the foyer, church office, or bring it with you to the OLL Annual Shower of Blessings to benefit Ann's New Life Pregnancy Medical Center.

Everyone likes a good baby shower, right? It will be held **Sunday, February 22nd at 10:00 a.m.** (Between the Masses). There will be refreshments and a speaker. Rumor has it that Gloria is making her famous carrot cake!

### **Ann's Medical Center Needs:**

Infant Car Seats (Pumpkin Seats)

Baby Trend Car Seats

Pack and Plays

Bouncy Seats

High Chairs

Baby Wipes

Size 6 Diapers

Size 2/3 Pull Ups

Infant Clothing Size 0-18 months

**VOLUNTEERS**

**\*YOUR PRAYERS\***

## Offertory Collection

July 2025 — June 2026

	Actual	Needed weekly
Offertory February 1	\$8,714	\$7,865
Year to Date	\$268,478	\$243,8156



**Chair: Jeff Reach**  
jreach@protonmail.com

**Vice Chair: Jorge Solis**  
Jorge.Solis@butlersnow.com

**Secretary: Buddy Adamson**  
dawn-buddy@outlook.com

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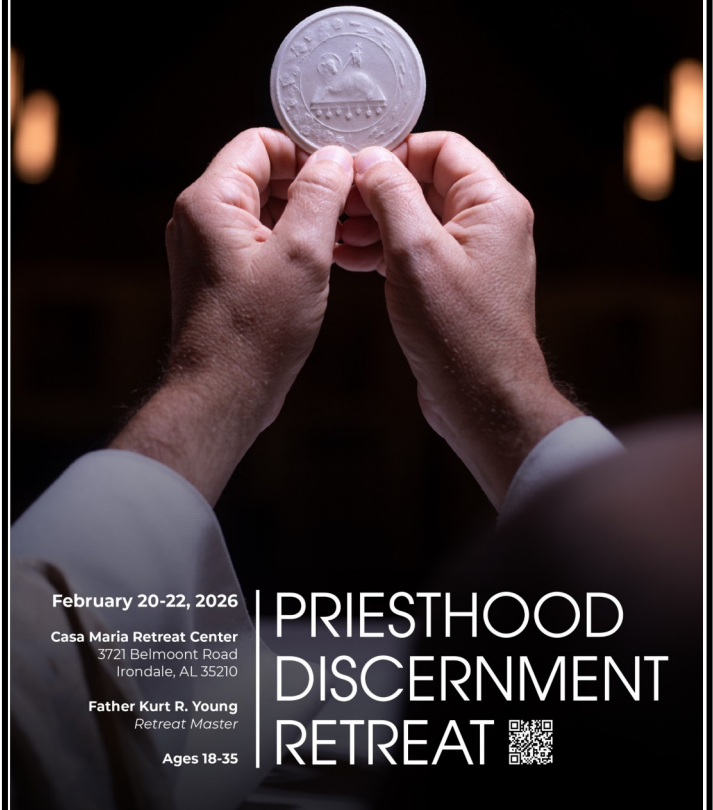
**Paul Thomas:** paulcthomas4@gmail.com

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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.**

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA



February 20-22, 2026

Casa Maria Retreat Center  
3721 Belmont Road  
Ironton, AL 35210

Father Kurt R. Young  
Retreat Master

Ages 18-35

# PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT RETREAT




Registration link:  
[https://bhmdiocese.org/  
discernment-weekend](https://bhmdiocese.org/discernment-weekend)

### REMINDER ABOUT SCAMS

SCAMS are everywhere and getting more sophisticated. Reminder to be skeptical - trust your instincts not the caller, not the texter and not the emailer. Remember to STOP.

(S) Stop, ignore phone calls, emails and text from someone you don't know. Ask for help from someone you know and can trust.

(T) Think, Do you know who you are sending money or giving your personal information to?

(O) Opportunity, Don't provide an opportunity for a scammer to steal. VERIFY who you are communicating with. Never rely on contract information provided by the suspicious person.

(P) Protect yourself by learning more.

*thank you*

Thanks for the continued support the members of Our Lady of the Lake have provided to the Christian Love Pantry. The food drives, monetary donations, volunteer manpower and the guidance from your board member were essential to the success of our mission. Together in 2025, more than 150,000 pounds of food were provided to 1963 families who were struggling financially. The generosity displayed by Our Lady of the Lake family is truly appreciated.  
Bob Osborn  
Director, Christian Love Pantry

## **Surfsiders**

The Surfsiders will have their monthly meeting Wednesday, February 11th at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall.  
Potluck lunch at noon.

### **February 12th - Catholic Charismatic Monthly Mass -Our Lady of Sorrows**

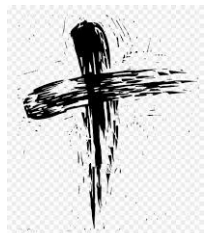
Come worship and praise and enjoy coming together to give glory to God. **Everyone is invited.** Confessions are at 6:15 pm, Praise Music at 6:30 pm and Mass begins at 7:00 pm. Individual prayer is available after Mass. For more information, contact Lisa Henderson 205-784-6273.

