



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

4609 MARTIN STREET SOUTH
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9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

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 | *Exposicion del
Santisimo 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 September 9, 2023
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, September 10, 2023
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Twenty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 10, 2023



For where two or three are gathered together
in my name, there am I in the midst of them.
-Matthew 18:20



September 11 - September 17

- Monday:** Trudi McClay by Bob & Karen Hand †
- Tuesday:** Jimbo Abernathy by Marti Baird †
- Wednesday:** Ethel Nunez by Susan Moseley †
- Thursday:** Frank K. Connell by KOC 12270 †
- Friday:** Joey Harris by Jared Musgrove †
- Saturday:** Trudi & Andy McClay by the Zielinskis †
- Sunday:** Bob Van Gundy by Shelly & Bill Hamman †
For the People

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Ron & Diana Markevich, Walton Smith, Juanita Crowson, Toni James, Bob Walsh, Sarah Svetlay, Fred Brown, Silvia Moten, Herb & Sherry Kuntz, Bill & Loretta Frost, David & Audrey Springer, Christine Jaks, Jeanie Reid, Ruth Stanley, Janice Stella, Frank Troncalli, Angela Ledlow, Michael Brayman, Shannon Ray, Lee Walser, Geri Bunt, Charles & Libby LaFleur, Marcia Mortek, Benny Goodman, Margaret Banks, Jose Riveria, Helen Turner, George Sobolowski, Darrell & Teresa Reeser, Jimmy Hollis, William Konnor Stone, Pat Roberts, Tommie Ann Johnson, Bill & Dee Watkins, Emily Bell Smith, Mary LaFleur, Greg & Robin Becnel, Micky Zielinski, Jim Reilly, Connie Parsons, Janie Galleghy, Valerie Kern, Gayle Huff, Dolores Morales

Please pray for all our loved ones who are ill and our shut-ins. 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 September 11- September 17

- Monday:** Col 1:24—2:3; Ps 62; Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15; Ps 145; Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday:** Col 3:1-11; Ps 145; Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday:** Num 21:4b-9; Ps 78; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
- Friday:** 1 Tim 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16; Jn 19:25-27
- Saturday:** 1 Tim 1:15-17; Ps 113; Lk 6:43-49
- Sunday:** Sir 27:30—28:7; Ps 103; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Today's Readings



First Reading — You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law (Romans 13:8-10).

Gospel — Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven (Matthew 18:15-20).

CATHOLIC CHARITIES AND COMMUNITIES

Next week begins our annual Catholic Charities and Communities pledge drive for the Diocese of Birmingham. This fund goes to support many of the apostolates that bring the mercy and compassion of Jesus Christ to those in need in North and Central Alabama.

Some of the apostolates funded by your contributions include:

- The Catholic Centers of Concern: giving material assistance to the poor.
- Catholic Family Services: provides counseling and offers adoption services as an alternative to abortion.
- Catholic Campus Ministry: provides a Catholic presence on college campuses in our diocese.
- Seminarian Education: defrays the cost of seminarian formation so that no man is prevented from discerning a vocation to the priesthood because of finances.
- Hispanic Ministry: Provides educational and sacramental resources to small parishes with large Spanish-speaking populations.
- Education Office: provides support and training for parishes to hand on the Catholic faith to the next generation.

All registered parishioners should receive a pledge card and brochure of Catholic Charities and Communities this week. Please bring the pledge card with you the weekend of September 23rd and 24th. We will take up a special collection of the cards. If you do not receive a mailing, extra pledge cards will be available. Also, there is an option for online giving.

Budgets for these apostolates will be set based on the results of the pledge drive. Please be prayerful, generous, and quick in responding.



Our Lady of the Lake Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 24, 2023

**Church Grounds
After 11:15 Mass**

The Knights of Columbus will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring your favorite food to share. We'll need side dishes, salads, desserts and drinks (sodas, water, tea).

We'll also need help with cleanup!

Come join the fun! There will be a Bouncy House, Bingo, Door Prizes and a 50/50 drawing.

Note there will also be a Stewardship Fair in the Parish Hall after all Masses that weekend.

Bottled Water Drive

The Pell City schools are still not allowing students to drink directly from the water fountains in their schools. Therefore, we are collecting bottled water for the students to use (and reuse). Please place your donations of bottled water in the foyers of the church. Someone from the schools will pick them up each week.

Mass at St Vincent's Chapel

Wednesday morning Mass is held at St. Vincent's Hospital St. Clair. at **8:30 am**. The Mass is held in the chapel on the first floor. It is held every Wednesday, as long as Father Sexton or Father Bill are available.

Offertory Collection

July 2023 — June 2024

	Actual	Needed weekly
Sept 3 Offertory	No offertory report this week.	\$7,264
Year to Date		

Building Fund Collection

July 2023 — June 2024

	Actual	Needed Monthly
Building Fund— Month of August	\$4,548	\$2,720
Year to Date	\$8,787	\$6,120



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

PARISH STEWARDSHIP DRIVE

September 23rd & 24th

after all Masses

Parish Hall

**Please join us for our annual
Stewardship Fair. It is an opportunity for
parishioners to commit to serving in the
many ministries we have in our parish.**

**Representatives from the various
ministries active in our parish will be
available to answer any questions you
may have about their ministry and to sign
up new parishioners and recommit
current volunteers.**



Time, Talent & Treasure

Catholic Charismatic Monthly Mass

Our Lady of Sorrows

September 14, 2023

2nd Thursday of the month

Confessions: 6:15 pm Mass: 7:00 pm

Individual Prayer is available after Mass.

Surfsiders

The Surfsiders will have their monthly meeting Wednesday, September 20th at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall. This includes a potluck lunch, games and fellowship. All seniors are invited! You need not be Catholic to attend.



