



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

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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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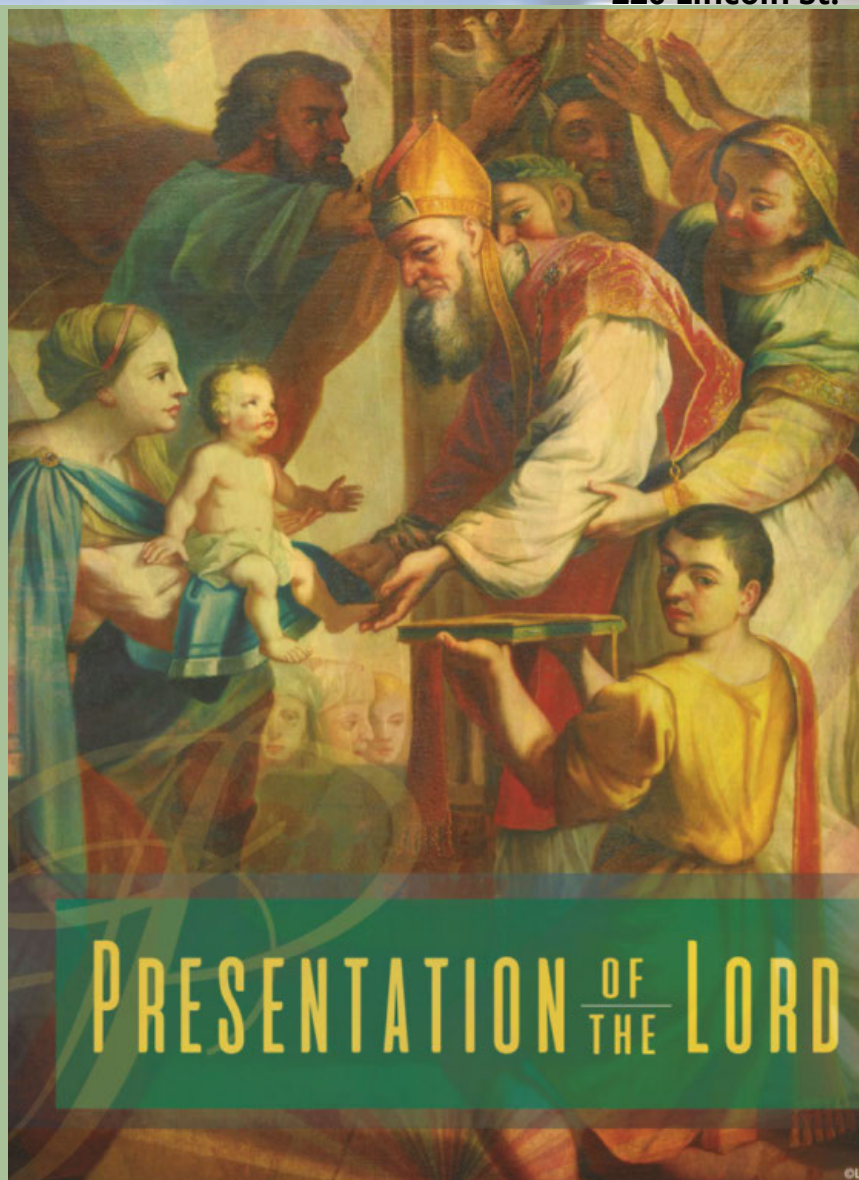
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Save the Date

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 25/26

Weekly Church Support.....\$17,515

Holy Family.....\$120

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.

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

The Light Ahead: The Journey of Addiction and Recovery

meets again on Friday, February 14th, at 6pm, in Treacy Hall.

Contact is Nicky Lanza, nlanza32@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.

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.

Feb 1–Feb 9 For the intentions of:

Sun Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Edwards
Mon Mr. & Mrs. Cory Efird
Tues Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Eheart
Wed Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Eimer
Thurs Mr. & Mrs. Conway Ellers
Fri Ms. Melanie Ellers
Sat Mr. Dustin Engelhardt
Sun Mr. Michael Engle



Weekly Readings & Observances

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32 **The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life**

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20 **St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop**

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

Wed: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6 **St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr**

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11//Mk 6:7-13 **St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34 **St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; BVM**

Pray with us!

