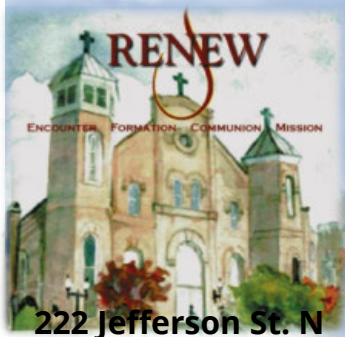


MARCH 23RD, 2025 | THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



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Diocesan Pilgrimage Site for the Jubilee of Hope 2025

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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 Visitation 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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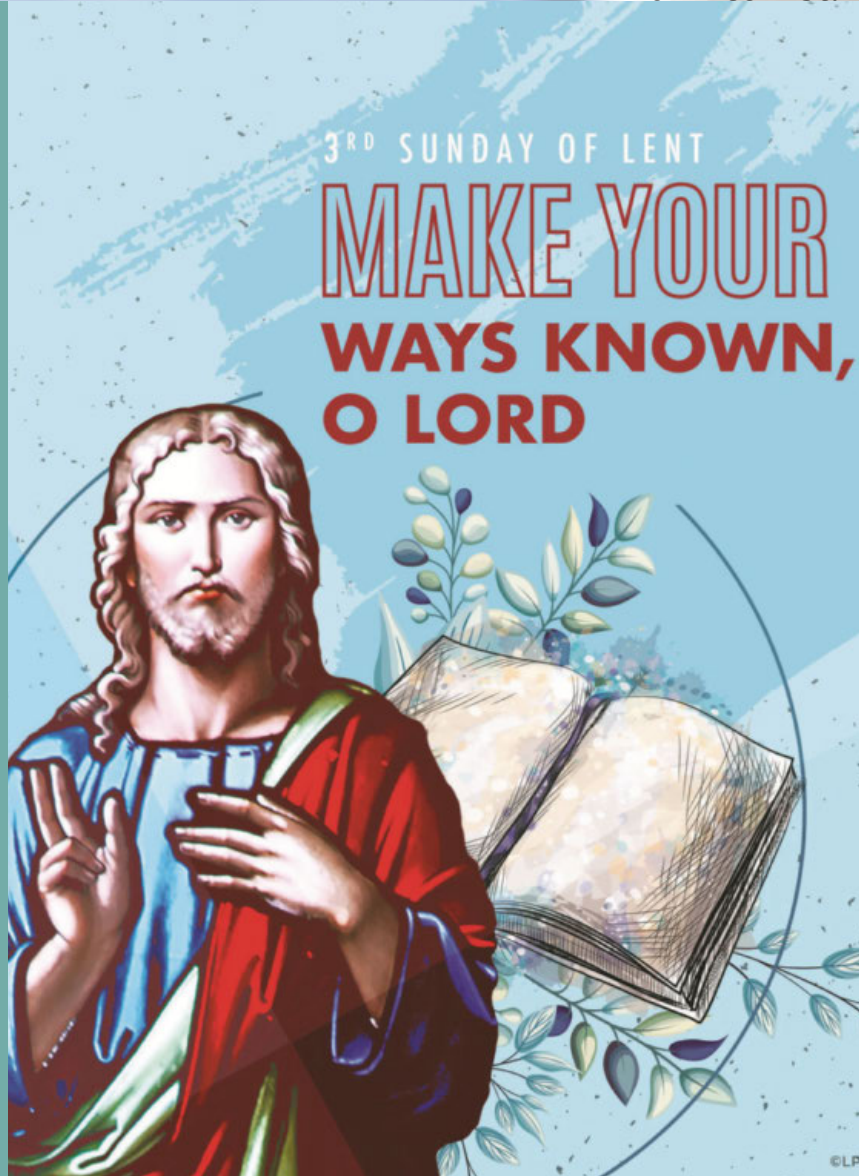
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Save the Date

Mar 28—Adoration 6pm, Stations of the Cross 7pm

Mar 28—KofC Fish Fry 5-7pm in the Parish Hall

Apr 4—Potluck Supper 5:30pm, Adoration 6pm, Stations of the Cross 7pm

Apr 5—Lenten Penance Service 10am-12 noon

Apr 6, 7, & 8—Parish Mission with Fr. Joel Martin, OSB

Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$17,325

March 15/16

Weekly Church Support.....\$13,850

Holy Family.....\$215

JPII High School.....\$65

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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

Welcome to the Visitation

2025 Lenten Opportunities

Our Theme: *Renew, Be Holy*

*"This is the will of God that you be holy."
(1 Thes 4:3)*

Daily Meditation Booklet: "Living with Passion"
Practice Virtues Daily; Pilgrimage
Prayer Ribbons
Ash Wednesday Services 8:00 am, 12:15 & 6:00 pm

Sundays: Video Series
FORMED: "How to Lent" & "Foretold"
9:15-10:45 am in Visitation Hall

Thursdays: Bible Study with Fr. Joy
10:00-11:00 am in Visitation Hall

Fridays: Stations of the Cross 12:15 pm & 7:00 pm
Adoration 6:00-7:00 pm

Potluck Suppers 3/14, 4/4, 4/11 5:30 pm-Trecy Hall
Fish Fry Dinners 3/7, 3/21, 3/28 5:00 pm-Parish Hall

Saturday, March 15: St. Patrick's Day Parade

Thursday, March 20: Meditation on the
7 Last Words of Christ at 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 5: Lenten Penance Service
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

April 6, 7, 8: Parish Mission
Fr. Joel Martin, OSB (Cullman Abbey)

Saturday, April 12: Confirmation-Bishop Baker
10:00 am

The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville has been designated as a Jubilee Year site by the Diocese of Birmingham. The Shrine is an ideal place to include in one's spiritual journey while receiving a plenary indulgence for yourself or for a soul in Purgatory. For more information, call 256-352-6267, email info@olamshrine.com or visit www.olamshrine.com.

