



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

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

*Saturday, April 18, 2026
Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, April 19, 2026
Masses 8:30 am, 11:15 am,
3:00 pm (Spanish)*



*Third Sunday of
Easter
April 19, 2026*

*"Were not our hearts burning within us
while he spoke to us on the way and opened
the Scriptures to us?" -Luke 24:32*



*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,
Alicia Myrick, Sydney Goble, Joe Caterinichia

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 April 20- April 26

Monday:	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66; Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89; Mk 16:15-20
Sunday:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Today's Readings



First Reading— But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it (Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33).

Psalm — Lord, you will show us the path of life (Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11).

Second Reading— He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you (1 Peter 1:17-21).

Gospel — Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread (Luke 24:13-35).

THE EASTER SEASON

Most people think of Easter as a day. We wear nice clothing. Children hunt for eggs. We receive and eat lots of candy. But it is over on Monday, unless we go shopping for Easter items that were not sold by the big day and are now discounted.

In the Catholic Liturgical year, Easter is a season. It lasts for Fifty days, from Easter Sunday through Pentecost Sunday (Pentecost comes from the root word meaning fifty). It is difficult for most of us to do anything for fifty days that doesn't involve eating or presents. But it is important to enter the spirit of Easter. (Pun intended!)

Following the Octave of Easter, the Gospel readings go back to the time before Jesus rose from the dead. We listen again to the teachings of Jesus Christ. But now we are listening to the Risen Lord. We understand the words of Jesus through the filter of the resurrection. These words are more than wise teachings. They are the way to eternal life from one who is already living there.

The first reading for most masses of the Easter Season comes from the Acts of the Apostles. The resurrection of Jesus Christ was not the end of the story. It was the beginning of a new chapter. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the apostles and disciples continue the mission of Jesus to draw all people to God. What happened to Jesus during His ministry now happens to the Church: preaching, miracles, and rejection. But the Word of God spreads and membership in the Church grows.

Perhaps the reason Easter lasts for fifty days is because it takes time to understand the Word of God. Each time we hear the same passage, we can gain new insights. They reveal something about Jesus Christ. They reveal something about us in relation to Him. They reveal something about God's purpose for our lives and our world. That is true any time, but especially during the Easter season.



April 20 - April 26

- Monday:** Bob Van Gundy
by Bill & Shelly Hamman †
- Tuesday:** All Souls in Purgatory
by Billy & Mary Burns †
- Wednesday:** Allison Rumore
by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
- Thursday:** Franklin John Zeller
by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore †
- Friday:** Frances Matukas by Shirley Skeivelas †
- Saturday:** Jennifer White by Susan Moseley
- Sunday:** Valerie Kern by Bob & Karen Hand †
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.

Parish Hall Capital Campaign Presentation April 25th and 26th after each Mass

We will do a brief presentation at the conclusion of each weekend Mass. Those with questions can then go to the parish hall for a question/answer session.

We are asking for a five year pledge of what parishioners can contribute to the parish building fund. The total pledge amount will determine what the future parish hall can include.

Thank you in advance for your commitment to the growth of our parish.

Offertory Collection

July 2025 — June 2026

	Actual	Needed weekly
April 5 Offertory	\$14,019	\$7,865
Year to Date	\$370,705	\$314,600



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



Special Collection-April 25th and 26th

Your participation in the annual Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports dioceses throughout the United States and its current and former territories that need financial help to sustain core pastoral services and missions of mercy to those they serve. Without the Catholic Home Mission Appeal, these essential ministries would not be possible in many dioceses of the United States. The national collection has been a powerful and successful expression of your stewardship and generosity.

In the Diocese of Birmingham, Catholic Home Mission grant applications have been submitted for 3 Catholic Schools, 3 Chancery Office Ministries and 3 Catholic Parish Missions.

Please prayerfully consider how you can support the appeal this year. To learn more about the appeal and those who benefit from it, visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Most Reverend Steven J. Raica
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama



SAVE THE DATE

**2nd Annual
Seminarian Dinner
June 5, 2026
Holy Spirit Church
Huntsville**

A night to celebrate our Seminarists, Promote Vocations and Raise Funds for the Diocesan Seminarist Fund

Invited guests include all Seminarists, Bishop Steven Raica and more!

All levels of sponsorship are available and raffle items are also needed.

Tickets went on sale April 1st

Questions, contact Kevin Gordon (Event Chair)
816-606-6811, kgordon1775@gmail.com



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



St. Elias Maronite Parish Hall
 8th Street S, Birmingham, AL

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

Online: BirminghamMagnificat.org

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

Reminder:

If you have any symptoms of illness, please refrain from the cup at Mass.

