



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

4609 MARTIN STREET SOUTH
CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054

Rev. William P. Lucas, Pastor
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*
Dawn Adamson, *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.

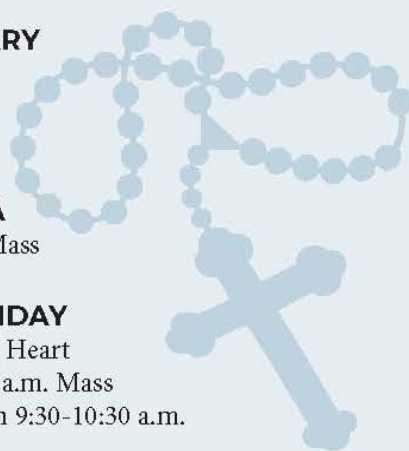
HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

Third Sunday of every month 7:00 p.m.
Second Wednesday of every month | *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 22, 2026
Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, August 23, 2026
Masses 8:30 am, 11:15 am,
3:00 pm (Spanish)*

*The 21st Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 23, 2026*



*"Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah.
For flesh and blood has not revealed this
to you, but my heavenly Father".*



*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,
Debbie Adams, 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 24 to Aug 30, 2026

Monday: Rev 21: 9b-14; Ps 145;
John 1: 45-51

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2: 1-3a, 14-17;
Ps 96; Matt 23: 23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3: 6-10, 16-18;
Ps 128; Matt 23: 27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1: 1-9; Ps 145;
Matt 24: 42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1: 17-25; Ps 33;
Matt 25: 1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1: 26-31; Ps 33;
Mark 6: 17-29

Sunday: Jer 20: 7-9;
Ps 63; 2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9;
Rom 12: 1-2;
Matt 16: 21-27

Today's Readings



First Reading - "I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family." (Isaiah 22: 19-23)

Psalm - Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands! (Psalm 138: 1-2, 2-3, 6, 8)!

Second Reading - "For from him and through him are all things. To him be glory forever." (Romans 11: 33-36)

Gospel - "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!" (Matthew 16:13-20)

CHILD SAFETY

Our religious education students go through safe-environment training. This is required by the Diocese of Birmingham through the Office of Youth Services. Parents can "opt out" of this class, but it must be offered by the parish.

The purpose of the class is to inform the students what is appropriate and inappropriate behavior around minors. It lets them know what to expect while they are on the parish property and to report if anyone deviates from the norm for behavior around minors.

One of the basic standards we have is that there should always be at least two adult catechists per classroom. No minor or group of minors should be left alone with only one adult. We also never cover the windows that are in each door into the classroom.

All catechists are required to pass a course on child safety offered by the Diocese of Birmingham. Their certification lasts for three years and then is updated. The purpose of this certification is so the catechists can spot the signs of abuse in children. They may be the ones who assist the children in finding help to escape an unsafe environment.

Catechists are also required to submit a background check for volunteers conducted by an agency chosen by the Diocese. These background checks let the parish know that our catechists are qualified to supervise minors. All diocesan employees who work with minors submit to a more extensive background check.

We can all be youth protectors. The basic guideline is, "If you see something, say something." Any suspicious behavior should be reported to either law enforcement or the Department of Human Services. Any suspicious behavior on parish property should be reported either to me or to Jim Mathis, the Director of Religious Education. You do not have to prove anything. We report what we see and let qualified authorities investigate. Let us all do what we can to maintain a safe environment for our young people.

August 24 - August 30, 2026



Monday:	All Souls in Purgatory by Billy & Mary Burns	†
Tuesday:	Patrick Rumore By Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore	
Wednesday:	Arthur DiMattia by KOC 12270	†
Thursday:	John L. Bell by Marshall & Cristy McKinney	†
Friday:	Walton & Gene Smith by the Brazzolotto's	†
Saturday:	Buddy Spradley by KOC 12270	†
Sunday:	For the People! (8:30 am) Deceased member of Council 12270 by KOC 12270 (11:15 am)	†

Order of Christian Imitation of Adults (OCIA)

The next season of OCIA begins on Tuesday, September 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Registration forms are available in the foyers. For more information, contact Father Bill Lucas at 205-525-5161.

Knights of Columbus

Labor Day Barbecue Sale

Knights of Columbus Council 12270 will be selling barbeque for the Labor Day 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 September 4th and continue through Saturday September 5th. All proceeds will be used to fund the numerous charitable activities KOC Council 12270 supports.