Second Collection March 30, 2025
for Catholic Relief Services

Weekly emails are sent to registered parishioners every Wednesday listing upcoming events for the week and other announcements.

For a complete list of our ministries visit our website at www.smvparish.com 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.

- Sun** Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Good
- Mon** Ms. Sarah Gordon
- Tues** Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Goyer
- Wed** Mr. & Mrs. Scott Grant
- Thurs** Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Green
- Fri** Mr. & Mrs. Brian Green
- Sat** Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Green
- Sun** Mr. John Green



Mar 23–Mar 30 For the intentions of:

Weekly Readings & Observances—Week of March 23rd

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11(8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
3rd Sunday of Lent

Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9(8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

The Annunciation of the Lord

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Faith Formation

Our HSA and Confirmation Classes will meet in the Church for class next Sunday, March 30th.

Fr. Joy's Lenten Bible Study has been moved to Thursdays, 10:00-11:00am in Visitation Hall.



A single "yes" can change the world.

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 Visitation Hall (at the ramp) 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, Kitty Jordan, Steve Montgomery, Jesse Turner, George Bury, Wilanna Dixon, Mike Imhoff, Joan Smith, Erin Drumm, Ghada Almahdi, and Ann Geist.

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





Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Stay after Mass this weekend (March 22-23) for a short Q&A session with our Life in Faith ministry. Some basic information for your consideration: Dates are Oct 18-25, 2025, with Via Immaculata Guided Tours, accompanied by Father Joy. Total trip cost including transportation, hotel meals and gratuities will be approximately \$3500. We will be visiting Mexico City; Guanajuato; Cristero Saints; and Guadalajara.

If you can't attend a Q&A session, please contact Michael Riley at michael.rileyjr1@gmail.com or Father Joy for information.

Women's Ministry There will not be a Women's Ministry meeting on Tuesday, April 8th. **Please take this opportunity to continue to grow and strengthen your faith by attending the Parish Lenten Mission on April 6, 7, 8 with Fr. Joel Martin, OSB, from St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman.** A Parish Lenten Mission is a tradition of the Catholic Church during Lent. By spending time in reflection, prayer, and sacrament during this Lenten season in community with others, we might encounter Jesus on a different level.

Easter Flower Offering

Our Easter Flower Memorial is a way to remember our deceased and to honor the living. Your donation supports our Easter decorating. Easter Flower envelopes are in your monthly packet and in the church. Please turn your envelope in by April 6th for names to appear in the bulletin.



Rectory Workday

There will be a workday at the Rectory on Saturday, March 29th, 8:30am–Noon. We need volunteers to help trim bushes and trees, power wash the driveway, and anything else that may come up. Lunch will be provided for those who can help! Please bring any tools or equipment that you think is needed for this project!



Place your old palms; broken rosaries; damaged, unusable prayer books, bibles, and crucifixes in the collection box in the narthex this weekend and next.

K of C Lenten Fish Fry

March 28, 5-7pm at the Parish Hall.

Prepurchase tickets only:

KirkWimsett@gmail.com or

610-322-0857

Bring your family and friends!

The Food Pantry thanks all who contributed bread to the St. Joseph's Table or donated items over our stormy weekend! Our requested items for the food pantry are the following: peanut butter, jelly; canned fruit; applesauce; soups; pasta; pasta sauce; cereal (regular size or variety packs); Chef Boyardee; and Hamburger or Tuna Helper. **Scan the QR code to see our Food Pantry's Amazon Wish List. Or type in: <https://linktr.ee/smvpantry>**



Our **Church Directory** is available to view on your computer or smartphone! Instant Church Directory—the program we use to build our church directory—has a member website. You can access this website by scanning this QR code or following this link – <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com> Create your account by entering the primary email listed on your parish registration and following the directions on-screen.



Weekly Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, March 22

5:30pm | † Thomas Kipybida

6:30pm | Homebound Ministry Social (TH)

Sunday, March 23

8:00am | For the Parish

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)

9:30am | 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) -

5th-8th Grade Students meet in the church

11:00am | † Jacqueline Hallows

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

Monday, March 24

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

Tuesday, March 25

8:00am | † Emma Pilgram

6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

Wednesday, March 26

8:00am | † Bea & Charles Albright

10:00am | Pray & Play (TH)

6:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)

6:00pm | Becoming Catholic (TH)

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

Thursday, March 27

8:00am | † William James Bailey

10:00am | Bible Study-Fr. Joy (VH)

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

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

Friday, March 28

8:00am | † Patrick Bolton

8:30am | Coffee Social (VH)

12:15pm | Stations of the Cross

5-7pm | KofC Fish Fry (PH)

6:00pm | Adoration

6:30pm | Catholic Homeschoolers (TH)

7:00pm | Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 29

5:30pm | † Steven Latham

Sunday, March 30

8:00am | Prayer Warriors Ministry

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | High School Apologetics Students meet in the church

9:30am | Nazareth House (HFR)

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH) -

Confirmation Students meet in the church


11:00am | For the Parish

12:15pm | RCIA Reception (TH)

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

(C) Church, **(HFR)** Holy Family Room, **(O)** Office, **(PH)** Parish Hall, **(TH)** Treacy Hall, **(VH)** Visitation Hall (at courtyard ramp)

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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