



# 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

**PARISH OFFICE | 205-525-5161**

Fax 205-525-5162

Email [parish@ollpellcity.com](mailto:parish@ollpellcity.com)

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](http://www.ollpellcity.com)

*Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church*

*Saturday, March 28, 2026  
Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, March 29, 2026  
Masses 8:30 am, 11:15 am,  
3:00 pm (Spanish)*

*Palm Sunday*



*Palm Sunday  
of the  
Passion of the Lord  
March 29, 2026*

*Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he  
who comes in the name of the Lord;  
hosanna in the highest. -Matthew 21:9*



*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](mailto:sharonstice46@gmail.com) or call 205-613-1053

*Weekly Readings March 30- April 5*

- Monday:** Is 42:1-7; Ps 27; Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6; Ps 71; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69; Mr 26:14-25
- Thursday:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16c, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
- Friday:** Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
- Saturday:** (1) Gen 1:1-2:2; (3) Ex 14:15-15:1; (5) Is 55:1-11; Ep) Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mt 28:1-10
- Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

*Today's Readings*



**First Reading**— The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Isaiah 50:4-7).

**Psalm** — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24).

**Second Reading**— Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped (Philippians 2:6-11).

**Gospel** — “Truly, this was the Son of God (Matthew 26:14-27:66)!”

## HOLY WEEK

We are beginning that special week of the year we call Holy Week. During this week we recount the words and deeds of Jesus Christ from His entry into Jerusalem through His passion and death and concluding with His resurrection. There is no other week like it during the Liturgical Year.

From Ash Wednesday through Palm Sunday is Forty days. Our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during that time are designed to prepare us to enter more deeply into the spiritual dimension of these events. If we have entered whole-heartedly into the disciplines of Lent, we should expect a more powerful experience of Holy Week.

Lent is about loosening our attachment to the things of this world so we can strengthen our attachment to the Creator of this world. We sometimes fall into the trap of worshipping the creation instead of the Creator. We give more importance to material things than we do to God. We pray, fast, and give alms to put our lives back in their proper order. We die to self to live for God.

In the events of Holy Week Jesus gives the ultimate example of living for God. His prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane captures this: "Father; if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done." (Luke 22, 42)

Jesus' passion and death were God's will. We committed the sins, but Jesus suffered the punishments for our sins. He was innocent but willingly suffered for the guilty.

Jesus' resurrection from the dead was also God's will. When we die to self and live for God, the result is new life. That new life is better than the old life of living for ourselves. Jesus shows us the way. It is the way of the cross.



March 30 - April 5

**Monday:** All Souls in Purgatory by Bill & Mary Burns †

**Tuesday:** Jimmy Elder by KOC 12270 †

Maria Kustwan by Sophie Patterson †

**Wednesday:** Michael Hill by the Rumores

**Thursday:** All Souls in Purgatory by Bill & Mary Burns †

Charles A. Rumore Jr.

by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore

**Friday:** No Mass

**Saturday:** Doris & Lynn Wilkins by Susan Moseley †

**Sunday:** For the People

Wayne Adams Sr. by KOC 12270 †



## 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**

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.**

## 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**

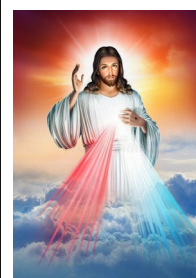
**St. Bernard Abbey, Cullman, AL**

For more info: [wwme.org](http://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.

# HOLY WEEK

**MARCH 30 - APRIL 3**


MARCH 30	FATHER BILL LUCAS <i>Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church</i>
MARCH 31	REV. ANDY LAMBERT <i>Coosa Valley Church of God</i>
APRIL 1	REV. JENNIFER RIDDLE <i>St. Simon Peter Episcopal Church</i>
APRIL 2	REV. RON WRIGHT <i>Star Church</i>
APRIL 3	REV. DR. RACHEL GONIA <i>Pell City First United Methodist Church</i>

*Services at Noon in the Sanctuary followed by lunch in the Beacon*



## HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION

**It is traditional on Holy Thursday to take up a collection for the poor. This year we will use the money collected to contribute to our Social Concerns fund which assists with the basic needs in our community, particularly utility assistance**



## 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.

## FOR SALE CEMETERY PLOTS

We have 4 side by side cemetery burial spaces for sale at Jefferson Memorial Gardens East in the Garden of Restoration. The Garden of Restoration is located on the back side of the cemetery overlooking wooded land.

