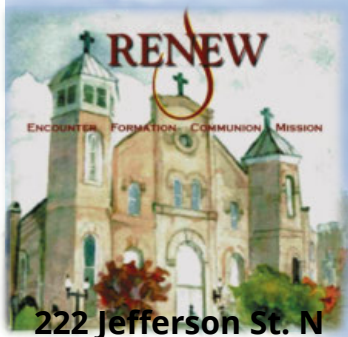


MARCH 16TH, 2025 | SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



St. Mary of the Visitation

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Diocesan Pilgrimage Site for the Jubilee of Hope 2025

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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 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

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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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Save the Date

Mar 20—Meditation on the 7 Last Words of Christ 7pm

Mar 21—Adoration 6pm, Stations of the Cross 7pm

Mar 21—KofC Fish Fry 5-7pm in the Parish Hall

Mar 28—Adoration 6pm, Stations of the Cross 7pm

Mar 28—KofC Fish Fry 5-7pm in the Parish Hall

Apr 5—Lenten Penance Service 10am -12 noon

Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$17,325

March 8/9

Weekly Church Support.....\$20,108

Holy Family.....\$100

JPII High School.....\$5

Building Fund.....\$4193

Black & Indian Missions..... \$1650

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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

Welcome to the Visitation

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
Ash Wednesday Services 8:00 am, 12:15 & 6:00 pm

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, March 15: St. Patrick's Day Parade

Thursday, March 20: Meditation on the
7 Last Words of Christ at 7:00 pm

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

April 6, 7, 8: Parish Mission
Fr. Joel Martin, OSB (Cullman Abbey)

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

Prayer of Listening

Attune the ears of my heart, Lord, to the soft and still ways You are inviting me today. And then give me the strength and courage to respond to what You say. Amen.



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

For a complete list of our ministries visit our website at 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.

Mar 16-Mar 23 For the intentions of:

- Sun Ms. Jessica Gentrup
- Mon Mr. & Mrs. Thad Gerrell
- Tues Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Giametta
- Wed Mr. & Mrs. Todd Gilmore
- Thurs Mr. & Mrs. John Gleason
- Fri Mr. & Mrs. Mark Gomez
- Sat Mr. Luis Gonzalez Villalobos & Mrs. Erin Gonzalez
- Sun Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Good



Weekly Readings & Observances—Week of March 16th

- Sunday:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36 **2nd Sunday of Lent**
- Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38 **St. Patrick, Bishop [OM]; St. Patrick's Day**
- Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12 **St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
- Wednesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a **St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
- Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Faith Formation

5th-8th Grade Faith Formation students will meet in the Church for class next Sunday, March 23.

Fr. Joy's Lenten Bible Study has been moved to Thursdays, 10:00-11:00 am in Visitation Hall.

K of C Family Breakfast TODAY
8:30-10:30am in the Parish Hall.



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 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



The March 22 Parish Pilgrimage: Why I Love Being Catholic is being replaced with a Parish Mission with Fr. Joel Martin, OSB, April 6-8, here at Visitation.

Happy Birthday, Father Joy! May God bless you beyond measure!

Father Joy's birthday is March 17th and as his gift, we'd like to again offer up a spiritual bouquet of prayers. This is a beautiful opportunity for us to show him how much we love and appreciate him and all he does for our parish. To be part of this 24 hour gift of prayer, simply sign up for a time slot at smvparish.com and then on his birthday, pray for Father Joy and his personal intentions.



Maria Lalimo Armstrong

February 23, 2025
Mother of
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Mary's Prayer Garden

still has some available bricks. Suggested donation is \$100. Order forms are available online, in the narthex, or in the office.



Easter Flower Offering

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.



The Catholic Daughters' Prayer Ribbons

All are invited this Lenten season to offer up a prayer as you tie a ribbon to the church railing. The Prayer Ribbons serve as a visual representation of our prayers and offerings and provide an opportunity for reflection as we prepare our hearts for the coming Easter season. The Prayer Ribbons are available along the railing at the front of the church all throughout Lent.



Bring back your old palms; broken rosaries; damaged, unusable prayer books, bibles, and crucifixes to church March 22-23 and March 30-31. There will be a collection box in the narthex.

K of C Lenten Fish Fry

March 21 and March 28, 5-7pm at the Parish Hall. Prepurchase tickets only: KirkWimsett@gmail.com or 610-322-0857
Bring your family and friends!

Food Pantry

The food pantry is requesting the following items: peanut butter, jelly; cereal (regular size or variety packs); pasta; pasta sauce; Chef Boyardee; soups, canned fruit. Thank you for your generous donations.

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



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Create your account by entering the primary email listed on your parish registration and following the directions on-screen.



Weekly Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, March 15

5:30pm | For the Parish

Sunday, March 16

8:00am | Music Ministry

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

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)

9:30am | High School Apologetics (O)

9:30am | Nazareth House (HFR)

9:30am | RCIA (TH)

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH) -

1st-4th grade students meet in the church

11:00am | † Ann Daley

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

Monday, March 17

4:00pm | Quilting Class (TH)

Tuesday, March 18

8:00am | Fr. Joy Nellisser (I)

4:15pm | St. Veronica Blanket Ministry (VH)

6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

6:00pm | Catholic Daughters (TH)

Wednesday, March 19

8:00am | For the Parish

6:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)

6:00pm | Parish Pastoral Council (HFR)

6:00pm | Becoming Catholic (TH)

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

Thursday, March 20

8:00am | † Raymond Schleeper

10:00am | Bible Study-Fr. Joy (VH)

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

7:00pm | Meditation on the 7 Last Words of Christ (C)

Friday, March 21

8:00am | † Ronald Edward Tepool

8:30am | Coffee Social (VH)

12:15pm | Stations of the Cross

5-7pm | KofC Fish Fry (PH)

6:00pm | Adoration

7:00pm | Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 22

5:30pm | † Thomas Kipybida

6:30pm | Homebound Ministry Social (TH)

Sunday, March 23

8:00am | For the Parish

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)

9:30am | 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) -

5th-8th grade students meet in the church

11:00am | † Jacqueline Hallows

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

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

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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