

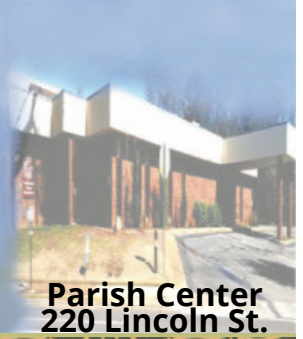
JANUARY 19TH | 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

Pastor: Rev. Joy Thomas Nellissery, 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

Contact Us

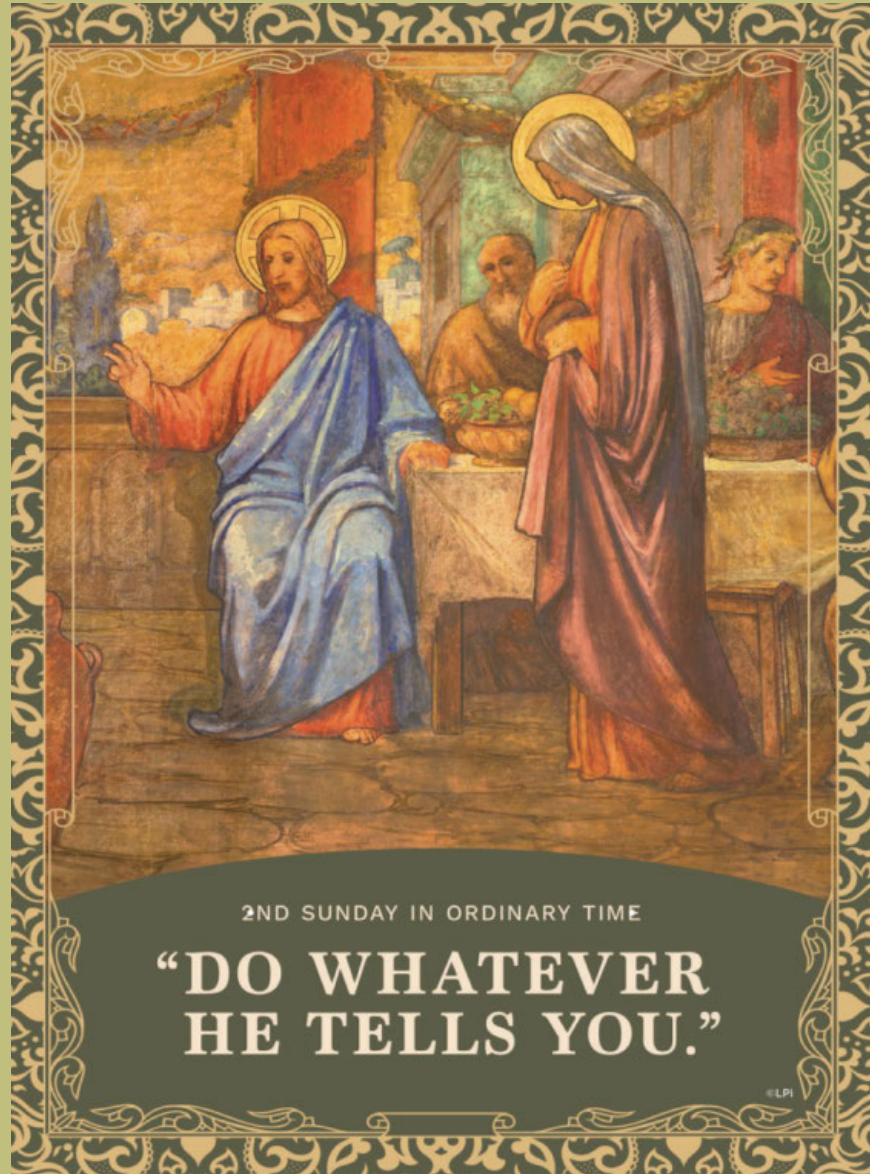
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Save the Date

January 26—Classic Cartoon

Matinee in the Parish Hall

February 22—Mardi Gras Dance

Party in the Parish Hall

March 15—St. Patrick's Day Parade
Blessing

Weekly emails are sent to registered parishioners every Wednesday listing upcoming events for the week and other announcements.

Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$15,860

January 11/12

Weekly Church Support.....\$15,819

Holy Family.....\$252

JPII High School.....\$10

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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*"Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord and bless His name;
proclaim His salvation day after day.
Declare His glory among the nations,
His wondrous deeds to every people.
For great is the Lord and worthy of all
praise.." Psalm 96:1-4*

We Need You—"Saturdays with God"

The Buildings and Grounds (B&G) Ministry meets every Saturday at 8:30am at the Office Building to take care of all kinds of repairs, improvements, groundskeeping, etc., throughout all of the Church facilities. Presently, we have around 30+ active members, and we are always looking for hidden talents. **Contact is Manfred Segewitz, manfseg@gmail.com or 256.527.2278.**

The Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Council

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 are in the narthex and on our website. Please talk with Father Joy if interested in serving on the Finance Council.

Nursery Worker Paid Position Opening

The nursery worker cares for preschool children during Sunday Masses. If interested, please call the church office or email your resume to smvparish@smvparish.org.