St. Elias Bingo Luncheon
Wednesday, September 27, 2023

11:00 am-2:00 pm

Tickets-\$15



Ticket price includes a delicious Lebanese lunch and free bingo card. Tickets can be purchased at the door along with more bingo cards.

Take-out is available by calling ahead to 205-837-5566.

All proceeds go to the orphanages in Lebanon who are in need of help. Call St. Elias at 205-251-5057 for more information.

Pro Life Corner

Ann's New Life Medical Pregnancy Center is getting low on baby wipes. Donations can be brought to the Center at 3440 Martin St. S. Suite 1, Cropwell, AL.

They are open T/W/Th beginning at 10:00 a.m., and the first Saturday of each month from 10:00-1:00.

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

September 13, 2023 - September 17, 2023

WEDNESDAY MASS

9/13/2023 7:00 PM

Lector: Anita Allor

Ministers: Deacon

SATURDAY MASS

9/16/2023 5:00 PM

Greeters: Paige Everett, Karen Hand

Lectors: Martha Hayes, Patricia Blum

Ministers: Parma Boyle, Tom Graffo

Altar Servers: Bernie & Cory Funderburg

Ushers: Karen Hand, Sam Marston

SUNDAY MASS

9/17/2023 8:30 AM

Greeters: B&L Menefee, The Thomastons

Lectors: Meagan Price, Robert Lewis

Ministers: Teri Gagliano, Brenda Rochford
Sonya Lewis, Jorge Solis

Altar Servers: Buddy Adamson,
Michael Gagliano

Ushers: Paul Thomas, Bill Bethell,
Belia Solis, Phillip Thomaston

9/17/2023 11:15 AM

Greeters: P Cowart

Patsy Lopez de Victoria

Lectors: Lexie Smith, Miranda Bryant

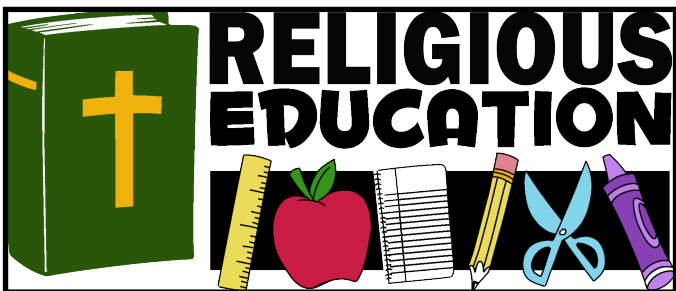
Ministers: Chris Gallegly, Gloria Raynor

Altar Servers: Ethan Myers, Kalli Reach

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.



If you want to be my disciple...

What would you think if your best friend told you that you would have to die if you wanted to stay friends? In today's Gospel reading, Jesus told the Apostles that if they wanted to be like Him, they would have to take up their cross and follow Him.

Jesus was teaching them that this world is a preparation for Heaven. If we make sacrifices for love of God then we will be ready for Heaven. Jesus opened the gates of Heaven to us by dying out of love for God the Father and for us. We get little crosses every day when things make us unhappy. If we offer them to God with love, they are like dying a little bit, and they prepare us for Heaven.

Sometimes, we think that we need nice thing or to be happy. It's easy to forget that we will never be completely happy here. Next time you feel unhappy, remember that it's a cross that can help you get to Heaven!



Access the Catholic Faith ONLINE and ON DEMAND for FREE with our Parish code:

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Looking Ahead:

Sep 10th - R.E. 9:45-11am

Sep 13th - Youth Group in Parish Hall at 6pm.

Sep 17th - R.E. 9:45-11am

Sep 24th - No R.E. / Parish Picnic / Stewardship Fair

Sep 27th - Youth Group Outing TBA at Sep 13 Youth Group Meeting.



Next Youth Group meeting will be **Sep 13 @ 6pm** in the **Parish Hall!** Food, fun, and fellowship provided!
Grades K-12 are welcome!



NATIONAL CATHOLIC
COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

The Rosary Series



Mysteries of the Holy Rosary

October 7, 2023 10-11:30PM

Our Lady of Lourdes

980 Huffman Rd, Birmingham, AL 35215

All are welcome.

Scouts and Non-Scouts, Adults and Children
Scouters can earn a special patch.



Email: japb@mindspring.com



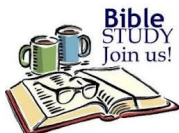
On behalf of The National Catholic Committee on Scouting

<https://3rivers1bsa.org/>



Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary focuses on prayer and visiting the sick and shut-ins. We have both Active and Auxiliary (praying) members. Interested? You are welcome to come to our meeting as a guest! Active members meet weekly at 7:00 pm on Thursdays in the Parish Hall conference room. For more information, contact Martha Hayes at (205) 812-6126.



Bible
STUDY
Join us!

Our Lady of the Lake Bible Study

Please join us for a special Bible Study every Tuesday morning at 9:45 am in the Parish Hall. We are currently studying the Gospel of Luke.

Sunday– September 10

Masses- 8:30 am & 11:15 am
RE-9:45 am

Monday– September 11

Mass 9:00 am

Tuesday– September 12

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study– 9:45 am

RCIA– 7:00 pm

Wednesday–September 13

Spanish Mass -7:00 pm

Holy Hour (Spanish)-7:30-8:30 pm

Youth Group-6:00 pm



Thursday– September 14

Mass-9:00

Liturgy Co. Meeting– 6:00 pm

Legion of Mary- 7:00 pm

Friday– September 15

Mass– 9:00 am

Saturday – September 16

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass-5:00 pm

Pilgrim Virgin– 6:30 pm

Sunday– September 17

Masses- 8:30 am & 11:15 am

RE-9:45 am

Holy Hour-7:00-8:00 pm

