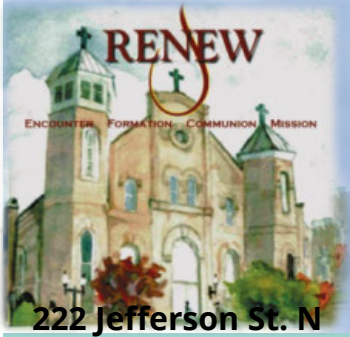


JANUARY 26TH | 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



# St. Mary of the Visitation

Catholic Parish—Huntsville, Alabama

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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 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**

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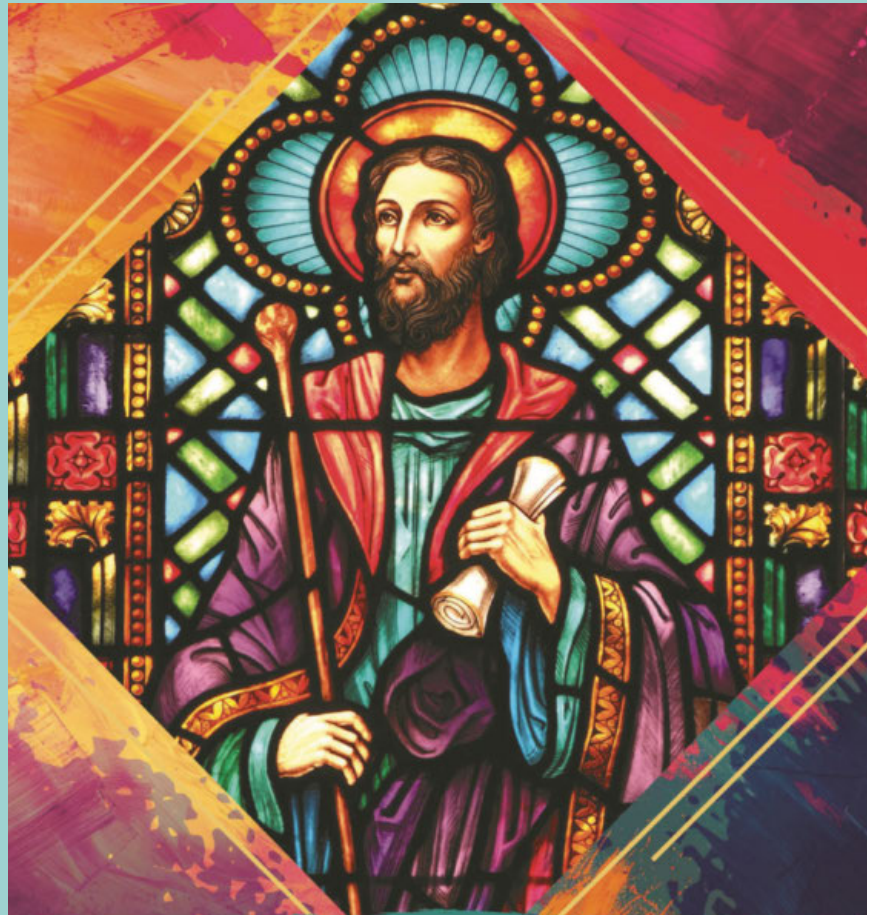
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The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.  
- Lk 4:18

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## Save the Date

**Feb 8**—Pilgrimage of Hope visit to 3 parishes (**rescheduled from Feb 1**)

**Feb 22**—Mardi Gras Dance Party in the Parish Hall

**Mar 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 18/19**

Weekly Church Support.....\$16,389

Holy Family.....\$175

JPII High School.....\$162

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

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

## St. Jerome Book Club

What is virtue? It is not a question often asked anymore; yet throughout the centuries, philosophers have considered it one of the most important questions of human life. Starting Monday, February 3rd, the St. Jerome Book Club will be reading "The Paradise of the Soul" by St. Albert the Great. This book teaches what it means to attain beatitude—that is, the fulfillment of all virtue. Saint Albert the Great, one of the greatest Doctors of the Church, and one of the greatest intellects of all time, recognized 42 distinct virtues. His teachings not only name and define the virtues, but also direct and guide us in their fruitful exercise.

**Come join us starting February 3rd at 7:00 pm in Visitation Hall - we'd love to have you! Call or text LuAnn at 256-426-8898 for more information.**

## The Lord's Prayer: A Summary of the Entire Gospel

Beginning **February 2** the Adult Group at the Parish Hall will have a series of 9 reflections on the "Our Father." Through audio lecture, music CD, and discussion, we will take a close look at the prayer Jesus taught us. Our goal is to become more aware, more intentional, more focused as we pray the very familiar words. We meet in the **PH gym, 9:30-10:30am**, the same schedule as the children's RE schedule except for KC Breakfast Sundays. All are welcome.