Thank you!

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 22, 2026 - April 26 2026

WEDNESDAY MASS

4/22/2026 7:00 PM

Lector: Teri Gagliano

SATURDAY MASS

4/25/2026 5:00 PM

Greeters: Bob & Michelle Voll, Joyce Jones

Lectors: Sarah Brazzolotto, Shane Shields

Ministers: Teri Shields, Susan Moseley

Altar Servers: Jeff Reach, Buddy Adamson

Ushers: Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

SUNDAY MASSES

4/26/2026 8:30 AM

Greeter: The Viegl, Debbie Adams

Lectors: Dennis Veigl, Shelly Hamman

Ministers: Sharon Hamilton, Teri Gagliano

Brenda Rochford, Anita Allor

Altar Servers: Michael Gagliano, Ronni Thomas

Ushers: Paul Thomas, Phillip Thomaston

Bart Perry, Dennis Veigl

4/26/2026 11:15 AM

Greeters: Sean Ahonen, Joan & Carl Wright

Lectors: Michael Poteracki, Stephanie Fischer

Ministers: Chris Gallegly, Charlene Betz

James Raynor, Sean Ahonen

Altar Servers: Ethan Brockner, Alex Sorci

Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Jerrold Bluhm

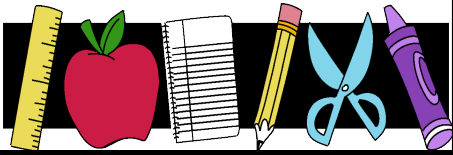
Emily Bluhm, John Bluhm

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:

April 19- RE- 9:45 am

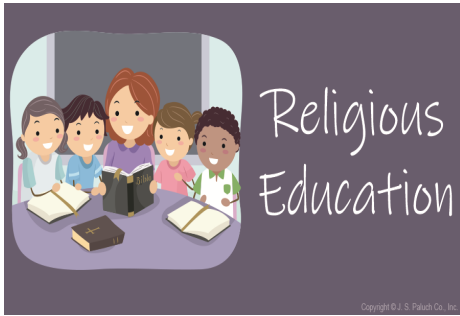
April 26- RE 9:45 am

May 3- Senior Sunday 8:30 am Mass

-First Holy Communion-11:15 Mass

- Last day of RE for the summer

May 10- May Crowning after 8:30 am Mass



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!*



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.

Reception in Parish Hall
May 3, 2026
After the 11:15 am Mass

Lunch will be served to celebrate our young people making their First Communion, to recognize our graduating Seniors, and those participating in Religious Education.

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.



WITH PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING TO ALMIGHTY GOD, THE
DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA JOYFULLY
ANNOUNCES THAT

**JOHN STEPHEN GARDINER
JOHN PAUL STEPNOWSKI
ANDREW GRESHAM VICKERY**

HAVE BEEN CALLED TO THE SACRED ORDER OF THE PRIESTHOOD
AND WILL BE ORDAINED A PRIEST FOREVER THROUGH THE
IMPOSITION OF HANDS AND THE INVOCATION OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT BY THE

MOST REVEREND STEVEN J. RAICA
BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA

**SATURDAY THE THIRTIETH OF MAY
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX
AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING**

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL
2120 3RD AVENUE, NORTH
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203

Calendar for April 19, 2026—April 26, 2026

Sunday – April 19

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE- 9:45 am

Spanish Mass & Activities- 3:00 pm

Holy Hour- 7:00 pm

Monday –April 20

Mass 9:00 am

Tuesday – April 21

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study- 9:45 am

OCIA- 7:00 pm

Wednesday-April 22

Mass- 7:00 pm

Thursday – April 23

Mass - 9:00 am

Legion of Mary- 6:30 pm

Friday – April 24

Mass- 9:00 am

Saturday – April 25

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass– 5:00 pm

Parish Hall Capital Campaign
presentation-after Mass

Sunday – April 26

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE- 9:45 am

Parish Hall Capital Campaign
presentation-after all Masses

Spanish Mass & Activities- 3:00 pm

The Christian Love Pantry

The Christian Love Pantry is helping the poor in the St. Clair County area. To assist them we are collecting canned soup at the church. You can leave donations in either vestibule.

There is also a box for cash donations in each vestibule. If you prefer, you may drop your donation at the parish office during normal office hours.

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.