Knights of Columbus Family Breakfast TODAY

8:30-10:30am
in the Parish Hall

Please send news, pictures, etc., for consideration in the SMV Monthly Newsletter to: 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.org 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.

Jan 19–Jan 26 For the intentions of:

Sun Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Donahue
Mon Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Doran
Tues Mr. & Mrs. David Dotson
Wed Mr. & Mrs. Duke Downard
Thurs Mr. John Dubravec
Fri Mr. & Mrs. Richard Dudley
Sat Ms. Sophia Dufau
Sun Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Duffy



Weekly Readings & Observances

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11 **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22 **St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr; Martin Luther King Day**

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28 **St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr**

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6 **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

Thursday: Heb 7:25-8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Faith Formation

Do you have time to help? Over the years, the RE office has acquired MANY items (bookmarks, pamphlets, pocket tokens, etc.) from a variety of sources. Help is needed to separate items that may be useful to our program from those that are not Catholic in nature. Sorting can be done at home or at the parish hall on Sunday mornings. If you're willing to help with this, stop by the RE office during class on Sunday or email our DRE at Jennifer.Kilroy@gmail.com.

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.

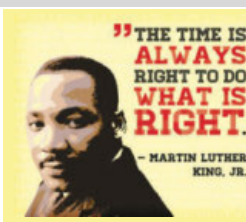
Our Nursery for preschool-aged children is open in Treacy Hall (next door to the church) during the 8 & 11am Masses.



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, 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**





Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 20, 2025

The Homebound Prayer Ministry for parish shut-ins/homebound or those living alone will come to your home and pray the rosary with you and your family. If you would like to be on this ministry team or if you are a shut in/homebound or living alone please **contact Steve Venckus** at **svenckus1@verizon.net**.

Classic Cartoon Matinee

This was so much fun last year, the St. Lawrence Social Ministry is bringing it back with all new cartoons. Bring a blanket to stretch out on the floor or grab a seat and enjoy some fun with your kids, grandkids, and parish family.

Sunday, Jan 26, 2:30-4:30pm at the Parish Hall. Snacks and drinks provided. For all ages. Show the kids a "reel" cartoon!



For more info or to RSVP: skibert@aol.com
Your RSVP helps us plan.

Weekly Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, January 18
 10:00am | Food Pantry (TH)
 11:00am | Rocket City Regulators (PH)
5:30pm | For the Parish

Sunday, January 19
8:00am | For our Blessed Mother Grotto Flower Ministry
 8:30-10:30am | Family 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 | † James Culbert
 Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

Monday, January 20
 4:00pm | Quilting Class (TH)

Tuesday, January 21
8:00am | † Gus Benavides
 6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

Wednesday, January 22
8:00am | † Pat Schwanke
 10:00am | Pray & Play - contact Erin Townsend, erin.townsend18@gmail.com for location
 6:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)

Thursday, January 23
8:00am | † Maria Lucila Sanchez
 6:00pm | Men of St. Joseph (HFR)

Friday, January 24
8:00am | † Vivian & Clifford Kelley
 8:30am | Coffee Social (VH)
 6:30pm | Catholic Homeschoolers (TH)


Saturday, January 25
5:30pm | † Mary Nelliserry

Sunday, January 26
8:00am | For the Parish
 9:15am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)
 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 | Jeff Fincknor (I)
 Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution
 2:00pm | Classic Cartoon Matinee (PH)



Roses for St. Mary Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Our annual **BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG** project, which supports the Huntsville Pregnancy Resource Center, is in progress with baby bottles available at the end of each Mass. Please take a bottle home, fill it with a donation for the Huntsville Pregnancy Resource Center, our prolife abortion alternative in the Huntsville area. Return it to us at your next weekend Mass. We will be collecting the bottles each weekend through March 2.

Mental Health Birthdays 

"Please" and "Thank You"

First — Thank you to all who have supported our parish outreach of birthday parties for clients at Wellstone Behavioral Health Center.

Second — Please continue your support as you are able. Our two teams (10 people) are organized for 2025, but we are now asking for monetary donations to purchase refreshments. Expenses are approximately \$25 per month. Donations of any amount are appreciated and may be placed in Sunday collection in an envelope marked for Mental Health Birthdays. Checks should be payable to St. Mary of the Visitation. Also please remember the clients and staff at Wellstone in your prayers.

With gratitude, Evelyn Jaap
(Evelyn.Jaap@gmail.com)

Liturgical Council

Do you have a heart for Liturgy? All are welcome to our Liturgical Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 28, at 6 pm, in Treacy Hall. We will be wrapping up fall, Advent and Christmas as well as looking ahead to Lent and Easter. If you would like to offer any feedback, please come and/or email **Jackie Henderson** at **cjadk@aol.com** so your input can be included in the notes.

Food Pantry Request

The food pantry is requesting the following items: canned fruit; fruit cups; instant oatmeal; cereal (regular size or variety packs); pasta sauce; Chef Boyardee; instant rice mixes; peanut butter and jelly; canned meat. Thank you so much for your support and donations.


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





Gemma Catherine Baker
January 9, 2025

Lamar Howell Gilmore
January 1, 2025
 father of
Miria Fincknor (Jeff)



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

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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