



# Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

4609 MARTIN STREET SOUTH  
CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054

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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

[www.ollpellcity.com](http://www.ollpellcity.com)

## *Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church*

*Saturday, September 26th, 2026  
Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, September 27th, 2026  
Masses 8:30 am, 11:15 am,  
3:00 pm (Spanish)*

*The 26th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
September 27, 2026*



*"When John came to you in the way of  
righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax  
collectors and prostitutes did."*



*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, Sydney Goble, Karen Hand,  
Cheryl Robinson, Barbara Walsh, Tom Graffo,  
Deacon Serge Brazzolotto, Father Matthew  
Brennan, Gary Maylon, Robert Bentell,  
Eleanor Garrett, Debbie Adams,  
Michelle DeMello, Owen Falkner

*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 Sept. 28 to Oct. 4, 2026*

**Monday:** Job 1: 6-22; Ps 17;  
Luke 9: 46-50

**Tuesday:** Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14;  
Ps 138; John 1: 47-51

**Wednesday:** Job 9: 1-12, 14-16;  
Ps 88; Luke 9: 57-62

**Thursday:** Job 19: 21-27; Ps 27;  
Luke 10: 1-12

**Friday:** Job 38: 1, 12-21, 40: 3-5;  
Ps 139; Matt 18: 1-5, 10

**Saturday:** Job 42: 1-3, 5-6, 12-17;  
Ps 119; Luke 10: 17-24

**Sunday:** Isaiah 5: 1-7; Ps 80: 9, 12,  
13-14, 15-16, 19-26;  
Philippians 4: 6-9;  
Matt 21: 33-43

## *Today's Readings*



**First Reading** - "When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die." (Ezekiel 18: 25-28)

**Psalm** - Remember your mercies, O Lord. (Psalm 25: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9)!

**Second Reading** - "... he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." (Philippians 2: 1-11)

**Gospel** - "Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." (Matthew 21: 28-32)

## *Father Bill's Weekly Message*

### SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Saint Francis of Assisi died on October 3, 1226. This year is the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death, or his "birth into Heaven." His Feast Day is normally October 4<sup>th</sup>, but since that falls on a Sunday, we will not be observing it this year.

This year is also the Year of St. Francis of Assisi. That is partly because it is the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death. But it is also because of the way he lived. St. Francis is a model of taking the Gospel seriously. He lived his life depending on God's providence. He shunned anything that would make him dependent on anyone, save God alone.

As legend has it, after his conversion, St. Francis was praying in a dilapidated chapel in San Damiano, Italy, when he heard the voice of Jesus tell him, "Go and build my house, for it is nearly falling down." He grew to understand that Christ was talking about the universal Church rather than the physical chapel he was praying in.

From that time on, he tried to follow the Gospel literally. He tried to rebuild the Church by returning to what he thought was the original charisms of the apostles. In the Acts of the Apostles, we read that the Apostles owned nothing, so Francis made it a rule that his followers would own nothing. They would beg for their needs. God would supply them with what they needed through the kindness and generosity of others.

St. Francis also saw human beings as part of God's creation. As the Book of Genesis reveals, God created the world good. Sin ended paradise, but human beings could make all of creation paradise if they steered clear of sin.

This year, we remember St. Francis's death, and we try to imitate his life. St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us.

## September 28 - October 4, 2026



|                   |                                                                                                                    |        |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| <b>Monday:</b>    | Bob & Karen Hand by the Brazzolotto's                                                                              |        |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | Sondra Nassetta<br>by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore                                                                   | †      |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | Joseph & Angela Brazzolotto<br>by the Brazzolotto's                                                                | †      |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | Tommy Zopfi by the Brazzolotto's                                                                                   | †      |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | Tom Nequette<br>by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore                                                                      | †      |
| <b>Saturday:</b>  | Jared Musgrove<br>by David & Audrey Springer<br>Christy Whaley by Jerry & Brenda Kern                              |        |
| <b>Sunday:</b>    | 8:30 am For the People!<br>11:15 am<br>Jim Jones by Joyce Jones<br>All Souls in Purgatory<br>by Billy & Mary Burns | †<br>† |

### Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

OCIA meets Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.  
in the parish hall.

Registration forms are still available in the  
foyers. For more information,  
contact Father Bill Lucas at 205-525-5161.

**The Magnificat Breakfast** will be held on  
Saturday, October 24th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at  
St. Elias Maronite Church in the Parish Hall. Our  
speaker, Lynn Pepe, will share events throughout her  
journey when she felt God was saying, "Be patient, I've  
got you."

A ticket is \$20 or a student rate is \$15 for ages 13 to 22  
and includes a catered breakfast. Tickets are available  
online at [BirminghamMagnificat.org](http://BirminghamMagnificat.org) or by contacting  
Jan Smith at (205) 381-8481 or from Alpha Church Sup-  
ply and Holy Roses Flowers and Gifts.

No tickets are sold at the door or after October 18.