Offertory Collection

July 2026 to June 2027

	Actual Offertory	Needed Monthly
August 9	\$8,857	\$9,327
August 9 Building	\$6,124	\$2,404



Chair: Laura Cash
lauracash@gmail.com

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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

SILENCE BEFORE AND AFTER MASS

The 15 minutes before Mass and the 15 minutes following Mass are used by some people as a time for prayerful preparation and thanksgiving. That is why we try to maintain a “reverential silence” in the church during those times. Fellowship is also a part of our faith, but the place for that is in the foyers of the church or outside. Please try to be respectful of the needs of others and maintain a reverential silence in the church before and after Mass.

Father Bill

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.

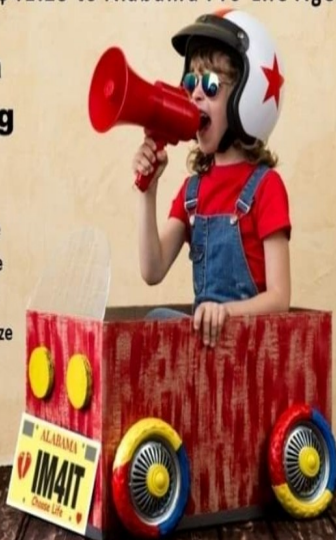
- Change of physical address
- Change of phone number, including dropping a landline
- Change of email address
- You were formerly listed under your parent's information and are now independent.

BUY A TAG = SAVE A BABY

Tag Fee of \$50 = \$41.25 to Alabama Pro-Life Agencies

**Switching to a
Choose Life Tag
is EASY!**

Take your renewal notice to the DMV and ask for the Choose Life Tag. \$50 will be added to your renewal fee. For link to personalize your tag or more information visit: ChooseLifeAlabama.org



NEW
TAG
DESIGN

Assignments

August 26 to August 30, 2026

WEDNESDAY MASS

8/26/2026 7:00 PM

Lector: Sarah Brazzolotto

SATURDAY MASS

8/29/2026 5:00 PM

Greeters: Paige Everett, Allen Ross

Lectors: Christie Whaley, Buddy Adamson

Ministers: Susan Moseley, Parma Boyle

Altar Servers: Bernie Funderburg,
Corey Funderburg

Ushers: Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

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

Greeters: Anita & Matt Allor, Bill & Mary Burns

Lectors: Bart Perry, Shelly Hamman

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

Altar Servers: James Raynor, John Bryant

Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston,
Anita Allor, Matt Allor

Ushers: **8/30/2026 11:15 AM**

Greeters: The Bluhm Family

Lectors: Carl Rochford, Robert Lewis

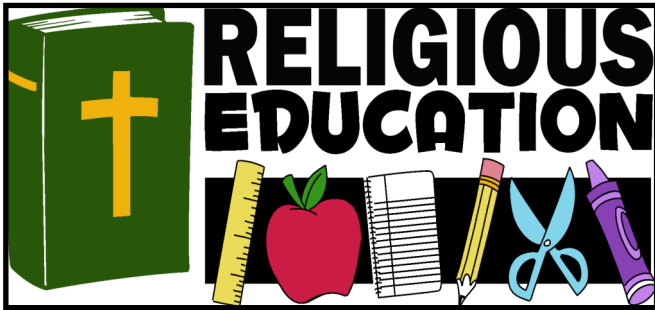
Ministers Sammy Schallaci, Stephen Reese,
Tom Graffo, James Raynor

Altar Servers: Marty Poteracki, Dennis Veigl

Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Lexie Smith,
Danny Smith, 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.**



Looking ahead

Aug. 30, 2026 RE begins 9:45 am

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



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 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 August 16th, there were

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 23 to August 30, 2026

Sunday – August 23

Masses 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE Kick-Off & Meet the Teacher 9:45 am

Spanish Mass & Activities- 3:00 pm

Monday – August 24

Mass- 9:00 am

KOC Meeting- 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Tuesday – August 25

Mass- 9:00 am

Bible Study- 9:45 am

Wednesday - August 26

Mass- 7:00 pm

Thursday – August 27

Mass- 9:00 am

Legion of Mary - 6:30 pm

Friday – August 28

Mass- 9:00 am

Saturday - August 29

Confessions: 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Mass- 5:00 pm

Sunday - August 30

Mass 8:30 am

RE Class 9:45 am

11:15 am- Knights Mass

Spanish Mass & Activities - 3:00 pm