We are offering them at a 25% discount from the current price and are willing to sell the spaces in pairs.  
Call 205-3356-2426 if interested.

Alan & Christie Whaley

## *Assignments*

*April 1, 2026 - April 5, 2026*

**WEDNESDAY MASS**

**4/1/2026 7:00 PM**

Lector: Buddy Adamson

**HOLY THURSDAY MASS**

**4/2/2026 7:00 PM**

**Greeters:** Parma Boyle, Bill Bethell  
**Lectors:** Mary Burns, Jane Snider  
**Ministers:** Deacons  
**Altar Servers:** Steve McGowan, James Raynor  
**Ushers:** Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston

**THE PASSION OF OUR LORD**

**4/3/2026 7:00 PM**

**Greeters:** Rita Rumore, Brenda Rochford  
**Lectors:** Karen Reese, Carl Rochford  
 Deacon Terry (Passion)  
**Altar Servers:** Kalli Reach, Ethan Myers  
**Ushers:** Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston

**EASTER VIGIL MASS**

**4/4/2026 8:00 PM**

**Greeters:** The Gaglianos, Ronni & Paul Thomas  
**Lectors:** Gloria Raynor (1), Doug Ross (3)  
 Susan Moseley (5), Robert Lewis (Epistle)  
**Ministers:** Deacons  
**Altar Servers:** John Bryant, Andy Payant  
**Ushers:** Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

**EASTER SUNDAY MASSES**

**4/5/2026 8:30 AM**

**Greeter:** Crapet/Freeman/Landman, Price  
**Lectors:** Teri Gagliano, Sarah Brazzolotto  
**Ministers:** Stephen Reese, Sharon Hamilton  
 Teri Gagliano, Brenda Rochford  
**Altar Servers:** Renee Bentel, Kalli Reach,  
 Allison Schillaci, Blaze Smith  
**Ushers:** Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston  
 Paul Thomas, Bill Bethell

**4/5/2026 11:15 AM**

**Greeters:** Melba Willis, Joan & Carl Wright  
**Lectors:** Michael Poteracki, Stephanie Fischer  
**Ministers:** Lexie Smith, Michael Poteracki  
 Sammy Schillaci, Shelly Schillaci  
**Altar Servers:** Natalie Rodgers, Logan Bluhm  
 Marie Dean, AnnLeigh Bluhm  
**Ushers:** Chris Gallegly, Lexie Smith  
 Sean Ahonen, Jeff Smith



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



## Looking Ahead:

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

# 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!*



## **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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

## Young Women's Retreat Day

Single Catholic women age 18-28 are invited to attend the Dominican Holiness Retreat Day from 10:00 am – 3:15 pm on **Saturday, April 18** at the Dominican Monastery of St. Jude in Marbury, Alabama. The cloistered Dominican nuns will share how their charism can inspire you to draw closer to Jesus and Mary in your life today, followed by prayer, lunch, and Q&A. Learn more and register: [marburymonasticnuns.org/retreat-days](http://marburymonasticnuns.org/retreat-days)

## **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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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 29, 2026—April 5, 2026*

## **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

## **Monday – March 30**

Mass 9:00 am

## **Tuesday – March 31**

No 9:00 am Mass

Chrism Mass at St Pauls-10:30 am

## **Wednesday-April 1**

Youth Group- 5:30 pm

Confessions- 6:15-6:45 pm

Mass- 7:00 pm

## **Holy Thursday – April 2**

Mass - 7:00 pm

Adoration until Midnight

## **Good Friday – April 3**

Confessions- 9:00-10:00 am

Divine Mercy Chaplet- 3:00 pm

Stations of the Cross- 4:00 pm

Passion of the Lord- 7:00 pm

## **Saturday – April 4**

Blessing of the Easter Baskets-11:00 am

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Easter Vigil Mass– 8:00 pm

## **Easter Sunday – April 5**

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

Easter Egg Hunt between Masses

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.**