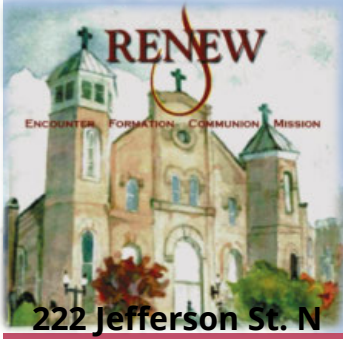


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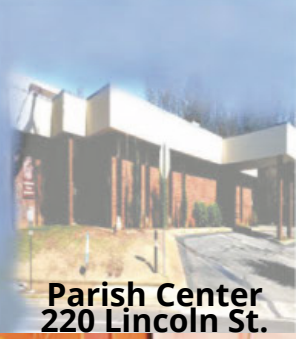


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### Mass Schedule

**Weekday Mass** Tuesday - Friday 8:00am

**Weekend Mass**

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am & 11:00am

Nursery provided next door in Visitation 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

**Pastor: Rev. Joy Thomas Nellisery, PhD**

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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**

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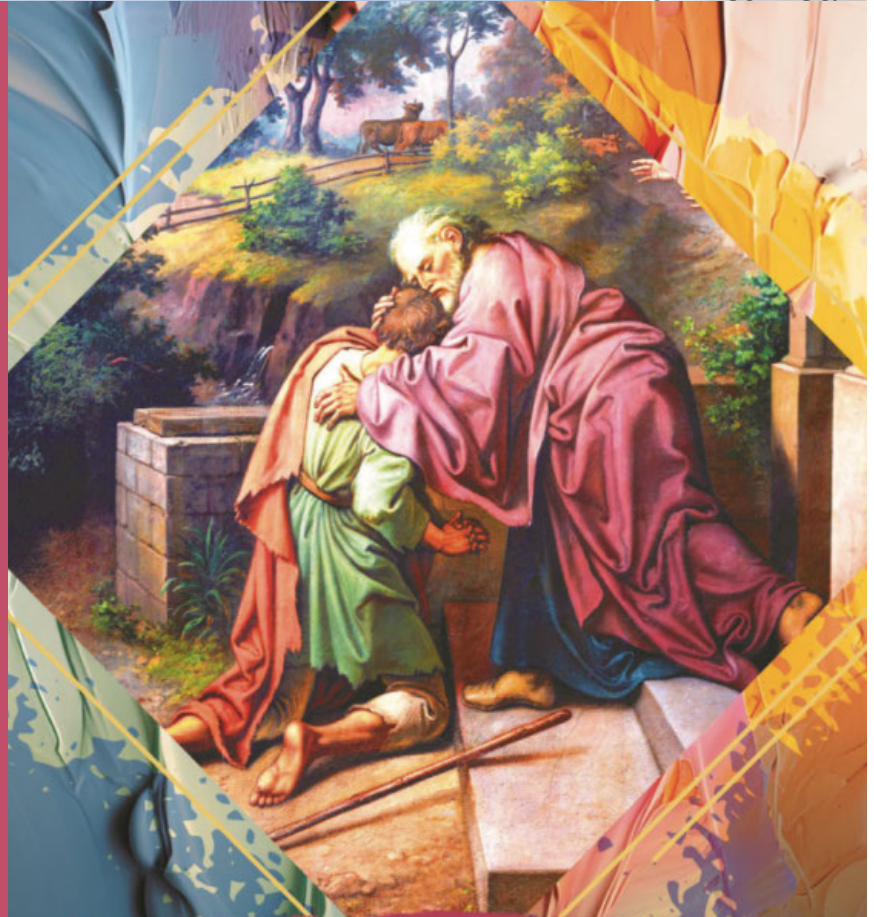
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## 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"This son of mine was dead, and has come to life again." - Lk 15:24a

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### Save the Date

**Apr 4**—Potluck Supper 5:30pm, Adoration 6pm, Stations of the Cross 7pm

**Apr 5**—Lenten Penance Service 10am-12 noon

**Apr 6, 7, & 8**—Parish Mission with Fr. Joel Martin, OSB

**Apr 11**—Potluck Supper 5:30pm, Adoration 6pm, Stations of the Cross 7pm

### Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$17,325

### March 15/16

Weekly Church Support.....\$14,347

Holy Family.....\$151

JPII High School.....\$71

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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

