

JANUARY 5TH | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star.
- Mt 2:10

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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

Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$15,860

December 21/22

Weekly Church Support.....\$27,287

Holy Family.....\$105

JPII High School.....\$25

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online, see page 2 of the bulletin.**

Thank you

To everyone who worked so hard to make our Christmas here at Visitation a special experience by: cleaning and decorating the church grounds; setting up the manger scene, Christmas trees, poinsettias and other church decorations; singing in our choirs, playing music for our liturgies; taking care of the altar linens; and more.

And for all the gifts, cards, and goodies!

Thank you very much!

Gratefully Yours, Father Joy

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 5 – Jan 12 For the intentions of:

Sun Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Davis

Mon Ms. Camilla Davis

Tues Ms. Kora Davis

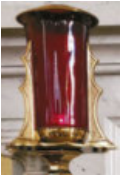
Wed Mrs. Mary Davis

Thurs Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Davis

Fri Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Davis

Sat Mr. & Mrs. Paul Dean

Sun Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Desmond



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).

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

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.

Weekly emails to all registered parishioners are sent every Wednesday and will serve as a reminder of upcoming events for the week and other announcements.

"Sing to the LORD a new song, His praise in the assembly of the saints. Let Israel rejoice in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King. Let them praise His name with dancing and make music to Him with tambourine and lyre." Psalm 149:1-3

Weekly Readings & Observances

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

The Epiphany of the Lord

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 **St. André Bessette, Religious**

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44 **St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest**

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Attention Confirmed High School Students!!!

Are you interested in exploring how faith and reason come together in some of the most beloved works of literature? Starting Sunday 1/12, join the HSA class on an epic adventure into the writings of C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien, and discover how these 2 literary giants used storytelling to defend & explain the Christian faith. Through their fascinating lives and works like The Chronicles of Narnia and The Lord of the Rings, we'll explore deep questions about truth, morality, and God's presence in the world—all while engaging with their timeless stories. Don't miss this opportunity to learn, discuss, and grow in your understanding of Catholic apologetics!

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 Trecy 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



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**.

Women's Ministry—All ladies of the parish are invited to the Women's Ministry on **Tuesday, January 14th, at 6:30 pm in Treacy Hall**. We are a community of faithful women inspired by our Blessed Mother Mary who come together for prayer, friendship, and service. This month we have Guest Speaker, Casey Alison, who will share her journey of conversion to the Catholic faith. Casey is a homeschooling mother of 9 and former missionary to Cambodia. She and her family returned from the mission field in order to come into the Catholic Church. Come hear Casey's inspiring faith story. For more information about the Women's Ministry, please contact **Liz Montgomery at 281-705-6697 or elizabeth35758@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.

Weekly Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, January 4

5:30pm | † Lynn Schneider

Sunday, January 5

8:00am | For our Altar Servers

NO Adult or Youth Faith Formation Classes

9:30am | Nazareth House (HFR)

9:30am | RCIA (TH)

11:00am | For the Parish

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

Monday, January 6

No Mass or Meetings

Tuesday, January 7

8:00am | † Shirley Matzet Wall

6pm | Catholic Daughters (TH)

6pm | Finance Council (O)

6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

Wednesday, January 8

8:00am | † Pat Schwanke

10am | Pray & Play (contact Erin Townsend erin.townsend18@gmail.com for location)

6pm | Knights of Columbus (PH)

6pm | Parish Pastoral Council (TH)

6pm | RC Flying Group (PH)

Thursday, January 9

8:00am | † Theresa Brauer

6pm | Men of St. Joseph (HFR)

Friday, January 10

8:00am | † Catherine Berger

8:30am | Coffee Social

Saturday, January 11

11:00am | Rocket City Regulators (PH)

5:30pm | Steve & Fran Venckus (I)

Sunday, January 12

8:00am | For our Altar Linen Ministry

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 | For the Parish

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(C) Church (PH) Parish Hall

(HFR) Holy Family Room (TH) Treacy

(O) Office (VH) Visitation Hall



Emery Diana Osborn
December 15, 2024



Timothy Karbler
December 22, 2024
Father of Dan Karbler
(Leah)

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**.



All parishioners **55+** are invited to a New Year themed gathering at the Parish Hall on Friday, January 17, beginning at 5:00pm. Bring an appetizer to share, beverages will be provided. Join us in celebrating the new year with food, fun, and fellowship!



Kaemmer Henderson
and Yevgeniy Sosnovskiy
Married on December 21, 2024



Amelia Marie Parkes
and Kyle Adam Miller
Married December 27, 2024

Food Pantry Request

The food pantry needs the following items: cereal (regular size or variety packs); canned fruit; fruit cups; applesauce; Chef Boyardee; canned meat; pasta sauce; and Vienna sausages. Thank you for your many generous donations.

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



Hand Quilting Lessons will be offered for six weeks beginning January 13 for ages 13 and up. If you are interested contact **Mary Ellen Agee, ageem24@hotmail.com**

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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