



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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, May 16, 2026
Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, May 17, 2026
Masses 8:30 am, 11:15 am,
3:00 pm (Spanish)*



*The Ascension of the
Lord
May 17, 2026*

*“This Jesus who has been taken up from
you into heaven will return in the same
way as you have seen him going into
heaven.” -Acts of the Apostles 1:11*



*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 DeCastra,
Michael Brayman, George Wolf, Madelyn Gauld,
Alicia Myrick, Sydney Goble, Mary Adams,
Karen Hand

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 May 18- May 24

- Monday:** Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68;
Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27; Ps
68; Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38; Ps
68; Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11;
Ps 16; Jn 17:20-26
- Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21; Ps
103; Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-
31; Ps 11; Jn 21:20-
25
- Sunday:** Acts 2:1-11; Ps
104:1, 24, 29-30, 31,
34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12
-13; Jn 20:19-23

Today's Readings



First Reading— “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority (Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11).”

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9).

Second Reading— May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him (Ephesians 1:17-23).

Gospel — And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age (Matthew 28:16-20).”

PRIESTHOOD ORDINATIONS

On May 30th, Bishop Raica will ordain John Paul Stepnowski, John Gardiner, and Andrew Vickery to the priesthood for the Diocese of Birmingham. John Paul served in our parish during the summer of 2023.

The Diocese of Birmingham is a missionary diocese. We do not yet have enough native priests to fulfill our needs. When I was ordained in 1990, 40% of our diocesan priests were native born Irish. All those priests were incardinated in our diocese. Today they come from Africa, Asia, Central and South America. Not all priests serving in our diocese are incardinated. Some serve for a brief time and then return to their home diocese.

The first year of priesthood may be the toughest. There are many "firsts", but there is also the adjustment to being a priest. When I was first ordained, I was walking down a street and someone from behind me called out, "Father". I failed to turn around because I failed to think of myself as "Father". It is also difficult to know what to say "yes" to. A new priest can get overwhelmed with commitments.

I tell seminarians that priesthood gets better as time goes on. For me, the first fifteen years of priesthood were spent with, "one foot in and one foot out". I was looking for any excuse to leave. Eventually, I came to understand that God would never leave me. He is with me each day, guiding and directing me if I will follow. Sometimes I succeed and sometimes I fail, but God is always constant.

Please pray for our new priests, John Paul, John, and Andrew. They will need it. Being a priest is a difficult, but very fulfilling life.



May 18 - May 24

- Monday:** John Bell †
by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
- Tuesday:** Dan Flemming
by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
- Wednesday:** Theresa Wolff by Tabor Wolff †
- Thursday:** All Souls in Purgatory †
by Billy & Mary Burns
- Friday:** Lauren Rumore
by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
- Saturday:** Mary Esther Krantz †
by Bob & Karen Hand
- Sunday:** Theresa Wolff by Tabor Wolff †
For the People

Our Lady of the Lake Yard Sale

June 5th and 6th

8:00 am-2:00 pm

It's that time of year again for the annual Church Yard Sale. This year we will have the yard sale on June 5th & 6th from 8am-2pm.

Start your cleaning now and donate your unwanted items!

Please remember no box TV's or adult clothing but we will take shoes, purses, household items, furniture, knick knacks, holiday decorations, pet items, toys, tools, children's clothing, etc.

If you would like to help with pricing or volunteer to work during the sale please call or text Sharon Stice @ 205-613-1053 or Brenda Rochford @ 423-242-5029.

Remember all proceeds go to our Social Concerns fund to help with the Thanksgiving food drive, the Christmas giving tree, and the Food Ministry. Thank you for all your help!

Social Concerns Committee



Offertory Collection

July 2025 — June 2026

| | Actual | Needed weekly |
|---------------------|-----------|------------------|
| May 10 Offertory | \$7,197 | \$7,865 |
| Year to Date | \$419,296 | \$353,925 |

Building Fund Collection

July 2025 — June 2026

| | Actual | Needed Monthly |
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| Building Fund— Month of April | \$5,470 | \$3,848 |
| Year to Date | \$55,494 | \$41,366 |



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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



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.

