



St. Mary of the Visitation

Catholic Parish—Huntsville, Alabama

Oldest Catholic Parish in North Alabama—Established 1861



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

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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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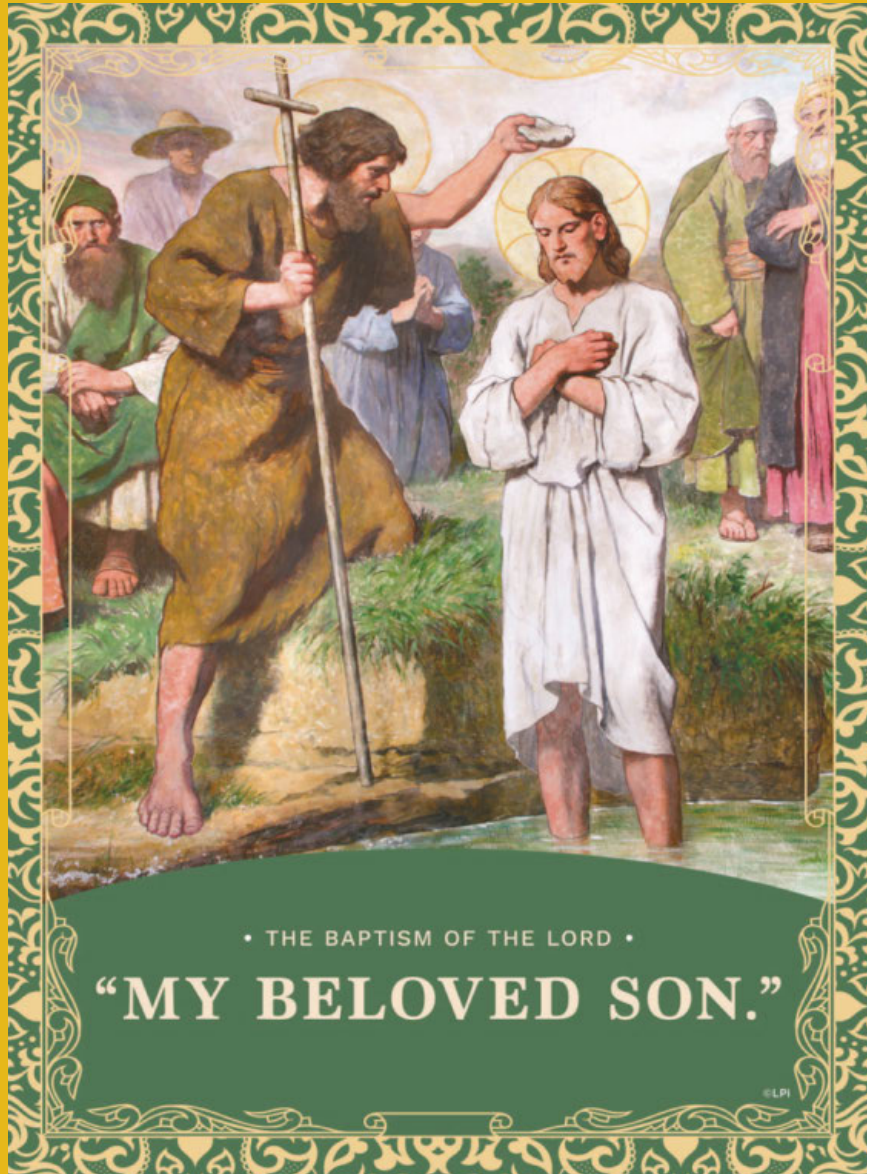
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Save the Date

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

Dec 28/29 & Jan 4/5

Weekly Church Support.....\$40, 492

Christmas.....\$15,457

Holy Family.....\$450

JPII High School.....\$75

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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

"For the grace of God has appeared bringing salvation to the entire human race. It teaches us to reject godless ways and worldly desires, and in the present age to lead lives that are temperate, just, and godly, while we await our blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. He gave Himself for us in order to deliver us from all iniquity and to purify for Himself a people as His own who are eager to do good."
Titus 2:11-14

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 has 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.

Family Breakfast

January 19th
8:30-10:30am
in the Parish Hall

Second Collection Today

to benefit our
Building Fund

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 12-Jan 19 For the intentions of:

- Sun** Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Desmond
- Mon** Mr. & Mrs. Mark DeVito
- Tues** Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Diaz
- Wed** Mr. & Mrs. John Dickson
- Thurs** Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Diggins
- Fri** Mr. & Mrs. Mark Dithmer
- Sat** Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Doherty
- Sun** Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Donahue



Weekly Readings & Observances

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 **The Baptism of the Lord**

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/Mk 1:14-20 **St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12 **St. Anthony, Abbot**

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17 **January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**



It's not too late to start the Rosary in a Year journey!

This podcast is NOT about praying 365 rosaries. It's about taking just a few minutes each day during this year of renewal to learn how to experience prayer more deeply. Through reflections from great saints, traditional forms of imaginative prayer, immersion into sacred art, and practical techniques for focus used by the Franciscan friars, Rosary in a Year transforms what often feels like repetition into a genuine source of relationship with Jesus and Mary.

Learn more at www.AscensionPress.com/RIY

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

This year, the Women's Ministry will focus on Renew: Living the Virtues. 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 a former missionary to Cambodia. She and her family returned from the mission field 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 elizabeth35758@gmail.com** or **281-705-6697**.



Roses for St. Mary Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Our annual **BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG** project, which supports the Huntsville Pregnancy Resource Center, will kick off this weekend, January 11-12, with baby bottles being distributed 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.

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.
Thank you!



Thomas Read Newman
January 11, 2025

Food Pantry Request

The food pantry is needing the following items: peanut butter, jelly; cereal (regular size or variety packs); instant oatmeal; canned fruit; fruit cups; ramen noodles; Chef Boyardee; instant rice mixes; and pasta sauce. Thank you 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>



Weekly Schedule & Intentions

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

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

Monday, January 13

4:00pm | Quilting Class (TH)

Tuesday, January 14

No Confession

8:00am | Steve (I) & † Marilyn Plonka

6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

6:30pm | Women's Ministry (TH)

Wednesday, January 15

No Confession

8:00am | † Patrick Bolton

6pm | RC Flying Group (PH)

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

Thursday, January 16

No Confession

8:00am | Bernadette Bolton (I)

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

Friday, January 17

No Confession

8:00am | † Steve Yodwolkis

8:30am | Coffee Social (VH)

5:00pm | 55+ (PH)

Saturday, January 18

10:00am | Food Pantry (TH)

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

(C) Church

(PH) Parish Hall

(HFR) Holy Family Room

(TH) Treacy Hall

(O) Office

(VH) Visitation Hall

Hand Quilting Lessons

Quilting classes will begin on January 13 from 4:00 to 5:30 in Treacy Hall. Join us for the first lesson and see if it interests you. The plan is for this group to support the St. Veronica Blanket Ministry with lap quilts and baby quilts.

Mary Ellen Agee



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!

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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