



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054

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Hours Monday-Thursday
9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Jim Mathis, *Director of Religious Education*

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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 | *Exposición del
Santísimo el segundo Miércoles 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, August 15, 2026
Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, August 16, 2026
Masses 8:30 am, 11:15 am,
3:00 pm (Spanish)*

The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 16, 2026



*"Then Jesus said to her. O woman,
great is your faith! Let it be done for
you as you wish".*



*Please pray for the
ill and shut-ins*

Dianna & Ron Markevich, Juanita Crowson,
Toni James, Silvia Moten, David & Audrey Springer,
Christine Jaks, Janice Stella, 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,
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, Gary Maylon,
Robert Bentell, Eleanor Garrett, John Limbaugh,
Debbie Adams, Tracy Finke, Michelle DiMello

*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 August 17 to Aug 23, 2026

- Monday:** Ezk 24: 15-23;
Resp. Deut 32: 18-19, 20,
21; Matt 19: 16-22
- Tuesday:** Ezk 28: 1-10
Resp. Deut 32: 26-27ab,
27cd-28; Matt 19: 23-30
- Wednesday:** Ezk 34: 1-11; Ps 23:
Matt 20: 1-16
- Thursday:** Ezk 36: 23-28; Ps 51:
Matt 22: 1-14
- Friday:** Ezk 37: 1-14;
Ps 107; Matt 22: 34-40
- Saturday:** Ekz 43: 1-7ab; Ps 85;
Matt 23: 1-12
- Sunday:** Isa 56: 1, 6-7; Ps 67;
Rom 11: 13-15, 29-32;
Matt 15: 21-28

Today's Readings



First Reading - "Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed." (Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7)

Psalm - O God, let all the nations praise you!
Psalm 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8)!

Second Reading - "For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all." (Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32)

Gospel - "And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me Lord, Son of David!" (Matthew 15: 21-28)

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 22nd is the Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the old calendar, the memorial was observed on May 31st, hence the tradition of a "May Crowning". The revision of the liturgical calendar following the Second Vatican Council moved the memorial to the eighth day in the octave of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary to emphasize the connection between the two doctrines.

In the Old Testament, the Queen of Israel or Judah was the **mother** of the king, rather than the wife of the king. This gave legitimacy to the king's claim to the throne, since he was the legitimate son of the previous king. King David had many sons with his many wives, but Solomon, the son of Bathsheba, was chosen as his successor. When Solomon became king, Bathsheba became queen.

Jesus Christ is our King. That means Mary is our Queen. If we recognize Jesus as our king, as subjects of the kingdom of God, then we recognize Mary, His mother, as our queen. As is the case with all titles given to Mary, it comes from her relationship with her son and savior.

As our Queen, Mary intercedes to Christ the King for our needs. She is compassionate. She takes to heart the needs of the Father's children because they are her children as well. Her example of humility is one from which we can all learn. As we read in Psalm 51: "A humbled, contrite heart, O God, you will not spurn."

Jesus Christ proved His love for us by "dying for us sinners." Mary proved her love for us by saying, "Yes" to being the mother of Jesus Christ, to being the Mother of God. The Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary reminds us of the depths and lengths of God's love for us.

August 17 - August 23, 2026



Monday: Audrey & David Springer
by Jared Musgrove †

Tuesday: Phyllis & Bob Barrett †
by the Brazzolotto's

Wednesday: Dorothy DiMattia †
by Shirley Skeivelas

Thursday: Helen Bell †
by Marshal & Cristy McKinney

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

Saturday: Deacon Lee & Cheryl Robinson
by the Brazzolotto's

Sunday: Matthew Brazzolotto
by the Brazzolotto's

For the People!

Attention Liturgical Ministers!

If you are scheduled to serve or substitute for someone at Mass as an Altar Server, Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Usher or Greeter, please be at the Church at least 15 minutes before Mass and recognize your presence on the schedule at the back of the church. It is important to know that everyone is here before Mass starts.

Our Lady of the Lake Memorial Wall

In addition to the Columbarium niches, a Memorial Wall has been constructed in our Columbarium courtyard.

If you would like your loved one(s) remembered by engraving a Memorial Plaque, please call the parish office at 205-525-5161.

