

DECEMBER 15, 2024 | 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



St. Mary of the Visitation

Catholic Parish—Huntsville, Alabama

Oldest Catholic Parish in North Alabama—Established 1861



Parish Center
220 Lincoln St.

Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass Tuesday - Friday 8:00am

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am & 11:00am

Nursery provided next door in Treacy Hall for both Sunday Masses.

Confession

Tuesday - Friday 7:30am

Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00pm

Or by appointment

Holy Hour of Adoration & Benediction

1st Thursdays | 7:00pm

Parish Staff

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Sacraments

Matrimony | Contact the pastor at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date.

Infant Baptism | Class for parents, required only once; by appointment; before or after birth of baby.

Anointing of the Sick | First Friday after Mass or can be scheduled at anytime.

Our Mission

As the oldest Catholic community in northern Alabama, we welcome all to be empowered by the Holy Spirit, to love God, and follow Jesus Christ through faith, worship, and witness.

Office Hours

Mon-Thu 8:30am-3:30pm | Fri 8:30am-12:30pm

After hours spiritual emergency: 256.384.3741

Contact Us

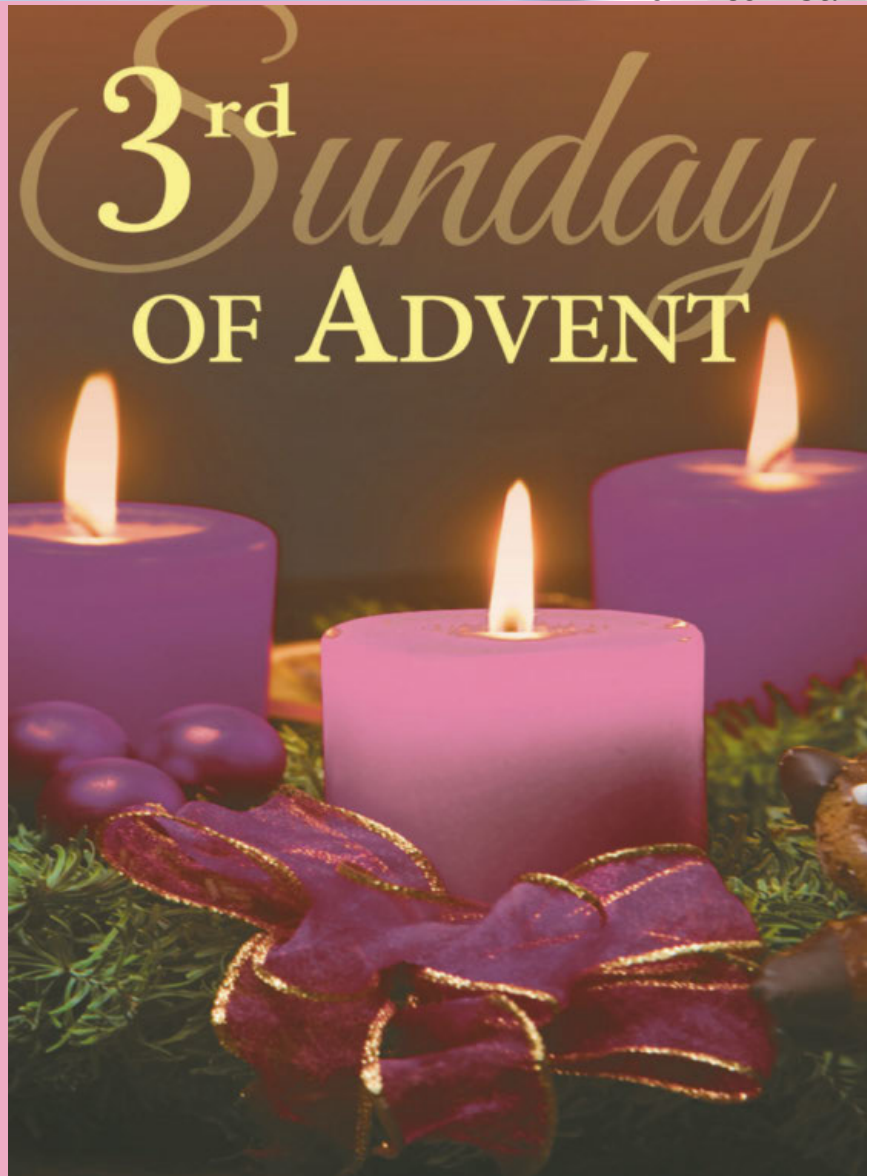
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Save the Date

