



# Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

4609 MARTIN STREET SOUTH  
CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054

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Deacon Terrence Rumore  
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

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*Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church*

*Saturday, June 27, 2026  
Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, June 28, 2026  
Masses 8:30 am, 11:15 am,  
3:00 pm (Spanish)*

*The 13th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
June 28, 2026*



*“And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple - amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.”*



*Please pray for the  
ill and shut-ins*

Dianna & 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 Morteck, 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, 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 Brayman, George Wolf, Madelyn Gauld, Alicia Myrick, Sydney Goble, Mary Adams, Karen Hand, Cheryl Robinson, Barbara Walsh, Tom Graffo, Deacon Serge Brazzolotto, Father Matthew Brennan

*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 June 29 - July 5, 2026*

- Monday:** Acts 12: 1-11; Ps 34; 2 Tim 4: 6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
- Tuesday:** Amos 3: 1-8, 4: 11-12; Ps 5; Mt 8: 23-27
- Wednesday:** Amos 5: 14-15, 21-24; Ps 50; Mt 8: 28-34
- Thursday:** Amos 7: 10-17; Ps 19; Mt 9: 1-18
- Friday:** Eph 2: 19-22; Ps 117; John 20: 24-29
- Saturday:** Amos 9: 11-15; Ps 85; Mt 9:14-17
- Sunday:** Zech 9: 9-10; Ps 145; Rom 8: 9, 11-13; Mt 11: 25-30

*Today's Readings*



**First Reading**— “This time next year you will be fondling a baby son.” (2 Kgs 4: 8-11, 14-16a)

**Psalm** — Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Psalm 89; 2-3, 16-17, 18-19)!

**Second Reading**— “We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.” (Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11)

**Gospel** — “Whoever received you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.” (Matthew 10: 37-42).

## Father Bill's Weekly Message

### THE PRIESTHOOD

A priest is a minister of Jesus Christ. A minister is one who serves. First, the priest serves Jesus Christ. His duty is to serve Jesus Christ in all he does. Second, he is an instrument Jesus Christ uses to serve His people. For example, when a priest pronounces absolution in the sacrament of Reconciliation, it is Jesus Christ who is forgiving sins.

"The priesthood of presbyters is conferred by a special sacrament which, by the anointing of the holy Spirit, puts a special stamp on them and so conforms them to Christ the priest in such a way that they are able to act in the person of Christ the head." ("Ministry and Life of Priests", #2)

During the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest stands at the "head" of the altar because he is acting, "in persona Christi capitis" - in "the person of Christ the head." In a way, the priest himself should disappear, so that people will recognize only Christ. There is only one priesthood, that of Jesus Christ, and the priest has a share in it.

One of the duties of a priest, both Old and New Testament, is to intercede to God for the needs of others. He does this during the sacramental liturgy, especially the Mass. He also does it during his personal prayer. A priest is a "man for others."

A priest is a leader, but he is a servant leader. He shepherds sheep who are not his own. The flock belongs to Jesus Christ. But He chooses shepherds to tend and nurture His flock; to bind up their wounds, to defend them from predators, and help them find sustenance.

We welcome Father John Paul Stepnowski to our parish. He was ordained a priest on May 30<sup>th</sup> by Bishop Raica. Please pray for him and for all priests. We need your prayers!

June 29 - July 5, 2026



**Monday:** Kathryn Rice  
by David & Audrey Springer

**Tuesday:** Susan Moseley  
by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore

**Wednesday:** Carolyn O'Grady  
by Madelyn Gauld

**Thursday:** Matthew Brazzolotto  
by the Brazzolotto's

**Friday:** All Souls in Purgatory  
by Billy & Mary Burns †

**Saturday:** Jeanie Reid by Susan Mosely †

**Sunday:** All Souls in Purgatory  
by Billy & Mary Burns †

### Pro-Life Corner

#### **Ann's New Life Pregnancy Medical Center**

3440 Martin Street South, Suite 1, Cropwell, AL 35054  
205-338-4580

Hours of Operation: Tuesday & Thursday  
10:00 am-4:00 pm

7404 Roosevelt Drive, Leeds, AL 35094  
205-702-6500

Hours of Operation: Monday & Wednesday  
10:00 am-4:00 pm

24/7 Hotline: 1-800-712-4357

### **Surfsiders**



**The Surfsiders will have their  
monthly meeting Wednesday, July 15th  
at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall.  
Potluck lunch at noon.**

## Offertory Collection

July 2025 — June 2026

	Actual	Needed weekly
Offertory June 21, 2026	\$5,878	\$7,865



Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary meets every Thursday at  
6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

New members are welcome.

Contact the parish office with questions.

### Clothes Closet

If you are interested in participating in a  
new Community program for children with  
special needs, contact Patsy Lee at  
256-368-8170 for details.



