



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Hours Monday-Thursday

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

www.ollpellcity.com

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

*Saturday, April 25, 2026
Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, April 26, 2026
Masses 8:30 am, 11:15 am,
3:00 pm (Spanish)*



*Fourth Sunday of
Easter
April 26, 2026*

*"Let the whole house of Israel
know for certain that God has
made both Lord and Christ, this
Jesus who you crucified."
-Acts of the Apostles 2:36*



*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,
David Paulitzky, Robert Paulitzky, Brian Young,
Lloyd Brown, Sarah Svetlay, Marsha Manning,
Chuck & Sharon Treece, Michael DeCastr, Michael Brayman, George Wolf, Madelyn Gauld, Alicia Myrick, Sydney Goble, Joe Caterinichia, 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 April 27- May 3

Monday:	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24-13:5a; Ps 67; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89; Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday:	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

Today's Readings



First Reading— Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day (Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41).

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

Second Reading— By his wounds you have been healed (1 Peter 2:20b-25).

Gospel — Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep (John 10:1-10).

JUST WAR

It is very sad to see war begin in the Middle East. Once the aggression has begun, "the genie cannot be put back in the bottle".

In war, the first casualty is always the truth. Rather than not believing everything you read, a person should believe nothing that they read or see. Information is tightly controlled by the combatants.

Pope Leo, reminding the world of the Catholic Church's Doctrine of a Just War has been falsely accused of taking sides in the war. He has reminded the world of what the Church's teachings have been for 1,500 years. Though warfare has changed, the morality of war has not.

The Church has a teaching about the proper conduct of war. It is called *The Just War Doctrine*. It can be found in The Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 2312-2314. In summary, the teaching is:

War can only be engaged in as a last resort, once all means of negotiation have been exhausted.

Pre-emptive attacks do not meet this criterion. They are immoral.

The Church and human reason both assert the permanent validity of the moral law during armed conflict. **If the moral law is violated during conflict, the party violating the moral law is considered guilty of moral evil.**

Non-combatants, wounded soldiers, and prisoners must be respected and treated humanely. **This is called "Non-Combatant Immunity."**

Every act of war directed to the indiscriminate destruction of whole cities or vast areas with their inhabitants is a crime against God and man, which merits firm, unequivocal condemnation. **This refers to "Collateral Damage." It is to be avoided. This also violates the principle of Non-Combatant Immunity.**

The Catechism also states, "The mere fact that war has regrettably broken out does not mean that everything becomes licit between the warring parties." (#2312)



April 27 - May 3

- Monday:** Marie Battaglia by Parma Boyle †
Tuesday: All Souls in Purgatory
by Billy & Mary Burns †
Wednesday: Alfonso Gonzalez
by James & Gloria Raynor †
Thursday: Phil Roberto
by Buddy & Dawn Adamson †
Friday: Jan Tate
by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
Saturday: Marie Battaglia by Parma Boyle †
Sunday: Theresa Wolff by Tabor Wolff †
For the People



Senior Recognition Sunday

The following High School Seniors from Our Lady of the Lake Parish will be honored at the 8:30 am Mass next Sunday, May 3rd.

Karter Perry
Charlotte Anonen

If you have a graduate attending Our Lady of the Lake that is not listed, please call the office as soon as possible at 205-525-5161

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

We will do a brief presentation at the conclusion of this weekend's 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.

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church
Revenue and Expenses
For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2026

	Actual	Budget	Over/(under) Budget	% of Budget Used
Operating Revenue	\$ 382,110	\$ 330,000	\$ 52,110	
Building Revenue	\$ 150,797	\$ 78,898	\$ 71,899	
Social Concerns Revenue	\$ 19,424	\$ 15,602	\$ 3,822	
Other Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total Revenue	\$552,331	\$424,500	\$127,831	130%
Total Operating	\$324,456	\$316,247	\$ 8,209	103%
Total Capital Expenses	\$ 5,809	\$0	\$ 5,809	0%



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

Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy

October 12-21, 2026

With Fr. Vincent Bresowar.

Cost is \$6,397 per person double occupancy;
first payment due May 14th.

For details go to

www.206tours.com/frbresowar



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



Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary meets every Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. New members are welcome. Contact Deacon Serge or call the parish office with questions.



COR-Men's Bible Study
"The Heart of our Mission"

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Inviting all Men of the Parish, please join us on Monday, May 11th at 6:15 pm in the parish hall for:

Session #6
Why Men Need to Pray

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 29, 2026 - May 3 2026

WEDNESDAY MASS

4/29/2026 7:00 PM

Lector: Charmaine Welch

SATURDAY MASS

5/2/2026 5:00 PM

Greeters: Paige Everett, Rita Rumore
Lectors: Susan Moseley, Buddy Adamson
Ministers: Parma Boyle, Tom Graffo
Altar Servers: Steve McGowan, Andy Payant
Ushers: Sam Marston, Dan Vandervoorde

SUNDAY MASSES **5/3/2026 8:30 AM**

Greeter: Poteracki/Alvarez, Shayla Largadas
Lectors: Robert Lewis, Jane Snider
Ministers: Paul Thomas, Sophie Alvarez
Michael Gagliano, Sonya Lewis
Altar Servers: Renee Bentel, Kalli Reach
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston
Bit Thomaston, Bart Perry

5/3/2026 11:15 AM

Greeters: The Bluhm Family
Lectors: Shelly Schillaci, Dianna Markevich
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

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 26- RE 9:45 am

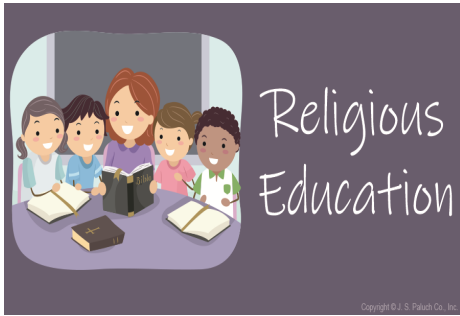
May 3- Senior Sunday 8:30 am Mass

-First Holy Communion-11:15 Mass

- Last day of RE for the summer

May 10- May Crowning after 8:30 am
Mass

May 17- OCIA Candidates received into
Church- 11:15 am Mass



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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 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 FOR 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

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.

Calendar for April 26, 2026—May 3, 2026

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

Monday –April 27

Mass 9:00 am

KOC Meeting- 6:30-8:00 pm

Tuesday – April 28

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study- 9:45 am

OCIA- 7:00 pm

Wednesday-April 29

Mass- 7:00 pm

Youth Group- 5:30 pm

Thursday – April 30

Mass - 9:00 am

Legion of Mary- 6:30 pm

Friday – May 1

Mass- 9:00 am

First Friday Adoration- 9:30-10:30 pm

Saturday – May 2

First Saturday Mass- 9:00 am

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass– 5:00 pm

Sunday – May 3

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE- 9:45 am

High School Senior Sunday- 8:30 am Mass

First Holy Communion- 11:15 Mass

Lunch Reception in Parish Hall to follow

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.