Dec 19: Adoration and Confession
7pm

Dec 24: Masses at 4:30, 7:00
(Sensory Friendly), and Midnight
Lessons & Carols 30 minutes
before Mass

Dec 25: Mass at 10am—Lessons &
Carols 30 minutes before Mass

Dec 28: Homecoming—Healing
Mass

Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$15,860

Due to an early bulletin submission
financial contributions for Dec 7/8
will be included in the next bulletin.

**Thank you for your generosity and
continued support!**

For information on how to donate
online, see page 2 of the bulletin.

Prayer, Worship, Ministry

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Leadership Team of Visitation

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For a complete list of our ministries visit our website at www.smvparish.org or pick up a Guide to Ministries (available in the narthex).

Prayer Commission

Altar Flower Ministry

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Altar Servers

Karen Vandiver | jcvandiver@ieee.org

Altar Linen Ministry

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Candle Light (Devotional) Ministry

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Mary's Hand

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Prayer Warriors

SMV Office | smvparish@smvparish.org | 256-536-6349

Rosary Prayer Group

Karen Vandiver | jcvandiver@ieee.org

Rosary Making Ministry

Jed Park | jedpark66@gmail.com

Sacristan Ministry

Connie Eimer | ronandcon2u@comcast.net

Ushers

Robert Smith | Estate60@outlook.com

Weekly emails to all registered parishioners are sent every Wednesday and will serve as a reminder of upcoming events for the week and other announcements.

Parish Registration

If you are 18 years of age or older, attend Visitation on a regular basis and have not registered, please register at the parish. The registration form is on our website or pick up a form on the buffet in the narthex. Any changes to your information can also be made on the form.

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp will burn each day for the intentions of one of our parish families. If possible, please stop by the church on your day and say a prayer.

Dec 8–Dec 15 For the intentions of:

Sun Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Coleman

Mon Mr. Richard Collier

Tues Mr. & Mrs. Logan Cook

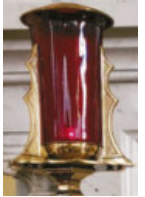
Wed Mr. & Mrs. John Cooney

Thurs Mr. & Mrs. Keith Cornett

Fri Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Cothren

Sat Mr. & Mrs. Larry Couvillon

Sun Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Crabb



Weekly Readings & Observances

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18 **3rd Sunday of Advent**

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45 **St. Peter**

Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church



Can you help?

We are working to build a small library of books that our Confirmation students may borrow from to complete an assignment required as part of their program. To help, scan the QR code to see the specific titles we need. If you can provide new or gently used copies of any of these books, we'd love to have them!



Faith Formation

Online Giving Contributions can be made through our website: smvparish.com by selecting the secure "Donate" button located at the top of the page. Please call the office at 256-536-6349 if you have questions or for more information.



Altar Flowers may be donated in memory or honor of a loved one or to mark a special occasion. Please contact the office for more information.

Our Nursery for preschool-aged children is open in Treacy Hall (next door to the church) during the 8 & 11am Masses.



Prayer Requests Claudia McCoy, Viola Cucullu, Anna Fowler, Jeannie Calvarese, Skye Grant, Darrel & Diane Kaiser, Pat Hicks, Holly Cooney, Jim Wall, Noah Hebert, Theresa Marlowe, Robert Rees, Kathy Rogers, Emory & Virginia McCullough, Sherry Goyer, Debbie Porges, Pam Hardy, Joey Nees, and Kitty Jordan, Steve Montgomery, David Geist, Jesse Turner, Suraiya Turner, George Bury, Wilanna Dixon, Mike Imhoff, and Joan Smith.