Pricing for Plaques are as follows:

10" X 6" plate- \$600 (one name)

10" X" 12" plate- \$1,200 (two names)

Offertory Collection

July 2026
to

June 2027

	Actual Offertory	Needed Monthly
August 2	\$8,775	\$9,327



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



Join Us for Breakfast
Saturday, August 29, 2026
9:30 AM — 12:30 PM
SPEAKERS: Mary Margaret Rohling
and her son, Frank



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 August 23rd)

Online: BirminghamMagnificat.org

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

CONGRATULATIONS!

Deb and Julian Gossett were married at Our Lady Of The Lake on August 12, 1972.

They are celebrating 54 years of marriage this week with their beautiful family.



RUN FOR LIFE

We wanted to let you know that Ann's New Life Center is hosting another Run for Life this fall. It is scheduled for October 10, 2026 in Pell City/Cropwell, AL. We are looking to expand our audience this year by including a 10K race, as well as the 5K and 1 mile! Your sponsorship of the event would help us continue providing free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, parenting classes, and baby necessities to women and families in our community.

Flyers are available in each foyer.

Change of Physical Address or Contact Information?

Please let us know at the parish office if you have changed any of the below information so we can keep our records up to date.

- Change of physical address
- Change of phone number, including dropping a landline
- Change of email address
- You were formerly listed under your parent's information and are now independ-

Surfsiders



The Surfsiders will have their monthly meeting Wednesday, August 19th at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall. Potluck lunch at noon.

Assignments

August 19 to August 23, 2026

WEDNESDAY MASS

8/19/2026 7:00 PM

Lector: Charmaine Welch

SATURDAY MASS

8/22/2026 5:00 PM

Greeters: Rita Rumore, Dawn Adamson

Lectors: Susan Moseley, Kathy Bryant

Ministers: Anita Allor, Teri Shields

Altar Servers: Otto Mueller, David Blaylock

Ushers: Amy Carreker, Tabor Wolff

SUNDAY MASSES **8/23/2026 8:30 AM**

Greeters: Crapet, Freeman;
Landman, Price

Lectors: Dennis Veigl, Carl Rochford

Ministers Teri Gagliano, Jane Snider,
Sharon Hamilton, Sophie Alvarez

Altar Servers: Stephen Reese, Jeff Reach

Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston,
Bill Bethell, Matt Allor

Ushers: **8/23/2026 11:15 AM**

Greeters: Shirely Skeivelas, Joan & Carl Wright

Lectors: Miranda Bryant, Doug Ross

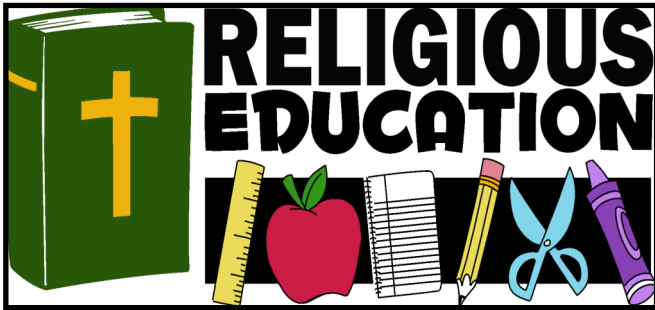
Ministers Lexie Smith, Michael Poteracki,
Sammy Schillaci, Shelly Schillaci

Altar Servers: Natalie Rodgers, Logan Bluhm,
Marie Dean, Annleigh Bluhm

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

Aug. 23, 2026 Kick-off & meet the teacher 9:45 am

Aug. 30, 2026 RE begins 9:45 am

Sept. 6, 2026 Labor Day (No Religious Education Classes)



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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 the
**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 would
like a form emailed.

If you have any questions, call the office
at 205-525-5161.

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.

For week ended 8-9-26, \$18 was collected.

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!

We still have openings available.

Please contact the parish office if you are interested.

Calendar for August 16, to August 23, 2026

Sunday – August 16

Masses 8:30 & 11:15 am

Catechist meeting 9:45 am

Spanish Mass & Activities- 3:00 pm

Holy Hour 7:00 pm

Monday – August 17

Mass- 9:00 am

Tuesday – August 18

Mass- 9:00 am

Bible Study- 9:45 am

Wednesday - August 19

Surfsiders 10:00 am

Mass- 7:00 pm

Thursday – August 20

Mass- 9:00 am

Legion of Mary - 6:30 pm

Pastoral Counsel 7:30 pm

Friday – August 21

Mass- 9:00 am

Saturday - August 22

Confessions: 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Mass- 5:00 pm

Sunday - August 23

Masses 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE Kick-off 9:45 am

Spanish Mass & Activities - 3:00 pm

