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

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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, October 17th, 2026

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, October 18th, 2026
Masses 8:30 am, 11:15 am,
3:00 pm (Spanish)

The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 18, 2026

They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."



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, Deacon Serge Brazzolotto, Father Matthew Brennan, Gary Maylon, Robert Bentell, Eleanor Garrett, Debbie Adams,
Michelle DeMello, Owen Falkner, Gretchen Reach

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 Oct. 19 to Oct. 25 2026

Monday:	Ephesians 2:110; Psalm 100:1b2, 3, 4ab, 4c5; Luke 12:1321
Tuesday:	Ephesians 2:1222; Psalm 85:9ab10, 1112, 1314; Luke 12:3538
	Ephesians 3:212; Resp. Isaiah 12:23, 4bcd, 56; Luke 12:3948
Thursday:	Ephesians 3:1421; Psalm 33:12, 45, 1112, 1819; Luke 12:4953
Friday:	Ephesians 4:16; Psalm 24:12, 34ab, 56; Luke 12:5459
Saturday:	Ephesians 4:716; Psalm 122:12, 34ab, 4cd5; Luke 13:19
Sunday:	Exodus 22:2026; Psalm 18:23, 34, 47, 51; 1 Thessalonians 1:5c10; Matthew 22:3440

Today's Readings



First Reading - "For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one, I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not." (Isaiah 45:1, 46)

Psalm - **Give the Lord glory and honor.** Psalm 96:1, 3, 45, 7 8, 910

Second Reading - "For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction." 1 Thessalonians 1:15b

Gospel - "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. " Matthew 22:1521

Father Bill's Weekly Message

BUILDING FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Pope Leo XIV issued his first encyclical, entitled Magnifica Humanitas on the 135th anniversary of his predecessor, Pope Leo XIII's, encyclical, Rerum Novarum.

He begins by writing, "Building a city founded on the common good implies, first and foremost, building on a firm relationship with God. It means recognizing that the truth of his love calls us to life 'in all its fullness' and communion with him." (#11) The common good in Church teaching assumes a relationship with God.

There are four aspects to this concern for the common good. First, a firm relationship with God. Second, accepting the limits and weakness of humanity without considering them an error to be corrected. Third, shared responsibility and courage. Fourth, an evangelical language. (#s1114)

The Pope then lists five standards for discernment of practices. They are; the dignity of the human person, the universal destination of goods, the preferential option for the poor, care for our common home, and peace. The Pope goes on to write, "Let us translate these standards into practices such as responsible planning, the assessment of human and social impact, the inclusion of the most vulnerable, the promotion of digital literacy and guiding research and industry toward justice and peace." (#14)

Pope Leo XIV then surveys the popes of the last 135 years and the Second Vatican Council to state what they wrote about Social Justice. He calls this survey, "A Dynamic Approach Faithful to the Gospel." (#s 1745) He writes, "The Church is present in the world as a sign of unity for the entire human family. She recognizes today's questions and challenges as the current setting in which to carry out her particular vocation of listening, dialogue, and service, and of being responsive to everything concerning the lives of contemporary men and women." (# 19)

October 19 - October 25, 2026

MONDAY	✞ Nicki Brasfield by the Brazzolotto's
TUESDAY	✞ All Souls in Purgatory by Billy & Mary Burns
WEDNESDAY	✞ Francis Matukas by Shirley Skeivelas
THURSDAY	Janice Stella by the Brazzolotto's
FRIDAY	✞ Donella Allen by Solon & Toni James
SATURDAY	✞ John Nicholson by James & Gloria Raynor Deacon Lee & Cheryl Robinson by Jerry & Brenda Kern
SUNDAY	For the People! ✞ Beth Martin by the Brazzolotto's 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 still available in the foyers.
For more information, contact

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 Birmingham-Magnificat.org or by contacting Jan Smith at (205) 3818481 or from Alpha Church Supply and Holy Roses Flowers and Gifts.
No tickets are sold at the door or after October

Offertory Collection

July 2026 to June 2027		
October 4th	Actual Offertory	Weekly Need
Offertory	$4,525	$9,327
Building Fund	$5,950	$2,404

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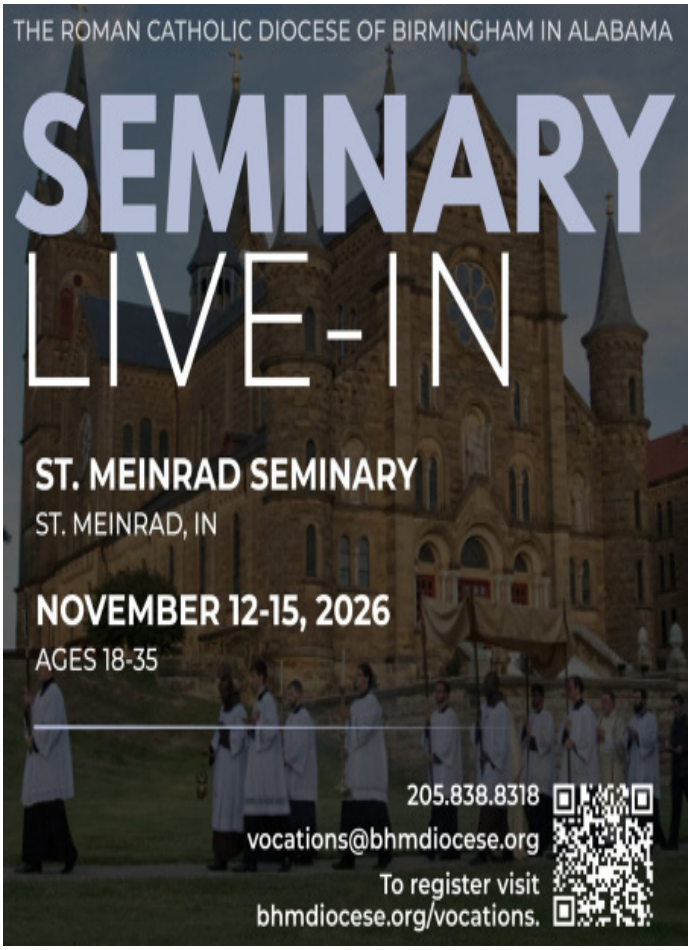
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Council meetings are open to all parishioners, and are typically on the third Wed. Of the month after Mass.