**Chair: Jeff Reach**  
jreach@protonmail.com

**Vice Chair: Jorge Solis**  
Jorge.Solis@butlersnow.com

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**Meagan Price:** meaganfprice@gmail.com

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

## 2026 Charismatic Conference

*Psalm 111: A Personal Walk With Jesus:*

Daily Union with God in Difficult Times

Conference Speakers

**July 24th & 25th, 2026**

Registration:  
5:00 pm Friday

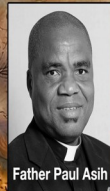
Talks Begin:  
6:00 pm Friday

Registration:  
8:00 am Saturday

Talks Begin:  
9:00 am Saturday



Father Franklin  
Fomukong



Father Paul Asih



Father James Hodderman



Father Jesse Eboig Ntoko

**CHANGE OF VENUE  
OUR LADY OF SORROWS  
1728 OXMOOR ROAD  
HOMEWOOD, AL 35209**

Hosted by The  
Catholic Charismatic  
Renewal of  
Birmingham AL, Inc.

Conference Price  
Individuals \$30  
Family (3 or more)  
\$85

Take a picture of the  
QR Code  
with your phone to  
Register for the  
Conference Online



Additional speakers will include:  
Allen and Sally Smith  
and Ron Sirman

For assistance: email Jeannie Wade at [Jwade@outlook.com](mailto:Jwade@outlook.com) or Beth Russo at [betruzzo85@gmail.com](mailto:betruzzo85@gmail.com). To Register: use the QR code or visit our website: [catholiccharismaticrenewal.org](http://catholiccharismaticrenewal.org) **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

## Progress on Capital Campaign for Parish Hall- June 15, 2026

Goal: \$2,300,000

Amount of Pledges and Donations:  
\$687,300

Number of Pledges and Donations: 57



## Seven Sisters Apostolate



It is a privilege to pray for our priests  
and our Mama Mary asked us  
to pray for them!

Seven Sisters Apostolate has a mission  
to pray for individual priests in small  
groups of only seven. Each woman  
chooses a different day of the week  
and offers one Holy Hour.

Thus, the priest receives a Holy Hour  
every day. It is a blessing for the priest  
and the intercessor!

We would like to give this gift to our  
Pastor, Father Bill Lucas!

For more information please join us  
for an informational meeting July  
5th after the 8:30 Mass or contact the  
church office for more information.

## *Assignments*

*July 1, 2026 to July 5, 2026*

### **WEDNESDAY MASS**

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

Lector: Sarah Brazzolotto

### **SATURDAY MASS**

**7/4/2026 5:00 PM**

**Greeters:** Rita Rumore, Brenda Rochford

**Lectors:** Martha Hayes, Shane Shields

**Ministers:** Susan Moseley, Teri Shields

**Altar Servers:** Buddy Adamson, Tom Graffo

**Ushers:** Sam Marston, Dan Vandervoerde

### **SUNDAY MASSES** **7/5/2026 8:30 AM**

**Greeter:** Michael & Teri Gagliano;  
Ronni & Paul Thomas

**Lectors:** Meagan Price, Carey Monistere

**Ministers** Michael Gagliano, Ronni Thomas,  
Sonya Lewis, Paul Thomas

**Altar Servers:** Renee Bentell, Kalli Reach,  
Allison Schillaci, Blaze Smith

**Ushers:** Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston,  
Bit Thomaston, Bart Perry

**7/5/2026 11:15 AM**

**Greeters:** Brenda Monte, Doug Ross

**Lectors:** Shelly Schillaci, Gloria Raynor

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

**Altar Servers:** Ethan Meyers, 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

September 13th - First Day of Religious Education



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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!*



## POSITION OPENING

The Diocese of Birmingham is hiring a new Executive Director for Catholic Social Services. The Executive Director provides strategic and operational leadership for the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama's social ministry efforts across its 39-county territory. The Executive Director advances the mission of Catholic Social Services by directing programs that respond to the needs of the poor, vulnerable, and underserved while promoting the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

For more information, contact the Diocese of Birmingham at 205-838-8322

## *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.*



## Knights of Columbus

### July 4th Barbecue Sale

At Our Lady of the Lake Pell City

Knights of Columbus Council 12270 will be selling barbecue for the July 4th holiday.

Boston butts will be sold for \$45; \$35 for large pork ribs; \$15 for a whole chicken.

All meat will be freshly smoked with KOC "special dry rub". Sales begin Friday July 3rd and continue through Saturday July 4th. All proceeds will be used to fund the numerous charitable activities KOC Council 12270 supports.

### 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.**

### 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.

*Calendar for June 28 2026—July 5, 2026*

### Sunday – June 28

Mass 8:30 am with reception to follow for Fr. John Paul Stepnowski

Mass 11:15 am

Spanish Mass & Activities- 3:00 pm

### Monday – June 29

Mass 9:00 am

### Tuesday – June 30

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study- 9:45 am

### Wednesday-July 1

Mass- 7:00 pm

### Thursday – July 2

Mass - 9:00 am

Legion of Mary- 6:30 pm

### Friday – July 3

Mass - 9:00 am

1st Friday Adoration- 9:30-10:30 am

KOC BBQ Sale

### Saturday – July 4

First Saturday Mass - 9:00 am

KOC BBQ Sale

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass– 5:00 pm

### Sunday – July 5

Masses 8:30 & 11:15 am

Spanish Mass & Activities- 3:00 pm