



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

4609 MARTIN STREET SOUTH
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

www.ollpellcity.com

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

*Saturday, March 21, 2026
Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, March 22, 2026
Masses 8:30 am, 11:15 am,
3:00 pm (Spanish)*



*5th Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2026*

*Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will
open your graves and have your rise from
them, and bring you back to the
land of Israel. -Ezekiel 37:12*



*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, Madelyn Gauld,
Pat Monte, Mary Adams, Alicia Myrick

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 23- March 29

- Monday:** Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps 23; Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday:** Num 21:4-9; Ps 102; Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday:** Gen 17:3-9; Ps 105; Jn 8:51-59
- Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18; Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31; Jn 11:45-56
- Sunday:** Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

Today's Readings



First Reading— I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land... (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

Psalm — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8).

Second Reading— Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him (Romans 8:8-11).

Gospel — “Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world (John 11:1-45).”

PRAYERS FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

(The following is an excerpt from an email sent by Father John Puodziunas, OFM, President of Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land, from Jerusalem.)

"I am at San Savoir's Monastery just inside the New Gate of Jerusalem. Here, with the friars, with prayer, meals, and simply being together, we are a support to one another. We gather throughout the day to offer prayers for peace. Everything around us is pretty much closed. The conflict is all around us; we hear the jets, the rockets, and the sirens, as well as the booms when the rockets are intercepted. Most of the action is not directly over us, thank God.

The offensive actions are spread out over Israel, and indeed over the Middle East. In all of this it is the ordinary people, even in Iran, their lives of just living are disrupted again, it is they who suffer the most in the midst of the conflict. The uncertainty of "what next" is most disconcerting.

Pray first for peace here in the Holy Land, throughout the region, indeed throughout the world. Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of the conflict, those who are displaced from their homes, even temporarily, those who are injured and those who die. Let us pray for the safety of the men and women of the armed forces, and for them to act justly. Let us pray for those in leadership, the decision-makers, for clarity of vision, for implementation of strategies that protect all life, to be architects of a just world built on real truth and not what is simply untrue, for wisdom to put aside personal egos and any thirst for power, and instead to act in love rooted in faith.

I ask you to join me (in prayer) any way you can."



March 23 - March 29

- Monday:** William Johnson by KOC 12270 †
Mary Laura Raynor by James & Gloria Raynor †
- Tuesday:** All Souls in Purgatory by Billy & Mary Burns †
- Wednesday:** Frances Hand by Bob & Karen Hand †
- Thursday:** Elizabeth Rumore
by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
- Friday:** Johnny Busenlehner by
Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore †
- Saturday:** Deceased Members of Council #12270 †
- Sunday:** Ron Stasko by KOC 12270 †
For the People



Easter Basket Blessing

(*Swieconka:sh-vee-en-soon-kah*)

April 4, 2026

11:00 am

Our Lady of the Lake

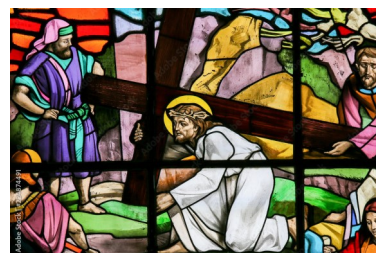
This is an ancient Polish tradition of blessing the foods to be eaten on Easter Sunday. The foods are brought to the church on Holy Saturday in a white linen lined basket, decorated with a sprig of boxwood. The baskets contain foods such as Pisanki (decorated eggs), butter lamb or cake, ham, kielbasa, beets, horseradish, babka, bread, salt/pepper, vinegar, wine and cheese.

Bring your family and take part in this old Polish tradition.

Living Stations

Sunday, March 29th 8:00 pm

Come watch our parish youth present the Stations of the Cross!



Offertory Collection

July 2025 — June 2026

	Actual	Needed weekly
March 15th Offertory	\$18,700	\$7,865
Year to Date	\$336,240	\$291,005



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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Married Couples

“Live Your Best Life in Love”

Enrich and Renew your Sacramental relationship by attending a Marriage Encounter Experience, a retreat where you will learn the tools to restore communication, renew your commitment, and rekindle the Joy of your Sacrament!

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

Join us April 24-26, 2026

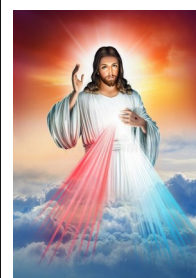
St. Bernard Abbey, Cullman, AL

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



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.



