



# 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

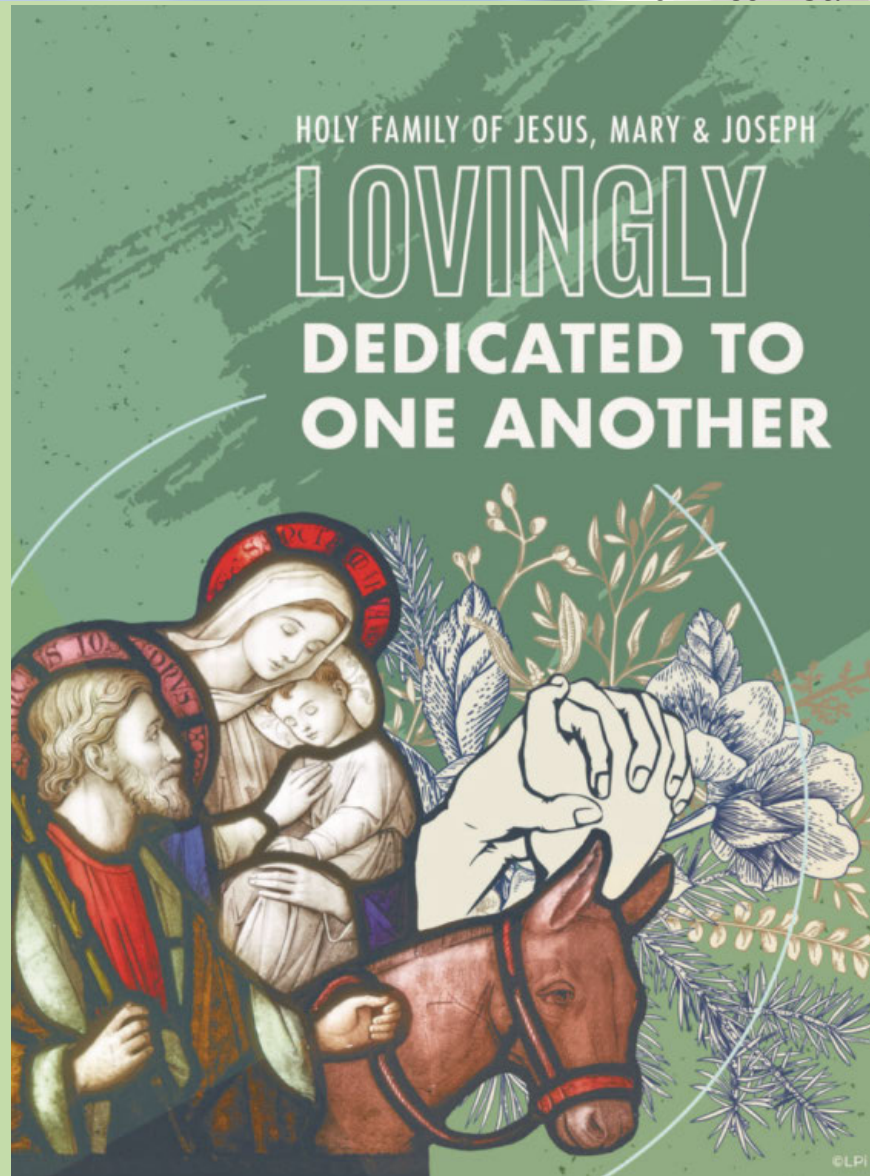
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### Save the Date

**Jan 1:** Masses at 8am & 6pm  
Solemnity of Mary

Happy  
New Year!

The office will be closed on  
January 1st.

### Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$15,860

### December 15/16 Income

Weekly Church Support.....\$17,575

Holy Family.....\$590

JPII High School.....\$425

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# Prayer, Worship, Ministry

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## Leadership Team of Visitation

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## 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 29-Jan 5** For the intentions of:

**Sun** Mr. Paul Custodio

**Mon** Mr. David Dacy

**Tues** Ms. Jennifer Daly

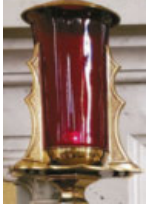
**Wed** Mr. & Mrs. John Daly

**Thurs** Ms. Mary Damon

**Fri** Mr. & Mrs. Jedge Daniel

**Sat** Ms. Laura Dant

**Sun** Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Davis



## Formation Commission

### Baptism Prep Class

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## Weekly Readings & Observances

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

### The Holy Family

**Monday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18 **St. Sylvester I, Pope;**

### New Year's Eve

**Wednesday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 **Mary, The Holy**

### Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28 **Sts. Basil the Great and**

### Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34 **The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42 **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

## Pray with us!

Our HAS class asks that you join them this week in praying for those preparing to enter a new season in their lives, that the Holy Spirit will guide them in the right direction.

Faith Formation



**Andria  
Votovich**

December 14, 2024

Mother of Liz Taylor (Michael)

**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**





Thank you, Father Joy, for your generosity and self-sacrifice as you continue to follow the Lord's call to serve. May God bless you and keep you on this day, the 36th anniversary of your ordination, and all the days of your life.

December 29, 2024

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**.

**St. Hunna Altar Linen Ministry** This ministry serves an important role in making sure all of the altar cloths used in our liturgies are clean and ironed. Working from home on a rotating schedule, the Altar Linen team collects the purificators, corporals, towels and other soiled altar linens weekly, take them home to launder and iron them and return them so that the altar from which the celebration of the Eucharist takes place is beautifully presented. Can you serve? With a sufficient number of volunteers, we are called upon just a few times a year to help launder the altar linens. Please contact **Jen Skupien (256.932.0392 or jenskup5@gmail.com)** if you can volunteer your time.

**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.

### HELP NEEDED!!

Are you someone who enjoys listening to music? Then we need your help with balancing and mixing the sound system. There are some technical aspects that will be taught, but it's mostly about volume control for the various church areas. If you can help, please contact **Mike Riley at michael.rileyjr1@gmail.com**



Our food pantry could not be successful without the weekly food donations from our very generous parishioners. We thank all of you for supporting the SMV Food Pantry's mission of feeding those less fortunate in the Downtown community. The Food Pantry will not be requesting any items until the 1st Sunday of January. God's Blessing for all during this holiday season.

**SMV Food Pantry Ministry**



### Weekly Schedule & Intentions

**Saturday, December 28**

5:30pm | For the Parish

**Sunday, December 29**

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

NO Faith Formation/RCIA

11:00am | † Marilyn Plonka

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

**Monday, December 30**

9:00am | St. Veronica Blanket Ministry (TH)

6:00pm | St. Veronica Blanket Ministry (TH)

**Tuesday, December 31**

8:00am | † Lucille Johnson

**Wednesday, January 1**

8:00am | † Maritza Romanov

6:00pm | For the Parish

6:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)

**Thursday, January 2**

8:00am | † John Davidson

8:30am | Ladies Sodality (TH)

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

7:00pm | First Thursday Adoration

**Friday, January 3**

8:00am | † Craig McCarraher

8:00am | First Friday Mass/Anointing

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

**Saturday, January 4**

5:30pm | † Lynn Schneider

**Sunday, January 5**

8:00am | For our Altar Servers

9:30am | Nazareth House (HFR)

11:00am | For the Parish

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

(C) Church (PH) Parish Hall

(HFR) Holy Family Room (TH) Treacy

(O) Office (VH) Visitation Hall

### 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.**

### 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.

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1 John 3:1

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