



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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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 14, 2026
Mass 5:00 pm*

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



*4th Sunday of Lent
March 15, 2026*

*"I came into this world for judgement, so
that those who do not see might see, and
those who do see might become blind."
-John 9:39*



*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,
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 16- March 22

- Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30; Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145; Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday:** 2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mr 1:16, 18-21, 24a
- Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7; Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

Today's Readings



First Reading— The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a)."

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6).

Second Reading— "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light (Ephesians 5:8-14)."

Gospel — "Do you believe in the Son of Man (John 9:1-41)?"

LATARE SUNDAY

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called *Latare* Sunday in the Church's liturgical calendar. That comes from the first word in the entrance antiphon for that day: "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning."

Rose colored vestments may be worn. Music may be used during the liturgy for more than to support the singing. Flowers may be used to decorate the altar area. It is a day to relax the restrictions placed on the liturgy during Lent, though the Gloria and "alleluia" are not said.

The purpose of this practice is to set a tone of joyful anticipation of the Easter mystery, which is celebrated in three weeks. Though we mourn because our sins brought Jesus to the cross, we have faith that His resurrection has overcome death, which is the consequence of our sins. Though we may be struggling with the marathon of Lent, the finish line is in sight!

This year, the Gospel is Chapter Nine in the Gospel of John; Jesus giving sight to the man born blind. In the Old Testament, one of the marks of the Messiah is that he would give sight to the blind. It is unclear whether this should be taken physically or spiritually. The Gospel of John uses both meanings.

Jesus does more than what is promised. He gives sight to a person who has never seen. There has never been a person like Jesus Christ. Jesus exceeds our understanding of the promises of God.

Then the formerly blind man is brought before the religious authorities. They are the ones who are spiritually blind, while the former blind man can recognize Jesus as being sent by God. In the end Jesus says to the Pharisees, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, "We see," so your sin remains." May Jesus heal us of our spiritual blindness.



March 16 - March 22

- Monday:** W Hand by Bob & Karen Hand †
Tuesday: Charlotte Rumore
by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
Wednesday: Robert Moore by KOC 12270 †
Thursday: Abby Rumore
by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
Friday: All Souls in Purgatory by Billy & Mary Burns †
Saturday: Bob Van Gundy by Shelly & Bill Hamman †
Sunday: Mary Esther Krantz by Jerry & Brenda Kern †
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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For more info: wwme.org or call Frank & Kathryn
205-530-3607

Offertory Collection

July 2025 — June 2026

	Actual	Needed weekly
March 8th Offertory	\$5,865	\$7,865
Year to Date	\$311,958	\$283,140

Building Fund Collection

July 2025 — June 2026

	Actual	Needed Monthly
Building Fund— Month of Feb 2026	\$6,546	\$3,848
Year to Date	\$43,777	\$32,708



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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council is a representative body of the parish. Its focus is to advise the Pastor in meeting the pastoral needs of the parish. Each member serves a three-year term beginning in July. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone you know to serve on the council, please contact Father Bill at the parish office.

The Padre Pio Prayer group of Birmingham, Alabama, will meet at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church on Saturday, March 21st! We will have MASS in the chapel at 9am, followed by Exposition, Rosary, prayers to Padre Pio and Benediction! Fr. David Leon will be with us to lead us in prayer. ALL ARE WELCOME! We meet Monthly - 3rd Saturdays - 9am ! For more information, contact Angela Kolar at angkolar@att.net.



Divine Mercy Chaplet

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



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

This weekend (March 14th and 15th) 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 18, 2026 – March 22, 2026

WEDNESDAY MASS

3/18/2026 7:00 PM

Lector: Sarah Brazzolotto

SATURDAY MASS

3/21/2026 5:00 PM

Greeters: Bob & Michelle Voll, Teri Shields
 Lectors: Shane Shields, Sarah Brazzolotto
 Ministers: Teri Shields, Susan Moseley
 Altar Servers: Bernie & Corey Funderburg
 Ushers: Sam Marston, Dan Vandevoorde

SUNDAY MASSES

3/22/2026 8:30 AM

Greeter: Diana Stephens/Geri Bunt, Dawn Adamson
 Lectors: Teri Gagliano, Sharon Hamilton
 Ministers: Brenda Rochford, Anita Allor
 Paul Thomas, Jane Snider
 Altar Servers: Michael Gagliano, Ronni Thomas
 Ushers: Paul Thomas, Phillip Thomaston
 Bart Perry, Dennis Veigl

3/22/2026 11:15 AM

Greeters: Sean Ahonen, Doug Ross
 Lectors: Dianne Markevich, Mary Adams
 Ministers: Lexie Smith, Michael Poteracki
 Sammy Schillaci, Shelly Schillaci
 Altar Servers: Natalie Rodgers, Logan Bluhm,
 Marie Dean, AnnLeigh Bluhm
 Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Lexie Smith
 Danny Smith, 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.

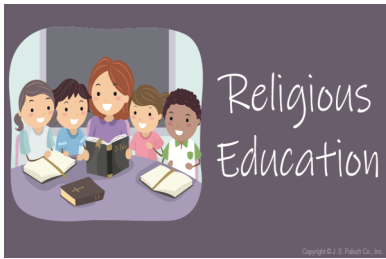


RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Looking Ahead:

- 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
- March 29- -RE-9:45 am
-Living Stations- 8:00 pm
- April 1- -Youth Group- 5:30 pm



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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!*



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).

Homeless Items

Thank you to all who have donated jeans, work shoes, coats and other clothing for the homeless. Grooming kits are needed. They consist of deodorant, toothpaste, soap, toothbrushes and shampoo in a ziplock bag. I personally deliver all items once/month. Bins are located in both entrances of the church. Again, thank you in the name of the needy.

Julie Paulitzky

Surfsiders

The Surfsiders will have their monthly meeting Wednesday, March 18th at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall. Potluck lunch at noon.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES AND COMMUNITIES

On behalf of Bishop Raica, thank you for your participation in the Catholic Charities and Communities pledge drive for 2026. As of February 24th, we have exceeded our parish goal of \$73,000.00! Our total pledges and contributions currently stand at \$75,393.00. Also, our participation rate is 32%, triple the Diocesan average!

Thank you for your generosity! You can still make a pledge or donation to Catholic Charities and Communities. Just call 205-838-8309 or go online to catholiccharitiesbhm.org. You can also contact the office and we will assist you.

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.

Calendar for March 15, 2026—March 22, 2026

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

Monday –March 16

Mass 9:00 am

Communal Penance Service- 7:00 pm

Tuesday – March 17

Mass 9:00 am

Confessions 9:30-10:00 am

Bible Study- 9:45 am

OCIA- 7:00 pm

Wednesday-March 18

Surfsiders- 10:00 am

Youth Group- 5:30 pm

Confessions- 6:15-6:45 pm

Mass- 7:00 pm

Pastoral Council- 7:30 pm

Thursday – March 19

Mass– 9:00 am

Legion of Mary- 6:30 pm

Friday – March 20

Mass- 9:00 am

Confessions- 9:30-10:00 am

Divine Mercy Chaplet- 3:00 pm

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

Stations of the Cross- 7:00 pm

Saturday – March 21

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass– 5:00 pm

Pilgrim Virgin- 6:30 pm

Sunday – March 22

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

Spanish Mass & Activities- 3:00 pm

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.