## 2025 Lenten Opportunities

Our Theme: Renew, Be Holy

"This is the will of God that you be holy."  
(1 Thes 4:3)

Daily Meditation Booklet: "Living with Passion"  
Practice Virtues Daily; Pilgrimage  
Prayer Ribbons

Sundays: Video Series  
FORMED: "How to Lent" & "Foretold"  
9:15-10:45 am in Visitation Hall

Thursdays: Bible Study with Fr. Joy  
10:00-11:00 am in Visitation Hall

Fridays: Stations of the Cross 12:15 pm & 7:00 pm  
Adoration 6:00-7:00 pm

Potluck Suppers 3/14, 4/4, 4/11 5:30 pm-Trecy Hall  
Fish Fry Dinners 3/7, 3/21, 3/28 5:00 pm-Parish Hall

Saturday, April 5: Lenten Penance Service  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

April 6, 7, 8: Parish Mission  
Fr. Joel Martin, OSB (Cullman Abbey)  
Sunday, April 6: 5:30pm Mass and Talk  
Monday, April 7: 8:00am Mass, Coffee & Talk  
6:30pm Talk  
Tuesday, April 8: 8:00am Mass, Coffee & Talk  
6:30pm Talk

Saturday, April 12: Confirmation-Bishop Baker  
10:00 am

## Pot Luck Supper & Stations

Enjoy some Friday fellowship!

5:30pm on April 4 and April 11 in  
Trecy Hall. Bring a meat-free  
dinner to eat & share. Then after  
supper, head to the church for  
7pm Stations of the Cross.



## First Friday Mass/Anointing April 4th

Join us for a lite breakfast and  
fellowship afterwards in  
Visitation Hall.

Please send news, pictures, etc., for  
consideration in the SMV Monthly Newsletter  
to: [visitationnews@gmail.com](mailto:visitationnews@gmail.com) **by the 15th of  
the month** to be in the next month's  
newsletter.

For a complete list of our ministries visit our  
website at [www.smvparish.com](http://www.smvparish.com) or pick up a  
Guide to Ministries (available in the narthex).

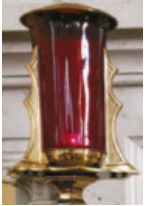
## Parish Registration

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.

Sun Mr. John Green  
Mon Mr. Peter Green  
Tues Mr. Anthony Greer  
Wed Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Greer  
Thurs Mr. Lorenzo Gregori  
Fri Ms. Judith Gregory  
Sat Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Grimm  
Sun Dr. Gregory Gum



Mar 30-Apr 6 For the intentions of:

## Weekly Readings & Observances-Week of March 30th

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/  
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

4th Sunday of Lent

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53



## Pray with us!

Our PreK-Kindergarten class asks that we pray this week that during Lent and always, we remember Jesus's ultimate act of love, and that we ask God for help in showing love to others and in loving Him so that we can be with Him in heaven.

## Faith Formation

## Rectory Workday



to all who came to our Rectory  
Workday on March 29th. We  
appreciate your hard work and  
time spent getting the job done!

Online Giving Contributions can be made through our website: [smvparish.com](http://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 Visitation Hall (at the ramp)  
during the 8 & 11am Masses.



Prayer Requests Claudia McCoy, Viola Cucullu, 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, Kitty Jordan, Steve Montgomery, Jesse Turner, George Bury, Wilanna Dixon, Mike Imhoff, Joan Smith, Erin Drumm, Ghada Almahdi, and Ann Geist.

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







**Barbara Patton  
Chandler**  
March 23, 2025  
Mother of Terry Killian

**Lenten Prayer Ribbons**  
Please tie a ribbon and say a prayer!  
**Catholic Daughters of the Americas**



**Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
**Oct 18-25, 2025 with Via Immaculata Guided Tours, accompanied by Father Joy.**

Total trip cost including meals and gratuities will be approximately \$3500. \$2700 is paid to the tour company directly, with a registration deposit of \$350, which includes Airfare, double Hotel rooms with Breakfast, Coach Bus transportation, and English guide. We will be visiting Mexico City; Guanajuato; Cristero Saints; and Guadalajara.

