



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054



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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

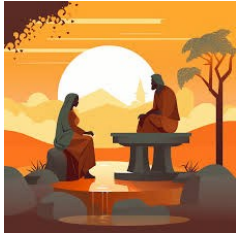
Ages 3 years through High School

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Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

*Saturday, March 7, 2026
Mass 5:00 pm*

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



*3rd Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2026*

*God is Spirit, and those who worship him
must worship in Spirit and truth.
-John 4: 24*



*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 DeCastr, Michael Brayman, George Wolf, Sara Reese,
Madelyn Gauld, Pat Monte, Mary Adams,

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 March 9- March 15

- Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42; Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday:** Dan 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25; Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday:** Deut 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95; Lk 11:14-23
- Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81; Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51; Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday:** 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

Today's Readings



First Reading— The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD saying, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?" (Exodus 17:3-7)."

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9).

Second Reading— But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

Gospel — "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem (John 4:5-42)."

THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

For the next three Sundays, the Gospel for Mass comes from the Gospel of John rather than the Gospel of Matthew. Today's Gospel passage is most of Chapter Four of the Gospel of John: Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan Woman at Jacob's well near Sychar.

The Assyrians captured Samaria and Galilee in 721 B.C. That had been the area of the ten Northern tribes, also known as Israel or Jacob. The leaders of Israel were deported while the common people stayed. The Assyrians brought in other conquered nations to settle in Samaria.

The Samaritans looked forward to the fulfillment of Deuteronomy, Chapter 18, verse 15. "A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kinsmen; to him shall you listen." Jesus claims to fulfill that promise given by Moses to the Israelites.

The Samaritan woman and Jesus discuss thirst. The Samaritan woman understands Jesus' words to be about physical thirst. Jesus is talking about spiritual thirst. That is what he means by, "living water." Jesus Himself is the living water which satisfies our thirst for meaning.

The conversation shifts (or does it?) to a discussion about worship. Jesus promises, "the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth." Jesus brings true worship in His very person. Those who worship Him as the savior of the world worship in Spirit and truth.

The Samaritan woman tells everyone in her village about Jesus. He stays in the village for two days. Afterwards, the people tell the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world." The Samaritan woman brings Jesus to others so they can meet Him for themselves. That is every Christian's responsibility.



March 9 - March 15

- Monday:** Charles & Allison Rumore
by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
- Tuesday:** Deacon Serge Brazzolotto
by Bob & Karen Hand
- Wednesday:** John Birgin by Bob & Karen Hand †
- Thursday:** All Souls in Purgatory by Billy & Mary Burns †
- Friday:** Hazel Smallwood by Bob & Karen Hand †
- Saturday:** Peter Battaglia by Parma Boyle †
- Sunday:** John E. Manning by KOC 12270 †
For the People

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

The Communal Penance Service for Lent will be **Monday March 16th at 7:00 p.m.** There will be a Liturgy of the Word, a communal Examination of Conscience, and opportunity for individual confessions. This is a great way to prepare for Holy Week. All are invited to attend.



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It is the perfect Easter gift for your spouse to begin this new year.

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For more info: wwme.org or call Frank & Kathryn
205-530-3607

Offertory Collection

July 2025 — June 2026

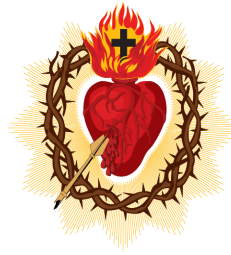
Actual

Needed
weekly

Offertory
not reported
this week.

\$7,865

Year to Date



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

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Inviting all Men of the
Parish, please join us on
Monday, March 9th at 6:15 pm
in the parish hall for:
Session #4
Marriage and Family



Chair: Jeff Reach
jreach@protonmail.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.**



Divine Mercy Chaplet

In the Church each Friday
at 3:00 pm through the
end of Lent.



Knights of Columbus Prayer Service

**Columbarium
Garden
March 14, 2026
10:00 am**

Everyone is welcome!

Coffee & Donuts will be served.
Contact Bernie Funderburg at
205-405-6382 with questions.



KOC Council 12270 Lenten Fish Fries

Knights of Columbus Council 12270 will be sponsoring Lenten fish fries every Friday evening through March 27th. Serving will be from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm. The menu will consist of fried fish, baked fish, hush puppies, steamed vegetables, French fries, macaroni and cheese, and coleslaw.

- 2-piece dinner (2 sides) \$10
- 1-piece dinner (2 sides) \$8
- Child’s plate (cheese pizza, 1 side) \$4

All proceeds will be used to fund the numerous charitable activities KOC Council 12270 supports.

Catholic Relief Collection

Next weekend (March 14 and 15) we will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please give generously and reveal Christ’s love to those most in need.

Stations of the Cross



Every Friday evening during Lent at 7:00 pm. Please join us in commemorating the final hours of Jesus Christ’s life, from his condemnation to his burial.