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 their **last fish fry this upcoming Friday evening, 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.



Birth Announcement

Congratulations to Michael, Caitlin, Michael James and Jackson Freeman on the new addition to their family!

**Luke Matthew Freeman
Born February 23, 2026**

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 25, 2026 - March 29, 2026

WEDNESDAY MASS

3/25/2026 7:00 PM

Lector: Bernie Funderburg

SATURDAY MASS

3/28/2026 5:00 PM

Greeters: John Paul Bryant, Dawn Adamson

Lectors: Carl Rochford, Robert Lewis (2nd Reading and Passion)

Ministers: Sammy Schillaci, Stephen Reese

Altar Servers: Dennis Veigl, Otto Mueller

Ushers: Amy Carreker, Tabor Wolff

SUNDAY MASSES

3/29/2026 8:30 AM

Greeter: Dennis & Sandy Veigl, Shelly Hamman

Lectors: Meagan Price, Shelly Hamman, Bart Perry (Passion)

Ministers: Sophie Alvarez, Michael Gagliano
Sonya Lewis, Ronni Thomas

Altar Servers: Marty Poteracki, David Blaylock

Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston
Anita Allor, Matt Allor

3/29/2026 11:15 AM

Greeters: Cowart/Lopez de Victoria, Grace Troncalli

Lectors: Mary Adams, Stephanie Fischer,
Bernie Funderburg (Passion)

Ministers: Chris Gallegly, Charlene Betz
James Raynor, Sean Ahonen

Altar Servers: Ethan Myers, Ethan Brockner
Alex Sorci

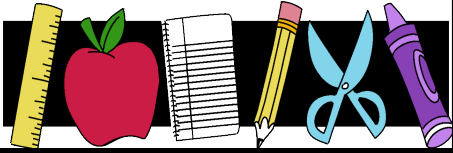
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Jerrold Bluhm
Emily Bluhm, John Bluhm

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.

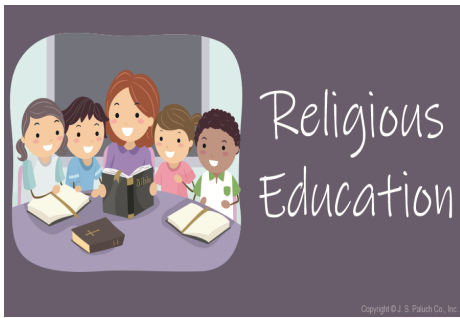


RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Looking Ahead:

- March 22- - No RE- Spring Break
- March 29- -RE-9:45 am
- Living Stations- 8:00 pm
- April 1- -Youth Group- 5:30 pm April
- April 5- -Easter Egg Hunt between Masses, No RE
- April 12- Re- 9:45 am



FORMED

THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

Access the Catholic Faith ONLINE and ON DEMAND for FREE with our Parish code:

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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).

FIRST COMMUNION

We will have our parish celebration of First Communion at the 11:15 Mass on May 3rd. The children who will be making their First Communion are: Hannah Bagwell, Ollie Bagwell, Mark Boyle, Jr., Valeria Escobeda, Landon Falkner, Marquel Foster, Martina Foster, Aiden Garza, Allyson Garza, Cooper Mink, Wyatt Mink, Emily Schillaci, Liam Sepulvida, and Logan Smith.

Please remember them in your prayers as they complete their preparation.

NEW BOOKKEEPER/SECRETARY

Dawn Adamson has been hired as our new Bookkeeper/Secretary at the parish. She will succeed Shelly Hamman. Dawn will begin her training on June 1st. Dawn and her husband Buddy are active members of the parish.

Welcome!

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 22, 2026—March 29, 2026

Sunday – March 22

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

Monday – March 23

Mass 9:00 am
KOC Meeting 6:30-8:00 pm

Tuesday – March 24

Mass 9:00 am
Confessions 9:30-10:00 am
Bible Study- 9:45 am
OCIA- 7:00 pm

Wednesday-March 25

Confessions- 6:15-6:45 pm
Mass- 7:00 pm

Thursday – March 26

Mass– 9:00 am
Legion of Mary- 6:30 pm

Friday – March 27

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 28

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm
KOC Mass– 5:00 pm

Sunday – March 29 - Palm Sunday

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