You are Cordially Invited!

Her Choice Birmingham Women's CenterFund 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

7:009:00 p.m. Dinner & Program

Reservations,

HCBanquet@herchoicebirmingham.org

205.447.8796 / 252.0706

To register or donate: 205.447.8796

Surfsiders



The Surfsiders will have their monthly meeting Wednesday, October 21st at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall.

Potluck lunch at noon.



Giving Tree Assistance

Our Giving Tree ministry is now accepting applications from parishioners who may be in need of assistance this Christmas season. If you or someone in your household could use a little extra help this year, please contact the parish office or Brenda Rochford at 4232425029 for an application or more information. All applications are due back to the church office no later than Sunday, Nov. 1st.

We are blessed to support one another as a parish family and look forward to sharing the spirit of giving this Christmas.

MEMORIAL MASS



Monday, November 2nd, is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, also known as All Souls Day. It is a day to remember and pray for the eternal salvation of the Departed Faithful. The laity who have died. We will be offering Mass twice that day. The normal 9:00 a.m. Mass and also 7:00 p.m. Mass. Please come and pray for your loved ones who have died.

Assignments
October 21, 2026 to October 25, 2026

Wednesday Mass 10/21/2026 7:00 PM	
Lector:	Sarah Brazzolotto
Saturday Mass 10/24/2026 5:00 PM	
Greeters:	Cash Family, Teri Shields
Lectors:	Susan Moseley, Kathy Bryant
Ministers:	Susan Moseley, Martha Hayes
Altar Servers:	Bernie Funderburg, Corey Funderburg
Ushers:	Amy Carreker, Tabor Wolff
Sunday Mass 10/25/2026 8:30 AM	
Greeters:	Shelly Hammon Mary & Billy Burns
Lectors:	Sharon Hamilton, Jane Snider
Ministers:	Sonya Lewis, Paul Thomas, Stephen Reese, Jane Snider
Altar Servers:	Jeff Reach, Buddy Adamson
Ushers:	Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston, Bill Bethell, Bart Perry
Sunday Mass 10/25/2026 11:15 AM	
Greeters:	Bluhm Family, Shirley Skeivelas
Lectors:	Gloria Raynor, Bernie Funderburg
Ministers:	Lexie Smith, Marty 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Looking

Oct. 18 - Religious Education at 9:45 am

Oct. 25 - Religious Education at 9:45 am and Fall Festival at 4:30 pm



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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.



We begin our study on The Letter of St. Paul to the Romans on Wednesday October 14, 2026.

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

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.

Our Lady of the Lake Fall Festival

October 25th

4:306:30 pm



The Christian Love Pantry

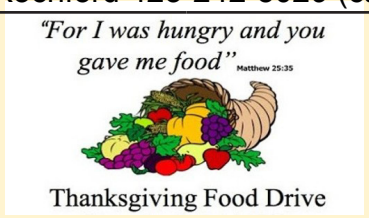


The Christian Love Pantry is helping the poor in the St. Clair County area. To assist them we are collecting canned soup at the church.

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

Our <u>Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive</u> has begun and will end on November 8th. Place all food items in the buckets in either foyer.

Boxed Mac & Cheese	Cereal
Canned Meat	Mashed Potato Mix
Canned Gravy	Cake Mix & Frosting
Canned Fruit	Canned Cranberry Sauce
Muffin Mix	Dressing Mix
Canned Veggies • Corn • Beans • Peas, etc	Powdered Milk or Non-Re-grigerated Milk
Monetary Donations are welcome and we will do the shopping. Please make your check payable to "OLL Social Concerns". Donate at the office dropbox or offertory collection basket.	
Food will be distributed on Thursday, November 12th from 5-6pm during our regular food pickup for the month.	
If you need help this Thanksgiving or know someone else that does, please contact the parish office or contact Brenda Rochford 423-242-5029 (call or text).	



Calendar for Oct. 18 to Oct. 25 2026

Sunday - October 18

World Mission Sunday

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Religious Ed 9:45 am

Spanish Mass & Activities - 3:00 pm

Monday - October 19

Mass - 9:00 am

Tuesday - October 20

Mass - 9:00 am

OCIA - 7:00 pm

Wednesday - October 21

Pastoral Council - 6:30 pm

Mass - 7:00 pm

Surfsiders - 10:00 pm

Thursday - October 22

Mass - 9:00 am

Legion of Mary - 6:30 pm

Friday - October 23

Mass - 9:00 am

Saturday - October 24

Confessions - 4:00 until 4:45 pm

Mass - 5:00 pm

Sunday - October 25

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Spanish Mass & Activities - 3:00 pm

Fall Festival - 4:30 pm