Assignments

March 11, 2026 – March 15, 2026

WEDNESDAY MASS

3/11/2026 7:00 PM

Lector: Gloria Raynor

SATURDAY MASS

3/14/2026 5 PM
~~7:00 PM~~

Greeters: Bob & Michelle Voll, Paige Everett
Lectors: Kathy Bryant, Christie Whaley
Ministers: Anita Allor, Martha Hayes
Altar Servers: Steve McGowan, James Raynor
Ushers: Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

SUNDAY MASSES

3/15/2026 8:30 AM

Greeter: Francie Poteracki, The Alvarez family
Lectors: Karen Reese, Mary Burns
Ministers: Ronni Thomas, Stephen Reese
Sharon Hamilton, Teri Gagliano
Altar Servers: Renee Bentel, Kalli Reach,
Allison Schillaci, Blaze Smith
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston
Bit Thomaston, Bart Perry

3/15/2026 11:15 AM

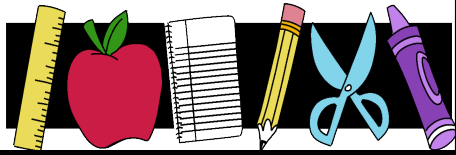
Greeters: Joan & Carl Wright, Melba Willis
Lectors: Shelly Schillaci, Michael Poteracki
Ministers: Chris Gallegly, Charlene Betz
James Raynor, Sean Ahonen
Altar Servers: Ethan Brockner, Alex Sorci
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Sean Ahonen,
Emily Bluhm, John Bluhm

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.

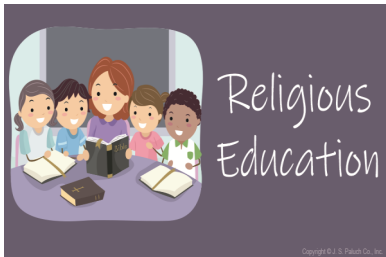


RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Looking Ahead:

- March 8- - RE 9:45 am
- RE Confessions- 9:45 am
(5th-7th grades)
- Confirmation- 11:15 am Mass
- March 15- -RE- 9:45 am
- RE Confessions-9:45 am
(Confirmation/High School)
- March 18- -Youth Group- 5:30 pm
- March 22- - No RE



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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!*



**Bible
STUDY**
Join us!

Lenten regulations

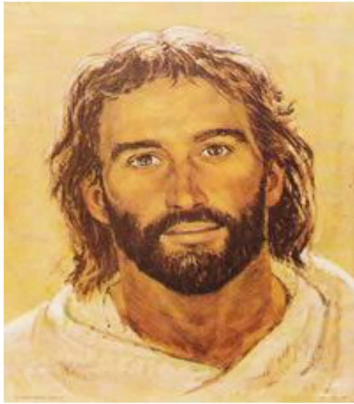
Fasting: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast for those ages 18 through 59. Only one full meal is allowed, though a person may eat two smaller meals to maintain strength.

Abstinence: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, plus all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat for those ages 14 and older.

Confession: It is recommended that all Catholics celebrate the sacrament of Penance during the Lent or Easter seasons (February 20-May 24).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Bishop Stephen Raica will be confirming the young people from our parish this weekend at the 11:15 Mass. A lunch will follow in the parish hall. Please pray for the candidates who will be confirmed: Parker Ahonen, Logan Bluhm, Tevin Diaz, Parker Everett, Reese Keel, Mason Mink, Jose Rojas, and Haliegh Taylor.



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

Calendar for March 8, 2026—March 15, 2026

Sunday – March 8

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE- 9:45 am

RE Confessions-5th-7th grades

Confirmation-11:15 Mass

Spanish Mass & Activities- 3:00 pm

Monday –March 9

Mass 9:00 am

COR Men's Bible Study- 6:15 pm

Tuesday – March 10

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study- 9:45 am

OCIA- 7:00 pm

Wednesday-March 11

Spanish Mass- 7:00 pm

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

Thursday – March 12

Mass– 9:00 am

Community Food Distribution- 5:00 pm

Liturgy Committee- 6:00 pm

Legion of Mary- 6:30 pm

Friday – March 13

Mass- 9:00 am

Divine Mercy Chaplet- 3:00 pm

KOC Fish Fry-5:00-6:30 pm

Stations of the Cross- 7:00 pm

Saturday – March 14

KOC Prayer Service- 10:00 am

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass– 5:00 pm

Sunday – March 15

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE- 9:45 am

RE Confessions-Confirmation/High School

Spanish Mass & Activities- 3:00 pm

Holy Hour- 7:00 pm

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.

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 at the Pell City Library on
Tuesdays at 3:30 pm.**

Contact 205-378-9072 for more information.

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. If you have any questions, call the office at 205-525-5161.