Progress on Capital Campaign for Parish Hall- May 11, 2026

Goal: \$2,300,000

Amount of Pledges and Donations :
\$131,800

Number of Pledges and Donations: 15



Knights of Columbus Memorial Day Barbecue Sale

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church
Friday, May 22nd at 8:00 a.m.
through Saturday, May 23rd.



\$45 for Boston butts

\$30 for large pork ribs

\$15 for a whole chicken

All meat will be freshly smoked with KOC "special dry rub". All proceeds will be used to fund the numerous charitable activities KOC Council 12270 supports. Our Lady of the Lake is located at 4609 Martin St (Hwy 231 South) in Pell City.

Assignments

May 20, 2026 - May 24, 2026

WEDNESDAY MASS

5/20/2026 7:00 PM

Lector: Bernie Funderburg

SATURDAY MASS

5/23/2026 5:00 PM

Greeters: Paige Everett, Bob & Michelle Voll

Lectors: Shane Shields, Sarah Brazzolotto

Ministers: Parma Boyle, Tom Graffo

Altar Servers: Bernie & Corey Funderburg

Ushers: Sam Marston, Dan Vandervoerde

SUNDAY MASSES **5/24/2026 8:30 AM**

Greeter: Matt & Anita Allor, Billy & Mary Burns

Lectors: Carl Rochford, Kathy Bryant

Ministers Sophie Alvarez, Michael Gagliano
Sonya Lewis Ronni Thomas

Altar Servers: Stephen Reese, John Bryant

Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston
Paul Thomas, Dennis Veigl

5/24/2026 11:15 AM

Greeters: The Bluhm Family

Lectors: Doug Ross, Stephanie Fischer

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

Altar Servers: Ethan Myers, Ethan Brockner,
Alex Sorci

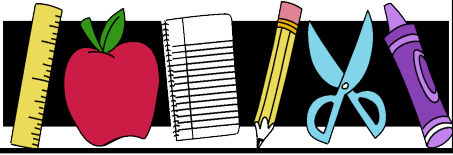
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Jerold Bluhm
Emily Bluhm, John Bluhm

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.



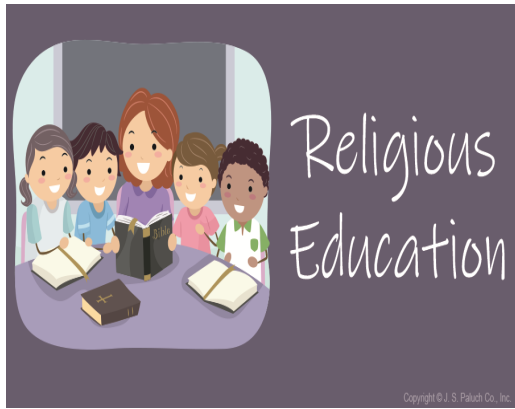
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Looking Ahead:

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

June 15-18th- Vacation Bible School
5:30-8:00 pm



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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!*



Bible STUDY
Join us!



OUR LADY OF THE LAKE
JUNE 15-18, 2026
5:30PM-8:00PM

OCIA Candidates Received into the Church

May 17th 11:15 am Mass

Two Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) candidates will be received into the Church, Confirmed, and make their First Communion. One OCIA candidate will be initiated as a Catechumen.

Teagan Schmidt (Catechumen)

Sean Neville

Christine Poissant

Please remember them in your prayers as they complete their preparation to enter the Catholic Church.



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

Calendar for May 17, 2026—May 24, 2026

Sunday – May 17

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am
OCIA Candidates Received into Church-
11:15 am Mass
Spanish Mass & Activities- 3:00 pm
Holy Hour- 7:00 pm

Monday – May 18

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

Tuesday – May 19

Mass 9:00 am
Bible Study- 9:45 am

Wednesday-May 20

Mass- 7:00 pm
Pastoral Council- 7:30 pm

Thursday – May 21

Mass - 9:00 am
Legion of Mary- 6:30 pm

Friday – May 22

Knights of Columbus BBQ- 8:00 am
Mass- 9:00 am

Saturday – May 23

Knights of Columbus BBQ- 8:00 am
Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm
Mass– 5:00 pm

Sunday – May 24

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am
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.*



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.

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.