Have A Prayer Request Or Need A Pastoral Visit?
Contact us for a prayer request 256.536.6349

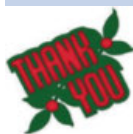


The **Men of St. Joseph** is an association of Christian men, united under the Catholic Church, who meet weekly to pray together and encourage each other to be the spiritual leaders of their families. We meet to discuss the upcoming Sunday readings to have a better understanding of God's word. All men (single or married) of the parish are invited to join us **Thursdays at 6:00 pm in the Holy Family Room**. For more information, contact **Deacon Jeff at jeffmontgomery@35758@gmail.com**.

Come Home to St. Mary of the Visitation Catholic Parish Homecoming/Healing Mass Saturday, December 28, 10:30am

All current and former SMV parishioners that have been unable to attend Holy Mass at Visitation due to limited access for the physically challenged are invited to a special homecoming/healing Mass and luncheon. There are numerous specially designated parking spaces with access to the newly built and blessed ADA wheelchair accessible side door to the church.

Welcome home!



A big Thank You to the Parish Pastoral Council for a delicious parish Christmas dinner and to their families and the volunteers who helped make the dinner a success.

The **Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Council** will have rotational vacancies. There are 2 openings on the Parish Pastoral Council and 3 on the Finance Council. Please consider serving your parish. Nomination forms for the Parish Council will be in the narthex and on our website. Please talk with Father Joy if interested in serving on the Finance Council.

End of Year Giving Note

Current federal law allows tax-free charitable donations from your IRA. If you have an IRA and you're 70 1/2 years old, you can make a "tax-reducing" gift today through an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution. It helps you and it helps us! It can lower your taxable income, count towards your required minimum distribution*, and help further the work and mission of our parish. Your plan administrator will set this up for you and the amount that you specify will be transferred directly to our parish, either through a direct deposit or through a broker-issued bank check. Thank you to the parish families who have already selected this method of giving! Please call or email the Parish Finance Office, 256-536-6349 or finance@smvparish.org and we can help you get started.

***Be sure to consult with your tax or legal professional to learn how current IRS regulations apply to your situation.**



Come and Let Us
Adore Him
Adoration and
Confession Thursday,
Dec 19th at 7pm

Food Pantry Request

The food pantry needs the following items: cereal (regular size or variety packs); canned fruit; fruit cups; applesauce; Chef Boyardee; canned meat; pasta sauce; and Vienna sausages. Thank you for your many generous donations.

Scan the QR code below to see our Food Pantry's Amazon Wish List. Or type in: <https://linktr.ee/smvpantry>



Weekly Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, December 14

5:30pm | † Marguerite Leslie

Sunday, December 15

8:00am | For the Parish

8:30-10:30am | KofC Christmas Breakfast (PH)

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)

NO 9:30 | Adult Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | High School Apologetics (O)

9:30am | Nazareth House (HFR)

9:30am | RCIA (TH)

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

11:00am | The Rosary Making Ministry

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

Monday, December 16

7:00pm | Book Club (VH)

Tuesday, December 17

8:00am | † Lucille Johnson

6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

Wednesday, December 18

8:00am | † Pat Schwanke

10:00am | Pray & Play (TH)

6:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)

6:30pm | St. Michael Ministry (VH)

Thursday, December 19

8:00am | † Dr. Gregory Obara

6:00pm | Men of St. Joseph (HFR)

7:00pm | Adoration & Confession (C)

Friday, December 20

8:00am | † Bea Albright

8:30am | Coffee Social

Saturday, December 21

5:30pm | † Bea & Charles Albright

Sunday, December 22

8:00am | † Ray Schleeper

NO Faith Formation/RCIA

11:00am | For the Parish

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

(C) Church (PH) Parish Hall (O) Office
(HFR) Holy Family Room (TH) Treacy Hall (VH) Visitation Hall

An Important Reminder About Year-End Giving

Donations sent by mail must be postmarked by December 31, 2024, to count for 2024. Any postmarked after December 31st won't be counted towards 2024 giving. Thank you for your support of our parish.

Active membership at the Visitation is usually determined by: registration at the parish for at least six months; attendance at Mass every weekend; use of your financial stewardship envelopes or enrollment in On-line Giving or active involvement in parish ministries. Active membership status is required to serve on Parish Councils, as Commission Chairs, or to have parishioner status at local Catholic Schools.

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