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 a.m.

CONFESSIONS
Saturday 4:00-4:45 p.m. or by appointment

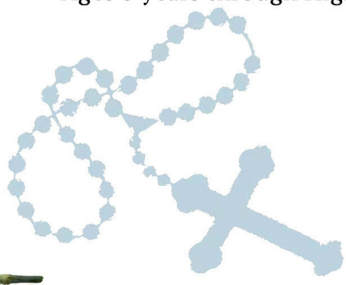
MARRIAGES
Must be scheduled with the Priest
at least 6 months in advance.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
August through May
Ages 3 years through High School



Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, November 14th, 2026

Mass 5:00 pm

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

The 33nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 15, 2026



"And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth."



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 & Julia 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, Deacon Serge Brazzolotto, Father Matthew Brennan, Gary Maylon, Robert Bentell, Eleanor Garrett, Debbie Adams,Michelle DeMello, Owen Falkner, Gretchen Reach, Laree Hall, Tanya Brayman, Doug Ross, Parma Boyle, Jim Dale, Sammy Schillaci

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 Nov. 16, to Nov. 22, 2026

Monday:	Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Luke 18:35-43
Tuesday:	Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22; Psalm 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Luke 19:1-10
Wednesday:	Revelation 4:1-11; Psalm 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Luke 19:11-28
Thursday:	Revelation 5:1-10; Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6b, 9b; Luke 19:41-44
Friday:	Revelation 10:8-11; Psalm 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Luke 19:45-48
Saturday:	Revelation 11:4-12; Psalm 144:1, 2, 9-10; Luke 20:27-40
Sunday:	Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46

Today's Readings



First Reading - "When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize." (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31)

Psalm - Blessed are those who fear the Lord. (Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5)

Second Reading - "We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober." (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6)

Gospel - "For to everyone who has,more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away." (Matthew 25:14-30)

Father Bill's Weekly Message

TECHNOLOGY AND DOMINANCE

Pope Leo XIV published his first encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas, on May 15, 2026, the 135th anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's encyclical, Rerum Novarum. The Third Chapter is entitled, "Technology and Dominance."

Pope Leo XIV begins by asking the question, "What are we building?" (#90) He then quotes from Pope Francis's encyclical, Laudation Si', "Pope Francis denounced the growing dominance of a technocratic paradigm in our globalized world: the tendency to let the logic of efficiency, control and profit alone shape personal, social and economic decisions." (#92) More power does not necessarily imply something better.

The Pope goes on to write, "If technological development advances without a corresponding ethical and social progress, the results may be an increase in means without a growth in humanity: 'having more' without 'being more.'" (#94) "When such power is concentrated in the hands of a few, it tends to become opaque and evade public oversight, increasing the risk of distorted forms of development that gives rise to new dependencies, exclusions, manipulations and inequalities." (#95) Rather than freeing human beings, it will enslave them.

"The use of AI is never a purely technical matter: it touches on rights, opportunities, status and freedom. Important decisions risk being fully delegated to automated systems that do not know compassion, mercy and forgiveness- understood not as mere appearances but as real political actions." (#102-103)

The Pope asks, "what does it mean to safeguard our humanity? AI threatens to normalize an anti-human vision. In that vision, the fullness of life is equated with having more, reducing weakness, eliminating uncertainty and exerting total control." (#112) The dominance of AI lessens human freedom.

Nov. 16, to Nov. 22, 2026

MONDAY	✞ Robert Hollis by Bob & Karen Hand
TUESDAY	✞ Mickey Zielinski by Shirely Skeivelas
WEDNESDAY	All Seminarians by the Brazzolotto's
THURSDAY	✞ All Souls in Purgatory by Billy & Mary Burns
FRIDAY	Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore by the Gagliano's
SATURDAY	✞ Pete & Marie Battaglia by Parma Boyle Deacon Bob Martin by Terry & Rita Rumore
SUNDAY	For the People! ✞ Deceased members of the Legion of Mary by the Legion of Mary Michael Brayman by Madelyn Gauld

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

OCIA meets Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Registration forms are in the foyers. For more information, contact Father Bill Lucas at 205-525-5161.

If you are feeling sick or suspect that you might have been exposed to something contagious, please refrain from receiving Holy Communion from the cup, and receive only the Sacred Host.