## Offertory Collection

July 2026 to June 2027

|                | Actual Offertory | Weekly Need |
|----------------|------------------|-------------|
| September 13th |                  |             |
| Offertory      | \$8,954          | \$9,327     |
| Building Fund  | \$3,465          | \$2,404     |



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

## You are Cordially Invited!

### Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center-Fund Raising Banquet

*"Everyone Deserves a Second Chance at Life!"*

**Keynote: George Delgado, M.D.**

**Pioneer Abortion Pill Reversal**

**8,000 Lives Rescued!**

**Thursday, November 5, 2026, 7:00pm The Club**

**1 Robert S. Smith Drive**

**Birmingham, Alabama 35209**

**6:30 p.m. Seating Begins**

**7:00-9:00 p.m. Dinner & Program**

**Reservations,**

**[HCBanquet@herchoicebirmingham.org](mailto:HCBanquet@herchoicebirmingham.org)**

**205.447.8796 / 252.0706**

Consider hosting a table of eight, or make a life-saving donation. There is no cover charge to attend but an appeal will be made to help support this work of mercy and hope.

Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center, the only Pregnancy Help Center in Birmingham proper, exists to help women facing a crisis pregnancy to choose life, and to help support them with that decision. Her Choice also offers post-abortion recovery services.

To register or donate: 205.447.8796

**[hcbanquet@herchoicebirmingham.org](mailto:hcbanquet@herchoicebirmingham.org)**

## 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](http://ChooseLifeAlabama.org)



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## 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.**



*Legion of Mary*

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

## ParishSOFT® Giving

For those who give on-line, you must change your link if you are still using the old Faithdirect link.

**The new address is:**

[giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/FD-1065](https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/FD-1065)

The Faithdirect link expired on June 1, 2026.

## *Assignments*

*September 30, 2026 to October 4, 2026*

### **WEDNESDAY MASS**

**9/30/2026 7:00 PM**

Lector: Teri Gagliano

### **SATURDAY MASS**

**10/3/2026 5:00 PM**

**Greeters:** Rita Rumore, Bob & Michelle Voll

**Lectors:** Martha Hayes, Allen Ross

**Ministers:** Teri Shields, Chuck Treece

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

**Ushers:** Amy Carreker, Tabor Wolff

### **SUNDAY MASSES** **10/4/2026 8:30 AM**

**Greeters:** Gagliano/Thomas, Gail & Karter Perry

**Lectors:** Carl Rochford, Dennis Veigl

**Ministers:** Paul Thomas, Stephen Reese,  
Jane Snider, Teri Gagliano

**Altar Servers:** Kallie Reach, Allison Schillaci,  
Blaze Smith

**Ushers:** Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston,  
Bill Bethell, Bart Perry

**10/4/2026 11:15 AM**

**Greeters** Melba Willis, Brenda Monte

**Lectors:** Mary Adams, Larry Foltz

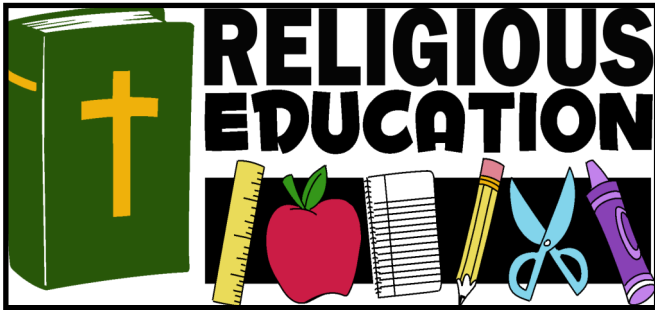
**Ministers** Chris Gallegly, Charlene Betz,  
James Raynor, Sean Ahonen

**Altar Servers:** Ethan Myers, Ethan Brockner,  
Alex Sorci

**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

Sept. 30 - Youth Group at 5:30 pm

Oct. 4 - Religious Education at 9:45 am

Oct. 11 - No Religious Education Class

Oct. 18 - Religious Education at 9:45 am



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and ON DEMAND for FREE with our  
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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!*



## 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.

## 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**

## *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.*



### **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

Catholic married couples are invited to attend and enrich your relationship and family life.

**October 16-18, 2026**

**St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman**

**Flyers are located in the lobby**

*Calendar for Sept. 27 to Oct. 4, 2026*

### **Sunday – September 27**

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

### **Catholic Charities Pledge Weekend**

RE Classes 9:45 am

Spanish Mass & Activities- 3:00 pm

### **Monday – September 28**

Mass- 9:00 am

KOC- Meeting 6:30 pm

### **Tuesday – September 29**

Mass- 9:00 am

Bible Study- 9:45 am

OCIA- 7:00 pm

### **Wednesday - September 30**

Youth Group 5:30 pm

Mass- 7:00 pm

### **Thursday – October 1**

Mass- 9:00 am

Legion of Mary - 6:30 pm

### **Friday – October 2**

Mass- 9:00 am

First Friday Adoration- 9:30 am

### **Saturday - October 3**

First Saturday Mass- 9:00 am

Confessions: 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Mass- 5:00 pm

### **Sunday - October 4**

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

RE classes 9:45 am

Spanish Mass & Activities - 3:00 pm