Our Confirmation students ask that we pray this week for our leaders in the world, that God will guide their hearts in their decisions and help them act selflessly for the good of all people and secure world peace.



Faith Formation

The **Becoming Catholic** program for baptized, non-Catholic Christians interested in learning about the Catholic faith and/or joining the Church begins Mar 5. The class meets weekly with Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday (June 8). A Q&A session will be Feb 16 at 9:30am in the Administration Building. For info or to register for the class, contact **Mike Janssen** (mjj032753@gmail.com).

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

were donated by Justina Caldas in memory of Jacki Ann Crowell

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, 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, Erin Drumm, and Ghada Almahdi.

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





Please pray for all those who have made commitments to the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

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.

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.

Pilgrimage of Hope & Spiritual Renewal

Please join other parishioners on **Saturday, February 8**, to visit three of the Madison County Catholic Parishes. Meet at 9:00am at Most Merciful Jesus Catholic Parish, 10509 Segers Road, Madison. We plan to finish by 11:30am. This is a great time for children to explore how churches look different but are all "One holy, catholic and apostolic church."

For more information contact PJ Clawson, 256-880-7910 or pcclawson@gmail.com.

Women's Ministry

Continuing with the parish theme of RENEW: Living the Virtues Daily, all ladies of the parish are invited to the **Women's Ministry Paint Night on Tuesday, February 11th at 6:30 pm in Treacy Hall**. Come enjoy the fun with *ChaChalk Couture by Lisa* to create a wooden door hanger with chalk paint that will give you a beautiful visual reminder to "live the virtues daily". There will be several designs to choose from to create one with a specific virtue that you are working on improving. There are 25 spots available. To reserve your place, please contact **Liz Montgomery at 281-705-6697 or elizabeth35758@gmail.com.**



First Thursday Adoration February 6th at 7:00pm



First Friday Mass/Anointing February 7th

Join us for a lite breakfast and fellowship afterwards in Visitation Hall.

SMV's Food Pantry began over 3 years ago with Tim and Martha Jordan as its leaders. The Food Pantry Ministry members want to thank Tim and Martha for all their hard work and dedication to our ministry as they step down from their leadership roles, and for a job well done!

The Food Pantry will continue to distribute our weekly food bags to our downtown neighbors and requests the following items: canned fruit; fruit cups; canned meat; canned chicken; soups; cereal (regular size or variety packs); peanut butter, jelly; Vienna sausage; Chef Boyardee; peanut butter or cheese crackers. Thank you for your generosity and support.

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, 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)
9:30am | RCIA (TH)
9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

11:00am | For the Parish

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

Monday, February 3

4:00pm | Quilting Class (VH)
7:00pm | St. Jerome Book Club (VH)

Tuesday, February 4

8:00am | † Patrick Bolton

6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)
6:00pm | Finance Council (O)
6:00pm | Catholic Daughters (TH)

Wednesday, February 5

8:00am | Shelby Musgrove (I)

6:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)

Thursday, February 6

8:00am | Avery Vasquez (I)

8:30am | Ladies Sodality (TH)
6:00pm | Men of St. Joseph (HFR)
7:00pm | First Thursday Adoration

Friday, February 7

8:00am | † Sarah Marie Tepoch

8:00am | First Friday Mass and Anointing
8:30am | First Friday Lite Breakfast (VH)

Saturday, February 8

9:00am | Pilgrimage of Hope meets at Most Merciful Jesus in Madison
11:00am | Rocket City Regulators (PH)
5-6:00pm | KofC Pork Butt/Chicken Pre-order Pick-up

5:30pm | † Lamar Howell Gilmore

Sunday, February 9

8:00am | For the Candlelight (Devotional) 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

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

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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