## **Burning of the Palms**

Sunday, February 15th  
After 8:30 am Mass  
Bell Tower  
Bring last year's palms and put in basket in foyer.

### **Ash Wednesday Masses**

Wednesday, February 18th  
9:00 am and  
7:00 pm (bilingual)



## *Assignments*

*February 11, 2026 - February 15, 2026*

### **WEDNESDAY MASS**

**2/11/2026 7:00 PM**

**Lector:** Arturo Solis

### **SATURDAY MASS**

**2/14/2026 5:00 PM**

**Greeters:** Teri Shields, Allen Ross  
**Lectors:** Christie Whaley, Kathy Bryant  
**Ministers:** Parma Boyle, Allen Ross  
**Altar Servers:** Tom Michaels, Dennis Viegl  
**Ushers:** Amy Carreker, Jim Gorman

### **SUNDAY MASSES**

**2/15/2026 8:30 AM**

**Greeter:** Diana Stephens/Geri Bunt, Debbie Adams  
**Lectors:** Sharon Hamilton, Teri Gagliano  
**Ministers:** Sharon Hamilton, Teri Gagliano  
Sophie Alvarez, Anita Allor  
**Altar Servers:** Marty Poteracki, David Blaylock  
**Ushers:** Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston  
Paul Thomas, Bill Bethell

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

**Greeters:** Brenda Monte, Doug Ross  
**Lectors:** Mary Adams, Miranda Bryant  
**Ministers:** Chris Gallegly, Charlene Betz  
James Raynor, Gloria Raynor  
**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:

February 8- RE- 9:45 am

February 15- No RE

- OCIA Candidates received into the Church-8:30 Mass

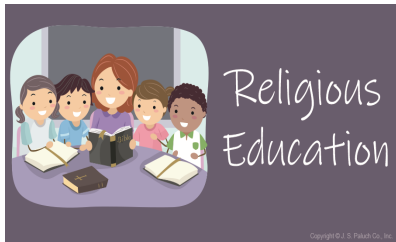
-Burning of the Palms-9:45 am

February 18- Youth Group- 5:30 pm

February 22- RE- 9:45 am

March 1- - RE- 9:45 am

-RE Confessions- 9:45 am



# FORMED

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# JRQNH8



## Our Lady of Our Lake Bible Study

*Every Tuesday 9:45 am, Parish Hall*

*Currently Studying the Letters of St Paul to the Thessalonians, Timothy and Titus.*

*Exciting discussion and faithful fellowship! Join us!*

## COR-Men's Bible Study

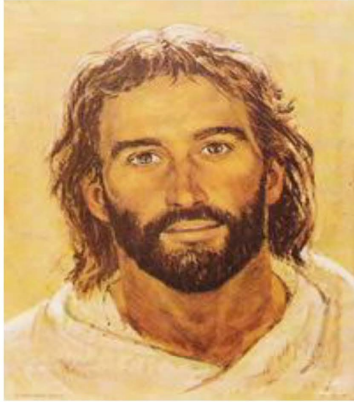
### "The Heart of our Mission"

Inviting all Men of the Parish, please join us on Monday, February 9th at 6:15 pm in the parish hall for Session #3

Importance of Fatherhood

## 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> at the 8:30 am Mass**. The Catechumen is Joseph Treadwell. The Candidates (those already baptized) are Charles and Shannon Agby, Dale Bagwell, Aaron Goble, Michole Greenwood, Jamie Limbaugh, Rider Weldon, and Johnny Wills.



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.

THE LITERACY COUNCIL  
OF CENTRAL ALABAMA



**Learn to Read  
Better**

Do you know someone who needs help learning to read better or speak English?

The Literacy Council offers programs in adult basic literacy and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL).

**There is a class in the Our Lady of the Lake Parish Hall  
on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm.**

Contact 205-378-9072 for more information.

*Calendar for Feb 8, 2026—Feb 15, 2026*

**Sunday – February 8**

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

Spanish Mass & Activities- 3:00 pm

**Monday –February 9**

Mass 9:00 am

COR Men's Bible Study- 6:15 pm

**Tuesday – February 10**

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study- 9:45 am

OCIA- 7:00 pm

**Wednesday-February 11**

Surfsiders- 10:00 am

Spanish Mass- 7:00 pm

Holy Hour/Adoration- 7:30-8:30 pm

**Thursday – February 12**

Mass– 9:00 am

Community Food Distribution- 5:00 pm

Liturgy Committee Meeting- 6:00 pm

Legion of Mary- 6:30 pm

**Friday – February 13**

Mass- 9:00 am

**Saturday – February 14**

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass– 5:00 pm

**Sunday – February 15**

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

OCIA Candidates Received in Church- 8:30 am

Burning of the Palms- 9:45 am

**POSITION AVAILABLE**

Our secretary, Shelly Hamman, is retiring. We have a position open. It is part time. If you are interested, please contact Father Bill at the office phone number, 205-525-5161.