



# 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

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

*Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church*

*Saturday, April 4, 2026  
Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, April 5, 2026  
Masses 8:30 am, 11:15 am,  
3:00 pm (Spanish)*



*Easter Sunday  
April 5, 2026*

*To him all the prophets  
bear witness, that every-  
one who believes in him  
will receive forgiveness of  
sins through his name.*

*-Acts of the Apostles 10:43*



*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 Walsler, 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,  
Mary Adams, Alicia Myrick, Sydney Goble

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 April 6- April 12*

- Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-23;  
Ps 16; Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41; Ps  
33; Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10; Ps  
105; Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8;  
Lk 24:35-48
- Friday:** Acts 4:1-12; Ps  
118; Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21; Ps  
118; Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday:** Acts 2:42-47; Ps  
118:2-4, 13-15, 22-  
24; 1 Pet 1:3-9; Jn  
20:19-31

*Today's Readings*



**First Reading**— He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him (Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43).

**Psalm** — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23).

**Second Reading**— Think of what is above, not of what is on earth (Colossians 3:1-4).

**Gospel** — Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and saw and believed (John 20:1-9)

## EASTER MESSAGE

He is Risen! Alleluia! The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead makes all the difference in the world. As Pope Benedict XVI wrote, "For the Christian, there is always a future." Jesus, in His great love for us, died for our sins. But the Father raised Him from the dead, so that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who for our sakes died and rose again. (2Corinthians 5, 15)

All that Jesus taught and all He did are vindicated in the resurrection. Jesus Christ is, "the way and the truth and the life." (John 14, 6) By following Jesus Christ, we will share in the resurrection and eternal life that He alone gives.

Every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection. But on Easter Sunday we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ in a more intense way. The period of penance during Lent was meant to prepare our minds and hearts to live this truth.

There may have been times in our lives where we did not live for Christ. His resurrection gives us hope that God's love is stronger than sin because God's love is stronger than death, which is the consequence of sin. We can live for Christ in the present because Christ is alive and intercedes to the Father on our behalf. (1John 2, 12)

Easter is also an opportunity to give thanks because, though we may have given up on God, God has never given up on us. The annual celebration of Easter is a reminder of this belief.

The Easter Season lasts 50 days. As we hear the teachings of Jesus, we reflect that these teachings come from the risen Lord rather than from a wise human being. They are what we call, "The True Truth." Jesus' resurrection makes them so.



April 6 - April 12

- Monday:** Charlie Kirk by Jerry & Diane Hart †  
**Tuesday:** Dan Flemming  
by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore  
**Wednesday:** All Souls in Purgatory  
by Billy & Mary Burns †  
**Thursday:** Sonya LaRussa  
by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore †  
**Friday:** Sarah Svetlay  
by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore  
**Saturday:** Paul Boyle III by Parma Boyle †  
**Sunday:** Charles Rumore  
by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore  
For the People



## Knights of Columbus Council 12270 High School Senior Scholarships

The Knights of Columbus are taking applications for their annual scholarships. Our Lady of the Lake high school seniors may request an application by contacting Carl Rochford at Rochfordc@bellsouth.net, 205-383-7200, or call the parish office.

Deadline for submission is April 25, 2026 with awards made on Senior Sunday, May 3, 2026.



## Divine Mercy Sunday

April 12, 2026

Confessions-  
1:00 pm

Chaplet- 2:00 pm

## Offertory Collection

July 2025 — June 2026

	Actual	Needed weekly
March 22nd Offertory	\$11,745	\$7,865
Year to Date	\$348,860	\$298,870



**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.



## 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.



**Join Us for Breakfast**  
**Saturday, April 25, 2026**  
**9:30 AM — 12:30 PM**  
**SPEAKER: Cecilia Crandall**



**St. Elias Maronite Parish Hall**  
 8<sup>th</sup> Street S, Birmingham, AL

\$20.00 per person or \$15 Student Rate (age 13 to 22)  
 (Ticket sales end April 19th)

Online: [BirminghamMagnificat.org](http://BirminghamMagnificat.org)

Call or Text: Jan Smith at 205-381-8481

### 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

### 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 205-335-2426 if interested.

Alan & Christie Whaley

## Assignments

April 8, 2026 - April 12 2026

### WEDNESDAY MASS

**4/8/2026 7:00 PM**

Lector: Anita Allor

### SATURDAY MASS

**4/11/2026 5:00 PM**

**Greeters:** Dawn Adamson, Paige Everett

**Lectors:** Martha Hayes, Shane Shields

**Ministers:** Parma Boyle, Tom Graffo

**Altar Servers:** Buddy Adamson, Andy Payant

**Ushers:** Sam Marston, Dan Vandervoerde

### SUNDAY MASSES 4/12/2026 8:30 AM

**Greeter:** Brenda Rochford, Billy & Mary Burns

**Lectors:** Meagan Price, Carey Monistere

**Ministers:** Anita Allor, Paul Thomas

Jane Snider, Sophie Alvarez

**Altar Servers:** Stephen Reese, Jeff Reach,

**Ushers:** Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston

Bit Thomaston, Bart Perry

**4/12/2026 11:15 AM**

**Greeters:** Doug Ross, Shirley Skeivelas

**Lectors:** Miranda Bryant, Bernie Funderburg

**Ministers:** Chris Gallegly, Charlene Betz

James Raynor, Sean Ahonen

**Altar Servers:** Ethan Myers, Ethan Brockner

Alex Sorci

**Ushers:** Chris Gallegly, Jerrold Bluhm

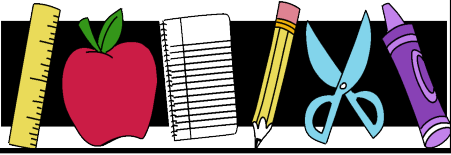
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### **ATTENTION:**

**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:

April 5- -Easter Egg Hunt between Masses, No RE

April 12- RE- 9:45 am

April 19- RE- 9:45 am

April 26- RE 9:45 am

May 3- Senior Sunday 8:30 am Mass  
-First Holy Communion-11:15 Mass



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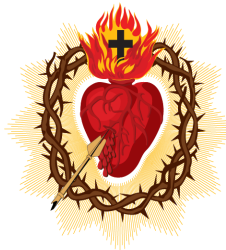
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## Our Lady of Our Lake Bible Study

*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!*



## COR-Men's Bible Study

### "The Heart of our Mission"

*Cor*

Inviting all Men of the Parish, please join us on Monday, April 13th at 6:15 pm in the parish hall for:

Session #5

Stand Up for Life

## **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 April 5, 2026—April 12, 2026*

## **Easter Sunday – April 5**

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

Easter Egg Hunt between Masses

Spanish Mass & Activities- 3:00 pm

## **Monday –April 6**

Mass 9:00 am

## **Tuesday – April 7**

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study- 9:45 am

O CIA- 7:00 pm

## **Wednesday-April 8**

Spanish Mass- 7:00 pm

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

## **Holy Thursday – April 9**

Mass - 9:00 am

Community Food Distribution- 5:00 pm

Legion of Mary- 6:30 pm

## **Friday – April 10**

Mass- 9:00 am

## **Saturday – April 11**

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass– 5:00 pm

## **Divine Mercy Sunday – April 12**

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE- 9:45 am

Confessions-1:00 pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet- 2:00 pm

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.**