Contact: [Evelyn.Jaap@gmail.com](mailto:Evelyn.Jaap@gmail.com)

## Nursery Worker Paid Position Opening

The nursery worker cares for preschool children, age 4 and under, during Sunday Masses. If interested, please call the church office or email your resume to [smvparish@smvparish.org](mailto:smvparish@smvparish.org).

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.org](http://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 26–Feb 2** For the intentions of:

- Sun** Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Duffy
- Mon** Ms. Amy Dugas
- Tues** Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Dujakovich
- Wed** Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Dunagan
- Thurs** Mr. & Mrs. Michael Duvall
- Fri** Mr. Laurence Dwyer
- Sat** Ms. Colleen Earley
- Sun** Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Edwards



## Weekly Readings & Observances

**Sun:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21 **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week**

**Mon:** Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30 **St. Angela Merici, Virgin**

**Tues:** Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35 **St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

**Wed:** Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 4:1-20

**Thurs:** Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Mk 4:21-25

**Fri:** Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34 **St. John Bosco, Priest**

**Sat:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41

## Pray with us!

This week, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class asks you to join them in praying for the homeless, that they will find shelter in the winter weather.



Faith Formation



**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 were donated by Karen Albright in memory of Bea & Charles Albright and Marianne Kershaw.

**Our Nursery** for preschool-aged children is open in Trecy Hall (next door to the church) 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, Joey Nees, Kitty Jordan, Steve Montgomery, David Geist, Jesse Turner, Suraiya Turner, George Bury, Wilanna Dixon, Mike Imhoff, Joan Smith, and Erin Drumm.

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





**Henry Kip Heeschen**  
January 19, 2025



**Helen Engle**  
January 9, 2025  
mother of  
**Mike Engle**

**Roses for St. Mary** Ladies, it's that time again! The **Catholic Daughters'** monthly meeting is happening **Tuesday, February 4th at 6:00 pm in Treacy Hall**. We'll share a meal, handle a little business (we promise, just a little!), and discuss the kick off of our Lenten Ribbon project. Join us for faith, fellowship, and fun—because work is always better with good company!



**For more information, contact Chastity Bradford at 423-309-1108 or rosesforsaintmary@gmail.com**

And our **BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG** project is still in progress! Most of the bottles (there are still a few available in the narthex) have been distributed and will be collected after each Mass this weekend and next.

## 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 around \$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](mailto: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](mailto:cjadk@aol.com)** so your input can be included in the notes.

## 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.



## Men's Clothing Drive

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus is conducting a clothing drive to assist local homeless and less fortunate men. Underwear/long underwear (NEW) in all sizes, gently used shirts, jeans, jackets, gloves, and hats are all NEEDED. The Knights were told that the women and children are pretty well supplied. They do, however, need disposable diapers (6mo-1yr sizes) and wipes.

Drop-off will be the morning of **February 16, 8:00am-12:30pm, at St Mary's Parish Hall, 220 Lincoln St NE, Huntsville**, during our monthly Family Breakfast. Just pull up under the awning and we will unload your donation!

## Food Pantry Request

The food pantry is requesting the following items: canned fruit; fruit cups; peanut butter and jelly; instant oatmeal; cereal (regular size or variety packs); instant rice mixes; Chef Boyardee; canned meats; pasta sauce; peanut butter or cheese crackers. If you have any brown paper grocery bags we could use them also; any kind will work.

Thank you for your support and 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, January 25

5:30pm | † Mary Nellisser

### 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)

### Monday, January 27

4:00pm | Quilting Class (TH)

### Tuesday, January 28

8:00am | † Fr. J. Francis Sofie, Jr., OP

4:00pm | St. Veronica Blanket Ministry (TH)

6:00pm | Liturgical Council (TH)

6:00pm | Life in Faith (VH)

6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

### Wednesday, January 29

8:00am | † Patrick Bolton

6:00pm | St. Lawrence Ministry (VH)

6:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)

### Thursday, January 30

8:00am | † Priscilla Belflower

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

### Friday, January 31

8:00am | † Francis & Margaret Torrey

8:30am | Coffee Social (VH)

### Saturday, February 1

5:30pm | † Mike Paludan

### Sunday, February 2

8:00am | † John & Andria Votovich

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)

9:30 | Adult Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | High School Apologetics (O)

9:30am | Nazareth House (HFR)

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11:00am | For the Parish

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

(C) Church

(PH) Parish Hall

(HFR) Holy Family Room

(TH) Treacy Hall

(O) Office

(VH) Visitation Hall

## Pilgrimage of Hope & Spiritual Renewal

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