Offertory Collection

July 2026 to June 2027		
November 1st	Actual Offertory	Weekly Need
Offertory	$8,410	$9,327
Building Fund	$4,399	$2,404

PARISH COUNCIL

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

Save the Date!

Our Lady of the Lake
Christmas Dinner
Sunday December 6, 2026
at First United Methodist Church,
the "Beacon"
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm





CATHOLIC CHARITIES AND COMMUNITIES UPDATE

Our Catholic Charities and Communities total for 2027 pledges and donations is $71,578.00. Our goal is $77,745.00. That figure represents 103 participants.

If you intend to pledge or donate, please do so before the end of the calendar year.

Thank you for your participation.

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





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 niches is allowed after full receipt of payment which is $3,500 per niche.

Assignments
November 18, to November 22, 2026

Wednesday Mass 11/18//2026 7:00 PM	
Lector:	Teri Gagliano
Saturday Mass 11/21/2026 5:00 PM	
Greeters:	Bob & Michelle Voll, Dawn Adamson
Lectors:	Amy Cobasky, Shelly Hamman
Ministers:	Susan Moseley, Parma Boyle
Altar Servers:	Otto Mueller, David Blaylock
Ushers:	Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson
Sunday Mass 11/22/2026 8:30 AM	
Greeters:	Geri Bunt/Diana Stephens, Crapet/Freeman/Landman/Price
Lectors:	Mary Burns, Karen Reese
Ministers:	Jane Snider, Teri Gagliano, Jamie Limbaugh, Sharon Hamilton
Altar Servers:	Michael Gagliano, Jeff Reach
Ushers:	Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston, Anita Allor, Matt Allor
Sunday Mass 11/22/2026 11:15 AM	
Greeters:	Shirley Skeivelas, Joan & Carl Wright
Lectors:	Stephanie Fischer, Shelly Schillaci
Ministers:	Lexie Smith, Michael Poteracki, Sammy Schillaci, Shelly Schillaci
Altar Servers:	Natalie Rodgers, Logan Bluhm, Marie Dean, AnnLeigh Bluhm
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

Nov.15 - RE at 9:45 am

Nov. 18 - Youth Group - 5:30 pm

Nov. 22- No RE

Nov. 29 - RE at 9:45 am



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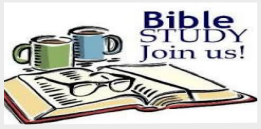
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Our Lady of Our Lake Bible Study

Every Tuesday 9:45 am, Parish Hall
Currently studying
The Letters of St. Paul to the Romans.



Join us! It's a great way to explore faith and connect with others.





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 the week ended 11-1-2026, $222 and 4 cans collected.

SURFSIDERS

The Surfsiders will have their monthly meeting Wednesday, November 18th at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall. Potluck at noon.



We look forward to seeing you there!

The Padre Pio Prayer group of Birmingham, AL, will meet at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church on Saturday, November 21st at 9:00 am. We begin with Mass in the chapel, followed by Exposition, Rosary, prayers to Padre Pio, and Benediction!

Fr. Frankline Fomukong from St. Charles Borromeo in Jacksonville, Alabama, will be with us this month!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

We meet Monthly - 3rd Saturdays - 9am ! For more information, contact Angela Kolar at angkolar@att.net.
"Pray, Hope, and Don't Worry!"

Calendar for Nov. 15, to Nov. 22, 2026

Sunday - November 15

Mass at 8:30 am
Flag Retirement Ceremony 9:30 am
Mass at 11:15 am
Religious Ed 9:45 am
Spanish Mass & Activities 3:00 pm
Holy Hour 7:00 pm

Monday - November 16

Mass 9:00 am

Tuesday - November 17

Mass 9:00 am
Bible Study 9:45 am
OCIA 7:00 pm

Wednesday - November 18

Surfsiders 10:00 am
Youth Group 5:30 pm
Mass 7:00 pm
Pastoral Council 7:30 pm

Thursday - November 19

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

Friday - November 20

Mass 9:00 am

Saturday - November 21

Confessions - 4:00 until 4:45 pm
Mass 5:00 pm
Pilgrim Virgin 6:30 pm

Sunday - November 22

Mass 8:30 am
No Religious Education
Mass 11:15 am

Spanish Mass & Activities 3:00 pm