**Registration form link: <https://form.jotform.com/250644352920150>**

For information contact Michael Riley at michael.rileyjr1@gmail.com or Father Joy.

**Women's Ministry** There will not be a Women's Ministry meeting on Tuesday, April 8th. **Please take this opportunity to continue to grow and strengthen your faith by attending the Parish Lenten Mission on April 6, 7, 8 with Fr. Joel Martin, OSB, from St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman.** A Parish Lenten Mission is a tradition of the Catholic Church during Lent. By spending time in reflection, prayer, and sacrament during this Lenten season in community with others, we might encounter Jesus on a different level.

**Our Easter Flower Memorial** is a way to remember our deceased and to honor the living. Your donation supports our Easter decorating. Easter Flower envelopes are in your monthly packet and in the church. Please turn your envelope in by April 6th for names to appear in the bulletin.

**Join Fr. Joy's Weekly Bible Study**  
in Visitation Hall, Thursdays during Lent, 10:00-11:00am.



**Cooking Ministry**

Did you know that Visitation has an all volunteer cooking ministry? The ministry prepares dishes for funeral and sacramental receptions and may also help setup and clean up after the reception. There are three receptions coming up in the next couple of months where food will be prepared and served. If you would like to share your talent and/or time in this vital ministry or would like more information, please email **Sally Park, sallywallyp@yahoo.com.**



**Place your old palms; broken rosaries; damaged, unusable prayer books, bibles, and crucifixes in the collection box in the narthex this weekend.**

**Second Collection Today**  
for Catholic Relief Services

**Food Pantry** We have a short request list this Sunday thanks to all of your generous donations. The following items are needed: pasta, pasta sauce; macaroni and cheese; Hamburger or Tuna Helper; canned fruit. **Scan the QR code to see our Food Pantry's Amazon Wish List.** Or type in: <https://linktr.ee/smvpantry>. Thank you for your support and donations!



**Weekly Schedule & Intentions**  
**Saturday, March 29**

**5:30pm | † Steven Latham**

**Sunday, March 30**

**8:00am | Prayer Warriors Ministry**

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)  
9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (PH)  
9:30am | High School Apologetics—Meets in the church  
9:30am | Nazareth House (HFR)

9:30am | RCIA (TH)

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH) - Confirmation Students meet in the church

**11:00am | For the Parish**

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

12:15pm | RCIA Reception (TH)

**Monday, March 31**

4:00pm | Quilting Class (TH)

7:00pm | St. Jerome Book Club (VH)

**Tuesday, April 1**

**8:00am | † Shirley Matzet Wall**

6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

6:00pm | Catholic Daughters (TH)

6:00pm | Finance Council (O)

**Wednesday, April 2**

**8:00am | Shelby Musgrove (I)**

6:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)

6:00pm | Becoming Catholic (TH)

**Thursday, April 3**

**8:00am | Carole Eskridge (I)**

8:30am | Ladies Sodality (TH)

10:00am | Bible Study—Fr. Joy (VH)

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

**Friday, April 4**

**8:00am | † Pablo Pantaleon**

8:30am | First Friday Lite Breakfast (VH)

12:15pm | Stations of the Cross

5:30pm | Potluck Supper (TH)

6:00pm | Adoration

7:00pm | Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, April 5**

10:00am-Noon | Lenten Penance Service

**5:30pm | For the Parish**

**Sunday, April 6**

**8:00am | Rosary Prayer Group Ministry**

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | High School Apologetics Students meet in the church

9:30am | Nazareth House (HFR)

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)


**11:00am | † Eric Griffin**

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

5:30pm | Parish Mission Mass & Talk

**(C)** Church, **(HFR)** Holy Family Room, **(O)** Office, **(PH)** Parish Hall, **(TH)** Treacy Hall, **(VH)** Visitation Hall (at courtyard ramp)

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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